



Motherwell Boys' Brigade Battalion

Annual Report and Statement of Accounts

2024/25

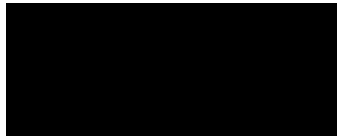
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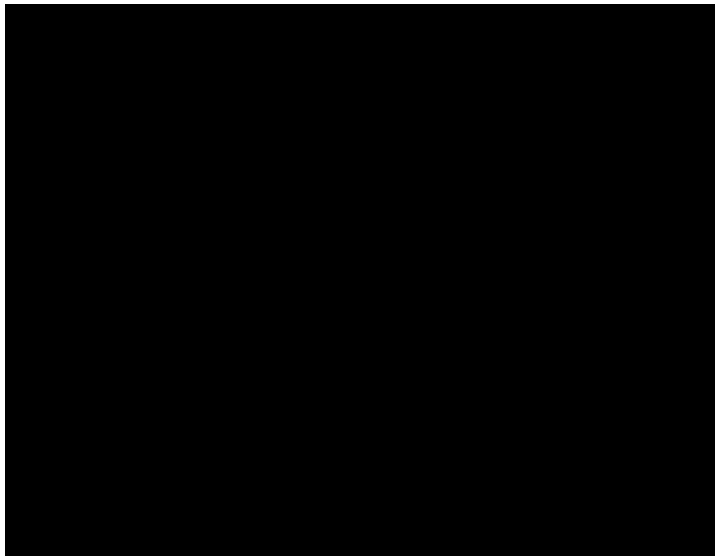
Charity Name: Motherwell Boys' Brigade Battalion

Charity Registration No: SC017370

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Trustees



Treasurer



Independent Examiner



Bankers

Bank of Scotland

Trustees' Annual Report

Year Ended 31 May 2025

The Battalion is administered in accordance with the Boys' Brigade Constitution/Regulations (28 to 43) December 2008 and during the year consisted of 8 companies from within Motherwell, Bellshill and District. The Battalion is part of the Scottish Region. In addition, the Battalion has local rules and regulations to administer its specific functions and these are determined by the Trustees from time to time.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The Trustees of the Battalion consist of representatives from the member companies, normally the Company Captain. In addition, at the AGM, the Trustees appoint a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer for the purposes of local administration who will also act as Trustees for the duration of their office.

Organisational Structure

The Battalion has no jurisdiction over its member companies. Its function is to co-ordinate and provide support as determined by the Constitution of The Boys' Brigade for its member companies and organise joint activities to enhance the objectives of The Boys' Brigade. This is achieved by regular Council meetings which take place between September and May with an Annual Review normally during the month of May.

The activities of the Battalion are split into three sections according to the age of the Boys involved; Company, Junior and Anchor. These sections cater for Boys from the ages of 5 through to 18. Each Section has a convener with the Battalion President being convener of the Company Section.

Objectives

The Object of the 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." The Motto of The Boys' Brigade is "Sure and Steadfast".

Our Mission Statement is to engage children and young people, support volunteer leaders and partner with church and communities. This will be achieved by:

- providing opportunities for children and young people to meet together in their communities and engage in a range of fun and developmental activities.
- empowering children and young people by involving them in decision making at all levels of the BB and giving responsibility appropriate to their age and aptitude.
- enabling children and young people to engage with the needs of others (especially other young people) locally, nationally and globally and encouraging them to participate in activities and projects in which they can make a difference.
- enabling volunteers to work across a variety of different roles within the Company, most directly supporting children and young people, with others working behind the scenes.
- providing our leaders with access to a range of training modules to equip them to work effectively with children and young people.
- establishing local support networks to provide opportunities for volunteers to meet together and share experience.

- using National and Regional Headquarters to provide advice and support to local groups as well as ensuring provision of safe and robust recruitment procedures and practical measures such as insurance, programmes, and resources.
- partnering with local churches to work with children and young people, sharing the gospel and encouraging the development of a personal Christian faith.
- providing Churches with a bridge into communities and families that they otherwise might find difficult to access.

Activities and Achievements

The Battalion organised a number of events and competitions throughout the 2024/25 session. The winners of these competitions were presented with the trophies and medals at our Annual Review which took place on Friday 9th May in St Mary's Church, Motherwell. The following were the winning companies:

Junior Section

- General Knowledge 13th Motherwell
- Safety 7/16th Motherwell and 13th Motherwell
- Bible Knowledge 2nd/4th Motherwell
- 5-a-side Football 7/16th Motherwell
- Gillespie Trophy 7/16th Motherwell
- Figure Marching 19th Motherwell
- Rose Bowl Champions 13th Motherwell

Company Section

- Quiz 13th Motherwell
- Swimming Gala 7/16th Motherwell
- Swimming Cup 19th Motherwell
- Junior Football 19th Motherwell
- Senior Football 13th Motherwell
- Athletics 7/16th Motherwell
- Cross Country 7/16th Motherwell
- Physical Challenge 2nd/4th Motherwell
- First Aid 19th Motherwell
- Restricted Drill 7/16th Motherwell
- Squad Drill 13th Motherwell
- Bible Knowledge 13th Motherwell
- Runners-up 7/16th Motherwell
- Flag Champions 13th Motherwell

Also presented at the Annual Review were the top awards that the Boys can achieve in The Boys' Brigade. 29 Boys received the President's Badge, 18 Boys received their King's Badge and 5 received the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

In 2024/25 we collaborated with Lanarkshire District Fellowship of The Boys' Brigade and participated in training for "Building your Skills" to enable Boys to obtain the President's Badge and

“Skills for King’s Badge” and “King’s Badge Completion Course” to enable Boys to obtain the King’s Badge.

Financial Review

In 2024/25 we realised a surplus of £7,715. This compares to a surplus of £10,558 in the previous year. The decrease in surplus is primarily due to payments for Supplies stock relating to the previous year being in the current year. Income from BB supplies sales is at a satisfactory level. Expenditure on operating our premises reduced mainly due to the savings made in the cost of energy and insurance.

Reserves Policy

The income to support the activities of the Battalion comes from the profit obtained from operating the BB Supplies Department which is staffed by volunteers and the rent received from the lease of part of our building. This is augmented as required by donations, fundraising and minor income from other miscellaneous events. We currently hold reserves which would exceed our anticipated annual level of expenditure and we review our financial policy on an annual basis.

Accounting Policies/Basis of Preparation

The charity has adopted the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued February 2005). Accordingly, the accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. They have also been prepared in accordance with the Charities and Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Funds

Funds are classified as follows:

Restricted Funds are funds subject to specific requirements as to their use which may be declared by the donor or with their authority or created through legal processes, but still within the wider objects of the charity.

Endowment Funds are funds which have been given on the condition that the original capital sum is not reduced, but the income is used for the purpose defined in accordance with the objects of the charity.

Unrestricted Funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity. If parts of the unrestricted funds are earmarked at the discretion of the Trustees for a particular Purpose, they are designated as a separate fund. This designation has an administrative purpose only and does not legally restrict the Trustees' discretion to apply the fund.

Incoming Resources

All donations and gifts are included within incoming resources under either unrestricted or restricted funds according to the terms under which the donation is made. Donations are brought into the accounts at their initial market value.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised when the payment is made.

Tangible Fixed Assets

All assets of the charity are the responsibility of Motherwell Boys' Brigade Battalion.

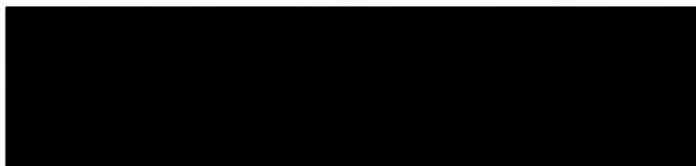
Taxation

Motherwell Boys' Brigade Battalion is recognised as a charity for the purposes of applicable taxation legislation and is, therefore, not subject to taxation on its charitable activities. The charity is not registered for VAT.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees of Motherwell Boys' Brigade Battalion must prepare financial statements which give sufficient detail to enable an appreciation of the transactions of the Battalion during the financial period. The Trustees of the Battalion are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which, on request, must reflect the financial position of the Battalion at that time. This must be done to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Battalion and must take reasonable steps for the prevention and/or detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf,



President - Motherwell Boys' Brigade Battalion

4th September 2025

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Report of the Independent Examiner

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The Charity Trustees consider that an independent examination is needed under section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

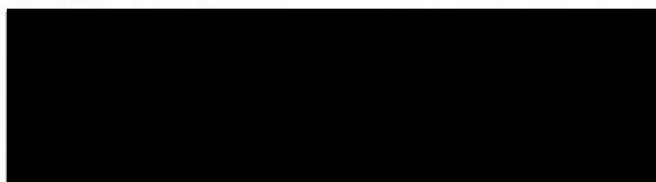
Basis of independent examiner's report

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 seeking 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 accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In the course of my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31st May 2025, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:
 - accounting records have not been kept in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the Charities and Trustee Investments (Scotland) Act 2005 and Regulation 4 of The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.
 - the accounts do not accord with those records.
 - the statement of accounts does not comply with any of the requirements of Regulation 9 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Independent Examiner

Date..... 6/1/26

Motherwell Boys' Brigade Battalion
Receipts and Payments Account
Year Ending 31 May 2025

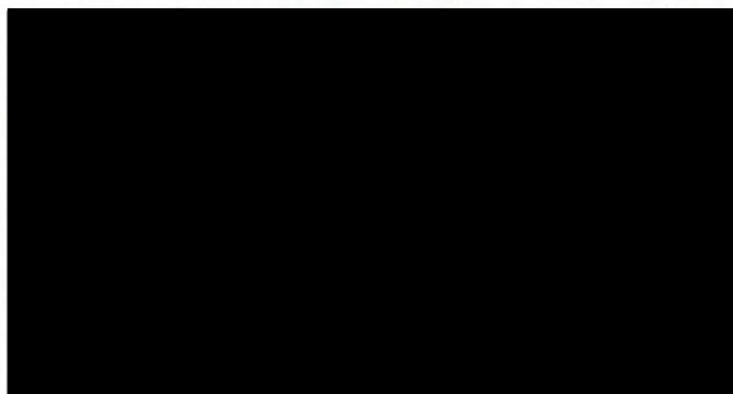
<u>Receipts</u>	Unrestricted/ Designated Funds	Total 2024/25	Total 2023/24
	£	£	£
Donations	-	-	-
Fundraising Events	-	-	-
Investment Income	1,034	1,034	314
Receipts from Activities	147	147	307
Rental of Premises	12,396	12,396	10,140
Grants	-	-	-
Receipts from Supplies	33,555	33,555	31,526
Total Receipts	47,132	47,132	42,287

<u>Payments</u>	Unrestricted/ Designated Funds	Total 2024/25	Total 2023/24
	£	£	£
Cost of Generating Funds	-	-	-
Payments for Supplies	34,095	34,095	24,600
Charitable Activities	5,322	5,322	7,129
Governance Costs	-	-	-
Total Payments	39,417	39,417	31,729
Excess of Receipts over Payments	7,715	7,715	10,558

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Receipts and Payments Account
At 31 May 2025

	Unrestricted / Designated Funds £	Total 2025 £	2024 £
<u>Bank and Cash Balances</u>			
<u>at 1 June 2024</u>			
Balances Brought Forward	60,499	60,499	49,941
Movement in Period:			
Excess of Receipts over Payments	7,715	7,715	10,558
	<u>68,214</u>	<u>68,214</u>	<u>60,499</u>
<u>Investments</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Assets</u>			
Value of stock in Supplies	18,290	18,290	16,754
<u>Liabilities</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total at 31 May 2025	<u>86,504</u>	<u>86,504</u>	<u>77,253</u>
Represented as:			
Bank of Scotland		27,120	
Virgin Money		40,801	
Cash		293	
Value of stock in Supplies		18,290	
		<u>86,504</u>	

The accounts were approved by the trustees on 4th September 2025



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Receipts and Payments Account

1 Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

There were no payments to any Trustees throughout the period other than the reimbursement of expenditure.

2 Movement in Funds

	At 1 June 2024 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 31 May 2025 £
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	60,499	47,132	39,417	-	68,214
Total Funds	60,499	47,132	39,417	-	68,214

3 Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Total £
Fixed Assets			
Battalion Headquarters	60,000	-	60,000
Investments	-	-	-
Current Assets	86,504	-	86,504
Current Liabilities	-	-	-
Net Assets at 31 May 2025	146,504	-	146,504