



Grantown Bowling Club

Trustees' Annual Report

1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 (Yr 1)

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Scottish Charity Number SC054230
Year ending 31st March 2026 (Yr1)



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Charity Trustees

1. David Rose - President
2. Colin McKinlay – Vice President
3. Christie Rose - Treasurer
4. Francoise van Buuren - Secretary
5. Gordon Jamieson – Green Convener
6. Ian Lamb – Health & Safety Officer
7. Gordon Sutherland – Trustee
8. John Middlewick – Trustee
9. Danny Rose – Trustee



Grantown Bowling Club Trustees with 10 newly installed solar panels on the clubhouse roof. From Left to Right: Christie Rose, Ian Lamb, Gordon Sutherland, Colin McKinlay, John Middlewick, Davie Rose, Francoise van Buuren, Gordon Jamieson, Danny Rose.

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Objectives and activities

The organisation has been formed to advance public participation in the sport of outdoor bowling in the Community and surround area of Grantown-on-Spey. Its purpose is to provide recreational facilities and activities primarily for the benefit of residents in the community with the object of improving the fitness, health and wellbeing of the persons for whom the facilities and organisational activities are intended.



The Grantown Outdoor Bowling Club, a community sports club since 1908, is enjoyed by over 30 members and many visitors each year. We take part in local league and friendly matches and offer a range of programmes and activities aimed at promoting physical activity, social interaction, and personal development for all age groups. We aim to introduce the sport to new generations of players and work with Active Schools to introduce the sport to young bowlers and support the development of young talent. Our intergenerational approach fosters connections between young bowlers and older members of the community, creating a sense of belonging and mutual support.

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Structure, governance and management

The Grantown Bowling Club's governing document is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) Constitution. The Board of Trustees is elected at the Annual General Meeting by members of the Club. Grantown Bowling Club became a SCIO in May 2025 when the existing elected committee members were appointed as the new Board of Trustees.

Achievements and performance

During the financial year 2025/26 the Club's main achievements include successfully becoming a Scottish Registered Charity (SCIO) SC054230. This will open future funding opportunities and helps raise the profile of the Club. The Club was awarded the Bowls Scotland Silver Bowls Mark, a nationally recognised standard that enables clubs to develop safe, effective and welcoming environments based on good practice and improves participants experiences through well trained coaches and volunteers. Gordon Jamieson, the Green Convener, was awarded the Bowls Scotland National Volunteer of the Year Award for his decades of involvement in Grantown Bowling Club, covering many roles particularly in relation to caring for the green. Gordon also supported a young trainee to learn greenkeeping skills supported by National Lottery Funding.



Gordon Jamieson with his wife Dolly receiving his National Volunteer of the Year Award. Adam Woodhouse learning greenkeeping skills.

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A full programme of events, including a 'Try Bowls' event, school visits, and 29 matches involving over 500 players, took place during the season. The membership increased to 31 members raising £2,800 and volunteers held various fund-raising activities which raised a further £1,258. Volunteers also helped with taking care of the bowling green, club grounds and clubhouse as well as hosting 8 home matches with 159 players involving tea, home baking & refreshments.



The Calder Pairs Competition won by Danny Rose (5th right) and Gordon Sutherland (3rd right) - one of the Club's 7 competitions.

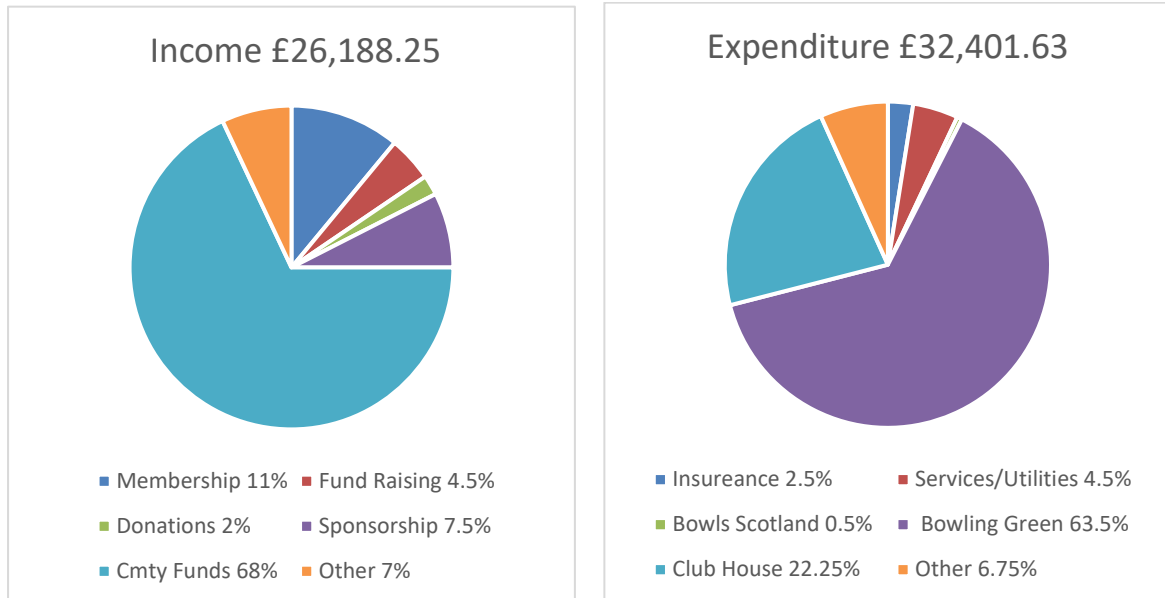
The Board of Trustees successfully raised support funding which allowed us to invest over £26,000 for various projects, including the installation of an access ramp and replacing the surrounding banking (£12,000), enabling a young person to gain greenkeeping experience (£6,000), engaging with the community and young people (£1,800). Sponsorship was also secured from local businesses including funding for new club T-shirts and jackets (£1,990). Finally, funding support from the Energy Savings Trust CARES Fund (£5467) allowed us to fit 10 solar panels to the Clubhouse roof to reduce our energy bills and potentially gain an income stream through energy production.

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Financial review



Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Board of Trustees agreed to hold a minimum of £5,000 in unrestricted reserves. This should be sufficient to cover the annual costs to maintain the green and pay our company insurance costs and other fixed service/utility costs. At the end of the financial year 2025/26 our bank account has £9,889.42 as unrestricted funds.

Details of any deficit

The opening balance on 1 April 2025 was £17,450.64 and the closing balance on 31 March 2026 was £11,237.26 leaving a deficit of £6,213.38. This deficit is primarily a result of £6,000 funding support from the National Lottery being paid into the bank account in the financial year 2024/25 while the expenditure relating to this project was paid out during the financial year 2025/26. In addition, the COOP Community Fund awarded the Club £5,000 bonus unrestricted funding which was paid into the bank account on 21 March 2025.

Donated facilities and services

None

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Restricted funds

All restricted funds both held and received in this financial year were spent with the exception of the coop fund of £1,301 which is being carried forward.

Future plans

After COVID the club was dangerously close to closure. Since 2022, the committee has increased its membership and secured funding to maintain the club's assets, particularly the bowling green. In 2025/26, we successfully raised funds to increase our engagement with the local community and younger players in particular. Over £26,000 was invested to improve access to the bowling green, build greenkeeping skills with a young trainee, deliver a full and active programme of events and welcome younger players working with the local schools and clubs. Looking ahead to 2026/27, our focus will be to continue to increase our income and cut our fixed costs. To increase income, we aim to grow the membership, maintain local business sponsorships and apply for support funding to invest in and maintain our assets. We will also run fundraising events, supported by our members, and promote the club to attract more visitors and donations. To cut costs we installed 10 solar panels to cut our energy bill and will explore opportunities to gain income from surplus power generation. We will also look to reduce our bank charges by switching to a Community Bank and tender for insurance cover to secure the best deal available. Most expenditure is spent on maintaining the bowling green. Our volunteer greenkeeper is looking to step away from this role which means we need an alternative, affordable solution by Spring 2027. During 2026/27 we will engage with the local schools, involve more people from the local community and build the skills and involvement of our members. Our aim remains to welcome everyone in the community and surrounding area to participate in the sport of outdoor bowling by providing facilities and activities that benefit residents and improve the fitness, health and wellbeing of our members and visitors.

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Additional information

The Grantown Bowling Club would like to thank its members, volunteers and funders who have supported the club during 2025/26. Specifically, we would like to thank the following organisations:

- Berry Burn Community Fund - £11,500
- COOP Community Fund - £1300.82 (plus £500 received last year and a £5,000 bonus fund)
- Energy Savings Trust CARES Fund - £5467.60
- Highland Council Ward Fund - £500
- National Lottery Fund - £6,000

Our thanks also go to our local business sponsors:

AW Laing	Fred's Fresh Fish	John Ross Funeral Services	Premier
Baztex	Grantown Garage Limited	MKM Building Supplies	Scrumpy's Coffee Shop
Beale & Pyper	Grantown Pharmacy	Morrison Lawn & Landscapes	Speyside Centre
CFS Services	Greenflame	Nethy Steel	Toasty Type
Colin Lawson (Builders) Ltd	Hazel Sim & Deborah McIntosh	Owen MacGregor	Tormore Distillery
Dave Smith	Highland Broadband	Paterson Electrical	

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Elixer Distillers sponsors of our new logo, shirts & jackets

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

CRose

Print name: CHRISTIE ROSE

Designation: TREASUER

Date: 29th July 2026

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Receipts and Payments Account

Year ended 31st March 2026 Year 1

Receipts	Unrestricted	Restricted	Totals 2025/26	Totals N/A
Subs/Donations	628		628	0
Membership	2800		2800	
Grants	0			
<i>CARES</i>		5467		0
<i>Berryburn</i>		10500		
<i>Highland Council</i>		500		
<i>Co-op</i>		1301		
	0		0	0
Fundraising	1259		1259	0
Sponsorship	1990		1990	
Other income	1743		1743	0
Total Receipts	8420	17768	26188	0

Payments	Unrestricted	Restricted	Totals 2025/26	Totals N/A
Fundraising				
Payments relating direct to charitable activities	11328	16467	27795	
Fundraising expenditure	0		0	
Services and utilities	1406		1406	0
	0		0	0
Other	2356		2356	0
Governance				
<i>Insurance</i>	844		844	0
Total Expenditure	15934	16467	32401	0

Net surplus/(deficit)	(7514)	1301	(6213)	0
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Statement of Balances as at 31st March 2026 Year 1

<u>Statement of Balances</u>	Unrestricted	Restricted	Totals 2025/26	Totals N/A
Cash at bank at start of year	17451	0	17451	0
surplus/(deficit) for the year	(7561)	1348	(6213)	0
Total Receipts	9890	1348	11238	0

Notes to the accounts

1. There are no other Assets or Investments and there are no staff
2. No Trustees were paid for their services other than out of pocket

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Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 26 set out on pages **11 & 12**

Respective responsibilities of trustee 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 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees considered that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the Accounting 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 Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) of the 2005 Act and regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounting Regulations have not been met.

Signed: *Christine Ross*

Date: 7th August 2026

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