



1st Bearsden Company The Boys' Brigade
Scottish Charity Number: SC036872

Receipts and Payments Account
for the year ended 31st July 2024

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st July 2024

The 1st Bearsden Company The Boys' Brigade is a charitable unincorporated association. Our purpose is to provide a Boys' Brigade Company in the Bearsden area in conjunction with the local churches in the area. These churches are:

Baljaffray Parish Church

New Kilpatrick Parish Church

Bearsden Cross Parish

Castlehill Baptist Church

St Andrews RC Church

Objectives and Activities

The object of The Boys' Brigade is the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline and Self Respect and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness.

The Company continues to operate Anchors (Boys aged 5 or over in school years P1, P2 and P3), a Junior Section (Boys in P4, P5 and P6) and a Company Section (Boys in P7 and S1 to S6). The Anchors meet from 6.30 pm till 7.30 pm on Mondays, but are currently testing a change of night to a Thursday. The Junior Section meets from 7.10pm till 8.30 pm on Thursdays and the Company Section meets from 7.15 pm till 10 pm on Fridays.

All sections participate in a varied, BBHQ inspired, programme of activities, indoors and outdoors, across all age groups, with around 58 Boys in membership, and over 14 adult volunteers as leaders. The Company actively participates in Battalion and National Competitions and other events at national level.

Achievements

The report that follows includes a summary of the 2023-24 session.

All sections were pleased to begin their sessions in the hall from the first week of the session. The company under the Captain planned for the new session using the new badge programme introduced last year.

The Boys looked forward to a return to activities and planned for the popular PGL weekend. The Company Section looked forward to summer camp in Waddecarr Scout Centre near Preston.

Leader training was suspended nationally during COVID, and this has limited the pool of qualified staff to run camps, residential courses, and Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) challenges. The Company staff continue to plan for the return of these activities to pre-pandemic levels.

A local school recruitment drive proved fruitful again for a second year and was complemented with our typical word of mouth advertising. Encouragement to "bring-a-friend" has proven to be good for membership again this year with all sections having reasonable numbers of Boys registered.

The Concert in November was successfully returned to full capacity and the largely parental/family audience enjoyed several excellent nights' entertainment. The Christmas Market took place on 2nd December in collaboration with the local Girls' Brigade Company. The assistance of staff and parents was greatly appreciated.

The entire Company were very well represented at the Enrolment Parade on 29th October, with 33 boys on parade. Five of our Officers represented the Company on the same evening at a Battalion Dedication Service in Fairley Parish Church. Also present at the Dedication Service was the 1st Bearsden Council's Honorary Secretary who, as the Organist in Fairley Church, led the Officers of the Battalion in praise. 1st Bearsden Company were also pleased to welcome the Battalion for a BBQ on 1st June.

Anchors (10)

Anchor section was pleased to return to hall-based activities between 6.30pm and 7.30pm on Mondays. Following successful engagement with the parents of the Anchor Boys, a test of change is underway whereby this group meets on a Thursday night. This change reduces the number of nights requiring senior staff cover and has helped with a temporary reduction in staffing availability. A local school advertising campaign proved to be successful with several new Boys joining through this route. Small increases in membership continued throughout the session. The number of boys in this section has reduced due to the large number promoting into Juniors. The weekly programme included a range of crafts and games as well as learning about the world we live in. This year this learning focuses on the geography and history of Scotland, with information appropriate to this age group. Boys enjoyed crafting activities and produced many fabulous items which were taken home. The Boys also enjoyed a great fun-filled fancy-dress party in October, with some fabulous outfits on display. Later in the year the Boys enjoyed baking nights, with a focus on sweet treats which were enjoyed by all. The Anchors particularly enjoyed a night out to see their older Company colleagues performing in their annual concert. Craft activities continued with a particular focus on The Boys' Brigade 140th anniversary. The Boys continued to enjoy fun packed nights as they got to know each other and the group became well established. The Boys have continued to enjoy squad games in the hall. The Boys were pleased to receive their badges and awards at our annual display. Prizes were awarded for good attendance, best squad and best Boy. Promotion certificates were presented to Boys due to move to Juniors next session. Two further informal games nights were held towards the end of the session. As always, these nights provided a fun-filled and popular conclusion to the session.

Juniors (24)

Juniors commenced the session with a complete programme of hall-based activities from the start of the session in August. Enrolment numbers were higher than previous years thanks to the significant numbers promoting from Anchors. Activities enjoyed by Juniors include squad game nights, as well as crafting including making their own fancy dress costumes during October. Normal weekly meetings have included crafts, geography, science and the environment, bible stories, figure marching and relay competitions, the points for which go towards the squad trophy at the end of the year. A new trophy introduced last session, the Wilson Trophy, was awarded to the squad with the most points gained in a single evening, through games and a quiz. The Boys particularly enjoyed a new feature of quiz nights, with 'Guess the Soundtrack' a popular addition. The Boys really came together as a group full of characters as the year progressed. Fun and friendship were celebrated once again during a real favourite with the Boys; a Christmas night out to enjoy tubing at Bearsden Ski Club. The Boys were delighted to be able to travel for the Juniors' weekend at PGL Dalguise. Fourteen Boys made the trip with 3 staff, from 8th – 10th March. This included zip wiring, climbing challenges and raft building. As ever, a considerable amount of work was undertaken during the year to ensure badge achievements were met by Boys. Before the end of the session, the 3rd Year Anchors were welcomed to the Juniors and those that attended had a great time, joining in with the activities and games. During the Company Inspection the Boys were able to showcase some of the things they had been doing during the year, including their relay races, and demonstrating their figure marching. The level of enthusiasm and skill on display during figure marching bodes well for the future. This Section's weekly programme continues to benefit from the input of Seniors from the Company section.

Company Section (24)

Meetings of the Company section began in August following a fabulous summer camp where we welcomed friends from Neenah, WI to Bearsden. Our Company then joined with theirs for a traditional camp at Bonaly Scout Centre, Edinburgh. The Neenah Company wrote to express their gratitude for the welcome and hospitality shown. Our American friends have invited us to visit WI and plans are underway for 2025. Normal activities and classes continued to utilise the Brigade Programme material which was introduced last year. The new programme was well received and provided a rich and varied range of materials. The weekly programme was complemented by early work on the annual concert (held this year 16th -18th November) in which every Boy takes part either

"front of house", on stage and/or "backstage". Recognition is given to all participants and competition for acting parts was typically fierce. Most Boys did have some form of singing or speaking part. In November we were proud to provide the guard of honour at the war memorial and to attend the Remembrance service. The Company also provided the Buglers who played the Last Post and Reveille at the service. Cooking classes continued this year and continued to be very popular. Our team of Officers successfully led the Boys through their new badge material, with Officers learning to adapt to the new material in its second year. The additional scope of the new approach to badge work allowed for the introduction of a 'Newsnight' style activity, with boys learning about journalism and preparing an interview style segment. The boys enjoyed a pre-Christmas night out to Glasgow Warriors rugby where a great performance and favourable result was enjoyed by all. A large number of Boys braved another very long day (19 hours!!) to enjoy the rollercoasters and thrills of Alton Towers on 23rd March. The end of session Inspection was held on 10th May. Friends and family alike were treated to an evening of entertainment, including a skilful display of gymnastics which had been perfected throughout the year. All awards and trophies were presented. It was especially pleasing that this included 4 President's Badges. This represents a really successful year's achievement and a great number to get through. No Queen's Badges were awarded this year, although there are Boys engaged on the course. The total number of 1st Bearsden King's and Queen's men remains at 288.

Pipe Band

All band practices continued as face-to-face sessions in the hall. Musician numbers remain challenged, but encouragingly there have been some new learners attending practice. Some special effort will be required to recruit new learners and to bring the band back to full strength.

The full band participated at the Remembrance Service in November and at each church service parade this year. The band also performed superbly at the inspection in May.

The Officer in Charge and Captain continue to seek opportunities for the Band to perform and compete around the country. Unfortunately, this activity has been slow to recover post-COVID.

Community Involvement

The Hall continues to host Bearsden Primary After School Club throughout the year for breakfast club and afterschool clubs. The rental paid by BPASC contributes directly to the upkeep of the Hall and assists in funding the activities of the Company.

The Hall was used for Christmas Day and New Year's Day worship by Castlehill Baptist Church as Castlehill Primary School was not available on these mornings.

The Hall was made available to the community during the Bearsden Festival on 24th September 2023.

All proper arrangements are in place to ensure compliance with regulations and particularly Church of Scotland guidance.

Property & Maintenance Matters

The planned roof cleaning has been deferred meantime. From the outset of the session the hall cleaning regime of twice weekly cleaning has been continued. Cleaning duties have been extended to include additional time to clean the stage area as it is being more frequently used by BPASC and the Boys. All necessary servicing and checks have been continued, with repairs and improvement carried out as necessary. Significant cleaning and overhauling of the main hall heating units last year has proved beneficial, with routine maintenance now scheduled, ensuring ongoing efficiency and effectiveness. Further improvements to staging equipment was made in advance of this year's concert. Grounds maintenance has been carried out successfully, with grass cutting, tree trimming and gutter cleaning completed to a high standard. Routine maintenance and minor improvements were carried out in the bathrooms, with taps being upgraded to prevent leaks. Regular visits by Council members and staff to check the premises have taken place throughout the session.

Financial Matters

The accounts incorporate all Company activities. The Company continues to use an online payment platform and a credit card payment platform, with in person payments also possible for subscriptions, camp fees, and on concert nights and at the Christmas market. This is highly efficient and proving popular with parents and visitors. The platform allows us to better manage the arrival and allocation of payments, although there is a small fee imposed. The accounts reflect a return to a full programme, including camps, concerts, Christmas market and the inspection. The Trustees are satisfied with the resultant outturn.

The Trustees are again grateful for the continued support of the Hall Trustees, the Friends of the 1st Bearsden and of the churches' Kirk Sessions and chaplains.

Generous donations were received from Bearsden Cross Parish Church, New Kilpatrick Parish Church and Castlehill Baptist Church.

Council & Trustee Matters

The Council met four times in person this session.

[REDACTED] retired in August 2023. The Council are grateful for their years of service and a written note of thanks was sent to them both.

[REDACTED] joined the Council in August 2023.

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st July 2024 (cont.)

The Trustees representing the various churches with which the Company is associated are:

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The accounts for the year are attached, and form part of this report.

This report and the accounts were approved by the Trustees on Monday 4th November 2024.

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Independent Examiner



Bankers

Bank of Scotland
19 Roman Road
Bearsden
Glasgow G61 2SP

Building Society

Skipton Building Society
Glasgow Branch
50 St Vincent Street
Glasgow G2 5TS

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 1st Bearsden Company The Boys' Brigade

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st July 2024 which are set out on pages 7 to 10.

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 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 (as amended). 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

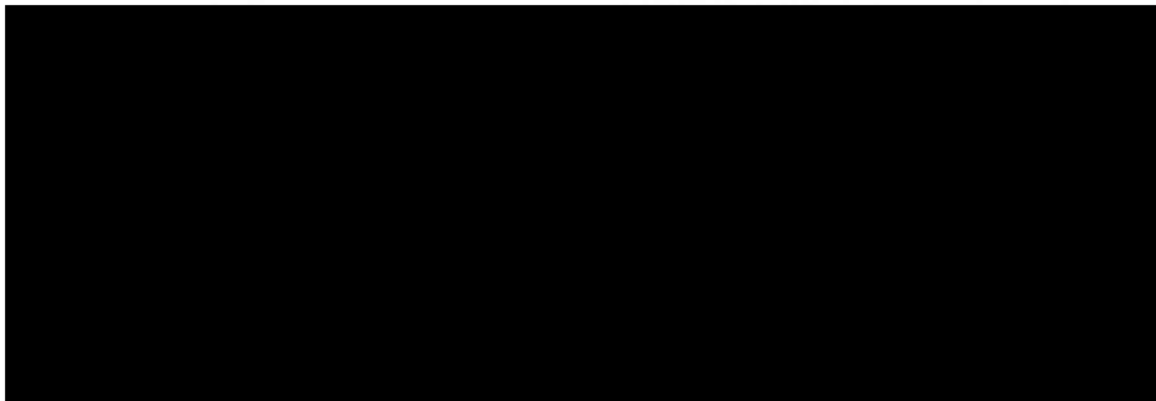
During my examination, no matter has come to my attention

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, 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.



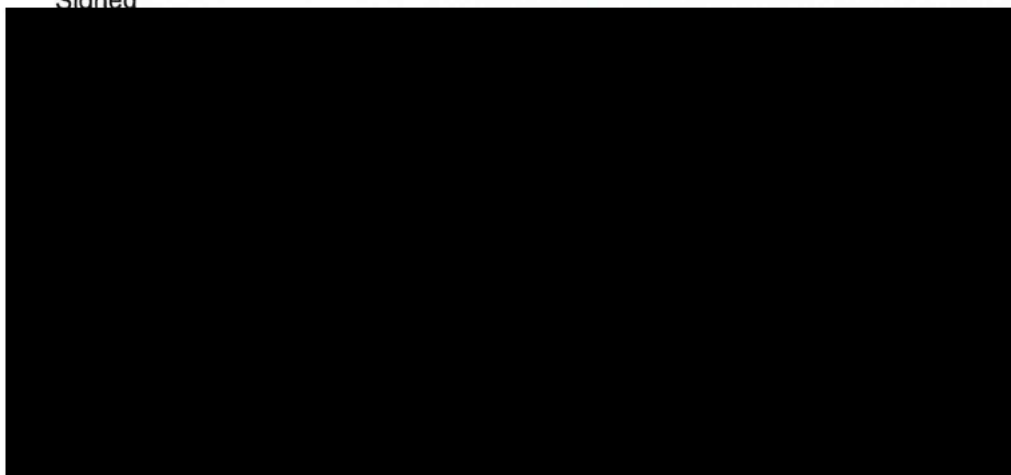
Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st July 2024					
		Year to 31.07.24			Year to
RECEIPTS		Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	31.07.23
		£	£	£	£
	Donations to Company Funds	0	3400.00	3400.00	3384.33
	Income for the use of the hall	-	13047.60	13047.60	10996.50
	Membership Subscriptions	-	2495.30	2495.30	3003.91
	Gift Aid Refund	-	0	0	0
	Uniforms and Kilts	-	0	0	0
	Weekly collections	-	0	0	0
	Christmas Market & Spring Fayre	-	1150.00	1150.00	3097.29
	Annual Concert	-	486.00	486.00	0
	Pipe Band	-	0	0	0
	Camping	-	6538.24	6538.24	5286.28
	Burns supper & Big Brunch	-	0	0	0
	Outings (including e.g. PGL Dalguise)	-	0	0	160.00
	Interest	-	2170.86	2170.86	1372.30
	Sundry income	-	305.40	305.40	40.01
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	Total receipts from donations & fundraising	0	29593.40	29593.40	27340.62
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PAYMENTS					
	Christmas Market & Spring Fayre costs	-	568.55	568.55	679.68
	Annual concert costs	-	718.55	718.55	1269.52
	Burns supper & Big Brunch	-	0	0	0
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	Total fundraising costs	-	1287.10	1287.10	1949.20

		Year to 31.07.24			Year to
PAYMENTS (Cont'd)		Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	31.07.23
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	Upkeep of hall (utilities, insurance, repairs & maintenance)	-	10175.80	10175.80	11433.96
	Fabric costs/Capex	-	0	0	1071.05
	Annual Inspection costs	-	507.00	507.00	899.00
	BB capitation fees	-	1497.50	1497.50	1728.00
	BB supplies purchases	-	18.00	18.00	1744.44
	Expedition/D of E expenses	-	0	0	0
	Seminars and training	-	140.00	140.00	0
	Camping	-	9566.88	9566.88	3626.42
	Pipe Band & Bugle Band expenses	-	120.00	120.00	2236.30
	Outings/football/party/materials	-	1649.35	1649.35	402.62
	Battalion/Competitions dues & entry fees	-	102.99	102.99	266
	Charitable Donations	-	0	0	0
	Administration/photocopier/internet	-	984.27	984.27	392.25
	Sundry	-	60.36	60.36	195.17
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	Total cost of charitable activities	-	24822.15	24822.15	23995.21
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	Total Payments	-	26109.25	26109.25	25944.41
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	Excess of (payments) over receipts		3484.15	3484.15	1396.21
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Statement of balances as at 31st July					
	Bank balance at start of year			68342.34	66946.13
	Excess of (payments) over receipts			3484.15	1396.21
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	Bank balance at end of year			71826.49	68342.34
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	Represented by:				
	Bank of Scotland			6662.09	5348.80
	Skipton Building Society			65164.40	62993.54
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				71826.49	68342.34

The financial statements were compiled for the trustees on 28th October 2024 and submitted for their approval at a Council meeting on 4th November 2024.

Signed



Notes to the Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st July 2024

The BB Hall is owned by a separate trust whose trust deed requires it to make the Hall available to the Council for the purpose of operating the 1st Bearsden Company. The Council are obliged to pay all costs of running and maintaining the property. Hence donations for use of the hall by third parties are treated primarily as income of the Company and utilised to defray the costs of heat, light, repairs, maintenance, and improvements

1. No Trustee, or any person connected with them, received remuneration in the period. Some trustees and BB staff members have received reimbursement for expenses properly incurred and authorised in relation to the obligations of the Council and/or the Brigade programme of activities of the Company. These have been recorded with appropriate receipts in the Cashbook for the session, having been formally authorised by the Council or the Company Captain.
2. The Council maintains sufficient funds in reserve to be confident of discharging its responsibilities in relation to the running of the Company, all its annual programme of activities and the upkeep of the premises.
3. The trustees consider that they have a duty of stewardship to enable future generations of Boys to benefit from the company hall. As the building is now 25 years old, the Trustees continue to maintain a Fabric Fund to provide for future major repairs and replacements. The trustees intend to build this fund in future years until the fund reaches the currently agreed target of £90000.

The movements in unrestricted funds across Bank and Building Society accounts in the period under review are as follows:

	General Fund	Fabric Fund	Total 2024	Total 2022
Balance 01/08/2023	5,348.80	62993.54	68,342.34	66946.13
Receipts	27422.54	2170.86	29593.4	27340.62
Expenditure	(26109.25)	0	(26109.25)	(25944.31)
	6,662.09	65,164.40	71,826.49	68,342.44
Transfer	0	0	0	0
Balance 31/07/2024	6,662.09	65,164.40	71,826.49	68,342.44