

The Boys Brigade 1st Bridge of Weir Company

Scotland · Charity number SC040044

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Unincorporated association
Part of	Paisley & District Boys Brigade Battalion (SC007361)
Registered	2008-11-17
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address c/o Freeland Church
Main Street
Bridge of Weir
PA11 3NR

Activities

Activities: 'It makes grants, donations or gifts to organisations', 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of religion', 'the advancement of citizenship or community development'

What the charity does: Youth groups for children ages 5 - 18. split across 3 age sections. who meet weekly during school terms. Meetings are held in a church hall. Focus with younger children is mainly focussed on fun and building friendship. As the boys progress to more senior levels there are a range of local and national competitions that they can participated in. Older members will work towards gaining Duke of Edinburgh and Kings Badge Awards.

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people'

Objectives: The Object of the Brigade shall be 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

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Renfrewshire
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£4,376	£5,360	-	0
2024-07-31	£3,420	£5,039	-	0
2023-07-31	£6,229	£6,916	-	0
2022-07-31	£3,724	£5,277	-	0
2021-07-31	£6,680	£4,988	-	0

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Accounts

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Trustees Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31st July 2025

Current Trustees	Rev Kenneth N Gray Rev Hanneke Marshall (leave 23rd September 2025) Mr. Tom Kennedy Mr. Ian Brodie Mr. Craig Smith Dr. Brian Logie Mrs. Allison Livingston (leave 23rd September 2025) Mrs. Lorna Yee Miss Susan Wylie
Contact Address	c/o Mr. T Kennedy, 56 Hazelwood Road, Bridge of Weir, PA11 3DT
Recruitment and appointment of Trustees	All of the trustees are appointed or reappointed at the Annual General Meeting which is held in September / October of each year.
Governing document	The Company is a charitable unincorporated association and the purposes and administration arrangements are set out in the Constitution of The Boys' Brigade.
Charitable purposes	Our charitable purposes are as recorded in the BB Constitution and include:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">- the advancement of education- the advancement of religion- the provision and organisation of recreational facilities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended.
Report for Session 2024 / 2025	<p>The 1st Bridge of Weir Company has three sections and is attached to Freeland and St Machar's Ranfurly Churches. As of 1st April 2025 it became Bridge of Weir Parish Church.</p> <p>GIRLS Association</p> <p>There were 18 girls at the outset in the GA last year who meet on a Monday evening.</p> <p>Our girls are so enthusiastic each week and have thrown themselves into numerous activities including a very rainy photo scavenger hunt, our ever popular bonfire night with sparklers, a bonfire, hot dogs and s'mores; as well as joining the boys for Christmas Ten Pin Bowling.</p> <p>We started each week learning about Jesus "I am..." sayings from the Bible using a variety of drama, story telling and illustrations.</p> <p>With falling numbers since Christmas we have taken the difficult decision to merge the GA (Girls Association) with the boys BB sections to ensure fuller activities and a sustainable future.</p> <p>Girls' Association leaders are: Allison Livingston [OIC], Lesley and Allison Secker, Susan, Nadine.</p> <p>Anchor (Primaries 1 to 3)</p> <p>8 boys enrolled during the year: 1 in P1: 4 in P2; and 3 in P3.</p> <p>There was a wide variety of activities. We have had a visit from Rhona's Rascals who brought chickens, guinea pigs and a Shetland pony for us to meet and learn about looking after. We have learnt about pandas, squirrels, elephants and lions as part of our</p>

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badge work as well as learning about the phases of the moon with Oreos which was very popular.

The boys have learnt new games and crafts as well as the ever popular dodge ball each week.

The Anchors enjoyed their own Christmas party as well as the company bowling night and soft play party in April to finish off the session.

The anchors leader in the new session are: Lorna [OIC], Moira, Lauren and Cailean helps out.

Juniors (Primary 4 to 6)

The Section meets on Friday evenings in St Machar's Ranfurly Church Hall between 6.30pm and 8pm.

8 super keen boys were Junior boys this session. Our Bible lessons were based on God's Amazing animals. Topics and themes included Fair Trade, Light in the Darkness, Edible campfires, Music makers, Braille and binary code, Gladiators, If God were an emoji, Welsh dragons and Volcanoes. Along with the GA, we raised £215 for the Rotary's End Polio Campaign with our Purple Pinky quiz. A big thank you to all who took part in the impossible task of guessing which purple pinky belonged to each child.

We owe a huge thank you to Iain Sandilands who treated us to some brilliant music lessons this session, the results of which will be seen at the display.

Juniors: Susan [OIC] Ian and Sarah.

Company and Senior Sections (Primary 7 to 18 years)

Numbers have kept up well this year with 26 boys registered. Once again our boys had an action packed year, participating in the Nationals in football, badminton, table tennis and the quiz plus the Scottish BB Cross Country Championships. We were a whisker away from qualifying for the UK Senior football finals.

Our Christmas outing was Ten Pin Bowling instead of the usual Pantomime. This worked out well, involving the whole Company, so may be repeated. I am grateful to our guest speakers, Hanneke Marshall paid us two visits and led the boys in discussions about making life choices. Grant Sandilands gave us some important guidance in fire safety and Dave McDonald talked to us about Christian Aid. We will be doing a sponsored walk for that organisation on 1st June.

One of our Friday night was taken entirely by the Sergeants which was a good exercise in leadership. Many thanks to all officers and helpers who put in a lot of time and effort to create a varied programme.

Cailean Simpson also joined us as a leader this year and finished the KGV1 training scheme for young leaders.

Officers and Leaders

Brian Logie continues as the Company Captain.

Company section leaders are: Brian [Captain, OIC], Craig, Cailean and Kenneth.

The success of the Company is very much dependant on the Officers and Leaders. We very much appreciate the efforts of all our Officers and Leaders and all new personnel will be made very welcome.

We also rely on parent helpers and this is a tremendous help to those running the various sections.

Financial Position

At July 2025, the closing bank balance was £924.56; down £983.67; from the start of the session when the opening balance was £1,908.23
£653.50 of expenditure towards end of July 2025 relates to a payment for the 2025 Christmas Ten Pin Bowling night which we will look to recover by a charge to the young people attending the event on Friday 5th December 2025.

There was no cash balance at the start or end of the year.

Income

Fees, Subs and Gift Aid amounted to £2,913 (2024: £2,475.25).

Expenditure

The overall appetite for activities resulted in continued expenditure on DOFE & Kings Badge events. The boys and girls also took part in a wide range of Battalion competitions across the year. In all, the sum of £5,359.59 was incurred (2024: £5,039).

The Christmas pantomime at the King's was replaced with a Company wide Ten - Pin Bowling evening which proved to be 'self funding'; and will look to repeat in year ahead.

Next session we agreed to ask DofE participants to pay their registration fee when signing up to take part. All other costs of the programme being met from funds.

The year end recorded a Deficit of £983.67 (2024: Deficit £1,619.29). The Bank balance at 31st July 2025 is £924.56 which still leaves Company finances in a favourable position.

Trustee remuneration and expenses

No Trustees received any remuneration during the year. The undernoted Trustees were reimbursed for expenditure incurred in leading BB activities during the 2024 / 2025 Session:

A Secker	£	-	(2024 - £59.96)
Dr B Logie	£	2,390.10	(2024 - £1,235.93)
C Smith	£	55.27	(2024 - £48.90)
L Yee	£	160.50	(2024 - £0)
Mrs. A Livingst	£	177.73	(2024 - £0)
I Brodie	£	32.00	(2024 - £0)
Miss S Wylie	£	102.09	(2024 - £133.65)

Reserves / Financial

At the end of the year the Company had surplus funds of £924.56

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by

Brian Logie, Trustee and Company Captain

Date: 23rd September 2025

Independent Examiner's Report

**Independent Examiner's Report
to the Trustees of The Boys'
Brigade 1st Bridge of Weir
Company**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st July 2025 set out on pages 5 and 6.

**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 ("THE 2005 Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ("the 2006 Regulations"). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1)(c) of the 2005 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 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 connection with 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 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 proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Paul Wyatt
Address: 28 Back O'Hill, Crosslee, PA6 7LD

Date: 23-Apr-26

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Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the year from	1st August 2024	to 31st July 2025
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Statement of Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total funds to 31st July 2025 to nearest £	Total funds to 31st July 2024 to nearest £
Receipts				
Enrolment Fees, Weekly Subs & Gift Aid	2,913	0	2,913	2,475
Donations Received	809	0	809	219
	0	0	0	0
Misc	20	0	20	0
Gross trading receipts	0	0	0	0
Gross receipts from other activities	634	0	634	726
Interest	0	0	0	0
Sub total	4,376	0	4,376	3,420

Receipts from asset & investment sales

Proceeds from sale of Equipment	0	0	0	0
Proceeds from sale of Investments	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	4,375.92	0	4,376	3,420

Payments

Registration Fees	2,186	0	2,186	2,398
Uniforms, Badges & Trophies	563	0	563	691
Activity Expenditure	2,376	0	2,376	1,782
Course Fees & Publications	0	0	0	0
Fundraising - Sponsored Walk	0	0	0	0
Trading purchases	0	0	0	0
Travel	72	0	72	48.9
Sundries	163	0	163	119
Sub total	5,359.59	0	5,360	5,039

Payments relating to asset and investment movements

Purchase of Equipment	0	0	0	0
Purchase of Investments	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0
Total payments	5,360	0	5,360	5,039
Net receipts / (payments)	-984	0	-984	-1,619
Transfers to / (from) funds	0	0	0	0
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-984	0	-984	-1,619

Statement of Balances as at 31st July 2025

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
Bank and Cash in Hand	at 31/7/2025	at 31/07/2025	at 31/07/2024	at 31/07/2024
Opening Balances	1,908	0	3,528	0
Surplus / (Deficit) for year	-984	0	-1,619	0
Closing Balances	924.56	0	1,908.23	0
Reserves		31/07/2025		31/07/2024
Unrestricted Funds		925		1,908
Designated Equipment Fund		0		0
Closing Balances		925		1,908

Notes**Note 1 - Equipment**

Over the years the purchase of Equipment has been financed by own funds and an element of Grant Assistance. The replacement value of Equipment retained by the Company is estimated and Insured for £10,000. The current realisable value of Equipment held is relatively nominal.