

Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Inverness & District Branch

Scotland · Charity number SC024660

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Unincorporated association
Part of	Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (SC016085)
Registered	1996-04-16
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	27 The Cairns Muir of Ord Ross-shire IV6 7AT
Website	www.invernessrscds.co.uk

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science'

What the charity does: As a Local Association of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, to advance the education & engagement of the public in the Inverness area & wider neighbourhood in traditional Scottish Country dancing, through classes, demonstrations and other activities.

Beneficiaries: 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: (a) To preserve and further the practice of traditional Scottish Country Dances and modern dances of merit in the traditional style. (b) To provide or assist in providing instruction in the dancing of Scottish Country Dances. (c) To promote the enjoyment and appreciation of Scottish Country Dancing and Music by any suitable means. (d) Generally to do such other things as are or may be considered by the Local Association to further the foregoing objects of the Society in the district or area to which it relates.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Highland
- **Geographical spread:** Wider, but within one local authority area

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-03-31	£8,313	£8,499	-	0
2025-03-31	£7,416	£8,136	-	0
2024-03-31	£7,430	£8,239	-	0
2023-03-31	£7,938	£8,654	-	0
2022-03-31	£3,123	£3,632	-	0
2021-03-31	£2,189	£1,812	-	0

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Accounts

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

Inverness & District Branch

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31 March 2026



The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society
Inverness & District Branch

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026

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Trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

Ann Copland
Derek Darnell
Lorna Ferguson
Isla Henderson
Susan MacKay

Marlene Munro
Jean Pettit
Alison Waite
Irene Whyte

Contact address

c/o Derek Darnell, 27 The Cairns, Muir of Ord, Ross-shire IV6 7AT

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The Branch's trustees are appointed or reappointed by the members at our annual general meeting (AGM), which is normally held in May each year.

Governing document

The Branch is a charitable unincorporated association and the purposes and administration arrangements are set out in our constitution.

Charitable purposes

Our purposes, as recorded in our constitution, are to advance the education of the public in traditional Scottish country dancing.

Activities and achievements

Our 2025/26 season started with a bang ... with a 2hr introductory dance session for a group of 20 teenage students and their teachers from the German School in Washington DC, who were visiting Scotland at the beginning of April and wanted to try their hand at some traditional Scottish dancing. They all joined in with great enthusiasm and thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience.

This preceded our normal series of Spring Classes which took place during April and May, at which we again welcomed several visiting dancers from Canada, USA and other parts of the UK.

Having suspended our Introductory/Beginners Class for 2024/25, we decided to offer a series of 'Taster Sessions' for potential new dancers ahead of our usual dancing term in September 2025. As well as being publicised on-line and through posters across the local area, the ScotMid supermarket chain promoted the sessions through mailings to its members and together these approaches proved very successful in drawing in interested folk from across the area, with several going on to join the RSCDS and continuing to attend classes and social dances throughout the rest of the year.

Our weekly Class for dancers of all abilities ran from late September until mid-December and from mid-January until the end of March, with good levels of attendance throughout. Numbers were down slightly at our Dance Rally in October, but all enjoyed a lively programme of dances to the music of Matthew MacLennan and his band. The afternoon

St. Andrews Tea Dance in November, with music of Susie Simpson, was well attended and much enjoyed by members and guests alike.

We convened our usual Day School and evening dance in February, with separate sessions for 'improvers' and more-experienced dancers led by William Williamson, the immediate past-Chairman of the RSCDS, and accompanied once again by local accordionist, Susie Simpson. It was a fun-filled day, much enjoyed by all those present, which concluded with a well-attended evening dance.

Our year was brought to a memorable close with our Rally at the end of March, when we were pleased to welcome over forty visiting members of RSCDS Ribble Valley who joined with our own members and local dancers for a varied and enjoyable programme of dancing to the music of Scott Band and his Scottish Dance Band. It was a real delight to witness over 100 dancers on the floor once again !

Trustees remuneration and expenses

The Trustees did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year.

Reserves

We are pleased to have gained six new Branch members this year, including two very keen Youth members, although four former Branch members decided not to renew their RSCDS membership. These changes brought our total membership at year end to 75, including six Life members.

It is pleasing to report a significant increase in income from Branch Subscriptions, Class Fees and fund-raising activities. There has been a modest reduction in some operating costs, but other expenditure including Hall Hire and related costs has increased.

There has also been a notable reduction in some income streams, such as interest on fixed-term deposit accounts and third-party donations.

While we continue to operate at a deficit, it is pleasing to report that the level of such deficit this year is significantly lower than in recent years; the overall result being that the Branch finished its financial year with a deficit of £185.60, a reduction from over £720 in 2024/25. As a result of this closing deficit, the unrestricted funds held by the Branch are reduced to £11,866.45 at year end.

The Branch is fortunate to have this healthy (but reducing) level of reserves, which helps us to minimise increases in charges to our members and guests, and we continue to invest a major part of these reserves to achieve a reasonable income from interest each year. However widespread energy and fuel price increases are affecting the amounts we need to pay for the hire of halls and visiting musicians.

The Trustees propose a small increase to weekly Class Fees to offset these pressures, but no change to Admission Charges at fund-raising events at the present time. A small increase to RSCDS annual subscription rates was agreed at the Society's AGM in November 2025 and will take effect from July 2026.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees



Isla Henderson

Chair

11th May 2026

**THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY
Inverness & District Branch**

**Receipts and Payments Account
for the year ended 31 March 2026**

	2025/26		2024/25	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>				
Branch subscriptions		398		325
RSCDS subs collected/remitted		1,761		1,721
Class fees		3,369		2,900
Donations		310		480
Receipts from fundraising activities		1,978		1,167
Bank/Building Society interest		278		473
Other income		220		350
Total Receipts		8,313		7,416
<u>Payments</u>				
<i><u>Payments relating directly to charitable activities</u></i>				
Costs of classes, hire of halls, refreshments etc	1,810		1,714	
Teachers & musicians	2,105		1,933	
Music, CD's, etc	35		-	
RSCDS subs paid	1,761		1,721	
		5,711		5,367
<i><u>Expenses for fundraising activities</u></i>				
Halls, bands & catering		2,074		1,913
<i><u>Governance & Other costs</u></i>				
Independent examination	-		16	
Postage, stationery & photocopying	55		100	
Meeting expenses & sundries	659		741	
		714		857
Total Payments		8,499		8,136
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		(186)		(721)

All funds are unrestricted.

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Statement of Balances
as at 31 March 2026

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
<u>Bank Balances</u>		
At start of year	12,052	12,773
Surplus/(Deficit) shown on Receipts & Payments Account	(186)	(721)
At end of year	<u>11,866</u>	<u>12,052</u>
<u>Reserves</u>		
General funds	<u>11,866</u>	<u>12,052</u>

All funds are unrestricted.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf



Chair
11 May 2026

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, Inverness & District Branch,
Registered Charity Number SC024660**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026 which are set out on pages 3 to 4.

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 by the The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2010. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 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 Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- a) 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, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations,
- have not been met; or
- b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Maira Ross

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Date: *5 May* 2026