

Royal Scottish Country Dance Society

Aberdeen Branch

Scotland · Charity number SC024738

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Unincorporated association
Registered	1996-04-23
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address 42 Garthdee Farm Gardens
Aberdeen
AB10 7GF

Website www.aberdeenrscds.co.uk

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

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

What the charity does: To preserve and further the practice of traditional Scottish country dancing by holding classes and dances.

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

Objectives: The objects of the Branch shall be to advance the education and engagement of the public in the City of Aberdeen and its neighbourhood in traditional Scottish country dancing. and in furtherance thereof: 3.1 to preserve and further the practice of traditional Scottish country dancing. 3.2 to provide or assist in providing to Society standards instructions in the dancing of Scottish country dances. 3.3 to promote the enjoyment and appreciation of Scottish country dancing and music by any suitable means. and 3.4 generally to do such other things as are now or may be considered by the Branch to further the foregoing objects in the City of Aberdeen and its neighbourhood.

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£48,901	£50,419	-	0
2024-03-31	£40,066	£42,742	-	0
2023-03-31	£38,122	£42,001	-	0
2022-03-31	£12,945	£17,697	-	0
2021-03-31	£3,932	£4,862	-	0

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Accounts

**Royal Scottish Country Dance Society
Aberdeen Branch
Receipts and Payments Account
Year ended 31 March 2025**

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	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-24	
	£	£	
RECEIPTS			
Receipts from charitable activities			
Class fees	15,647	14,259	Note 2
Social events	22,000	20,263	Note 3
Other receipts			
Demonstrations	0	0	
Donations received	4,008	58	
Investment Income	1,264	977	Note 4
Miscellaneous receipts	626	0	Note 5
Receipts from goods sold	891	552	Note 6
Subscriptions collected (branch)	650	556	
Subscriptions collected (RSCDS)	3,815	3,401	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>48,901</u>	<u>40,066</u>	
PAYMENTS			
Payments for charitable activities			
Payments associated with classes	20,460	11,198	Note 7
Payments associated with social events	18,677	17,398	Note 8
Donations			
Children's Fund	200	99	Note 9
Other donations	620	20	Note 10
Administration payments			
Honoraria	1,400	1,275	Note 11
Postage and stationery	10	115	
Other payments			
Miscellaneous payments	1,705	8,685	Note 12
Payments for goods purchased	3,532	551	Note 13
Subscriptions paid over (RSCDS)	3,815	3,401	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>50,419</u>	<u>42,742</u>	
SURPLUS / DEFICIT(-) FOR YEAR	<u><u>-1,518</u></u>	<u><u>-2,676</u></u>	

**Royal Scottish Country Dance Society
Aberdeen Branch
Statement of Balances
As at 31 March 2025**

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	31-Mar-25 £	31-Mar-24 £	
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
<u>Cash Funds</u>			
Balance at start of year	37,113	39,789	
Surplus/(deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	-1,518	-2,676	
Bank balance at end of year	<u>35,595</u>	<u>37,113</u>	
<u>Cash at Bank and in Hand</u>			
United Trust Bank	26,584	29,320	
Virgin Money	9,011	7,793	
Cash	0	0	
	<u>35,595</u>	<u>37,113</u>	
Amounts due to Branch	0	101	Note 14
Stock Value	3,168	224	Note 15
	<u>38,763</u>	<u>37,438</u>	
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
Amounts due by Branch	180	3,730	Note 16
	<u>180</u>	<u>3,730</u>	
<u>NET ASSETS</u>			
	<u>38,583</u>	<u>33,708</u>	
<u>ASSETS HELD NOT FOR SALE</u>			
	Est. Cost £	Est. Cost £	
Digital Piano	1,095	1,059	
Remote Microphone system	700	700	
CD Players & Accessories	962	962	
Coomber/Microphone & Accessories	865	865	
Miscellaneous Assets	530	530	
Card Machines	476	286	
Chain of Office	7,318	7,318	
	<u>11,946</u>	<u>11,720</u>	

All funds are unrestricted.

Approved by trustees on *31st March 2025*

Signed by treasurer

Notes to the Accounts - Year ending 31 March 2025

	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-24
	£	£
1. Payments related to Trustees		
1 Class Teachers (2)	210	570
1 Summer social MCs (2)	30	90
2 Honoraria (2)	1,250	1,175
2. Class fees - (see also Appendix 1)		
Adult's Classes - Fees	14,768	12,332
Children's Classes - Fees	879	1,927
	15,647	14,259
3. Social Events - (see also Appendix 2)		
Receipts for entry or accommodation	22,000	20,063
4. Investment Income		
United Trust Interest	1,264	977
	1,264	977
5. Miscellaneous Receipts		
Christmas Dance Raffle	596	0
Summer Social Float	30	0
	626	0
6. Receipts from Goods Sold		
9 for 90 Books and CDs	5	0
Book 53 Books and CDs	0	552
Lets Have A Birl CDs	886	0
	891	552
7. Payments Associated with Classes - (See also Appendix 1)		
Adult's Classes	17,996	8,701
Children's Classes	2,464	2,497
	20,460	11,198
8. Payments Associated with Social Events - (see also Appendix 2)		
Refunds and Other Expenses (Catering and Other Expenses)	1,660	737
Hall Hire / Hotel Costs	12,241	12,557
Teachers and Musicians	4,715	4,060
Sum up	61	44
	18,677	17,398
9. Children's Fund		
AU Scottish Dance	200	0
DPA and Medal Test	0	99
	200	99

Notes to the Accounts - Year ending 31 March 2025

	31-Mar-25 £	31-Mar-24 £
10. Donations		
Miscellaneous	0	0
Christmas Dance Raffle	620	20
Beginners Dance donation	0	0
	<u>620</u>	<u>20</u>
11. Honoraria		
Independent Examiner	150	100
Secretary	750	700
Treasurer	500	475
	<u>1,400</u>	<u>1,275</u>
12. Miscellaneous Payments		
AGM Expenses	8	39
Hall - Meetings of Committees	132	180
Sundries	531	375
Newsletters	6	3
PAT Testing	0	0
Insurance	160	268
Sale of C/D's	1	0
Website	307	173
Musicians Insurance	50	50
Sum up Machines	214	22
Branch membership	19	110
Chain of office- Insurance	132	7,370
Archiving	145	95
	<u>1,705</u>	<u>8,685</u>
13. Payments for Goods Purchased		
9 for 90 books & CDs	0	0
Book 53 books & CDs	0	551
Let's have a Birl CD	3,532	0
Miscellaneous	0	0
	<u>3,532</u>	<u>551</u>
14. Amounts due to Branch		
Thursday Class Fees	0	101
	<u>0</u>	<u>101</u>
15 Stock Value		
15 Book 90 @ £7.56 (25 Book 90 @£7.56)	113	189
19 Cds for Book 90 @£1.76 (20 CD's for Book 90 @£1.76)	33	35
428 Lets Have a birl CDs@ £7.06	3,022	0
	<u>3,168</u>	<u>224</u>
16 Amounts due by Branch		
Thursday Class Hall Fees	180	0
Teachers & Musicians	0	3,730
	<u>180</u>	<u>3,730</u>

Appendices to the Accounts - Year Ending 31 March 2025

Appendix 1 - Analysis of Receipts and Payments by class to show viability

This analysis includes payments due to us and liabilities owing in order to better reflect the viability of classes.

<u>Adult Classes</u>	Wednesday Intro	Wednesday Have a Go	Wed. Class	Thursday p.m.	Monday General Class	Very Adv Class	New Book Class	Ceilidh
<u>Receipts</u>	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Class Fees	2,025.00	133.00	1,910.00	2,746.00	3,007.00	978.00	0.00	3,969.00
<u>Payments</u>								
Social Media	0.00	1,170.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Halls	438.00	120.00	846.00	1,428.75	1,420.00	470.00	0.00	840.00
Teachers/ Musicians	1,500.00	240.00	1,410.00	1,380.00	1,440.00	780.00	0.00	1,260.00
Sum up	28.16	1.23	8.63	8.68	37.72	9.22	0.00	34.97
Refund		43.60						
Total Payments	1,966.16	1,574.83	2,264.63	2,817.43	2,897.72	1,259.22	0.00	2,134.97

<u>Surplus / Deficit (-)</u>	58.84	-1,441.83	-354.63	-71.43	109.28	-281.22	0.00	1,834.03
Ave. Attendance	14		13	18	21	12		34
							31-Mar-25	31-Mar-24

<u>Adult Classes (continued)</u>	Taster	Certificate Class	Spare 3	Spare 4	Spare 5	Spare 6	Totals (All adult classes)	Totals (All adult classes)
<u>Receipts</u>	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Class Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,768.00	12,432.50
<u>Payments</u>								
Social Media	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,170.00	0
Halls	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,562.75 *1	4,193.00
Teachers/ Musicians	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,010.00 *2	7,577.84
Sum up	0.00						128.61	79.76
Refund							43.60	
Total Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,914.96	11,850.60
<u>Surplus / Deficit (-)</u>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-146.96	581.90
Ave. Attendance								

<u>Children's Classes</u>	Ruthrieston	Robert Gordon's	Preschool Ceilidh	Family Ceilidh	Spare 3	Spare 4	Totals	Totals
<u>Receipts</u>	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Class Fees	579	300	0	0	0	0	879	1,927
<u>Payments</u>								
Halls	606	0	0	0	0	0	606	844
Teachers/ Musicians	1,200	78	0	0	0	0	1,278 *3	2,233
Total Payments	1,806	78	0	0	0	0	1,884	3,077
<u>Surplus / Deficit (-)</u>	-1,227	222	0	0	0	0	-1,005	-1,150
Ave. Attendance	8							

*1£180 Hall Fees paid 2025-26 should have been 2024-25 and £441 Hall fees paid 2024-25 should have been 2023-24 would be £5824 without correction.

*2£2820 teachers & musicians payments paid 2024-25 should have been 2023-24 would be £10830 without correction.

*3£580 teachers payments paid 2024-25 should have been 2023-24 would be £1858 without correction.

Appendices to the Accounts - Year Ending 31 March 2025

Appendix 2 - Analysis of Receipts and Payments for Events

This analysis includes payments due to us and liabilities owing in order to better reflect the viability of the even

<u>Social Events</u>	Christmas Dance	Spring Dance	Beginners Dance	Summer Socials	Away Weekend 2025	Away Weekend 2024
<u>Receipts</u>	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tickets / Entry / Accom	1,304.00	1,143.00	230.00	5,026.90	1,200.00	10,245.00
<u>Payments</u>						
Refunds & Other Expenses	360.70	151.53	0.00	171.87	0.15	477.58
Hall Hire / Hotel	274.00	300.00	37.50	2,052.00	0.00	8,792.90
Teacher / Musician	500.00	700.00	60.00	1,535.00	0.00	1,150.00
Sum up	4.96	4.62	1.66	46.65	0.00	0.00
Total Payments	1,139.66	1,156.15	99.16	3,805.52	0.15	10,420.48

Surplus / Deficit (-) 164.34 -13.15 130.84 1,221.38 1,199.85 -175.48

<u>Social Events (continued)</u>	100th Ball	Winter Socials	Nice and Easy Dance	Day School	100th	100th Dance
<u>Receipts</u>		£	£			
Tickets / Entry / Accom	1,748.00	204.00	293.00	132.00	0.00	474.00
Refunds & Other Expenses	0.00	45.72	30.71	111.39	310.00	0.00
Hall Hire / Hotel	0.00	37.50	37.50	210.00	500.00	0.00
Teacher / Musician	0.00	60.00	60.00	650.00	0.00	0.00
Sum up	0.00	0.64	2.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Payments	0.00	143.86	130.88	971.39	810.00	0.00

Surplus / Deficit (-) 1,748.00 60.14 162.12 -839.39 -810.00 474.00

31-Mar-25 Totals £	31-Mar-24 Totals £
21,999.90	£20,263.35

1,659.65	£737.07
12,241.40	£12,556.55
4,715.00	£4,060.00
61.20	£44.26
18,677.25	£17,397.88
3,322.65	2,865.47

APPENDIX 1



Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	04	2024	To	31	03	2025

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Reference and administration details

Charity name
 Other names charity is known by
 Registered charity number
 Charity's principal address

Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Aberdeen Branch
SC024738
Postcode

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
[REDACTED]	Chair		
	Secretary		
	Treasurer		
			25/06/24-31/03/25
			25/06/24-31/03/25
			25/06/24-31/03/25

Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
[REDACTED]	01/04/24-25/06/24
[REDACTED]	01/04/24-25/06/24
[REDACTED]	01/04/24-25/06/24

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Governed by a constitution

Trustee recruitment and appointment

The constitution establishes the appointment of trustees and the trustees are appointed by voting of the members at the Annual general meeting.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The objects of the Branch shall be to advance the education and engagement of the public in the city of Aberdeen and its neighbourhood in traditional Scottish country dancing; and in furtherance thereof, to preserve and further the practice of traditional Scottish country dancing; to provide or assist in providing to Society standards instruction in the dancing of Scottish country dances; to promote the enjoyment and appreciation of Scottish country dancing and music by any suitable means; and generally to do such other things as are now or may be considered by the Branch to further the foregoing objects in the city of Aberdeen and its neighbourhood.
See attached Secretary's report.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

APPENDIX 1

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

See Secretary's report.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees consider that it is important to maintain an appropriate level of reserve fund which will help support and safeguard the charity in the future should membership fall significantly. Activities are costed to at least break even with any surplus used to fund projects which could further the aims and objectives of the charity.

Details of any deficit

The trading position of the Branch has not fully recovered after the pandemic lockdown and whilst prices for classes and events were increased this has not compensated for a decline in numbers attending. There were two initiatives which the Branch undertook this year which have contributed to the deficit. In order to attract new participants to extend our demographic, we ran an innovative Newcomers series of classes, using a social media campaign which was designed and run with a professional marketing company. Whilst being effective in attracting interest, it failed to realise longer-term participation which might have led to improved class and membership income. The second was the publishing of a CD which had upfront costs and is currently on sale, and will remain as part of the Branch's stock for future sales. We are also planning for special events for our 100th Anniversary and have incurred several costs in the current year which will be covered in the next financial year.

Donated facilities and services (if any)

APPENDIX 1

Other optional information

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (e.g. Chair)	Treasurer	
Date	31 st March 2025	

APPENDIX 3



Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2							
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY, ABERDEEN BRANCH						
Registered charity number	SC 024738						
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	01	2024	31	03	2025	
Set out on pages						(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)	

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) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). 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 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 ~~[other than that disclosed on the attached page*]~~

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, 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

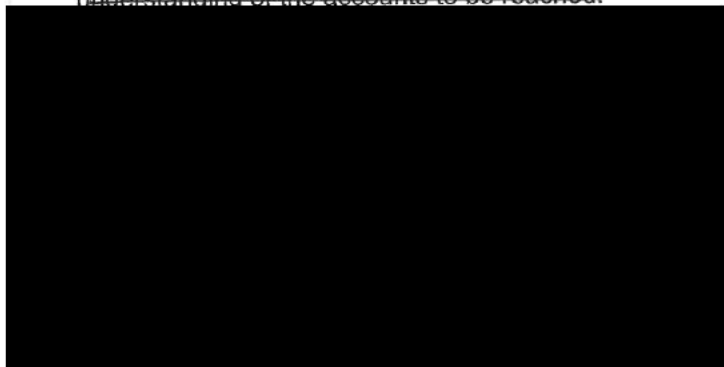
2. ~~to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.~~

Signed:**

Name:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:



7th MAY 2025

*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.
 **OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures.

RSCDS Aberdeen Branch AGM - Secretary's Report : April 2024 – March 2025

Overview

This report considers the activities of the Branch for the year April 2024 to March 2025.

Children's News

██████████ has worked hard with her small group at the new venue at **Ruthrieston Community Centre**. The class is mainly children new to dancing with a regular attendance of 8. The class took Medal Tests with huge success. We would like to thank both ██████████ for her dedication and commitment to ensure that the children have goals as well as fun. Thanks also to the helpers for the class, without whom, the class would not be able to run.

The class at **Robert Gordon's** sadly stopped in the Spring Term of 2024 with lack of interest from pupils at the school. The class numbers had been falling in the previous 2 terms so it was decided not to continue the class. We also lost the teacher for the class as ██████████ moved away from Aberdeen. A huge thanks to ██████████ for her support.

Adult News

Adult classes commenced in September with five classes running from September to March. The committee was pleased once again to have a musician for all our adult classes. Both terms were 12 weeks.

The Monday General Class with Technique moved to Fountainhall at the Stocket church (Midstocket church) with ██████████ as the musician and ██████████ as the teachers. This was a new hall to us and has proved very successful and with an increasing number of attendees.

The Very Advanced, open to everyone, was moved to Kincorth Community Centre as the South St Nicholas church closed. ██████████ was the musician and ██████████ (first term) and ██████████ were the teachers.

The Introductory/Improvers class continued at Ruthrieston Community Centre on a Wednesday evening. ██████████ was the teacher with ██████████ as the musician. As in recent years, there has been a small but enthusiastic number attending the class with a number of new attendees during both the winter and spring terms and helpers from within the Branch. These helpers are thanked for their continued support which is invaluable for the class.

The Wednesday General class continued in the SWI Hall in Cults with ██████████ as the musician and ██████████ as the teacher. Numbers are not huge but the class enjoys their teaching with a formation as a theme most weeks.

The Thursday afternoon class continued at Holburn West Church (Great Western Community). ██████████ was the musician with ██████████ and ██████████ sharing the teaching over the two terms.

The ceilidh class with ██████████ also moved to Kincorth Community Centre in the summer with the closure of South St Nicholas church and ran on the first and third week of the month all through the year. This continues to be a very popular class with many keen dancers. ██████████ was the musician often with his friend ██████████

We introduced a new class with support from HQ – we called it “Have A Go”. Along with some other selected Branches, we used a Social Media marketing agency to promote new dance classes. This was co-ordinated by HQ but delivered by the Branch. ██████████ was the teacher with ██████████ as the musician. We had over 40 people at the free taster week, but sadly the numbers depleted to only 5 over the following 3 weeks. We then made the decision to stop the class. However, 3 of those are now regular members at either the Beginner's/Improver's Class or the Monday class, and 2 others regularly attend the ceilidh class. Feedback to HQ was given.

Thanks to all class secretaries for their support and I should like to also thank all teachers and musicians for their dedication and preparation for their classes. This applies to both regulars, and those who fill in at short notice which is always greatly appreciated.

Branch Awards

We were delighted to award 2 Branch Awards this year to our musicians of over 50 years between them. [REDACTED] were given their awards at the final Summer Social. Congratulations to them both.

Scroll of Honour

The committee were delighted to nominate [REDACTED] for a Scroll of Honour which was approved by HQ and presented at the Autumn Gathering/AGM in November.

Events during the year

Day School

After many years, we held a Day of Dance in April 2024. This was really well attended with 2 classes (General and Advanced) taught by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The musicians were [REDACTED] (with [REDACTED]). Over 70 people attended the 2 classes and 79 attended the dance in the evening (with [REDACTED] and his band). The venue was Craigiebuckler but we perhaps should have restricted numbers for the evening dance as it was a little cramped. A supper of Stovies or Macaroni Cheese was organised for those who wished between the classes and dance and tea and coffee and a fine piece was enjoyed between the classes and at the interval of the dance. It was a very successful event and all committee supported the event and used their initiative when appropriate! A special thanks to [REDACTED] and her team for the catering.

Summer Socials

These took place every Wednesday from the beginning of May to the end of August with most teachers taking a turn at being MC and with a variety of musicians from our own class musicians: [REDACTED] with a visiting musician [REDACTED] in the mix. During the season we had two Ceilidh evenings and finished with a medley of MCs. Attendance picked up during the season which was good to see. We are still not back to pre-covid attendance levels but there is plenty of room at Curl Aberdeen when numbers improve.

Branch AGM

The AGM was held in June at Girl Guide HQ and all members were invited to attend. 35 members took part and constitution changes were passed. [REDACTED] handed over our new Chain of Office to [REDACTED].

Away Weekend

This was held as usual in September with over 60 people attending and staying at the Salutation Hotel in Perth. [REDACTED] from Netherly was the musician for the classes and was joined by 3 members of his band for the Saturday evening dance. [REDACTED] from Perthshire was the teacher. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it was a very convivial and fun weekend.

Christmas Dance

This took place on December 13th at the Ashdale Hall, Westhill where 105 dancers enjoyed the excellent music from [REDACTED] and his band. We commenced with a wine reception and provided tea and coffee and light refreshments in the interval. Thanks were given to [REDACTED] and her team for organising the wine and refreshments (including Christmas Cake). The Raffle this year raised £400 for Hearing Dogs for the Deaf and we had 44 Raffle prizes donated by attendees with grateful thanks as always. The committee worked hard to ensure that the event ran smoothly. Thanks also to our 4 MCs during the evening; [REDACTED].

Beginner's Christmas Dance

[REDACTED], the teacher of the Beginner's/Improver's class suggested a dance for her class. This was agreed and arranged at Craigiebuckler and 50 people attended a very successful evening (the week following the end of classes). [REDACTED] accompanied the dancing which was a new experience (accordion) for the class members. A further raffle was held for Hearing Dogs for the Deaf with a further £200 being raised. Members of the class brought something to eat and [REDACTED] was thanked for providing tea/coffee and another fine piece.

Winter Social

The committee was delighted to bring back a Winter Social in January with [REDACTED] calling an interesting programme and Frank Thomson accompanying our teachers and over 40 attended and enjoyed the dancing at Craigiebuckler. Thanks to [REDACTED] and her team for the welcome tea and cakes afterwards.

Nice and Easy Dance

We were pleased to run this dance at the beginning of March which was supported by members of the Branch with 50 attending including some members of the University class. ██████████ made an interesting programme and ██████████ accompanied with easy to dance to music. We finished with a cup of tea and a fine piece with thanks again to ██████████ and her team.

Spring Dance

This was held on Friday March 14th and we had over 90 dancers attending and enjoying the music of ██████████ and his band. Thanks go to ██████████ for their MC duties. Thanks also go to all the committee for their support and ██████████ who arranged the catering.

Archiving

The small group has continued to meet regularly to sort and document some of our photos, newsletters, programmes, minutes etc. ██████████ leads the group and ██████████ has set up a computerised archive system. They are still looking for your memorabilia that would contribute to the archive and any item would be gratefully received. Please look in your cupboards and pass to the secretary, ██████████.

Website

A new website was being worked on and should be available from April 2025.

Newsletter/Publicity

Two Newsletters were produced during the year. The Branch website was maintained and updated. The NE Events page lists all dances in the area with programmes and crib sheets where available – the committee would like to thank ██████████ for maintaining this section. The Branch Facebook page continues to have a regular following and continues to be of interest to many of our members and those from outside the branch. Thanks to ██████████ who tirelessly works on this, keeping it vibrant and to ██████████ for his additions.

Membership

We have had 17 new members joining us and 9 have chosen not to rejoin this year (3 have moved from the area). We are delighted to report that we now only have 9 members who are not on email. Very sadly 4 of our members have passed away this year – 3 were Life Members.

Membership Figures	2024-2025	2023-2024		2024-2025	2023-2024
Life Members	10	13	Branch Only Members	17	12
Total Annual Members	145	137	(Main Branch elsewhere)		
Young Adults (under 25)	1	2	New Full Members	17	17
Total	156	152			

Hon. Secretary RSCDS Aberdeen Branch ██████████ - April 2025