

The City of Inverness Youth Pipe Band

Scottish Charity no. 033984

Trustees Annual Report
Year to 1st November 2025



CIYPB Committee

Chair: Andrew Hamilton

Treasurer: Bridie Barnett

Committee Members: Colin Silver (Secretary), Lewis Barclay (Band Leader), Trine Hammock, Sharon Reid, Douglas Fraser, Kerry Morgan and David Morgan.

Registered Address

2 Abertarff Road, Inverness, IV2 3NW

Purpose

The City of Inverness Youth Pipe Band ("the band") exists to offer young people in Inverness and surrounding areas the opportunity to be part of a pipe band, with weekly tutoring from experienced pipe and drumming tutors during weekly practice sessions within school term times. The band members who reach performing standard are encouraged to take part in band performances and competitions. These help to build skill and confidence in the young people.

Activities and achievements

The main activities are weekly tutoring for school aged learner pipers and drummers. These take place during school term time on Monday evenings between 6:30-7:30pm followed by performance practice for the more advanced level pipers and drummers between 7:30-8:30pm. Most of the learner pipers and drummers progress up to the performing band.

During the year 2nd November 2024 to 1st November 2025 the band performed at a number of events including the Inverness Vintage Car Rally, The Gathering festival in Inverness, Loch Ness Marathon, and the Abernethy Highland Games.

Every Saturday during March 2025 the band performed at Falcon Square, and every Monday evening in June 2025 they performed on the Inverness High Street to raise funds for The Band.

In 20-25th August 2025 selected performing members of The Band, accompanied by piping and drumming tutors and 4 parents, undertook a cultural trip to Teba in the south of Spain to participate in the Douglas Days festival. The Band's participation in the event was greatly

received by the local community and The Band have been invited back for future Douglas Days celebrations.

The last Monday before the Christmas holidays the band members had a social event instead of the usual practice - this was at the Innoflate bowling alley.

Recruitment to the membership

Members of the band are recruited through school piping and drumming tutors and word of mouth.

Recruitment to the band committee

All parents/carers of band members are invited to the AGM and all parents/carers are invited to volunteer to be part of the committee. Office bearers were nominated and seconded according to the constitution. In the case where more than one person volunteered to a role, this would go to a casting vote.

Band Membership

43 young people registered as members, with attendance each week between 31-41 young people. Youth members are aged between primary school age up to (and including) age 24.

Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG)

From April 2025 it became a legal requirement for all the band tutors and committee members to be registered with Disclosure Scotland Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme. There was a 2 month grace period to allow time for everyone to become registered. The Band designated PVG signatory is Bridie Barnett, and all tutors (9) and all committee members (8) have been registered.

Accounts summary 2023-2025

City of Inverness Youth Pipe Band SC033984			
Income and Expenditure			
Year ended 1 November	2025	2024	2023
Balance 1st November	£4,629.64	£7,091.15	£10,056.11
Income			
Grants	£6890.00	£0	£995
Events	£1550.00	£1900.00	£1800.00
Fundraising (bucket collections, prize money)	£4458.61	£314.27	£168.43
Donations (incl. for tutor gifts)	£200.00	£240.00	£1150.00
Member Fees	£2191.50	£1890.00	£1630.00
Bank interest Received	£0.00	£0	£115.40
Refunds	£136.71	£117.50	£0
Parent contributions and payment for goods	£5672.50	£0	£0
Total income	£21099.32	£4461.77	£5858.83
Expenditure			
Equipment	£2382.60	£1289.60	£1973.50
Rent - practise venue	£2292.14	£2971.45	£1643.25
Uniform	£2886.78	£1293.00	£1292.08
Trips and outings	£14770.94	£1128.00	£264.00
Insurance	£278.37	£284.68	£173.93
Donation towards services provided (tutor gifts)	£550.00	£460.00	£250.00
Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association branch levy	£100.00	£0	£150.00
Miscelenious	£0	£0	£0
Independent examination	£0	£0	£0
Refunds from outings	£300	£0	£0
Total expenditure	£23560.83	£7426.73	£5746.76
Surplus(+)/deficit (-)	-£2461.51	-£2964.96	+£112.07

Signed

Name: Bridie Barnett



Position: Treasurer

Date: 17.6.26