

# **The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Dumfries Branch**

**(RSCDS Dumfries Branch)**

**Scottish Charity SC023375**

## **Annual Report**

**Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026**

# Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026

## Reference and Administration Details

<b>Charity Name:</b>	The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Dumfries Branch	
<b>Scottish Charity No.:</b>	SC023375	
<b>Address:</b>	Ruthven, Waugh Road, Thornhill DG3 5PJ	
<b>Contact:</b>	The Treasurer	
<b>Current Trustees:</b>	Jayne Riddet	Chair, appointed May 2023
	Alan Goulding	Interim Treasurer, appointed May 2024
	Linda Shankland	Secretary, appointed May 2024

## 1. Structure, Governance and Management

### Constitution.

The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (hereafter RSCDS) Dumfries Branch (hereafter the Branch) is a charitable unincorporated association. Its purposes and administration arrangements are set out in its Constitution and Rules. The Branch has a management committee comprising three office bearers (the Trustees), being The Chair, Honorary Secretary, and Honorary Treasurer and six ordinary members, with powers to form sub-committees for specific tasks.

### Appointment of Trustees.

Three trustees are appointed at the AGM, normally held in May, for a period of three years, with the three Office Bearers being re-confirmed annually

## 2. Objectives and Purposes

### Charitable Purposes.

The Branch's purposes, as stated in the Constitution, are to advance the education of the public in Dumfries and the Neighbourhood in traditional Scottish Country Dancing, in particular by:

- Supporting and promoting the work of the RSCDS
- Preserving and furthering the practice of traditional Scottish country dances
- Providing or assisting in the provision of instruction in the dancing of Scottish country dances
- Promoting the enjoyment and appreciation of Scottish country dancing and its music by any suitable means
- Holding events which will attract and encourage the participation of adults, young people and children.



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## **3. Activities.**

### **1. Activities supporting and promoting the work of RSCDS.**

The Branch has 92 members. Some members have supported national and regional events organized by the RSCDS itself and other Branches specifically to improve their knowledge and skills of dancing and dances.

### **2. Preserving and furthering the practice of Scottish Country Dancing.**

The Branch held three major dances with traditional live music since. They both received good attendance from our members and visitors from further afield. This past year we continued to hold social dance evenings and encourage visitors as well as members to come and join us for an evening of easy dancing.

### **3. Courses/Classes.**

Classes are held twice weekly for adults. Both classes aim to encourage beginners to try out Scottish Country Dancing and hopefully to then become members. We also have a once monthly class for dancers wanting to learn more complex dances. At this time, we have no children's classes.

### **4. Achievements.**

Attendance at our classes and social dances has been consistent during the year, and we have attracted a few new members. We are again getting together a group of dancers to attend the White Rose Festival in Leeds in July 2026.

## **4. Financial Review.**

The Branch reserves stand at £6,183.87 with a deficit of £597.58 for the year.

### **Trustees Remuneration and Expenses.**

Mrs Jayne Riddet was paid for teaching a number of classes, which she donated to reserves for the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Mrs Linda Shankland was reimbursed for secretarial expenses.

These payments were authorised by the committee.

### **Future Plans.**

A number of our members will be attending the White Rose Festival at Leeds this July. Our Summer Dance (Guid Nychburris) will be held in June, and plans are in hand for the Christmas Dance in December 2026 and Spring Ball in March 2027.

2027 will be the branch's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we intend to hold a celebratory anniversary ball.

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The trustees declare that they have approved the above trustees' report.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Alan Goulding, Treasurer

A. Goulding

Mrs. Jayne Riddet, Chair

Jayne Riddet

Dated

14 April 2026