

**BUCKSBURN AND DISTRICT PIPE BAND**  
(Scottish Charity Number: SC041109)

**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**31 AUGUST 2025**

**BUCKSBURN AND DISTRICT PIPE BAND**

**Full name** Bucksburn and District Pipe Band

**Charity Number** SC041109

**Trustees**

Morven Tough	President
Doug Oston	Vice President (Resigned 28/11/2024)
Faye Gauld	Vice President (Appointed 28/11/2024)
Pamela Reid	Treasurer
Trudi Wildgoose	Secretary, Novice Juvenile
	Secretary, Grade 2
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Jamie Tough	Pipe Major
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TRUSTEES' REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

### **Governing document**

The Charity is unincorporated, and the purposes and administration arrangements are set out in our constitution.

### **Trustees**

The Trustees holding office during the year were as noted on the previous page. The trustees receive no remuneration; any expenses claimed are reimbursed at cost.

### **Recruitment and Appointment of trustees**

Trustees are appointed or reappointed by the members at the AGM.

### **Charitable objects**

The Bucksburn and District Pipe Band ("the Charity") is a Charity established to promote pipe band culture and to maintain a bond of fellowship and mutual interest amongst its members, through its continuing commitment for a youth development policy and sustenance of our musical heritage, the band endeavours to provide tuition in the arts of piping and drumming to all within the wider community.

### **Activities and performance**

September 2024 - Ceilidh was held at the Douglas Hotel to celebrate our Novice Juvenile band's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

November 2024 - The band performed at both the Aberdeen Armistice Parade and the Fife Arms Hotel.

December 2024 - The Novice Juvenile band performed at the Red Hot Chilli Pipers concert at the Music Hall.

April 2025 - The band held their annual concert at the Music Hall.

May 2025 - The band performed at the International School for their Graduation Ceremony.

June 2025 - The band performed at the Cove Gala.

July 2025 - A mini-band performed at a Wedding at the Maryculter House Hotel.

August 2025 - The band performed at Inchmarlo Retirement Park as Garden Entertainment.

The band were delighted to be playing at these events which brought in a welcome boost to our funds.

### **Novice Juvenile Band**

We commenced the season with a strong closed period, during which many of our young pipers and drummers participated in both local and national solo competitions between September and November—some for the very first time. The consistently high standard of performance, which has become a hallmark of our band, ensured continued representation in the prize lists. We were particularly proud to see four of our members successfully audition for the National Youth Pipe Band of Scotland. This marks the third consecutive year that our band has been represented at this prestigious national level. A significant milestone this season was the progression of nine members from last year's Novice Juvenile band into the Grade 2 band.

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### **Novice Juvenile Band**

In September, we were honoured to perform at the 40th Anniversary celebration of the formation of the Novice Juvenile Pipe Band. The event was marked by numerous compliments regarding the band's smart presentation and musical talent, and a shared sense of pride that the current ensemble continues to uphold the high standards and aspirations upon which the original band was founded. Our annual prize-giving took place during a bowling and pizza night in December, and, for the fifth consecutive year, we were thrilled to join the Red Hot Chilli Pipers on stage at the Aberdeen Music Hall as part of their annual concert tour. This event remains a highlight for our younger members, many of whom experienced the excitement for the first time, while our more seasoned players continue to enjoy the occasion. Our Hogmanay fundraiser in December was once again a key event for the band, with excellent attendance from members.

The competitive season began with the RSPBA North of Scotland Branch Quartets in Huntly in March, where we entered two quartets and secured 2nd place in Grade 4B. Our lead drummer also achieved 2nd place in the U14 category at the RSPBA Scottish Solo Drumming competition. April saw our first full band competition at the branch indoor contest, where we competed in Grade 4B. Immediately following our performance, we returned to Aberdeen Music Hall for a sound check ahead of a concert hosted by Bucksburn and District featuring the Grade 1 band, Fife Police.

We entered the outdoor season on a high at Banchory, placing 3rd in Grade 4B, narrowly behind two larger bands from the south. This momentum carried into June, where we achieved 1st place in Grade 4B at both the Aberdeen Highland Games and a new contest in Inverurie. Our first major championship was the UK Championship in July, held at a new venue in Edinburgh. We delivered a strong performance and were delighted to place 3rd in the Novice Juvenile grade, though we felt our efforts may have warranted a slightly higher ranking. We had a dip in performance at the Scottish Championships where we dropped to 11th place in the Novice Juvenile grade. This outcome sharpened our focus heading into August, beginning with a local competition in Mintlaw where we again secured 1st place in Grade 4B.

This victory also earned us the title of North of Scotland Champion of Champions. Still trying to juggle holidays, we were off to Perth for the European Championship with renewed determination. Our efforts were rewarded with a 4th place finish in the Novice Juvenile grade. There was a large entry in the Novice Juvenile grade at the World Pipe Band Championships, and we were really excited to qualify in 3rd place from our group of 15 bands. The Novice Juvenile final was held on the Friday evening in the Grade 1 arena. This was a fantastic experience for all our young players who rose to the occasion, delivering an excellent performance and finishing 7th overall out of 30 bands.

This season stands as one of the most successful in recent years for the Novice Juvenile band. It has been a privilege to witness the growth and development of our young musicians.

None of these achievements would be possible without the unwavering support and dedication of our tuning team, tutors, families, and friends. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed to and have share in our successes. The bar has been set high, and we now look forward to welcoming the next generation of young learners into the band, beginning anew the journey of musical excellence.

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## **Grade 2**

After many years of difficulty, the 2025 season was finally a more exciting and more positive one for Bucksburn & District Pipe Band Grade 2. The year started off like many have in recent years, without a leading drummer as they decided to walk away after only a few weeks in the role. However, the band were in a much healthier position to deal with this after promoting several of our NJ members up into our Grade 2 band at the end of the 2024 season. As well as several NJ pipers and drummers coming up, we also had one of our new drummers agree to step up as Leading Drummer. The band was on a little on the back foot but thanks to everyone pulling together and putting in a huge amount of time and effort we were finally able to get back out on the grass as a competing Pipe Band again. The competing season started in March for the pipe corps at the North of Scotland Branch Quartet competition. This was a fairly successful day for the band, playing 3 times in Grade 2 and 3 times in Grade 1 in addition to the having the NJ band also out competing. The band just missed out on the prize list in Grade 2 however still came away with a 1st place in Grade 1 with all 3 quartets placing in the Top 4.

Following the Quartets the band then welcomed Police Scotland Fife Pipe Band to the Aberdeen Music Hall for our annual concert on 19th April. The date of the concert unfortunately clashed with the Indoor North of Scotland Branch competition meaning the Grade 2 band were unable to compete. This day was a huge success for the band with the concert being well received by everyone in attendance. The band then moved on to our first outdoor competition of the season in Banchory on 11th May. 2 solid performances from the band resulted in a 4th in Grade 2 and 2nd in Grade 1 achieving 2 x 1st places in piping. Our next competitions came in June at a rainy Aberdeen Highland games and then the Inaugural Garioch pipe band competition in Inverurie. The band put in some good performances at these contests and were unlucky not to be placed higher. After getting 3 local competitions under our belt, we then turned our focus to the major competitions starting with the UK Championships in Ingliston on the 12th of July. This was a slightly disappointing performance from the G2 band, however the band finished in 8th place, tied for 6th but beaten on ensemble preference. The bands performance improved at the Scottish Championships in Dumbarton, finishing 12th overall. Moving on to the European Championships in Perth, the band, unfortunately, finishing bottom of the grade on the day. The band then finished off the season on a high with strong performances at both Mintlaw and The World Pipe Band Championships.

Looking forward to next season we're delighted to welcome a few new members into the band, strengthening both pipe corps and drum corps. Preparations are fully underway for the 2026 season as we gear up to build on last year's success of getting back out competing.

## **Financial Review**

### **EXPENDITURE**

#### **Audit Fees**

Audit fees saw a slight increase from the previous year.

#### **Drumming Spares/Maintenance**

A large increase due to various drumming parts such as skins, sticks and harnesses being required to allow the Grade 2 band to continue to compete.

#### **Performing Expenses**

Our Novice Juvenile band celebrated their 40th anniversary in 2024 and a ceilidh was held to mark the occasion, resulting in considerable outlays. With concert expenses decreasing, due to the guest band incurring smaller travel and accommodation costs.

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**Financial Review**

*Fundraising Expenses*

On par with last year. Expenses included purchase of advent calendars again which was offset against fundraising income.

*General Expenses*

Increase on last year, due to a member night held at Christmas.

*Insurance*

Insurances for band remained on par with previous year.

*Legal Expenses*

Legal expenses were on par with previous year.

*Lets*

There are no set costs, there is an expectation that we make a charitable donation each month in return for use of our premises, these have remained in line with the past year.

*Performing Rights*

Performing rights expenses have slightly increased due to increased prices.

*Piping Spares/Maintenance*

No cost in the prior year, however, the purchase of various chanters, reeds, pipebags and tuners have caused a large increase. These costs were incurred to allow the Grade 2 performers to compete.

*Subscriptions*

Slight increase in subscription costs due to increased charges.

*Travel & Accommodation*

Increase within the year which is due to the Grade 2 band competing again, which has incurred such costs.

*Workshop/Tuition Expenses*

Significant increase to these expenses as a result of increased tuition across snare, tenor and piping for Grade 2 and Novice Juvenile members.

**INCOME**

*Ceilidh Night*

The additional anniversary ceilidh has caused increased income.

*Concerts*

There have been increased concert ticket sales along with merchandise sales at these events.

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**Financial Review**

*Donations*

A decrease is seen due to a large, one-off donation being received in the prior year, however, several donations were received from the Novice Juvenile anniversary ceilidh.

*Fundraising*

Fundraising income has increased due to additional raffle sales from the anniversary ceilidh, and the introduction of the bonus ball draw.

*Hogmanay*

Revenue has increased from the Hogmanay performance as a result of increased popularity.

*Other Revenue*

An increase in other revenue is a result of various Gift Aid recoveries being made within the year, tied with the recovery of expenses from band members for the Christmas band night.

*Piping Spares Revenue*

There was no piping spares income within the year.

*Prize Money*

Prize money increased due to number of competitions entered and prizes received.

*Sales/Fees*

An increase in sales and fees as our member numbers increased.

*Travel & Accommodation*

An increase in travel & accommodation due to more monies recouped from members and supporters.

*Uniform Revenue*

Uniform Revenue increased as members increased, more monies recouped from purchase of uniform items.

*Looking ahead*

With both bands returning to the competition field in 2026, we anticipate a significant increase in expenses again. Our uniform stock is running low, and some of our kilts are in need of replacement due to wear and age. To address these needs, every effort will be made to strengthen our fundraising efforts.

We are also exploring the possibility of investing in new drums—a substantial financial undertaking, but one that may be essential to ensure we can compete at the highest level. The band remains fully committed to accepting any available event or engagement to help secure the funding required to sustain and grow our organisation.

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**Financial Review**

**Reserves**

It is the policy of the Charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the Charity, at a level which covers unrestricted expenditures and provide sufficient funds to cover management, administration and support costs for a period of one year and to enable it to fund future capital projects. The Charity had restricted periods during the year for equipment and travel. These funds were fully utilised for these purposes during the year and there were no restricted funds held at the year end.

**Financial position**

The financial position as at 31 August 2025 is as set out in the accounts.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by

*Pamela Reid*

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Pamela Reid - Trustee

25/5/26

----- Date

**BUCKSBURN AND DISTRICT PIPE BAND  
EXAMINERS' REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

**EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BUCKSBURN AND DISTRICT PIPE BAND**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2025 which are set out on pages 8 to 10.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our independent examination work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its Trustees, as a body, for our independent examination work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the Act) and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) (the Accounts Regulations). The Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

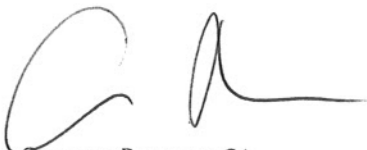
**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the Accounts Regulations; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the Accounts Regulations have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 25 May 2026

**BUCKSBURN AND DISTRICT PIPE BAND  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations received		14,085	-	14,085	12,051
Charitable activities		25,603	-	25,603	19,776
Investment income		487	-	487	560
Fundraising activities		42,411	-	42,411	28,006
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>£ 82,586</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 82,586</b>	<b>£ 60,393</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Charitable activities	2	49,741	-	49,741	39,055
Governance costs		1,630	-	1,630	1,268
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>£ 51,371</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 51,371</b>	<b>£ 40,323</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>£ 31,215</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 31,215</b>	<b>£ 20,070</b>

The notes on page 10 form part of these financial statements.

All funds received and paid in 2025 and 2024 were unrestricted.

**BUCKSBURN AND DISTRICT PIPE BAND**  
 CHARITY NUMBER: SC041109  
 STATEMENT OF BALANCES  
 AT 31 AUGUST 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Bank</b>		
At 1 September 2024	79,101	59,031
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	31,215	20,070
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At 31 August 2025	£ 110,316	£ 79,101

**ASSETS**

At 31 August 2025, the Charity was due £119 (2024 - £1,346) relating to invoiced fees.

**LIABILITIES**

At 31 August 2025, the fees payable for the independent examination of the Charity's accounts were £1,100 (2024 - £1,000) exclusive of VAT.

Furthermore, the charity was due to pay £Nil (2024 - £100) to third party suppliers.

The notes on page 10 form part of these financial statements.

**FUNDS**

All of the Charity's funds held at the year end are held as unrestricted funds.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by

*Pamela Reid*  
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 Pamela Reid - Trustee

*25/5/26*  
 ----- Date

**BUCKSBURN AND DISTRICT PIPE BAND**  
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**NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS - 31 AUGUST 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) *Basis of accounts preparation*

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

(b) *Nature and purpose of fund*

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donors or have been raised by the Charity for a particular purpose.

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the Charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the Charity.

2. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2025 £	2024 £
Concert Expenses	8,995	14,518
Ceilidh/Trophy Night Expenses	3,875	800
Equipment	8,752	772
Accommodation and travel	12,619	13,817
Workshops	4,393	1,855
General expenses	6,184	5,659
Performing rights	217	154
Insurance	535	512
Subscriptions	1,463	654
Uniform	2,148	-
Competition fees	560	314
	£ 49,741	£ 39,055