

**Tyneside Battalion  
Boys' Brigade  
AGM Notes / Trustee Report**

**Minutes 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

Present: David Johnson (DJ) President. Paul Dixon (PD) Treasurer. Les Dodd (LD) 1<sup>st</sup> Ponteland. Scott Sutton (SD) John Morgan (JM) 18<sup>th</sup> Gateshead.

Trustees Present: David Johnson/ Paul Dixon / John Morgan

| Agenda Item | Key area                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Action |
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| 1           | <b>Welcome and Open</b><br>The President welcomed those present and opened the meeting in prayer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |        |
| 2           | <b>Apologies for absence</b><br>None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |        |
| 3           | <b>Declaration of any other business</b><br>(AB) asked if the battalion would cover the capitation costs of the companies. After discussion it was agreed that this could be reviewed at the next council meeting in 2025 – <b>agreed Companies to cover their own capitation fees</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |        |
| 4           | <b>Minutes of the AGM held on 7th November 2025</b><br>Having previously been circulated those present agreed them as a true and fair record of the meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |        |
| 5           | <b>Matters Arising – none</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |        |
| 6           | <b>Battalion review.</b><br>The companies represented gave an overview of their work in the previous session and some of their plans for 2025-2026.<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Gateshead – did not attend, <b>David to contact to see if still running</b><br><br>1 <sup>st</sup> Ponteland (LD)<br>We remain a small company. Although there are signs that we are attracting new members and leaders. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anchors 7 – 4 Boys &amp; 3 Girls</li> <li>• Juniors 5 – 4 Boys &amp; 1 Girl</li> <li>• Company Section 1 - Girl</li> <li>• Seniors 1 - Boy</li> <li>• Leaders 8</li> </ul> Two of our Anchors moved away over the summer break. But we have gained 3 new boys, who started in September (1 Anchor & 2 Juniors) The 3 of them are brothers!<br>We have recently had two parents join the leadership team. 1 Helper & 1 Residential Activity Helper.<br>Of our 8 leaders, 4 are Lieutenants, 3 Are Helpers and one is a Residential Activity Helper. Although one of the helpers is inactive, as they haven't been to any meeting nights.<br>We have a new Minister, and he is still to be listed as our Chaplain.<br>We have a Families & Youth Worker employed at Ponteland Methodist |        |

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|   | <p>Church and she is also going through the registration process.</p> <p>Our Senior boy is just starting his King's Badge. If he attains it, he will be 1<sup>st</sup> Ponteland's first Kingsman.</p> <p>We are joining the 18<sup>th</sup> Gateshead on their camp to the Scottish Borders over the weekend of 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October.</p> <p>8<sup>th</sup> Gateshead (PD) – Paul updated the meeting of the plan to close the company in 2026. There are now 14 lads remaining in the company and activities continue to take place. 6 lads completed their Silver D of E in the summer and the company has just had a weekend camp to Whittonstall. Tickets are booked for the Panto and Tyne Theatre and the Company is looking to revisit PGL ford castle next summer.</p> <p>18<sup>th</sup> Gateshead (JM/SS)</p> <p>Still going strong with over 50 lads across all sections. 18<sup>th</sup> have lads taking part in Presidents and Kings Badge awards and possibly KGV Heading to Newcastleton over the weekend of 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October for activity weekend with 1<sup>st</sup> Ponteland.</p> |  |
| 7 | <p><b>Financial report (PD)</b></p> <p>Paul explained that at the end of March 2025 the Battalion balance was £77012. In the last financial period the Battalion spend £3400 on activity grants, £385 on the BB Christmas decoration and £828 for the remainder of the cost due to Muckle for their work on out charity commission application.</p> <p>Since March 2025 the battalion has spent £3750 on activity grants and £339 on training grants. £1000 was received from WA Handley and the current balance sits at £73708.51</p> <p>Paul raised the issue of the Battalion Training Bursary which has a 3 tiered funding system (Battalion / District/National). Paul proposed that the 3 tiered system was scrapped and that 100% of training costs would be funded. In terms of travel Paul also proposed that for courses in excess of 100 miles travel the current 2<sup>nd</sup> class rail fare would remain and that a 25p per mile would be introduced. Travel under 100 miles would be funded by companies. – <b>agreed by meeting, Paul to update training bursary form.</b></p> <p><b>Financial report accepted by Trustees</b></p> |  |
| 8 | <p><b>Election of Office Bearers / Trustees</b></p> <p>Proposed by (LD) and seconded by ( JM) that the existing office holders be re-elected. – all agreed</p> <p>Trustees to remain the same and serve for another year</p> <p><b>David informed the meeting that this would be his last year and he was standing down at the next AGM</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |

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| <b>10</b> | <b>A.O.B.</b><br><b>Future of Battalion – agreed that 1<sup>st</sup> Ponteland and 18<sup>th</sup> Gateshead would investigate the possibility of merging with nearby Battalions.</b> |  |
| <b>11</b> | <b>Next meeting      February 12<sup>th</sup> 2026 - Dunston Unity Church</b>                                                                                                         |  |



**Tyneside**  
**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
**FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's  
report on the accounts**

**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name

Tyneside Battalion The Boys' Brigade

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1208779

**Set out on pages**

1 - 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/03/2025.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me 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

I 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.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**

**Date:**

5/12/25

**Name:**

Kelly Johnson

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

FCA - ICAEW

**Address:**

4 Enterprise Court, Crasland Park,  
Cramlington, NE23 1LZ

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

# TYNESIDE BATTALION

The Boys' Brigade

Income and Expenditure Account  
For the year Ended 31st March 2025

|                                                | 31st March 2025 | 31st March 2024 |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Income                                         |                 |                 |
| Donations - The W A Handley Charity Trust      | 1000.00         | 1000.00         |
| Interest Receivable - Deposit Account Lloyds   |                 |                 |
| - Deposit Account Affirmative Fund             | 3478.98         | 3543.38         |
|                                                | <u>4478.98</u>  | <u>4543.38</u>  |
| Total Income                                   | <u>4478.98</u>  | <u>4543.38</u>  |
| Expenditure                                    |                 |                 |
| Other Battalion Expenses                       |                 |                 |
| Postage                                        |                 |                 |
| Legal                                          | 828.00          | 3000.00         |
| Grants to Companies                            | 3758.00         | 1500.00         |
| Miscellaneous                                  |                 | 71.50           |
|                                                | <u>4586.00</u>  | <u>4571.50</u>  |
| Battalion Events                               |                 |                 |
| Training Grants                                | 9.00            | 689.50          |
| Total Expenditure                              | <u>4595.00</u>  | <u>5261.00</u>  |
| Excess of income over Expenditure for the year |                 |                 |
| Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year | <u>-116.02</u>  | <u>-717.62</u>  |

## TYNESIDE BATTALION

The Boys' Brigade

### Balance Sheet At 31 March 2025

Total  
31/03/2025

Total  
31/03/2024

#### CURRENT ASSETS

##### Debtors and Prepayments

|              |                             |                 |                 |
|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Bank Balance | Current Account             | 2272.91         | 5476.41         |
|              | 90 day Deposit              |                 |                 |
|              | Affirmative Deposit Account | 74739.17        | 71260.19        |
|              | Petty CASH                  |                 | 391.50          |
|              |                             | <u>77012.08</u> | <u>77128.10</u> |

#### CURRENT LIABILITIES

##### Creditors and Accruals

#### NETT CURRENT ASSETS

77128.10

#### CAPITAL ACCOUNT

|                               |          |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Balance as at 31st March 2023 | 77128.10 | 77845.72 |
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Excess of income over Expenditure for the year

Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year

-116.02  
77012.08

-717.62  
77128.10