

READING SCOTTISH PIPE BAND

England & Wales - Charity number 1134221

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2010-02-09

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE, MAINTAIN, IMPROVE AND ADVANCE EDUCATION IN THE ARTS BY THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE MUSICAL ARTS OF THE SCOTTISH HIGHLAND BAGPIPES AND DRUMS.

Activities: The Band exists to promote, maintain, improve and advance education in the arts by the encouragement of the musical arts of the Scottish Bagpipes and Drums. It provides tuition to both ab initio, and improving, bagpipers and drummers, and gives public displays, at carnivals, concerts, and festivals by integrating piping and drumming in static and marching events

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, NATIONALLY AND OVERSEAS.
- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£27,534	£24,653	-	-
2024-12-31	£28,547	£28,807	-	-
2023-12-31	£27,397	£31,978	-	-
2022-12-31	£20,265	£17,957	-	-
2021-12-31	£11,083	£5,519	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Graham Gallacher Cochran		2021-03-14
Laurence Quinn		2015-03-09
Mark Stephen Haynes		2023-03-31
RON PATERSON		

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Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31st December 2025

1. General Information

- **Charity Name:**
 - Reading Scottish Pipe Band
 - Reg Number 1134221 on 9th February 2010
 - 16 Grovefields Avenue, Frimley, Camberley GU16 8PA
- **Reporting Period:**
 - 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025
- **Trustees:**
 - Ron Paterson (Pipe Major)
 - Mark Haynes (Treasurer)
 - Laurence Quinn (Quartermaster)
 - Graham Cochran (Engagement Coordinator)

2. Structure, Governance and Management

- **Governance and Management Structure:** The Pipe Band benefits from a dual management structure. The first focuses on the overall administration of the Charity and Band, while the second is dedicated to maintaining and improving the musical standards and performance quality of the Band.
- **Charity and Band Management:** The management of the Charity and Band is executed through the appointment of officers during the Annual General Meeting (AGM). These officers are responsible for the strategic direction and operational oversight of the organisation.
- **Musical Direction:** The Pipe Major, supported by the Pipe Sergeant, Drum Sergeant, and Corporals, oversees the musical development and performance standards of the Band. This team is responsible for training, repertoire selection, and ensuring the overall quality of the Band's sound.
- **Regulatory Framework:** The Band operates in accordance with its Constitution and a suite of supporting policies. These include policies on safeguarding, band equipment, GDPR compliance, and a code of conduct, alongside established customs and practices. This framework ensures responsible and effective governance across all aspects of the Band's activities.

3. Objectives and Activities

- The objective of the band is to promote, preserve, and enhance education in the arts through the encouragement of Scottish bagpipes and drums. It aims to provide instruction to beginners and advancing students alike, and to deliver public performances at carnivals, concerts, and festivals by integrating piping and drumming in both stationary and marching events.

4. Achievements and Performance

- **Engagements:** The band undertook 19 public engagements in 2025, earning £10,875
- **Competitions:** The band competed in indoor and outdoor competitions, including the World **Championships**, winning three trophies and £1,315 in prize money. The performance at the World Championships was the band's best to date.
- **Tartan Ball:** The Tartan Ball was well-attended, raising £821.

- **Fundraising:** The band raised £5,155 through donations, Gift Aid, and fundraising activities.
- **Membership:** The band's membership continues to remain strong, with new members being trained to replace the previous members who have left to pursue their studies at university.

5. Financial Review

- **Opening Balance:** The financial year 2025 commenced with an opening balance of £10,942.
- **Income:** Total income for the year amounted to £27,534, primarily generated from 19 engagements undertaken by the band across the South of England, predominantly in the Reading area.
- **Expenditure:** Total expenditure for the year was £24,653. Major costs included hall fees and expenses associated with competitions and engagements.
- **Closing Balance:** At the end of the year, the bank balance stood at £14,183. After deducting advance payments for engagements scheduled in 2026, the available funds totalled £13,823, reflecting a net increase of £2,881 compared to the previous year.
- **Debts:** As of 31 December 2024, the bank balance was £11,517, with outstanding liabilities of £575 related to engagement deposits for 2025.
- **Additional Information:** A detailed financial breakdown is provided in the Treasurer's Report for 2025.

6. Public Benefit

The Reading Scottish Pipe Band provides a clear public benefit by:

- Promoting and preserving Scottish culture.
- Providing educational opportunities in music.
- Enhancing community engagement and social cohesion.
- Supporting other local charities through fundraising activities

6. Incidents

The trustees are committed to ensuring full compliance with all regulatory requirements. We can confirm that there were no incidents reportable to the Charity Commission during this financial year.

7. Members

The band relies heavily on the dedication and commitment of its members, who contribute their time and skills to all aspects of the organisation, from teaching and performing to fundraising and administration.

8. Future Plans

In the coming year, we plan to:

- Maintain our existing community outreach program, plus also enhance it with new events
- Organise 3 major fundraising events to support the band's activities.
- Participate in national and international pipe band competitions and improve our standing.
- Invest in new instruments and equipment to enhance the quality of our performances.
- Year 2027 is also the band's 70th anniversary, so we are in the process of planning significant events for that year.

9. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

This Trustee's Report is submitted to the Charity Commission, prepared in good faith to meet our reporting requirements.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees on 28th February 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Mark Haynes

Treasurer

Treasurer's Report 2025

Period 1st Jan 2025 through 31st December 2025

1. 2025 SUMMARY

As of 31 December 2024, the bank balance stood at **£11,517.33**, with liabilities of £575.00 relating to engagement deposits for 2025. The opening balance for FY2025 was **£10,942.33**.

Total income for FY2025 was **£27,534.08**, representing a decrease of £1012.72 compared to the previous year.

Total expenditure for FY2025 amounted to **£24,652.94**, a reduction of £4,154.05 from the prior year.

At year-end, the bank balance was **£14,183.47**. After accounting for advance payments for two 2026 engagements (£360.00), the final available funds were **£13,823.47** and increase of £2,881.14

The following summary provides an overview of the accounts and a comparative analysis with previous years.

Reading Scottish Pipe Band						
SUMMARY	Years			Variances		Provision
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	
	Calendar Year	2023	2024	2025	2023/ 2024	
Opening Bank Balance	£18,674.58	£10,959.53	£11,517.33	-£7,715.05	£557.80	
Cleared Debtors from Last Year	-£2,889.24	-£57.00	£0.00			
FY Opening Balance	£15,785.34	£11,202.53	£10,942.33	-£4,582.81	-£260.20	
INCOME						
Subscriptions	£2,460.00	£2,600.00	£2,620.00	£140.00	£20.00	£0.00
Engagements	£13,235.86	£9,590.00	£10,215.00	-£3,645.86	£625.00	£0.00
Competition Prizes/ Income	£2,157.50	£1,640.00	£1,315.00	-£517.50	-£325.00	£0.00
Sponsorship/Donations/Gift Aid	£1,519.53	£5,632.20	£5,155.11	£4,112.67	-£477.10	£0.00
Other (Misc.)	£347.00	£2,950.04	£883.00	£2,603.04	-£2,067.04	£0.00
Tartan Ball	£7,677.11	£6,134.55	£7,345.97	-£1,542.56	£1,211.42	£0.00
INCOME - TOTAL	£27,397.00	£28,546.79	£27,534.08	£1,149.79	-£1,012.72	£0.00
EXPENSES						
Expenses for Engagements	£2,395.51	£2,916.32	£2,021.20	£520.81	-£895.12	£0.00
Instruments and Maintenance	£5,239.85	£2,542.29	£1,258.42	-£2,697.56	-£1,283.87	£0.00
Uniforms and Maintenance - QM	£1,055.11	£3,484.56	£1,598.01	£2,429.45	-£1,886.55	£0.00
Competition Expenses	£9,615.91	£4,810.85	£5,144.50	-£4,805.06	£333.65	£0.00
Hall Fees	£5,460.40	£5,315.45	£6,178.45	-£144.95	£863.00	£0.00
Other Expenses	£1,248.86	£3,869.60	£1,927.86	£2,620.74	-£1,941.74	£0.00
Tartan Ball	£6,964.17	£5,867.92	£6,524.50	-£1,096.25	£656.58	£0.00
EXPENSES - TOTAL	£31,979.81	£28,806.99	£24,652.94	-£3,172.82	-£4,154.05	£0.00
Difference Income/Expense	-£4,582.81	-£260.20	£2,881.14			
		Not Cleared	£0.00			
FY Closing Balance	£11,202.53	£10,942.33	£13,823.47	-£260.20	£2,881.14	
Debtors Owing This Year	-£57.00	£0.00	£0.00			
Liabilities	-£300.00	£575.00	£360.00			
Closing Bank Balance	£10,959.53	£11,517.33	£14,183.47	£557.80	£2,666.14	
Cash on Hand			£0.00			

Treasurer's Report 2025

2. NOTES ON INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Key points to note are as follows:

Subscriptions

All members of the band paid their membership subscriptions in 2025, resulting in a total collection of **£2,620.00**. This amount is nearly identical to the previous year's total of **£2,600.00**, indicating stable membership and subscription income.

The Treasurer recommends retaining the current subscription rate of £40.00 for 2026. This proposal will be voted on at the upcoming AGM. Once approved, we kindly ask all members to pay their subscriptions promptly when requested. Thank you for your continued support and timely payments.

Mem Type	Members	Collected
Assoc	4	£40.00
Full	61	£2,440.00
Guest	3	£0.00
Honorary	1	£0.00
Junior	7	£140.00
Grand Total	76	£2,620.00

Engagements

Public engagements remain the band's primary source of ongoing income. Member participation in these events is essential to fulfilling our contractual obligations, generating revenue, and securing future bookings.

In 2025, the band earned **£10,215.00** from **19** engagements, with related expenses totalling **£2,021.20**. This represents an increase in income from 2024, when **18** engagements generated **£9,960.00** in income, and expenses were increased **£2,916.32**. The higher number of engagements and improved cost management contributed positively to our financial position.

Thank you to all members for submitting claims promptly and ensuring smooth financial administration throughout the year.

Pipe Major Expenses (Instruments and Maintenance)

For the year, the total expenditure by the Pipe Major was **£1,258.42**, which has been spent as follows: -

- Replacement Pipe Tuner £168.23
- Chanter Reeds £400.00
- New Drum Skins and parts £690.19

Last year's spend was **£2,542.29**

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Hall Hire

Hall Hire for the band was **£6,178.45** and has been spent as follows: -

- Monday nights, St Andrews £4,016.25
- Thursday nights, St Johns £1,366.20
- Wednesday nights, Hawkedon £638.00
- ad hoc practices in halls £158.00

This is more than last year, **£5,315.45**, mainly due to rising hall hire costs.

Competitions

In 2025, the band competed at indoor competitions at Gordon's School and Luton, as well as outdoor events at Colchester, Corby, the World Championships, and Chatsworth. The band achieved notable success, winning three trophies and earning **£1,315.00** in prize money, compared to **£1,640.00** last year. The performance at the World Championships was the band's best to date.

Total competition expenses for the year were **£5,144.50**, a slight increase from **£4,810.85** in 2024. Of this, £2,720.00 was allocated for attending the World Championships in Glasgow. The hotel selected for the event, located conveniently on a direct bus route, has been rebooked for 2026 due to its value and suitability.

	Fees	Gordon's Quartets	Luton J McGinn	Colchester	Corby	Glasgow World's	Chatsworth	TOTAL
Competition Entry		£115.00	£63.00	£63.00	£63.00	£40.00	£65.00	£409.00
RSPBA Fees	£327.00							£327.00
Expense		£84.85	£72.60	£199.75	£318.90	£2,720.00	£1,012.40	£4,408.50
Prize Money				£150.00	£415.00	£0.00	£750.00	£1,315.00
Grand Total Expense	£327.00	£199.85	£135.60	£112.75	-£33.10	£2,760.00	£327.40	£3,829.50

Tartan Ball

The Tartan Ball, always a highlight of the year, was exceptionally well organized and enjoyed by **130** attendees, raising **£821.47** for the band's funds. This marks a significant increase from 2024, when **108** people attended, and **£266.63** was raised. The growth in both participation and fundraising reflects the event's continued success and popularity.

Summary	Income	Expense
Tickets	£5,850.00	£0.00
Minibus	£217.00	£180.00
Meal	£0.00	£5,416.00
Band	£0.00	£450.00
Raffle	£1,203.97	£0.00
Head & Tails	£75.00	£0.00
Gratuity	£0.00	£200.00
Other Expenses	£0.00	£278.50
	£7,345.97	£6,524.50

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Donations/ Gift Aid/ Fundraising

In total, the band raised **£5,155.11** through donations, Gift Aid, and fundraising activities this year. By comparison, last year's total was **£5,632.20**; however, that figure included three years of Gift Aid and three fundraising events, making this year's result particularly strong given the absence of those exceptional contributions.

Fundraising at Reading/ Newbury raised **£1,652.04**.

- Newbury	£944.25
- Reading	£707.79

Gift Aid This year was the final year of the Gift Aid catch-up, having not been processed for several years, with HMRC providing **£2,603.19**

- 2024 Gift Aid	£1,310.58
- 2025 Gift Aid	£1,292.61

Donations Income was **£899.88**, which included two donations towards sets of pipes.

Other Income and Expenditure

Other income totalled **£883.00**, while expenditures amounted to **£1,927.86**.

Merchandise sales, supported by Embroidery Expressions, generated £611.00 in income against £586.65 in related costs.

Monday night tea service, managed by David and apprentice Helen, contributed £272.00 in income.

General expenditure for the period was £1,341.21, detailed in the subsequent breakdown.

- Insurance	£269.49
- Web Hosting	£76.89
- Aspire Fee Reduction	£150.00
- Saleable Goods	£157.79
- Quaiches	£244.40
- Ensemble	£49.99
- Rhythm Monster	£121.18
- Gifts/ Flowers	£235.23
- Secretary	£36.24

Uniform/Quarter Master Expenses

The Quartermaster was allocated a budget of £3,500.00 for 2025, but only used **£1,589.01**. The primary expense was the purchase of long blue shirts for the competition band, along with additional kit to replenish stock. The Treasurer does not expect significant uniform investments for 2026. Last Year, the Uniform investment was **£3,484.56**; however, that was an exceptional year of spending.

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Cash

At the end of the year, the band held no cash on hand; all surplus funds have been deposited, and every amount is fully accounted for within the Band Accounts.

Mark Haynes
Treasurer Reading Scottish Pipe Band
1st Jan 2026

Independent Examiners' Report to the Trustees on the Unaudited Accounts of Reading Scottish Pipe Band ("the Charity") for the year ended 31 December 2025

We report to the trustees on our examination of the Charity's accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025.

As the Charity's trustees, you are responsible for the presentation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

We report in respect of our examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under s.145 of the Act and in carrying out our examination we have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under s145(5)(b) of the Act.

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination which give us cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

We have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed : Andrew McKenzie

William Smith

Date : 9 March, 2026

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Treasurer's Report 2024

Period 1st Jan 2024 through 31st December 2024

1. 2024 SUMMARY

The bank's balance as of 31 December 2023 was **£10,959.53**, with a net balance of **£243.00** (£300 paid early for 2024 and £57 paid late for 2023). The starting position for the financial year (FY) is **£11,202.53** available to the band.

The band's total expenditure for FY 2024 was **£28,806.99**, compared to a total income of **£28,546.79**, giving a deficit of **£260.20** for the year.

The balance in the bank as of 31st December 2024 was **£11,517.33** with early monies taken for three engagements in 2025 (£575.00) making the final position for the year **£10,942.33** available to the band at the end of 2024.

The following is a high-level summary of the accounts together with an analysis against previous years.

Summary							
Calendar Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Variance 23/24
INCOME							
Subscriptions	£740.00	£2,335.23	£2,520.17	£2,460.00	£2,600.00	£0.00	£140.00
Engagements	£1,263.00	£4,000.00	£10,007.57	£13,235.86	£9,590.00	£575.00	−£3,645.86
Competition Prizes/ Income	£0.00	£0.00	£875.00	£2,157.50	£1,640.00	£0.00	−£517.50
Sponsorship/Donations/Gift Aid	£630.19	£976.06	£1,510.62	£1,519.53	£5,632.20	£0.00	£4,112.67
Other (Misc.)	£0.00	£143.92	£299.04	£347.00	£2,950.04	£0.00	£2,603.04
Tartan Ball	£0.00	£6,261.00	£5,052.55	£7,677.11	£6,134.55	£0.00	−£1,542.56
Total Income	£2,633.19	£13,716.21	£20,264.95	£27,397.00	£28,546.79	£575.00	£1,149.79
EXPENSES							
Expenses for Engagements	£284.62	£1,102.74	£4,068.28	£2,395.51	£2,916.32	£0.00	£520.81
Instruments and Maintenance	£0.00	£1,078.65	£1,400.00	£5,239.85	£2,542.29	£0.00	−£2,697.56
Uniforms and Maintenance - QM	£0.00	£332.17	£1,397.31	£1,055.11	£3,484.56	£0.00	£2,429.45
Competition Expenses	£0.00	£136.00	£881.20	£9,615.91	£4,810.85	£0.00	−£4,805.06
Hall Fees	£2,256.00	£1,487.00	£5,165.00	£5,460.40	£5,315.45	£0.00	−£144.95
Other Expenses	£303.56	£533.84	£430.42	£1,248.86	£3,869.60	£0.00	£2,620.74
Tartan Ball	£0.00	£4,567.71	£4,615.00	£6,964.17	£5,867.92	£0.00	−£1,096.25
EXPENSES - TOTAL	£2,844.18	£9,238.11	£17,957.21	£31,979.81	£28,806.99	£0.00	−£3,172.82
Surplus Income/Expense	−£210.99	£4,478.10	£2,307.74	−£4,582.81	−£260.20	£575.00	
Closing FY Balance	£8,999.50	£13,477.60	£15,785.34	£11,202.53	£10,942.33	£11,517.33	
Year Early	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	−£300.00	£575.00	£0.00	
Year Late	£3.57	−£975.94	−£2,889.24	−£57.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Balance at Bank Account	£8,995.93	£14,453.54	£18,674.58	£10,959.53	£11,517.33		

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Calendar Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Opening Balance Bank 1st Jan	£11,428.57	£8,995.93	£14,453.54	£18,674.58	£10,959.53	
Bank Reconcile						
Calendar Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Late Transactions						
- Cleared Last Year Income	£1,630.57	£288.19	£538.91	£1,062.00	£0.00	£0.00
- Cleared Last Year Expenditure	£3,848.65	£284.62	£1,514.85	£3,951.24	£57.00	£0.00
This Year Transactions						
- Cleared This Year Income	£2,345.00	£13,177.30	£19,202.95	£26,882.00	£26,871.94	£0.00
- Cleared This Year Expenditure	£2,559.56	£7,723.26	£14,005.97	£31,407.81	£26,832.14	£0.00
Next Year Transactions						
- Cleared Next Year Income	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£200.00	£575.00	£0.00
- Cleared Next Year Expenditure	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00	£0.00	£0.00
Closing Balance at Bank Account	£8,995.93	£14,453.54	£18,674.58	£10,959.53	£11,517.33	£10,942.33
<i>CheckSum</i>					0	
Uncleared						
- Last Year Income	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
- Last Year Expenditure	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
- This Year Income	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
- This Year Expenditure	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
- Next Year Income	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
- Next Year Expenditure	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	£8,995.93	£14,453.54	£18,674.58	£10,959.53	£11,517.33	
Current Year Provisions						
- Income					£0.00	
- Expenditure					£0.00	
Possible Balance at Bank Account	£8,995.93	£14,453.54	£18,674.58	£10,959.53	£11,517.33	
<i>CheckSum</i>					0	
Bank Start/ End Position	£8,995.93	£5,457.61	£4,221.04	-£7,715.05	£557.80	£0.00

2. NOTES ON INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Key points to note are as follows:

Subscriptions

All members of the band paid their member subscriptions in 2024 and a total of **£2,600.00** was collected; this is comparable to last year's subscription income (£2,460).

Mem Type	Members
Assoc	6
Full	60
Guest	3
Honorary	2
Junior	7
Grand Total	78

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Engagements

The public engagements contracted by the band continue to be the main source of ongoing income for the band. It is vital that the band members support engagements so we can meet our contractual obligations, receive income, and secure repeat bookings for the following year.

In 2024 the income received from engagements was **£9,590.00** from eighteen booked engagements. Unfortunately, the organisers cancelled one of those engagements due to the forecast storm, which could have seen the income rise by a further £500.

Expenses for engagements were **£2,916.32** against 2023 (£2,395.51) Many thanks to members for submitting their completed claims promptly during the year and completing them before the end of the financial year.

Pipe Major Expenses (Instruments and Maintenance)

For the year, the total expenditure by the Pipe Major was **£2,542.29** against 2023 (£5,239.85) which has been spent as follows: -

- New Competition Chanters (Broadley)	£1,425.00
- Sale Old Chanters (G1 Reeds)	-£965.00
- Drumsticks/ carriers	£723.49
- Chanter Reeds/ Tuners	£1,122.52
- Miscellaneous	£236.28

Hall Hire

Hall Hire for the band was **£5,315.45** has been spent as follows: -

- Monday nights, St Andrews	£3,596.25
- Thursday nights St Johns	£1,573.20
- Wednesday nights, Hawkedon	£116.00
- ad hoc practices in other halls	£30.00

This is slightly less than last year (£5,460.40); however, St Andrew's raised the hall cost from Sept 24 from £70.00 to £78.75 per evening which will increase the 2025 costs.

Competitions

The band competed in two indoor competitions at Luton and outdoor competitions this year, including the Colchester, Corby, Worlds, and Chatsworth, and won four trophies and **£1,640.00** in prize money, which is more than last year. RATAE pipe band scooped most of the prize money in our Grade 4B.

The allocated expenses for attending the World Championships in Glasgow was **£2,240.00**, this was significantly less than last year (£3,019.47). The hotel that we stayed at, which was slightly out of town and on a direct bus route, has been rebooked for 2025.

The total net expenditure on Competitions was **£3,170.85**, down from 2023 (£7,458.41).

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Prize				-£490.00	-£400.00	-£750.00		-£1,640.00
RSPBA Fees	£264.00							£264.00
Grand Total	£365.00	£525.90	£335.00	-£187.70	-£71.75	-£75.60	£2,280.00	£3,170.85

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Roll a Pound	£105.00	£0.00
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Gratuity (Cash)	£0.00	£200.00
Other Expenses	£0.00	£286.92
	£6,134.55	£5,867.92
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Other Income **£2,950.04** and Expenditure **£3,869.60**

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The QM was allocated a budget of £4,800.00 for the year, however only spent **£3,484.56**.

The major expenditure for the year was the white-to-blue sock swap at £2,297.49.

	Budget	£4,800.00
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	Spent	£3,484.56
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Mark Haynes

Treasurer Reading Scottish Pipe Band

1st Jan 2025

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Period 1st Jan 2024 through 31st December 2024

1. 2024 SUMMARY

The bank's balance as of 31 December 2023 was **£10,959.53**, with a net balance of **£243.00** (£300 paid early for 2024 and £57 paid late for 2023). The starting position for the financial year (FY) is **£11,202.53** available to the band.

The band's total expenditure for FY 2024 was **£28,806.99**, compared to a total income of **£28,546.79**, giving a deficit of **£260.20** for the year.

The balance in the bank as of 31st December 2024 was **£11,517.33** with early monies taken for three engagements in 2025 (£575.00) making the final position for the year **£10,942.33** available to the band at the end of 2024.

The following is a high-level summary of the accounts together with an analysis against previous years.

Summary							
Calendar Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Variance 23/24
INCOME							
Subscriptions	£740.00	£2,335.23	£2,520.17	£2,460.00	£2,600.00	£0.00	£140.00
Engagements	£1,263.00	£4,000.00	£10,007.57	£13,235.86	£9,590.00	£575.00	−£3,645.86
Competition Prizes/ Income	£0.00	£0.00	£875.00	£2,157.50	£1,640.00	£0.00	−£517.50
Sponsorship/Donations/Gift Aid	£630.19	£976.06	£1,510.62	£1,519.53	£5,632.20	£0.00	£4,112.67
Other (Misc.)	£0.00	£143.92	£299.04	£347.00	£2,950.04	£0.00	£2,603.04
Tartan Ball	£0.00	£6,261.00	£5,052.55	£7,677.11	£6,134.55	£0.00	−£1,542.56
Total Income	£2,633.19	£13,716.21	£20,264.95	£27,397.00	£28,546.79	£575.00	£1,149.79
EXPENSES							
Expenses for Engagements	£284.62	£1,102.74	£4,068.28	£2,395.51	£2,916.32	£0.00	£520.81
Instruments and Maintenance	£0.00	£1,078.65	£1,400.00	£5,239.85	£2,542.29	£0.00	−£2,697.56
Uniforms and Maintenance - QM	£0.00	£332.17	£1,397.31	£1,055.11	£3,484.56	£0.00	£2,429.45
Competition Expenses	£0.00	£136.00	£881.20	£9,615.91	£4,810.85	£0.00	−£4,805.06
Hall Fees	£2,256.00	£1,487.00	£5,165.00	£5,460.40	£5,315.45	£0.00	−£144.95
Other Expenses	£303.56	£533.84	£430.42	£1,248.86	£3,869.60	£0.00	£2,620.74
Tartan Ball	£0.00	£4,567.71	£4,615.00	£6,964.17	£5,867.92	£0.00	−£1,096.25
EXPENSES - TOTAL	£2,844.18	£9,238.11	£17,957.21	£31,979.81	£28,806.99	£0.00	−£3,172.82
Surplus Income/Expense	−£210.99	£4,478.10	£2,307.74	−£4,582.81	−£260.20	£575.00	
Closing FY Balance	£8,999.50	£13,477.60	£15,785.34	£11,202.53	£10,942.33	£11,517.33	
Year Early	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	−£300.00	£575.00	£0.00	
Year Late	£3.57	−£975.94	−£2,889.24	−£57.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Balance at Bank Account	£8,995.93	£14,453.54	£18,674.58	£10,959.53	£11,517.33		

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Calendar Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Opening Balance Bank 1st Jan	£11,428.57	£8,995.93	£14,453.54	£18,674.58	£10,959.53	
Bank Reconcile						
Calendar Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Late Transactions						
- Cleared Last Year Income	£1,630.57	£288.19	£538.91	£1,062.00	£0.00	£0.00
- Cleared Last Year Expenditure	£3,848.65	£284.62	£1,514.85	£3,951.24	£57.00	£0.00
This Year Transactions						
- Cleared This Year Income	£2,345.00	£13,177.30	£19,202.95	£26,882.00	£26,871.94	£0.00
- Cleared This Year Expenditure	£2,559.56	£7,723.26	£14,005.97	£31,407.81	£26,832.14	£0.00
Next Year Transactions						
- Cleared Next Year Income	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£200.00	£575.00	£0.00
- Cleared Next Year Expenditure	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00	£0.00	£0.00
Closing Balance at Bank Account	£8,995.93	£14,453.54	£18,674.58	£10,959.53	£11,517.33	£10,942.33
<i>Checksum</i>					0	
Uncleared						
- Last Year Income	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
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Current Year Provisions						
- Income					£0.00	
- Expenditure					£0.00	
Possible Balance at Bank Account	£8,995.93	£14,453.54	£18,674.58	£10,959.53	£11,517.33	
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Bank Start/ End Position	£8,995.93	£5,457.61	£4,221.04	-£7,715.05	£557.80	£0.00

2. NOTES ON INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

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All members of the band paid their member subscriptions in 2024 and a total of **£2,600.00** was collected; this is comparable to last year's subscription income (£2,460).

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Pipe Major Expenses (Instruments and Maintenance)

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- Sale Old Chanters (G1 Reeds)	-£965.00
- Drumsticks/ carriers	£723.49
- Chanter Reeds/ Tuners	£1,122.52
- Miscellaneous	£236.28

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Hall Hire for the band was **£5,315.45** has been spent as follows: -

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Treasurer Reading Scottish Pipe Band

1st Jan 2025

**Report to the trustees of The Reading Scottish Pipe Band (“the charity”)
on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024**

We report to the trustees on our examination of the charity’s accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024.

As the charity’s trustees, you are responsible for the presentation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (“the Act”).

We report in respect of our examination of the charity’s accounts carried out under s.145 of the Act and in carrying out our examination we have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under s145(5)(b) of the Act.

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination which give us cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

We have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Andrew McKenzie, joint examiner

William Smith, joint examiner

13 March 2025

READING SCOTTISH PIPE BAND

England & Wales - Charity number 1134221

Accounts

Treasurer's Report 2023

Period 1st Jan 2023 through 31st December 2023

1. 2023 SUMMARY

The balance at the bank as of 31st December 2022 was **£18,674.58** a net balance of £2,889.24 was overdue for payment from the band accounts for 2022 given the starting position for the year **£15,785.34** available to the band.

The band's total expenditure for 2023 was £31,979.81 from a total income of £27,397.00, giving a deficit of **£4,582.81** for the year.

The balance in the bank as of 31st December 2023 was **£10,959.53** with £57 overdue for payment, and early monies taken for Prior Court (£200) and the deposit for the 2024 Tartan Ball (£500) paid, making the final position for the year **£11,202.53** available to the band for 2024.

The following is a high-level summary of the accounts together with some analysis against previous years.

Calendar Year	2021	2022	2023	Variance 22 v 23
INCOME				
Subscriptions	£2,335.23	£2,520.17	£2,460.00	-£60.17
Engagements	£4,000.00	£10,007.57	£13,235.86	£3,228.29
Competition Prizes/ Income	£0.00	£875.00	£2,157.50	£1,282.50
Sponsorship/Donations/Gift Aid	£976.06	£1,510.62	£1,519.53	£8.91
Other (Misc.)	£143.92	£299.04	£347.00	£47.96
Tartan Ball	£6,261.00	£5,052.55	£7,677.11	£2,624.56
Total Income	£13,716.21	£20,264.95	£27,397.00	£7,132.05
EXPENSES				
Expenses for Engagements	£1,102.74	£4,068.28	£2,395.51	-£1,672.77
Instruments and Maintenance	£1,078.65	£1,400.00	£5,239.85	£3,839.85
Uniforms and Maintenance - QM	£332.17	£1,397.31	£1,055.11	-£342.20
Competition Expenses	£136.00	£881.20	£9,615.91	£8,734.71
Hall Fees	£1,487.00	£5,165.00	£5,460.40	£295.40
Other Expenses	£533.84	£430.42	£1,248.86	£818.44
Tartan Ball	£4,567.71	£4,615.00	£6,964.17	£2,349.17
EXPENSES - TOTAL	£9,238.11	£17,957.21	£31,979.81	£14,022.60
Surplus Income/ Expense	£4,478.10	£2,307.74	-£4,582.81	

2. NOTES ON INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Key points to note are as follows:

Subscriptions

All but two members of the band paid their member's subscription in 2023 and a total of **£2,460.00** was collected, this is comparable to last year's subscription income.

Mem Type	Count of #
Assoc	4
Guest	6
Honorary	1
Full	55
Junior	11
Student	3
Grand Total	80

Engagements

The public engagements contracted by the band continue to be the main source of ongoing income for the band. It is vital that the members of the band support engagements so we can meet our contractual obligations, receive income, and secure repeat bookings for the following year.

In 2023 the income received from engagements was **£11,993.00** from 15 booked engagements. Unfortunately, two of those engagements were cancelled by the organisers at the last moment due to the now unpredictable weather, which could have seen the income rise by a further £900. The Andre Rieu concert was the highlight of the calendar, raising £4,993.00 for the band.

Fundraising at Windsor and Reading increased the income to the band by a further **£1,242.86**.

The Total Funds raised by the band was **£13,235.86**

Expenses for engagements were **£2,395.91** for the same period. Many thanks to members for submitting their completed claims promptly during the year and completing them before the end of the financial year.

Pipe Major Expenses

For the year, the total expenditure by the Pipe Major was **£5,239.95** which is broken down as follows: -

- Piping Expenses £445.00
- New Competition Drums/ Carriers £4,839.85

A generous donation of £1,085.00 was given to the band for drum accessories.

Hall Hire

Hall Hire for the band was **£5,460.00** which is broken down as follows: -

- Monday nights, St Andrews £3,610.00
- Thursday nights St Johns £1,697.00
- ad hoc practices in other halls £153.00

As expected, this is more than last year due to hourly fees rising in line with inflation, particularly heating costs.

Competitions

The band competed in 2 indoor competitions at Luton and outdoor competitions this year including the Colchester, Worlds, Aberdeen and Chatsworth, and won 3 trophies and **£1,405.00** in prize money.

The net cost of attending the **World** Championships in Glasgow was £3,101.47 (Budget £3,150.00); Expenditure was £3,659.47 for rooms; Income from Guest rooms was £558.00.

The net cost of attending the European Championships in **Aberdeen** was £3,197.00. (Budget £3,200.00) for players. A coach was hired for £350.00 which was funded by the Windsor Fundraising.

The total income from Competitions including prize monies and guest accommodation/ gate monies collected was **£2,157.50**, whereas the total expenditure for Competitions was **£9,615.91**, giving a net expenditure being **£7,458.41**

	Fees	Luton Quartets	Luton J McGinn	Colchester	England Chatsworth	European Aberdeen	Worlds Glasgow	Total
Coach						£350.00		£350.00
Entry		£168.00	£57.00	£76.00	£217.50	£75.00	£30.00	£623.50
Expense		£103.48	£279.16	£500.10	£639.20	£3,197.00	£3,659.47	£8,378.41
Income					-£112.50		-£640.00	-£752.50
Prize				-£205.00	-£1,200.00			-£1,405.00
RSPBA Fees	£264.00							£264.00
Grand Total	£264.00	£271.48	£336.16	£371.10	-£455.80	£3,622.00	£3,049.47	£7,458.41

Tartan Ball

The Tartan Ball, which is always a highlight of the year, was well organised, enjoyed by 139 people and raised **£712.94** for the band.

Area	Income	Expenditure
139 Tickets	£5,977.00	
Ticket Refund	£43.00	£43.00
42 Taxi Booked	£340.00	
Taxi Price		£320.00
Band		£750.00
Raffle	£1,175.00	
Roll a Pound	£142.11	
Hall/ Meal		£5,347.40
Staff Gratuity		£200.00
General Expenses		£303.77
Total	£7,677.11	£6,964.17
Surplus over Expenditure	£712.94	

General Expenses, Donations and Other Income

Income from Donations was **£1,519.53**, which included a generous donation of £1085.00 from a member of the band toward Drum accessories and £150.00 from a small performance.

Other Income was **£347.00** which was wholly from the sale of tea on Monday nights during practice.

Other General Expenditure was **£1248.86** which included the following new website; safeguarding course; hall defibrillator; Ensemble online Software; and Insurance.

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Reading Scottish Pipe Band
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Treasurer's Report 2023

Period 1st Jan 2023 through 31st December 2023

1. 2023 SUMMARY

The balance at the bank as of 31st December 2022 was **£18,674.58** a net balance of £2,889.24 was overdue for payment from the band accounts for 2022 given the starting position for the year **£15,785.34** available to the band.

The band's total expenditure for 2023 was £31,979.81 from a total income of £27,397.00, giving a deficit of **£4,582.81** for the year.

The balance in the bank as of 31st December 2023 was **£10,959.53** with £57 overdue for payment, and early monies taken for Prior Court (£200) and the deposit for the 2024 Tartan Ball (£500) paid, making the final position for the year **£11,202.53** available to the band for 2024.

The following is a high-level summary of the accounts together with some analysis against previous years.

Calendar Year	2021	2022	2023	Variance 22 v 23
INCOME				
Subscriptions	£2,335.23	£2,520.17	£2,460.00	-£60.17
Engagements	£4,000.00	£10,007.57	£13,235.86	£3,228.29
Competition Prizes/ Income	£0.00	£875.00	£2,157.50	£1,282.50
Sponsorship/Donations/Gift Aid	£976.06	£1,510.62	£1,519.53	£8.91
Other (Misc.)	£143.92	£299.04	£347.00	£47.96
Tartan Ball	£6,261.00	£5,052.55	£7,677.11	£2,624.56
Total Income	£13,716.21	£20,264.95	£27,397.00	£7,132.05
EXPENSES				
Expenses for Engagements	£1,102.74	£4,068.28	£2,395.51	-£1,672.77
Instruments and Maintenance	£1,078.65	£1,400.00	£5,239.85	£3,839.85
Uniforms and Maintenance - QM	£332.17	£1,397.31	£1,055.11	-£342.20
Competition Expenses	£136.00	£881.20	£9,615.91	£8,734.71
Hall Fees	£1,487.00	£5,165.00	£5,460.40	£295.40
Other Expenses	£533.84	£430.42	£1,248.86	£818.44
Tartan Ball	£4,567.71	£4,615.00	£6,964.17	£2,349.17
EXPENSES - TOTAL	£9,238.11	£17,957.21	£31,979.81	£14,022.60
Surplus Income/ Expense	£4,478.10	£2,307.74	-£4,582.81	

2. NOTES ON INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Key points to note are as follows:

Subscriptions

All but two members of the band paid their member's subscription in 2023 and a total of **£2,460.00** was collected, this is comparable to last year's subscription income.

Mem Type	Count of #
Assoc	4
Guest	6
Honorary	1
Full	55
Junior	11
Student	3
Grand Total	80

Engagements

The public engagements contracted by the band continue to be the main source of ongoing income for the band. It is vital that the members of the band support engagements so we can meet our contractual obligations, receive income, and secure repeat bookings for the following year.

In 2023 the income received from engagements was **£11,993.00** from 15 booked engagements. Unfortunately, two of those engagements were cancelled by the organisers at the last moment due to the now unpredictable weather, which could have seen the income rise by a further £900. The Andre Rieu concert was the highlight of the calendar, raising £4,993.00 for the band.

Fundraising at Windsor and Reading increased the income to the band by a further **£1,242.86**.

The Total Funds raised by the band was **£13,235.86**

Expenses for engagements were **£2,395.91** for the same period. Many thanks to members for submitting their completed claims promptly during the year and completing them before the end of the financial year.

Pipe Major Expenses

For the year, the total expenditure by the Pipe Major was **£5,239.95** which is broken down as follows: -

- Piping Expenses £445.00
- New Competition Drums/ Carriers £4,839.85

A generous donation of £1,085.00 was given to the band for drum accessories.

Hall Hire

Hall Hire for the band was **£5,460.00** which is broken down as follows: -

- Monday nights, St Andrews £3,610.00
- Thursday nights St Johns £1,697.00
- ad hoc practices in other halls £153.00

As expected, this is more than last year due to hourly fees rising in line with inflation, particularly heating costs.

Competitions

The band competed in 2 indoor competitions at Luton and outdoor competitions this year including the Colchester, Worlds, Aberdeen and Chatsworth, and won 3 trophies and **£1,405.00** in prize money.

The net cost of attending the **World** Championships in Glasgow was £3,101.47 (Budget £3,150.00); Expenditure was £3,659.47 for rooms; Income from Guest rooms was £558.00.

The net cost of attending the European Championships in **Aberdeen** was £3,197.00. (Budget £3,200.00) for players. A coach was hired for £350.00 which was funded by the Windsor Fundraising.

The total income from Competitions including prize monies and guest accommodation/ gate monies collected was **£2,157.50**, whereas the total expenditure for Competitions was **£9,615.91**, giving a net expenditure being **£7,458.41**

	Fees	Luton Quartets	Luton J McGinn	Colchester	England Chatsworth	European Aberdeen	Worlds Glasgow	Total
Coach						£350.00		£350.00
Entry		£168.00	£57.00	£76.00	£217.50	£75.00	£30.00	£623.50
Expense		£103.48	£279.16	£500.10	£639.20	£3,197.00	£3,659.47	£8,378.41
Income					-£112.50		-£640.00	-£752.50
Prize				-£205.00	-£1,200.00			-£1,405.00
RSPBA Fees	£264.00							£264.00
Grand Total	£264.00	£271.48	£336.16	£371.10	-£455.80	£3,622.00	£3,049.47	£7,458.41

Tartan Ball

The Tartan Ball, which is always a highlight of the year, was well organised, enjoyed by 139 people and raised **£712.94** for the band.

Area	Income	Expenditure
139 Tickets	£5,977.00	
Ticket Refund	£43.00	£43.00
42 Taxi Booked	£340.00	
Taxi Price		£320.00
Band		£750.00
Raffle	£1,175.00	
Roll a Pound	£142.11	
Hall/ Meal		£5,347.40
Staff Gratuity		£200.00
General Expenses		£303.77
Total	£7,677.11	£6,964.17
Surplus over Expenditure	£712.94	

General Expenses, Donations and Other Income

Income from Donations was **£1,519.53**, which included a generous donation of £1085.00 from a member of the band toward Drum accessories and £150.00 from a small performance.

Other Income was **£347.00** which was wholly from the sale of tea on Monday nights during practice.

Other General Expenditure was **£1248.86** which included the following new website; safeguarding course; hall defibrillator; Ensemble online Software; and Insurance.

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Examiners’ Report, 2024

March 2024

Examiner’s report to the trustees of Reading Scottish Pipe Band

Examiner’s unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing accruals accounts

Our report to the charity trustees on our examination of the accounts of the Reading Scottish Pipe Band for the year 1st January to the 31st December 2023

Responsibilities and basis of report as the trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (‘the 2011 Act’).

You are satisfied that your charity is not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

We report in respect of our examination of the Trust’s accounts as carried out under section 44 (1) (c) of the 2011 Act. In carrying out our examination we have followed the requirements of the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act

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We ensured that the bank account balance was accurately recorded in the accounts at the start and the end of the accounting period, and a sample of transactions were reconciled between the bank statements and detailed transaction listing. We checked that transactions in 2024 relating to the 2023 accounting period were correctly recorded. A sample of large transactions were checked to supporting documentation. The Treasurer’s report and calculations were checked for accuracy, consistency and misstatements.

Observations

A number of minor comments/observations were noted during the review of the files, all of which have been rectified prior to final publication.

- Minor inconsistency where some items were labelled ‘Complete, awaiting payment’, yet the files indicated that no monies remained due.
- Minor inconsistency indicating that a trivial sum of member subs remain due, and yet none were due.
- Clarification sought on a private engagement where funds were received and disbursed via the Band’s bank account
- A typographical error in the Treasurer’s Report
- Expanded comment requested on the significant increase in competition expenses

The examiners felt that the accounts very easy to follow and well put together, with very thorough record keeping. Mark Haynes should be congratulated on doing such a thorough job.

Scott Morton

Karen Osman

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