



STRACHUR & DISTRICT PIPING ASSOCIATION

SCOTTISH CHARITY NO SC044456

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Period from 1st September 2025 to Period End 31st
August 2026



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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2026

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report, together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 August 2026.

Reference & Administrative Information

Charity Name: Strachur & District Piping Association

Charity Number: SC044456

Address: c/o Mary Leitch, Copper Beech, Kilmun, Argyll, PA23 8RY

E-mail: strachurpipingassoc@gmail.com

Charity Trustees:

Craig Wilson (Chair)
Jamie Campbell (Vice Chair)
Jean Gibson (Secretary)
Mary Leitch (Treasurer)
Catriona Wilson (Safeguarding Officer)
Kate Paton
Hughie Killen
Myles Gardner
Colin Stevenson

Donald MacLauchlan (Resigned 29/10/2025)

Objectives and Activities

Purpose of the Charity

To advance the arts by promoting interest in bagpipe playing among the youth of Strachur and District.

Activities

The Association aims to encourage young people of different learning abilities to get involved in activities that develop music skills, enhance their confidence and self-esteem and develop positive behaviour as individuals and as a team member. To this end, a Summer School is run annually in July, as well as an annual junior solo piping competition.

Structure, Governance & Management

Type of Governing document

The charity is an unincorporated association, governed by its constitution which was adopted on 24 September 2009 and last amended on 25th October 2013. The Association was granted charitable status by OSCR on 28 November 2013.

Appointment of Trustees

The Trustees of the Association shall be the Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Safeguarding Officer or as may from time to time be elected.

The Management Committee, which normally meets on a quarterly basis, supplement the charity's trustees. Membership of the management committee is open to the office bearers together with any co-opted Members deemed necessary for the proper running of the Association; these may include, among others, the piping tutors and a Safeguarding Officer. They are elected at the Annual General Meeting which is normally held in October and hold office until the next Annual General Meeting. Under the constitution there must be not less than 8 members present at a General Meeting and not less than 5 members present at a Management Committee Meeting.

Achievements, Performance & Financial Review

We are delighted to report that the Strachur and District Piping Association has been able to run a Piping Competition in March 2026 and another successful Summer School in July 2026.

As well as Piping tuition the summer school also provided Drumming tuition which has been well received by parents, children, and the wider local community.

Locally there are still challenges in the uptake of piping. We are constantly looking to see how we might mitigate this. We organise additional tuition to young chanter players when interest is shown.

We would like to convey our thanks to the many volunteers and sponsors who have supported Strachur and District Piping Association over this past year. It's heartening to see that support for the association remains strong, which will allow us to continue our important work.

1. Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts & Payment basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2. Nature and Purpose of Funds

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

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions are specified by the donor or funder. We do not hold any restricted funds at this time.

3. Details of Deficit

There is an overall deficit of £521.59 at the period end which is shown in the Financial Report below. The deficit is less than expected due to a grant of £1300 received from Argyll & Bute Council and donations received throughout the year, details shown in the paragraph below. Without the grant and donations the deficit could have been over £2400.00.

4. Donations

We have received donations amounting to £418.00 which have reduced the overall loss this year and are included on the Receipts & Payments Financial Review. The donations are as follows:-

- White Elephant Shop - £200
- Strachur Flower Show - £200
- Competition entry fees donated where the child could not attend - £ 18

We also received two donations which are not shown on the Receipts & Payments transactions document since the transactions were in kind and are as follows: -

- Allan McLean paid the West Coast Buses invoice (£675.00) for the minibus that transported the West Argyll children from Lochgilphead to Strachur. Allan requested £500 towards the invoice with the remaining balance of £175 donated by Allan.
- Mr Gillespie did not take payment for driving the minibus from Strachur to Dunoon. This donation amounted to £40.00

May we again extend most grateful thanks to Jim McMillan for his diligent examination of our annual accounts.

Signed: 
Craig Wilson (Chairman)

Signed: 
Mary Leitch (Treasurer)

Strachur & District Piping Association
Registered Charity Number: SC044456
Receipts & Payments for Year to 31st August 2026

Voucher No	Description	2025/2026 Unrestricted Funds	2024/2025 Unrestricted Funds
Receipts			
Vr 25 + BACS	Donations	£ 418.00	£ 806.00
	Raffles	£ 363.00	£ 280.00
	Competition entries	£ 92.00	£ 0.00
	Competition sale of programmes & snacks	£ 109.00	£ 0.00
Vr 8 + bank transfer	Piping School Entries	£ 3475.00	£2964.00
Vr 2	Piping School – Grant	£.1300.00	£. 0.00
	Tuckshop Takings	£ 8.60	£ 9.60
Total Receipts		£5765.60	£4059.60
Payments			
Vr 7 & 28	Hall/Pavilion/School Rent	£ 390.30	£ 410.00
Vr 9, 18, 24, 26b & 29	Minibus hire/drivers/fuel	£1336.39	£. 830.00
Vr 14 & 21	Piping School –Tutors Travel	£. 500.00	
Vr 11 - 13, 15- 17, 20	Piping School Tutors	£3495.00	£2940.00
Vr 26a	Piping School Lunches	£ 126.84	£ 114.29
Vrs 22 & 23	Supplies (biscuits & Raffle)	£ 16.05	£ 57.00
Vr 3	Secretarial Expenses	£. 11.61	£. 0.00
Vr 1, 10 & 19	Gifts	£ 105.00	£. 0.00
Vr 4, 5 & 6	Competition – Judges	£ 300.00	£ 0.00
	Competition – Refund Entry	£ 6.00	£ 0.00
Total Payments		£6287.19	£4351.29
Excess Receipts/Payments		- £521.59	- £291.69
Total Cash & Bank Balance B/F		£6197.32	£6489.01
Total Cash & Bank Balance C/F		£5675.73	£6197.32

I approve the Receipts & Payments shown on Page 5 and confirm that I have made available all records and information for it's preparation.

Signature:

Mary Leitch, Strachur & District Piping Association

Date: 01/09/2026

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signature:

Mr J McMillan M.I.B (Scots)

Address: 3 Fisher Row, Inveraray, Argyll, PA32 8UG

Date: 21/9/26

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Strachur & District Piping Association, Registered Charity SC044456

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2026 which are set out on page 5 & signed off on page 6.

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 2005 Act') and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ('the 2006 Regulations'). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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 is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 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.

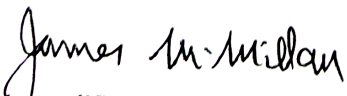
Independent examiner's statement

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 2006 Regulations, and
 - To prepare accounts which accord *with* the accounting records and *comply* with Regulation 9 of the 2006 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.

Signed: 

Name and qualification/professional: Mr J McMillan M I B (Scots)

Address: 3 Fisher Row, Inveraray, Argyll, PA32 8UG

Dated: 21/9/26