



# TAY RINGING GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025

Location: Argaty Red Kite Centre, Doune

Date: Sunday 16th March 2025

Time: 14:00

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### I. INTRODUCTIONS

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- c. Treasurer's Report

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- b. Amendments to the Constitution – new membership category
- c. Setting of subscription amounts 2025-2026
- d. Nomination of Auditor
- e. Election of committee members

### IV. CONCLUSION

- a. Any other competent business

**TAY RINGING GROUP – BUIDHEANN EÒIN-FHÀINNEACHAIDH NA TATHA**  
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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### I. INTRODUCTIONS

#### Attendance

#### Apologies

#### Minutes from the 2023 AGM

Circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that there was a mistake in the minutes in that [REDACTED] was proposed as Secretary by [REDACTED], not as Chair. With this correction the minutes were proposed by Les Hatton and seconded by [REDACTED]. The minutes were accepted by a majority vote.

### II. REPORTS

#### Annual Totals

[REDACTED] presented the annual ringing totals for 2023 which were circulated prior to the meeting, accompanied by some slides. New species for the TRG list in 2023 were Ptarmigan and Blyth's Reed Warbler. The usual suspects were in the top ten species ringed, with

Bearded Tit numbers down from the last reporting period. [REDACTED] noted that Siskin numbers were at an all time low in 2023. [REDACTED] noted that Storm Petrels were absent from the species totals this year and that there was definitely a keenness among group members to go for this species, particularly at Fife Ness. Barred Warbler appears on the list as a single bird and a 10 year high, but [REDACTED] clarified that this is because only a single Barred Warbler has previously been ringed and over 10 years ago. [REDACTED] also clarified that that the bird listed as "hybrid" was in fact a Feral Pigeon, for which no code currently exists in DemOn; [REDACTED] has approached BTO to ask if this can be added. [REDACTED] thanked [REDACTED] for her work as Schedules Officer and for the presentation and preparation of the report.

### **Secretary's Report**

[REDACTED] presented the Secretary's Report as circulated prior to the meeting. Membership of the group has declined slightly from the last AGM, currently standing at 111. Two of the publications presented in the report were Short-eared Owl studies lead-authored by [REDACTED], who wished to pass on his thanks to the group for financial and fieldwork assistance for the project. [REDACTED] mentioned a conversation with [REDACTED] at BTO, who stated that TRG is currently the largest and longest established ringing group in the UK. There was some discussion about when exactly the group was formed, and whether that was before Lothian RG, with 1968 being the agreed year TRG was formed. [REDACTED] noted that Anthony had only been in the role of a year and thanked him for his efforts and for the report

### **Treasurer's Report**

[REDACTED] presented the Treasurer's Report as circulated prior to the meeting, with a correction that the dates the report covers are 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023. [REDACTED] thanks the previous Treasurer [REDACTED] for continued assistance and notes that [REDACTED] is still recognised as the Treasurer for the purposes of Gift Aid. Due to the late submission of the accounts last year, no investments can be made with the money previously held in the Shawbrooks savings account.

## **III. BUSINESS**

### **Approval of accounts**

The accounts have been approved by independent examiner [REDACTED]. One clarification to the Treasurer's Report was suggested by [REDACTED], to remove the subscripts that £10,000 is in a savings account, as it could be misinterpreted that there is still a savings account. With this amendment the accounts presented in the Treasurer's Report were proposed for acceptance by [REDACTED] and seconded by [REDACTED]. The accounts were approved by a majority vote.

### **Setting of subscription amounts 2024-2025**

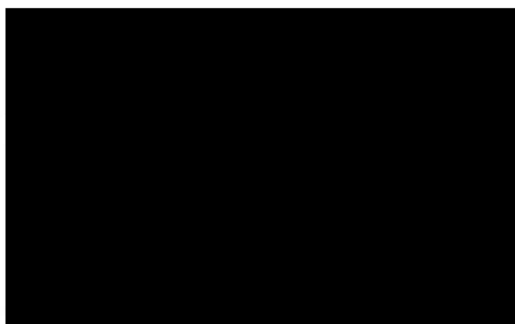
There will be no increase in subscription fee in the year 2024-2025, but there will be an increase in 2025-2026. [REDACTED] proposed that those present at the AGM give the Committee the authority to set the subscription fee rates for 2025-2026, and this was seconded by [REDACTED].

### **Nomination of Independent Examiner**

██████████ has served as our independent examiner for the last two years. ██████████ proposes that ██████████ continue to be the Independent Examiner, seconded by ██████████. This was approved by a majority vote.

### **Election of committee members**

The following members of the 2023-2024 committee all agreed to stand for re-election:



██████████ proposed that the above be put to a vote as a group. This passed by a majority vote and the above were duly elected.

## **IV. CONCLUSION**

### **Any other competent business**

██████████ noted that TRG will be hosting the annual Scottish Ringers Conference in 2024, and made a plea to members to donate prizes for the raffle.

██████████ will be stepping down from the role of Ring Administrator (though remaining on the committee as an elected member). The role of Ring Administrator will temporarily pass to ██████████ and ██████████ pending a decision by the Committee. ██████████ will alert members to this change in an email update.

██████████ made a point about the annual cost of rings and about members who are in arrears. ██████████ and ██████████ assured her that they are chasing membership payments and have made good progress so far, with only 5 full members yet to pay their 2023-2024 subscription.

██████████ asked about the possibility of the group investigating satellite tagging of Ring Ouzel, and the Committee agree to discuss this with ██████████ at a later date.

Derek Robertson proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee for organising the AGM.

**Meeting closed at 15:08**



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16th MARCH 2025, ARGATY RED KITE CENTRE, 14:00

## RINGING TOTALS REPORT

New birds ringed in the period 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

| Species                  | A/FG/J | Pullus | Total | High/10yr High | Species                 | A/FG/J       | Pullus      | Total          | High/10yr High |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|-------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| Mute Swan                | 2      | 0      | 2     |                | Sand Martin             | 416          | 0           | 416            |                |
| Mallard                  | 3      | 0      | 3     |                | Swallow                 | 206          | 79          | 285            |                |
| Ptarmigan                | 1      | 0      | 1     |                | House Martin            | 14           | 13          | 27             |                |
| Grey Partridge           | 18     | 0      | 18    |                | Long-tailed Tit         | 247          | 0           | 247            |                |
| Stock Dove               | 3      | 0      | 3     |                | Wood Warbler            | 5            | 0           | 5              |                |
| Woodpigeon               | 44     | 6      | 50    |                | Yellow-browed Warbler   | 11           | 0           | 11             | High           |
| Collared Dove            | 14     | 0      | 14    |                | Willow Warbler          | 282          | 5           | 287            |                |
| Moorhen                  | 12     | 0      | 12    | 10 yr          | Chiffchaff              | 404          | 0           | 404            |                |
| Coot                     | 1      | 0      | 1     | 10 yr          | Great Reed Warbler      | 1            | 0           | 1              | NEW            |
| Little Grebe             | 1      | 0      | 1     | High           | Sedge Warbler           | 514          | 0           | 514            |                |
| Oystercatcher            | 19     | 15     | 34    |                | Reed Warbler            | 209          | 0           | 209            |                |
| Ringed Plover            | 1      | 1      | 2     |                | Icterine Warbler        | 1            | 0           | 1              | High           |
| Little Ringed Plover     | 0      | 1      | 1     |                | Grasshopper Warbler     | 9            | 0           | 9              |                |
| Lapwing                  | 0      | 83     | 83    |                | Blackcap                | 166          | 7           | 173            |                |
| Curlew                   | 0      | 4      | 4     |                | Garden Warbler          | 20           | 0           | 20             |                |
| Jack Snipe               | 12     | 0      | 12    |                | Lesser Whitethroat      | 10           | 0           | 10             | High           |
| Woodcock                 | 72     | 1      | 73    |                | Whitethroat             | 59           | 1           | 60             |                |
| Snipe                    | 4      | 0      | 4     |                | Goldcrest               | 127          | 0           | 127            |                |
| Common Sandpiper         | 1      | 4      | 5     |                | Wren                    | 276          | 2           | 278            |                |
| Redshank                 | 0      | 1      | 1     |                | Nuthatch                | 19           | 9           | 28             |                |
| Dunlin                   | 1      | 0      | 1     |                | Treecreeper             | 41           | 0           | 41             |                |
| Arctic Tern              | 0      | 23     | 23    |                | Starling                | 1164         | 9           | 1173           |                |
| Common Tern              | 0      | 93     | 93    |                | Song Thrush             | 63           | 14          | 77             |                |
| Kittiwake                | 0      | 51     | 51    |                | Mistle Thrush           | 5            | 0           | 5              |                |
| Black-headed Gull        | 0      | 15     | 15    |                | Redwing                 | 93           | 0           | 93             |                |
| Common Gull              | 0      | 4      | 4     |                | Blackbird               | 404          | 57          | 461            |                |
| Herring Gull             | 51     | 43     | 94    | 10 yr          | Fieldfare               | 19           | 0           | 19             |                |
| Lesser Black-backed Gull | 3      | 106    | 109   | 10 yr          | Spotted Flycatcher      | 5            | 0           | 5              |                |
| Storm Petrel             | 6      | 0      | 6     |                | Robin                   | 507          | 14          | 521            |                |
| Golden Eagle             | 0      | 7      | 7     |                | Red-breasted Flycatcher | 1            | 0           | 1              | High           |
| Sparrowhawk              | 11     | 6      | 17    |                | Whinchat                | 1            | 0           | 1              |                |
| Marsh Harrier            | 0      | 8      | 8     |                | Stonechat               | 2            | 0           | 2              |                |
| Hen Harrier              | 0      | 4      | 4     |                | Dipper                  | 7            | 16          | 23             |                |
| Red Kite                 | 0      | 3      | 3     |                | Tree Sparrow            | 320          | 111         | 431            |                |
| White-tailed Eagle       | 0      | 1      | 1     |                | House Sparrow           | 391          | 0           | 391            |                |
| Buzzard                  | 2      | 0      | 2     |                | Dunnock                 | 317          | 12          | 329            |                |
| Barn Owl                 | 29     | 118    | 147   |                | Pied/White Wagtail      | 58           | 11          | 69             |                |
| Long-eared Owl           | 5      | 2      | 7     |                | Meadow Pipit            | 66           | 2           | 68             |                |
| Tawny Owl                | 2      | 3      | 5     |                | Tree Pipit              | 14           | 0           | 14             |                |
| Kingfisher               | 4      | 0      | 4     |                | Rock Pipit              | 24           | 0           | 24             |                |
| Great Spotted Woodpecker | 56     | 0      | 56    |                | Chaffinch               | 997          | 7           | 1004           |                |
| Kestrel                  | 0      | 43     | 43    |                | Brambling               | 10           | 0           | 10             |                |
| Merlin                   | 1      | 4      | 5     |                | Bullfinch               | 144          | 0           | 144            | High           |
| Peregrine                | 0      | 18     | 18    |                | Greenfinch              | 298          | 4           | 302            |                |
| Jay                      | 7      | 0      | 7     |                | Twite                   | 1            | 0           | 1              |                |
| Magpie                   | 28     | 0      | 28    | High           | Linnet                  | 9            | 8           | 17             |                |
| Jackdaw                  | 27     | 18     | 45    |                | Redpoll                 | 40           | 0           | 40             |                |
| Rook                     | 9      | 0      | 9     |                | Common Crossbill        | 1            | 0           | 1              |                |
| Carrion Crow             | 4      | 1      | 5     |                | Goldfinch               | 701          | 1           | 702            | 10 yr          |
| Raven                    | 0      | 7      | 7     | 10 yr          | Siskin                  | 1193         | 0           | 1193           | 10 yr          |
| Coal Tit                 | 488    | 17     | 505   |                | Yellowhammer            | 57           | 0           | 57             |                |
| Blue Tit                 | 1131   | 180    | 1311  |                | Reed Bunting            | 253          | 0           | 253            |                |
| Great Tit                | 696    | 220    | 916   |                | <b>Total</b>            | <b>13524</b> | <b>1493</b> | <b>15017</b>   |                |
| Bearded Tit              | 315    | 0      | 315   |                |                         |              |             |                |                |
| Skylark                  | 238    | 0      | 238   | High           | <b>Grand Total</b>      |              |             | <b>734,291</b> |                |



# TAY RINGING GROUP SECRETARY'S REPORT 2025

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

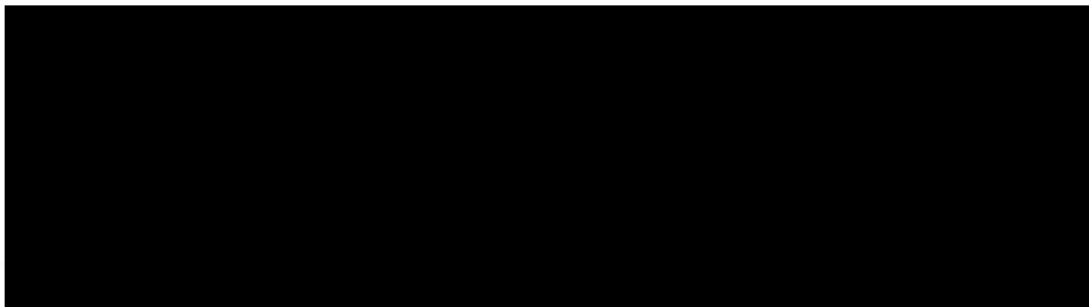
Covering the period 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024 to 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

### I. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

|                                 |                    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Charity name                    | TAY RINGING GROUP  |
| Other names charity is known by |                    |
| Registered charity number       | SC017091           |
| Charity's principal address     | 1 MELVILLE TERRACE |
|                                 | CRAIL ROAD         |
|                                 | ANSTRUTHER         |
|                                 | Postcode: KY10 3EW |

### II. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Committee members (Charity Trustees) appointed at the 2024 AGM and serving up to the date of this Report.



Ex-officio committee members 2024-2025:



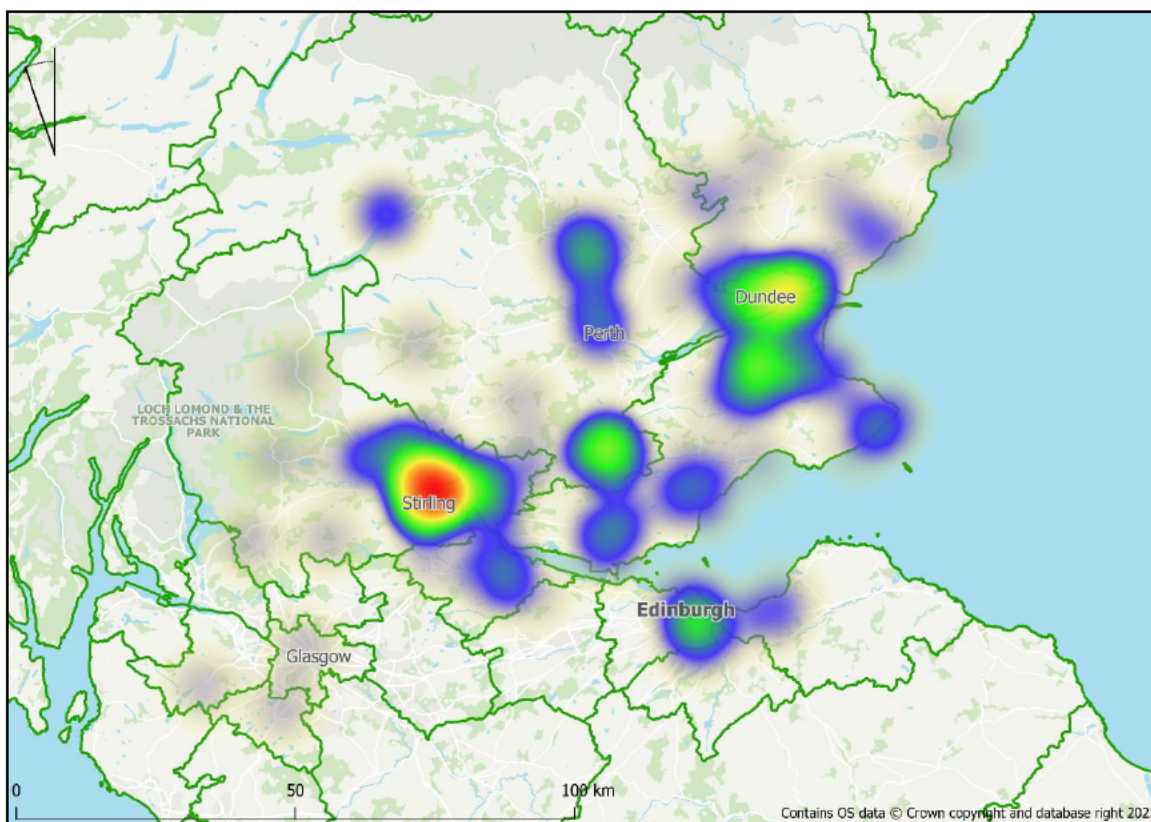


- In 2024 and 2025 the committee met five times, in March, June, September and October 2024, and January 2025. Once finalised and approved at the subsequent committee meeting, meeting minutes are available to all members to view [on the group website](#), or on request to the Secretary. Committee meetings are open for all members to participate in.
- All committee meetings in 2024-2025 took place online.
- The governing document of Tay Ringing Group is the [Constitution and Rules](#) as amended at the 2022 AGM.

**Table 1:** Breakdown of membership of Tay RG by membership grade and BTO ringing permit type

|              | Full      | Associate | Student  | Junior   | Honorary | <b>Total</b> |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|
| None         | 1         | 9         | 0        | 0        | 1        | <b>11</b>    |
| T            | 24        | 4         | 5        | 2        | 0        | <b>35</b>    |
| C            | 33        | 8         | 1        | 0        | 0        | <b>43</b>    |
| A            | 11        | 2         | 0        | 0        | 2        | <b>15</b>    |
| S            | 12        | 4         | 0        | 0        | 0        | <b>13</b>    |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>81</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>120</b>   |

- Table 1 shows the breakdown in membership by grade and permit type. It represents membership counts only, not payments received as part of subscriptions and therefore may differ from the Treasurer's Report. Differences in the figures produced here and in the accounts will be due to late or outstanding membership fee payments, or recently joined members.
- Overall membership has increased from that reported in the last Secretary's Report (2023-2024), from 111 members to 120 members as of the end of February 2024. This is due to a net increase in the number of new full and student members joining the group.
- The relative proportion of members holding each permit type has not changed substantially from last financial year, with the largest part of the group holding C permits (36%). There has been a slight increase in the number of T permit holders to 29%, and a decrease in the number of members holding no permit at all.



*Figure 1: Map of distribution of members of Tay RG in 2023-2024.*

- Figure 1 shows the distribution of ringers within the group in central Scotland, based on addresses provided at joining. It does not show the locations of ringing sites throughout the group's area of operations. Red indicates the highest concentration of members, whereas blue indicates low concentrations of members.

### III. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

#### Charitable purpose:

1. To carry out bird ringing and to stimulate an interest generally in bird ringing as a scientific tool for bird study;
2. Without prejudice to the fostering of ringing activities elsewhere, to co-ordinate ringing activity in Angus, Dundee, Fife, Perth and Kinross, Clackmannanshire, Stirling and Falkirk; and
3. To analyse and publish the results of ringing activities of Group members

#### Summary of main activities:

- Ringling Training Weekend** – Held on the 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> of July 2024 at various sites including the Tay Reedbeds and Dundee. Several members had permit upgrades as a result of

attendance and there were plenty of trainees present, including from other ringing groups in Scotland.

- **Scottish Ringers Conference** – Held on 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at the Carrbridge Hotel.
- **Group projects** – Examples of projects ongoing within the Group in 2024-2025 include: MOTUS Rock Pipit tracking; migrant passerine GLS tracking; Dipper ringing training; colour-ringing of various species; RAS and CES; seabird ringing at Inchcolm. For more information please see the Annual Totals Report.
- **Publications** – Papers authored by Tay RG members or published using Tay RG fieldwork or data in 2024-2025 that the Committee is aware of:
  - [REDACTED], 2024. [Use of dwarf-shrubland – grassland mosaics by a nomadic predatory bird, the Short-eared Owl \*Asio flammeus\*. \*Journal of Ornithology\* \*\*165\*\*, pp1039-1049.](#)
  - [REDACTED]. [Bespoke design of cage trap and patagial wing tag for the capture and study of Black Grouse \*Lyrurus tetrix\* at lek sites: assessment of effectiveness for future studies. \*Ringing & Migration\*, 1–14.](#)
- **Grant applications** – There were no requests for grants made to the committee in 2024-2025



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# TAY RINGING GROUP

## TREASURER'S REPORT 2025

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Covering the period 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024.

#### I. FINANCES 2023-2024 (ON A RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS BASIS)

| Bank of Scotland Current Account |  |    |           |  | £18,905.21 OB   |            |
|----------------------------------|--|----|-----------|--|-----------------|------------|
| Income                           |  |    |           |  |                 |            |
| Membership <sup>1</sup>          | Full membership payment £40  | 81 | £3,240.00 |  |                 |            |
|                                  | Associate membership payment £7.50   | 28 | £210.00   |  |                 |            |
|                                  | Student membership payment £20   | 6  | £120.00   |  |                 |            |
|                                  | Other membership payment   | 1  | £256.20   |  | £3,826.20       |            |
| Data usage                       | Includes RSPB payment for costs of reedbed rings (with exception of hirundine roost catches)   |    |           |  | £1062.47        |            |
| Ring rebate                      | CES and RAS rebate is no longer paid by BTO as a grant, but can be set against ring purchase. Sum of £329.55 has just (Feb 2025) been claimed for last year, so not showing here |    |           |  | £0.00           |            |
| Donations                        | Coral Shore; GAYE; [REDACTED]; TV Documentary  |    |           |  | £226.79         |            |
| Equipment, nets & rings          | Equipment: nets etc sold to members  |    |           |  | £104.58         |            |
| Calendar sales                   |  |    |           |  | £304.00         |            |
| Conference: Raffle               |  |    |           |  | £1,911.00       |            |
| Conference: Booking fees         |  |    |           |  | £20,225.70      |            |
|                                  |  |    |           |  | Total incoming: | £27,660.74 |
| Expenditure                      |  |    |           |  |                 |            |
| Ring stock purchase              | Rings purchased in the current year  |    |           |  | -£2,666.53.75   |            |
| Grants paid                      | No grants made in 2024   |    |           |  | -£0.00          |            |
| Fee to External Examiner         | External Examiner fee kindly declined  |    |           |  | £0.00           |            |

|                           |  |                         |                          |
|---------------------------|--|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Reinbursements            | ■■■■■ repaid membership fee, ■■■■■ for training day lunches, ■■■■■ for unused conference fee, ■■■■■ for conference materials | -£264.98                |                          |
| Admin/IT                  | No group website payment this year   | -£5.95                  |                          |
| Calendar printing         |  | -£426.24                |                          |
| Conference: Hotel payment |  | -£17,981.00             |                          |
| IT/Website                |  | -£33.06                 |                          |
|                           |  | <b>Total outgoing:</b>  | -£21,371.81              |
|                           |  |                         | <b>£25,194.14 CB</b>     |
|                           |  | <b>Total bank funds</b> | <b><u>£25,194.14</u></b> |

OB – Opening balance

CB – Closing balance

<sup>1</sup>Membership income increase from 2023 (£2,876.30) to 2024 (£3,811.80) results in large part from a drive to chase late payers, so that a number have paid twice in the last year.

## II. ANNUAL FINANCE COMPARISON

| <b>INCOME</b>                      | <b>2023</b>       | <b>2024</b>       |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| MEMBERSHIP                         | £2,876.30         | £3,826.20         |
| DONATIONS                          | £193.93           | £226.79           |
| RINGS - USE OF DATA                | £915.48           | £1,062.47         |
| RINGS - RAS REBATE                 | £230.79           | £0.00             |
| NET SALES                          | £591.91           | £20.00            |
| CALENDAR SALES                     | £0.00             | £304.00           |
| INTEREST                           | £13.62            | £0.00             |
| GRANTS                             | £100.00           | £0.00             |
| CONFERENCE FEES                    | £0.00             | £20,225.70        |
| CONFERENCE RAFFLE                  | £0.00             | £1,911.00         |
| TOTAL INCOME                       | £14,921.33        | £27,600.74        |
|                                    |                   |                   |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>                 |                   |                   |
| GRANTS                             | £234.80           | £0.00             |
| BTO RINGS                          | £8,526.76         | £2,666.53         |
| CALENDAR PRINTING                  | £0.00             | £426.24           |
| IT                                 | £0.00             | £33.06            |
| ADMIN                              | £51.21            | £0.00             |
| MISC                               | £0.00             | £264.98           |
| AUDIT                              | £0.00             | £0.00             |
| CONFERENCE HOTEL                   | £0.00             | £17,981.00        |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE                  | £8,812.77         | £21,371.81        |
|                                    |                   |                   |
| NET INCOME-EXPENDITURE             | £6,108.57         | £6,228.93         |
|                                    |                   |                   |
| OPENING BALANCE <sup>1</sup>       | £12,796.64        | £18,905.21        |
|                                    |                   |                   |
| <b>CLOSING BALANCE<sup>1</sup></b> | <b>£18,905.21</b> | <b>£25,194.98</b> |

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# Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Tay Ringing Group

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 3.

## Respective responsibilities of trustees 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 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) 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 9 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.

