



1st Lochwinnoch Boys' Brigade

Scottish Charity No SC000822

Annual Report & Financial Statements

Year Ended 31st August 2025

Trustees Annual Report

For the Year Ended 31st August 2025

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31st August 2025.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name 1st Lochwinnoch Boys' Brigade Company

Date Founded 24th April 1919

Charity No SC000822

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	Sandra Marsh	Leader in Charge of Anchor Section
	Aileen Craig	Lieutenant

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Structure, Governance & Management

Constitution

The charity is an unincorporated association. It is governed by its constitution which is shown on pages 13 & 14 of this report. The organisation has been a registered charity since 23rd February 1988.

1st Lochwinnoch is registered as a Company of The Boys' Brigade nationally (Charity No 305969) and contributes to, and is supported by, the work of the national organisation. The Boys' Brigade nationally is administered into Battalions and we are members of The Paisley & District Battalion (Charity No SC007361). We contribute to and are supported by the Battalion in addition to the national organisation.

The Company is an integral part of Calder United Free Church of Scotland (Charity No SC016177) who are jointly responsible for overseeing the operation of the Company and for the Christian education of its members.

Appointment of Trustees

The trustees are appointed by the Kirk Session of Calder United Free Church of Scotland.

Management

The registered officers of the Company form the management committee which meets on a regular basis throughout the year and is responsible for the strategic direction and governance of the organisation. Three trustees are appointed by the management committee, and they are responsible for the preparation of the Annual Accounts and act as signing officers for the Company.

The management committee agrees any new appointments to the leadership team, and they are then nominated by the Captain to the Kirk Session of Calder United Free Church of Scotland who approves their appointment.

All the leadership of the Company, irrespective of their positions, are volunteers.

Section Organisation

The 1st Lochwinnoch Boys' Brigade Company aims to meet on a weekly basis during the school term. We are grateful to Calder Church for the use of their premises at no charge and in addition to this we rent the Annexe building at the public park which is used for games and activities which are not suited to the space available at Calder Church.

There are 4 sections in operation.

Anchor Section for Boys in Primaries 1, 2 & 3.

Junior Section for Boys in Primaries 4, 5 & 6.

Company Section for Boys from Primary 7 to Secondary 3.

Senior Section for Boys and young men in Secondary 4, 5, and 6.

The Company & Senior Sections normally meet together and follow a range of joint and separate activities.

Object, Vision, Mission & Values

The object of the Boys' Brigade is:- The advancement of Christ's kingdom among Boys and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-respect and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness.

Our vision is that:- Children and young people experience "life to the full." (John 10:10). Our prayer and hope that children and young people experience life to the full through coming to know Jesus for themselves.

Our Mission is:- The Boys' Brigade has faith in young people and provides them with opportunities to learn, grow and discover in a safe, fun and caring environment which is rooted in the Christian faith.

Our values are Faith, Inspiring, Caring & Trusting.

Faith: - We are a Christian youth organisation, and our work is rooted in the Christian Faith. We have a hope in Christ as our anchor that sustains us throughout life (Hebrews 6:19).

Inspiring: - We seek to inspire children and young people, challenging them to live their lives in the fullest sense. We also believe in peoples' abilities to inspire and act as positive role models to others.

Caring: - The Boys' Brigade is a family. We believe in building loving, caring and inclusive relationships, as well as creating a safe and fun environment that is supportive and nurturing. We are responsive to the needs and aspirations of others regardless of ability, identity, or background.

Trusting: - We are honest and trustworthy. We seek to empower children and young people to participate and to lead, believing in their skills, abilities, and ideas.

Leadership

All leaders are volunteers, and we are grateful to the many hours that they devote to the week-to-week work of the organisation. Leaders are all PVG Registered and safeguarding trained. During this session, The Boys' Brigade nationally took over responsibility for undertaking PVG's for all leaders in Scotland. At the end of the session, we were mid-way through the process of transitioning from the old arrangement where Calder Church undertook the PVG checks, to the new system being operated by The Boys' Brigade. It is anticipated that by the early part of the next year, all leaders will be PVG registered through the new system.

The Boys' Brigade has continued to promote e-training, and all leaders have as a minimum undertaken the Managing Risk and Safeguarding training modules or refreshers if they had previously completed these modules. The following other training modules were completed:-

Greg Miller - Company Management Training
Gary Marsh & Ryan Brown – Holiday Leadership
Ben Irvine – Youth Leader Training

We were pleased that Ben Irvine moved from his Staff Sergeant role to Warrant Officer.

James Weir resigned his leadership position in the Company as his employment, following completion of his university studies, meant that he was no longer living locally. We are grateful to him for the time he devoted to his leadership role in the Company and for his fundraising initiative that was featured in last year's Annual Report.

The following people were involved in the leadership of the Company during the current session. They are shown in the section where they spend most of their time although numerous assist in other sections as required.

Company Captain Mark Brown (assists with all sections)

Anchor Section

Sandra Marsh	Leader in charge Anchor Section
Aileen Craig	Lieutenant
Eilidh McManus	Helper
Mairead Anderson	Young helper (from Girls' Brigade doing Voluntary Service for DofE award).

Junior Section

Gary Marsh	Leader in charge Junior Section
Ryan Brown	Warrant Officer
William Graham	Lieutenant
Angela Graham	Helper

Company & Senior Section

Greg Miller	Leader in charge Company & Senior Sections
Euan Weir	Warrant Officer
Ben Irvine	Warrant Officer

Weekend Camp Helpers

David Udris	Helper
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Chaplain

Rev Anthony Paton	Minister, Calder United Free Church of Scotland
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Boy Membership Statistics

Our Annual Statistical return is made to Boys' Brigade headquarters based on the membership on 15th October each year. Boy membership was 30, down from 36 in the previous year and was made up as shown in the table below. The low number of new members joining the Anchor Section continues to be a cause for concern and this along with the low intake during the Covid years is the reason for the reduction in numbers.

Section	Numbers This Year 2024/25	Numbers Last Year 2023/24	Numbers 2022/23
Anchors	8	5	9
Juniors	12	20	16
Company	7	7	10
Seniors	3	4	8
Total	30	36	43

Programme and Activities

Our programmes in the different sections follow the Boys' Brigade Award Structure which provides a wide range of activities, skills, interests, and events which allows us to hopefully provide enjoyable and varied opportunities for all Boys.



As noted above the Annexe sports hall at the park in the village was used by the Juniors, Company, and Senior Sections to allow games and physical activities to take place in addition to other activities in Calder Church. The Anchors continued to solely use the accommodation at Calder Church. This arrangement has worked relatively well although it does pose some logistical issues in moving boys to and from the two locations particularly when there is poor winter weather.

Last session we purchased branded jackets for the older boys, and we were able this year to add smaller sizes so that all members of the company can utilise them for events like Remembrance Sunday when we are on parade.

The Company & Seniors boys had an outing to the Glasgow Climbing Centre where they were given instruction and gained new skills as well as having an enjoyable evening.

The Juniors joined the Boys' Brigade Scotland Glasgow Science Centre sleepover event, although we don't think that there was much sleeping happening! There were numerous STEM activities organised by the Science Centre Team as well as a praise session organised by the BB staff.



Around Christmas time the Juniors also had a 10-pin bowling outing.

At the end of the Session the Anchors had a day trip to Largs and were blessed with beautiful weather. An enjoyable day was had by all and it, of course, included a trip to the ice cream shop. We were grateful to Largs United Free Church for the use of their accommodation.



The programmes offered across the different sections tries to provide progression and as much as possible the boys have input into what is done each week.



The Company owned a historic building (the BB Hut) which was in the grounds of the Parish Church. The building is no longer used and was in a dangerous condition. The old church buildings are in the process of being sold to the community by the Church of Scotland and they were wanting the BB Hut demolished prior to completion of the sale. The BB Hut contained asbestos and therefore required a specialist contractor to undertake the demolition. After much consultation and negotiation, The Church of Scotland agreed to meet the costs of the demolition and 50% of the costs of the disconnection of the Electricity supply. The Electricity disconnection was a significant one-off cost which is reflected in the higher expenditure this year. The project is now completed, and we are grateful to the following people for their assistance.

The Church of Scotland for financial and logistical support.
 Eric Beattie & Bill White from the group dealing with the community purchase
 Alter Landscapes for practical support in removing and storing BB Equipment



Our main fundraising event is a Coffee Morning which was held in October 24. It was well supported by boys, their families, church members and the wider community. A total of £450 was raised, the same amount as the previous year.

We learned about the ‘End Polio Now’ campaign that was under-way with the BB nationally and Rotary International. It costs £10 to vaccinate 150 children against Polio. The boys wanted to donate some of the proceeds from the Coffee Morning towards this campaign and they decided on an amount £150. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation are supporting this initiative by matching donations 2:1, so our donation of £150 became £450 The amount that we raised at the Coffee Morning. This will vaccinate 6,750 children.

The Juniors participated in the Boys’ Brigade International Games and achieved 4th place which was a great achievement.

1st	+	12th Bromley A	31st	+	135th Glasgow
2nd	+	11th Northampton B	32nd	+	17th Teesside A
3rd	+	4th Peterhead A	33rd	+	19th Hobart D
4th	+	1st Lochwinnoch		+	1st Bournemouth A
5th	+	1st Samut Sakhon H	35th	+	51st Birmingham A
6th	+	1st Peebles	36th	+	1st Newport Pagnell

We were again successful in getting a grant from the Celebrating Renfrewshire Fund. This year we included accommodation costs for the Annexe in our application, and we received a total of £2,000 which was a great boost to our income and reduces the need to spend time on fundraising initiatives. The scheme has changed the timing of their applications and towards the end of the year we received an additional grant of £2,500 which is to be expended next year. We are very grateful for the support from this fund which we have enjoyed for many years.

In May we held an end of session awards and prizegiving evening in Calder Church for all sections. It was good to be in the Church with parents, families, and friends able to join us to celebrate the achievements of the Boys. We were pleased that members of Ronnie Brown's family were able to be with us. They presented a new trophy – The Ronnie Brown Trophy for Best Drilled Boy – and Shirley Brown, Ronnie's wife, presented it to the first recipient, Ellis Irvine.

The other awards and prizes were presented by Alan Murray, Calder Church Session Clerk.

The second highest award, The President's Badge, was presented to Ben Craig and Sam Gordon.



The final event for the session was a weekend camp was held in June at Millport on the island of Cumbrae. We are grateful again to Cumbrae Parish Church for the use of their facilities. We had good weather and a great time was had by all.



Summary

We are grateful for the support of Calder Church, for the wider support from the community of Lochwinnoch and the support from parents/guardians of Boys in membership.

Many of the Boys in our Company come from families with little or no connection with the Church and this means that the work of the Boys' Brigade is a vital part of the mission work of Calder Church. The object of the BB starts with 'The advancement of Christ's kingdom amongst Boys' and ends with 'a true Christian Manliness'. Over the years many young men have attained true Christian manliness as a result of their years in the Boys' Brigade.

As always, we could do with more voluntary leaders to help in any of the sections, but despite this we continue to help Boys and young men in the village of Lochwinnoch to grow up to be valued members of the community in which they live and instil in them the values of the Boys' Brigade organisation.

We are always happy to get new boys into membership in all sections and to hear from anyone who has an interest in finding out more about assisting with the running of the 1st Lochwinnoch Boys' Brigade.

Financial Review

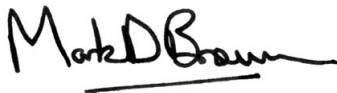
We generated receipts of £8,718.74 (Last Year £6,579.34) and incurred payments of £8,110.91 (Last Year £7,469.17) resulting in a surplus for the year of £607.83 (Last Year a deficit of £889.83).

Funds carried forward are £4,005.44 (Last Year £3,397.61)

We are grateful to Mrs Caroline Lowe for her independent examination of our accounts.

The notes to the accounts provide more information.

Approved by the trustees on 28th May 2026



Mark Brown
Captain

Appendix

Constitution

1. The Company shall be known as the 1st Lochwinnoch Company, The Boys' Brigade and shall be attached to Calder United Free Church of Scotland.
2. The Company shall be registered as a Company of The Boys' Brigade and shall contribute to the work of the Boys' Brigade nationally by paying the annual capitation fees and where appropriate local fees to the Battalion.
3. The Company shall be registered as a Charity with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).
4. The Company shall conduct its activities in accordance with this Constitution and the national Constitution and Rules of The Boys' Brigade.
5. The aims of the Company shall be:
 - to promote the Object of The Boys' Brigade.
 - to develop, through a series of suitable programmes of activities and instruction, the abilities of the Boys and Young People in a progressive manner appropriate to their age and capabilities.
 - to encourage leadership qualities.
6. The Company shall operate as many sections as possible – Anchors, Juniors, Company & Seniors, dependant on boy membership.
7. A Chaplain who will normally be the Minister of Calder United Free Church of Scotland will be appointed.
8. The Company shall be under the overall control of a Captain appointed by the Kirk Session of Calder United Free Church of Scotland.
9. Other Officers, Leaders & helpers will be nominated by the Captain and will be appointed by the Kirk Session of Calder United Free Church of Scotland. All leaders require to be registered with the Boys' Brigade National Organisation.
10. The appointment of all Officers, Leaders and helpers shall comply with the Child Protection Policy of the United Free Church.
11. Membership of the Company will be open to all Boys in Lochwinnoch and surrounding areas, subject to the age limits laid down by The Boys' Brigade.

12. A Management Committee consisting of the Registered Officers of The Company shall be responsible for the management and administration of the affairs of the Company.
13. The Management Committee will appoint 3 of its members to be Trustees. The Trustees will prepare the Annual Accounts and will act as the signing officers of The Company for bank or any other regulatory matters.
14. The Company's financial year shall be from the 1st September to the 31st August. The Trustees shall prepare annual financial accounts which will be independently examined before being approved by the Management Committee and subsequently submitted to OSCR.
15. The Management Committee will prepare an annual report each year which will be submitted to OSCR with the accounts and any other information required by the regulations of OSCR.
16. The Company shall keep its funds in a designated bank account or accounts.
17. Subscriptions shall be paid by boys in membership as agreed by the Management Committee.
18. This Constitution shall not be altered except by agreement of two-thirds of the Management Committee.

1st Lochwinnoch Boys' Brigade
Receipts & Payments Summary - Year to 31st August 2025

Receipts	Notes	This Year 2025	Last Year 2024
Fund Raising Income		£475.00	£450.00
Weekly Subscriptions Received	3	£1,955.00	£1,885.00
Misc Income	4	£0.00	£766.80
Donations Received	5	£442.96	£1,622.61
Grant Received	6	£5,419.79	£1,500.00
Camp Fees Received		£140.00	£210.00
Other Activities Fees Received		£100.00	£0.00
Sale of Uniforms Items		£35.00	£20.00
Easy Fundraising		£150.99	£124.93
Total Receipts		£8,718.74	£6,579.34
Payments			
Capitation Fees	7	£1,288.00	£1,186.50
BB Supplies - Uniforms & Admin	8	£938.52	£1,079.90
Prizes / Awards / Gifts		£442.79	£588.00
Electricity	4	£597.38	£683.65
Donations Paid Out		£150.00	£100.00
Weekend Camp Expenses		£519.93	£262.00
Misc Payments	6	£1,875.66	£902.33
Training Courses		£19.00	£4.00
Anchors Activities Expenses		£138.73	£0.00
Juniors Activities Expenses		£440.30	£31.90
Other Activities expenses		£400.60	£203.35
Equipment		£0.00	£1,527.54
Accommodation Costs		£1,300.00	£900.00
Tuck Shop Purchases		£0.00	£0.00
Total Payments		£8,110.91	£7,469.17
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		£607.83	(-£889.83)
Funds brought forward		£3,397.61	£4,287.44
Funds carried forward		£4,005.44	£3,397.61
Represented By:-			
Cash at Bank		£4,005.44	£3,397.61
Cash in Hand		£0.00	£0.00
		£4,005.44	£3,397.61

Prepared By Mark Brown
Date 17th May 2026

Verified By 
Date 28th May 2026

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2025

1 Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis in accordance with 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 organisation.

3 Subscriptions Received

Parents are asked to pay a joining fee of £25 (which broadly represents the amount that we are required to pay to the Boys' Brigade nationally - see note 7) and two further payments of £15 for the Sept to Christmas period and £20 for January to May.

4 Misc Income (in Receipts) and Electricity (In Payments)

Last year's income amount of £766.80 related to payment from the community garden for use of electricity which was supplied from the BB Hut. This arrangement came to an end towards the end of the financial year. We were awaiting a final invoice from the utility supplier which we didn't receive until after the year end. The corresponding payment for this year will therefore appear in next year's accounts and will offset the costs shown of £597.38 in the payments section.

5 Donations Received

Donations receipts have returned to a more normal level after the higher level last year as a result of a couple of non recurring initiatives.

6 Grant Received (In Receipts) and Misc Payments (In Payments)

We have been receiving a grant for numerous years from the Celebrating Renfrewshire Fund and have been successful again this year with a grant of £2,000 (Last year £1,500). The scheme have changed the timing of their applications and towards the end of the year we received an additional grant of £2,500 which is to be expended next year. In addition to this we incurred significant costs (£1,838.59 shown in Misc Payments) for the disconnection of the Electrical supply to the BB Hut which had to be demolished. We were successful in receiving a grant of £919.79 (50% of the above costs from The Church of Scotland which is shown in the Grants Received total.

7 Capitation Fees

Capitation fees are the annual fees paid to The Boys' Brigade national organisation £1,108.00 (Last Year £1,154.50) and to Paisley & District Battalion £180 (last year £32). Both fees are based on the numerical strength of the Company. The Paisley & District Battalion Fee last year was lower due external funding that the Battalion received.

8 BB Supplies - Uniform & Admin

We purchased branded jackets for all members utilising grant monies received and all the costs of £938.52 relate to this. We were able fulfil other uniform requirements this session from existing stocks.

Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 1st Lochwinnoch Boys' Brigade

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2025 which are set out on pages 15 and 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) 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 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the 2006 Accounts 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 Accounts 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 the course of 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 Accounts Regulations
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts 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.

Signature: 

Name: Caroline Lowe

Relevant Professional qualification/professional body: CIMA Qualified

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Date: 28th May 2026