

Bucksburn and District Pipe Band

Scotland · Charity number SC041109

Details

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| Status | Active |
| Legal form | Unincorporated association |
| Registered | 2009-12-10 |
| Register | View on the OSCR register |

Contact

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| Address | 96 Millside Terrace Peterculter Aberdeen AB14 0WN |
| Website | www.bucksburnpipeband.com |

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

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

What the charity does: We continue to develop youth through the teaching of music. Both bands are committed to progressing talent, playing at various events and competing at local and national competitions.

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people', 'Older People'

Objectives: The object of The Band shall be to promote pipe band culture and to maintain a bond of fellowship and mutual interest amongst its members. Through its continuing commitment to a youth development policy and sustenance of our musical heritage, The Band endeavours to provide tuition in the arts of piping and drumming to all within the wider community. The Band will ensure that no applicant receives less favourable treatment on the grounds of race, colour, nationality, religion, ethnic origin, gender sexual orientation, marital status or disability.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Aberdeenshire
- **Geographical spread:** More than one local authority area in Scotland

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-08-31 | £82,586 | £51,371 | - | 0 |
| 2024-08-31 | £60,393 | £40,323 | - | 0 |
| 2023-08-31 | £28,984 | £17,049 | - | 0 |
| 2022-08-31 | £19,573 | £23,902 | - | 0 |
| 2021-08-31 | £8,725 | £3,966 | - | 0 |

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Accounts

BUCKSBURN AND DISTRICT PIPE BAND
(Scottish Charity Number: SC041109)

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

31 AUGUST 2025

BUCKSBURN AND DISTRICT PIPE BAND

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| Full name | Bucksburn and District Pipe Band | |
| Charity Number | SC041109 | |
| Trustees | Morven Tough | President |
| | Doug Oston | Vice President (Resigned 28/11/2024) |
| | Faye Gauld | Vice President (Appointed 28/11/2024) |
| | Pamela Reid | Treasurer |
| | Trudi Wildgoose | Secretary, Novice Juvenile |
| | | Secretary, Grade 2 |
| | | Parent Rep |
| | Jamie Tough | Pipe Major |
| | Callum Lamont | Band Manager |
| | Tracy Brogan | Child Protection Officer |
| | Suzanne Pearson | Quartermaster |
| | Angela Roy | Band Steward |
| Registered Office | 96 Millside Terrace Peterculter Aberdeen AB14 0WN | |
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**BUCKSBURN AND DISTRICT PIPE BAND
TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

Governing document

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Activities and performance

September 2024 - Ceilidh was held at the Douglas Hotel to celebrate our Novice Juvenile band's 40th anniversary.

November 2024 - The band performed at both the Aberdeen Armistice Parade and the Fife Arms Hotel.

December 2024 - The Novice Juvenile band performed at the Red Hot Chilli Pipers concert at the Music Hall.

April 2025 - The band held their annual concert at the Music Hall.

May 2025 - The band performed at the International School for their Graduation Ceremony.

June 2025 - The band performed at the Cove Gala.

July 2025 - A mini-band performed at a Wedding at the Maryculter House Hotel.

August 2025 - The band performed at Inchmarlo Retirement Park as Garden Entertainment.

The band were delighted to be playing at these events which brought in a welcome boost to our funds.

Novice Juvenile Band

We commenced the season with a strong closed period, during which many of our young pipers and drummers participated in both local and national solo competitions between September and November—some for the very first time. The consistently high standard of performance, which has become a hallmark of our band, ensured continued representation in the prize lists. We were particularly proud to see four of our members successfully audition for the National Youth Pipe Band of Scotland. This marks the third consecutive year that our band has been represented at this prestigious national level. A significant milestone this season was the progression of nine members from last year's Novice Juvenile band into the Grade 2 band.

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Novice Juvenile Band

In September, we were honoured to perform at the 40th Anniversary celebration of the formation of the Novice Juvenile Pipe Band. The event was marked by numerous compliments regarding the band's smart presentation and musical talent, and a shared sense of pride that the current ensemble continues to uphold the high standards and aspirations upon which the original band was founded. Our annual prize-giving took place during a bowling and pizza night in December, and, for the fifth consecutive year, we were thrilled to join the Red Hot Chilli Pipers on stage at the Aberdeen Music Hall as part of their annual concert tour. This event remains a highlight for our younger members, many of whom experienced the excitement for the first time, while our more seasoned players continue to enjoy the occasion. Our Hogmanay fundraiser in December was once again a key event for the band, with excellent attendance from members.

The competitive season began with the RSPBA North of Scotland Branch Quartets in Huntly in March, where we entered two quartets and secured 2nd place in Grade 4B. Our lead drummer also achieved 2nd place in the U14 category at the RSPBA Scottish Solo Drumming competition. April saw our first full band competition at the branch indoor contest, where we competed in Grade 4B. Immediately following our performance, we returned to Aberdeen Music Hall for a sound check ahead of a concert hosted by Bucksburn and District featuring the Grade 1 band, Fife Police.

We entered the outdoor season on a high at Banchory, placing 3rd in Grade 4B, narrowly behind two larger bands from the south. This momentum carried into June, where we achieved 1st place in Grade 4B at both the Aberdeen Highland Games and a new contest in Inverurie. Our first major championship was the UK Championship in July, held at a new venue in Edinburgh. We delivered a strong performance and were delighted to place 3rd in the Novice Juvenile grade, though we felt our efforts may have warranted a slightly higher ranking. We had a dip in performance at the Scottish Championships where we dropped to 11th place in the Novice Juvenile grade. This outcome sharpened our focus heading into August, beginning with a local competition in Mintlaw where we again secured 1st place in Grade 4B.

This victory also earned us the title of North of Scotland Champion of Champions. Still trying to juggle holidays, we were off to Perth for the European Championship with renewed determination. Our efforts were rewarded with a 4th place finish in the Novice Juvenile grade. There was a large entry in the Novice Juvenile grade at the World Pipe Band Championships, and we were really excited to qualify in 3rd place from our group of 15 bands. The Novice Juvenile final was held on the Friday evening in the Grade 1 arena. This was a fantastic experience for all our young players who rose to the occasion, delivering an excellent performance and finishing 7th overall out of 30 bands.

This season stands as one of the most successful in recent years for the Novice Juvenile band. It has been a privilege to witness the growth and development of our young musicians.

None of these achievements would be possible without the unwavering support and dedication of our tuning team, tutors, families, and friends. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed to and have share in our successes. The bar has been set high, and we now look forward to welcoming the next generation of young learners into the band, beginning anew the journey of musical excellence.

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Grade 2

After many years of difficulty, the 2025 season was finally a more exciting and more positive one for Bucksburn & District Pipe Band Grade 2. The year started off like many have in recent years, without a leading drummer as they decided to walk away after only a few weeks in the role. However, the band were in a much healthier position to deal with this after promoting several of our NJ members up into our Grade 2 band at the end of the 2024 season. As well as several NJ pipers and drummers coming up, we also had one of our new drummers agree to step up as Leading Drummer. The band was on a little on the back foot but thanks to everyone pulling together and putting in a huge amount of time and effort we were finally able to get back out on the grass as a competing Pipe Band again. The competing season started in March for the pipe corps at the North of Scotland Branch Quartet competition. This was a fairly successful day for the band, playing 3 times in Grade 2 and 3 times in Grade 1 in addition to the having the NJ band also out competing. The band just missed out on the prize list in Grade 2 however still came away with a 1st place in Grade 1 with all 3 quartets placing in the Top 4.

Following the Quartets the band then welcomed Police Scotland Fife Pipe Band to the Aberdeen Music Hall for our annual concert on 19th April. The date of the concert unfortunately clashed with the Indoor North of Scotland Branch competition meaning the Grade 2 band were unable to compete. This day was a huge success for the band with the concert being well received by everyone in attendance. The band then moved on to our first outdoor competition of the season in Banchory on 11th May. 2 solid performances from the band resulted in a 4th in Grade 2 and 2nd in Grade 1 achieving 2 x 1st places in piping. Our next competitions came in June at a rainy Aberdeen Highland games and then the Inaugural Garioch pipe band competition in Inverurie. The band put in some good performances at these contests and were unlucky not to be placed higher. After getting 3 local competitions under our belt, we then turned our focus to the major competitions starting with the UK Championships in Ingliston on the 12th of July. This was a slightly disappointing performance from the G2 band, however the band finished in 8th place, tied for 6th but beaten on ensemble preference. The bands performance improved at the Scottish Championships in Dumbarton, finishing 12th overall. Moving on to the European Championships in Perth, the band, unfortunately, finishing bottom of the grade on the day. The band then finished off the season on a high with strong performances at both Mintlaw and The World Pipe Band Championships.

Looking forward to next season we're delighted to welcome a few new members into the band, strengthening both pipe corps and drum corps. Preparations are fully underway for the 2026 season as we gear up to build on last year's success of getting back out competing.

Financial Review

EXPENDITURE

Audit Fees

Audit fees saw a slight increase from the previous year.

Drumming Spares/Maintenance

A large increase due to various drumming parts such as skins, sticks and harnesses being required to allow the Grade 2 band to continue to compete.

Performing Expenses

Our Novice Juvenile band celebrated their 40th anniversary in 2024 and a ceilidh was held to mark the occasion, resulting in considerable outlays. With concert expenses decreasing, due to the guest band incurring smaller travel and accommodation costs.

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Financial Review

Fundraising Expenses

On par with last year. Expenses included purchase of advent calendars again which was offset against fundraising income.

General Expenses

Increase on last year, due to a member night held at Christmas.

Insurance

Insurances for band remained on par with previous year.

Legal Expenses

Legal expenses were on par with previous year.

Lets

There are no set costs, there is an expectation that we make a charitable donation each month in return for use of our premises, these have remained in line with the past year.

Performing Rights

Performing rights expenses have slightly increased due to increased prices.

Piping Spares/Maintenance

No cost in the prior year, however, the purchase of various chanters, reeds, pipebags and tuners have caused a large increase. These costs were incurred to allow the Grade 2 performers to compete.

Subscriptions

Slight increase in subscription costs due to increased charges.

Travel & Accommodation

Increase within the year which is due to the Grade 2 band competing again, which has incurred such costs.

Workshop/Tuition Expenses

Significant increase to these expenses as a result of increased tuition across snare, tenor and piping for Grade 2 and Novice Juvenile members.

INCOME

Ceilidh Night

The additional anniversary ceilidh has caused increased income.

Concerts

There have been increased concert ticket sales along with merchandise sales at these events.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

Financial Review

Donations

A decrease is seen due to a large, one-off donation being received in the prior year, however, several donations were received from the Novice Juvenile anniversary ceilidh.

Fundraising

Fundraising income has increased due to additional raffle sales from the anniversary ceilidh, and the introduction of the bonus ball draw.

Hogmanay

Revenue has increased from the Hogmanay performance as a result of increased popularity.

Other Revenue

An increase in other revenue is a result of various Gift Aid recoveries being made within the year, tied with the recovery of expenses from band members for the Christmas band night.

Piping Spares Revenue

There was no piping spares income within the year.

Prize Money

Prize money increased due to number of competitions entered and prizes received.

Sales/Fees

An increase in sales and fees as our member numbers increased.

Travel & Accommodation

An increase in travel & accommodation due to more monies recouped from members and supporters.

Uniform Revenue

Uniform Revenue increased as members increased, more monies recouped from purchase of uniform items.

Looking ahead

With both bands returning to the competition field in 2026, we anticipate a significant increase in expenses again. Our uniform stock is running low, and some of our kilts are in need of replacement due to wear and age. To address these needs, every effort will be made to strengthen our fundraising efforts.

We are also exploring the possibility of investing in new drums—a substantial financial undertaking, but one that may be essential to ensure we can compete at the highest level. The band remains fully committed to accepting any available event or engagement to help secure the funding required to sustain and grow our organisation.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

Financial Review

Reserves

It is the policy of the Charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the Charity, at a level which covers unrestricted expenditures and provide sufficient funds to cover management, administration and support costs for a period of one year and to enable it to fund future capital projects. The Charity had restricted periods during the year for equipment and travel. These funds were fully utilised for these purposes during the year and there were no restricted funds held at the year end.

Financial position

The financial position as at 31 August 2025 is as set out in the accounts.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by

Pamela Reid

Pamela Reid - Trustee

25/5/26

----- Date

**BUCKSBURN AND DISTRICT PIPE BAND
EXAMINERS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BUCKSBURN AND DISTRICT PIPE BAND

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2025 which are set out on pages 8 to 10.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our independent examination work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its Trustees, as a body, for our independent examination work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.

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 Act) and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) (the Accounts Regulations). The Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (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 was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 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.

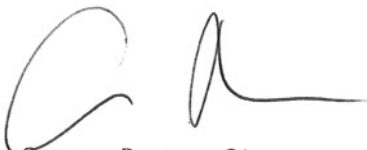
Independent examiner's statement

In 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 Accounts Regulations; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 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.



Graeme Penman CA
Member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in Scotland
AAB Business and Tax Advisory LLP
Kingshill View
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Date: 25 May 2026

**BUCKSBURN AND DISTRICT PIPE BAND
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

| | Note | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | Total 2025 £ | Total 2024 £ |
|---------------------------------------|------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Receipts | | | | | |
| Donations received | | 14,085 | - | 14,085 | 12,051 |
| Charitable activities | | 25,603 | - | 25,603 | 19,776 |
| Investment income | | 487 | - | 487 | 560 |
| Fundraising activities | | 42,411 | - | 42,411 | 28,006 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | | £ 82,586 | £ - | £ 82,586 | £ 60,393 |
| Payments | | | | | |
| Charitable activities | 2 | 49,741 | - | 49,741 | 39,055 |
| Governance costs | | 1,630 | - | 1,630 | 1,268 |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS | | £ 51,371 | £ - | £ 51,371 | £ 40,323 |
| SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR | | £ 31,215 | £ - | £ 31,215 | £ 20,070 |

The notes on page 10 form part of these financial statements.

All funds received and paid in 2025 and 2024 were unrestricted.

BUCKSBURN AND DISTRICT PIPE BAND
 CHARITY NUMBER: SC041109
 STATEMENT OF BALANCES
 AT 31 AUGUST 2025

| | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Bank | | |
| At 1 September 2024 | 79,101 | 59,031 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for the year | 31,215 | 20,070 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| At 31 August 2025 | £ 110,316 | £ 79,101 |

ASSETS

At 31 August 2025, the Charity was due £119 (2024 - £1,346) relating to invoiced fees.

LIABILITIES

At 31 August 2025, the fees payable for the independent examination of the Charity's accounts were £1,100 (2024 - £1,000) exclusive of VAT.

Furthermore, the charity was due to pay £Nil (2024 - £100) to third party suppliers.

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FUNDS

All of the Charity's funds held at the year end are held as unrestricted funds.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by

Pamela Reid

 Pamela Reid - Trustee

25/5/26
 ----- Date

BUCKSBURN AND DISTRICT PIPE BAND
CHARITY NUMBER: SC041109
NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS - 31 AUGUST 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) *Basis of accounts preparation*

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

(b) *Nature and purpose of fund*

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donors or have been raised by the Charity for a particular purpose.

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the Charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the Charity.

2. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

| | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Concert Expenses | 8,995 | 14,518 |
| Ceilidh/Trophy Night Expenses | 3,875 | 800 |
| Equipment | 8,752 | 772 |
| Accommodation and travel | 12,619 | 13,817 |
| Workshops | 4,393 | 1,855 |
| General expenses | 6,184 | 5,659 |
| Performing rights | 217 | 154 |
| Insurance | 535 | 512 |
| Subscriptions | 1,463 | 654 |
| Uniform | 2,148 | - |
| Competition fees | 560 | 314 |
| | £ 49,741 | £ 39,055 |

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REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

31 AUGUST 2024

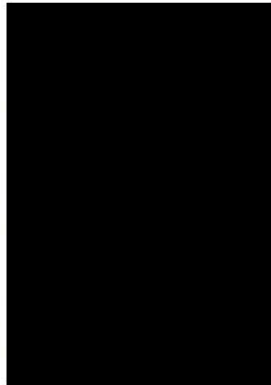
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BUCKSBURN AND DISTRICT PIPE BAND

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Trustees



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Vice President
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Activities and performance

September 2023 - miniband played as garden entertainment at Inchmarlo Retirement Park.

November 2023 - miniband played at the First Aberdeen annual awards night.

November 2023 - band played at Armistice Parade in Aberdeen.

December 2023 - band played at Red Hot Chilli Pipers concert as well as various venues on Hogmanay.

April 2024 - band hosted and played at pipe band concert at Music Hall.

June 2024 - band played at graduation ceremony at International School.

The band were delighted to be playing at these events which brought in a welcome boost to our funds.

Novice Juvenile Band

We returned to band practice in mid-September 2023 and immediately got down to hard work preparing for the Brechin Solo Competition, where we were once again well represented by our pipers and drummers. Three members of the band were successful in their applications for the National Youth Pipe Band of Scotland and continue to promote the band name in the central belt area.

The RSPBA North of Scotland branch ran a one-day maintenance class in October which was well received by those from our band who managed to attend. We continue to be supported by external tutors who help to ensure we maintain a strong focus on quality tuition of our young people.

November saw the return of the RSPBA North of Scotland branch solo competition which continues to be a successful event with many individual prizes won by our band members across all sections.

We were delighted to be once again asked to join the Red Hot Chilli Pipers as part of their concert at the Aberdeen Music Hall for the fourth consecutive year. This is a great experience for our young and newer members as well as our established players, to share the stage with the Chilli Pipers and see a different side to our instrument.

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Novice Juvenile Band

We had seven members (3 snare and 4 pipers) participate in fortnightly, weekend educational classes between November and February which were funded by the RSPBA North of Scotland branch. This culminated with individual practical performance and theory exam in March with all successfully passing their respective SCQF grades. This was the first time sitting exams for some of them and we hope that they continue to progress through the SCQF system and also that their achievements will encourage more of our members to take part.

The first competition of the year is always the RSPBA North of Scotland quartet competition in Huntly held in March. We entered two quartets in the Grade 4B march and one in the Grade 4A MSR. This was a good introduction for some of our new members and we were delighted to take 3rd place in the Grade 4B march. The first full band contest was the RSPBA North of Scotland indoor competition at Huntly in April. This was our first chance to gauge the success of our winter preparations, and we were delighted to come away with first place in Grade 4B and best Bass section across Grades 4B and 4A.

This year saw the return of the Bucksburn and District Concert at Aberdeen Music Hall where we were delighted to welcome Grade 1 band St. Lawrence O'Toole from Ireland. The Bucksburn and District Novice pipe band opened the second half of the show, and we received many positive comments.

The concert preparations set us on good stead, and we built on our earlier competition success at our first outdoor competition by placing first in Grade 4B at Banchory in May. This success continued to the British Championships at Forres in June where we placed second in the Novice Juvenile B grade. Unfortunately, the next competition at Aberdeen Highland Games, one week after the British Championship, was cancelled for safety reasons due to very heavy rain the night before and a subsequent waterlogged field. Therefore, it was almost two months between the British Championship and the Scottish Championship in Dumbarton at the end of July. With hindsight, we should have looked for another competition in between as we inadvertently lost some focus as a group, dropping to 11th place in Novice Juvenile B at the Scottish Championship. The end of July/start of August has always been a difficult period for the band with regards to group rehearsals as it is the main holiday period for many families which results in a dip in attendance at band practices. Despite this, we managed to pick ourselves up with a 7th place in Novice Juvenile B at the European Championship in Perth one week before heading to the World Championship.

As always, we are proud of our young members who continue to represent Bucksburn and District in solo piping and drumming competitions across the country as well as those in the National Youth Pipe Band of Scotland and they can be justly proud of their own achievements. We are equally proud of those who prefer only to compete with the band, who continue to put in the hard work to ensure our performances remain at the highest of standards.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

Grade 2

2024 was another season away from the competition circuit for Bucksburn and District Grade 2 Pipe Band. Year after year we've tried our best to get ourselves back out competing but unfortunately again, we couldn't find a leading drummer to take us into the competition circle for the 2024 season. As the previous few years, the band has stuck together, moved forward together and improved together and for that I'm extremely proud to be Pipe Major of this band and forever thankful to all of our members that have stuck by the band during these times. Thankfully, we find ourselves in a much more positive situation as we come out of 2024 with the recent appointment of LD Tony Park.

The pipe corps started off preparations for the 2024 season just like any other, working hard to improve the playing week in, week out. Although we weren't to be out competing as a band this year, the aim was always for the pipe corps to still compete at the RSPBA North of Scotland Quartet competition in March. This contest gave the band a goal which encouraged everyone to keep putting the work in to improve and kept the pipe corps moving in the right direction. The competition was a successful day for both the Grade 2 and Novice Juvenile band.

The Grade 2 band, from 4 performances, walked away with a 1st and 2nd place in Grade 2 and a 1st and 3rd place in Grade 1. The results from this competition gave everyone a well needed boost and showed others that even when struggling as a band, we still have the ability to compete and be a top band here in the North east.

Although 2024 has been another very tough year for the band. We find ourselves well prepared for the challenges that the 2025 season may bring. Our preparations have started extremely well with us welcoming numerous new members as well as promoting some of our NJ players into the G2 band. I'd like to thank Linsey Sutherland for her recent help in taking the drum corps practices while we sourced a permanent Leading Drummer. This has enabled us to build momentum and give the band a platform to build on now that we have a LD in place. With practices well underway and LD Tony Park now on board I'm really excited to see what the future brings for the band as we continue to push to fulfil our potential.

**BUCKSBURN AND DISTRICT PIPE BAND
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

Financial Review

EXPENDITURE

Audit Fees

Audit fees were on par with previous year.

Drumming Spares/Maintenance

An increase was down purchase of a second-hand drum and also a drum case for the bass drum.

Performing Expenses

Ceilidh and trophy night expenses relate to the band celebrating the 40th anniversary of our Novice Juvenile band with a ceilidh to be held in September 24. These expenses were deposits for hotel and ceilidh band.

Increased concert expenses which is due to the return of our concert. Outlays included flyers, programmes, sound engineers and hire of the Music Hall. There was also a fee to be paid to the visiting pipe band along with their travel and accommodation costs. There was also the purchase of band t-shirts although this was offset in part from sales to members and supporters.

Fundraising Expenses

On par with last year. Expenses included purchase of advent calendars again which was offset against fundraising income.

General Expenses

Decrease from last year but no significant reason for this.

Insurance

Insurances for band remained on par with previous year.

Legal Expenses

Legal expenses were on par with previous year.

Lets

There are no set costs, there is an expectation that we make a charitable donation each month in return for use of our premises.

Performing Rights

Performing rights expenses on par with previous year.

Piping Spares/Maintenance

There were no piping spares/maintenance expenses required in this financial year.

Subscriptions

Slight increase in subscription costs due to increased charges.

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Travel & Accommodation

Slight increase in travel & accommodation costs, again due to increased charges and numbers travelling. These costs are, in part, recouped from members and supporters.

Workshop/Tuition Expenses

Slight increase in workshop and tuition expenses. The band has secured further tuition required to develop our Novice band and learners.

INCOME

Ceilidh Night

The ceilidh night generated ticket sales ahead of our Novice Juvenile's 40th Anniversary ceilidh in September 24.

Concerts

Concert Revenue is generated from ticket sales, programme, raffle and merchandise sales and advertising in the programme.

Donations

There is a significant increase which is due to a large one-off donation from an ex-member of the band. A few smaller donations were also received.

Fundraising

Fundraising revenue is on par with previous year. We continue with our annual advent calendar sales and a Xmas Snowman fundraiser. Football scratch cards were also sold during the summer.

Hogmanay

Revenue from Hogmanay was on par with previous year and remains our largest fundraiser securing much needed funds.

Other Revenue

This was a transfer of funds for another of our bank accounts.

Piping Spares Revenue

There was a reduction in revenue from piping spares from last year as no sales were made.

Prize Money

Prize money increased due to number of competitions entered and prizes received.

Sales/Fees

A slight increase in sales and fees as our member numbers increased.

Travel & Accommodation

An increase in travel & accommodation due to more monies recouped from members and supporters.

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Uniform Revenue

Uniform Revenue increased as members increased, more monies recouped from purchase of uniform items.

Looking ahead

Once again, the Grade 2 band did not make it out to competitions during 23/24. However, we are in a much better position with our drum corps and it is looking very likely that we will be back on the competing field next year. While this is a very positive step for the band, we are in no doubt that our expenditure will significantly increase. With this in mind, we will be making every effort to increase our fundraising income through playing at engagements and organising events in the coming year.

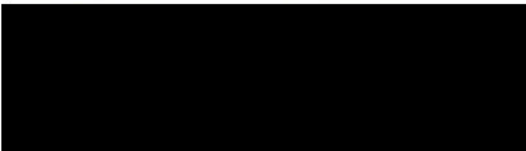
Reserves

It is the policy of the Charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the Charity, at a level which covers unrestricted expenditures and provide sufficient funds to cover management, administration and support costs for a period of one year and to enable it to fund future capital projects. The Charity had restricted periods during the year for equipment and travel. These funds were fully utilised for these purposes during the year and there were no restricted funds held at the year end.

Financial position

The financial position at 31 August 2024 is as set out in the accounts.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by



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7/5/2025 Date

**BUCKSBURN AND DISTRICT PIPE BAND
EXAMINERS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BUCKSBURN AND DISTRICT PIPE BAND

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2024 which are set out on pages 8 to 10.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our independent examination work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its Trustees, as a body, for our independent examination work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.

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 Act) and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) (the Accounts Regulations). The Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (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 was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 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 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 Accounts Regulations; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 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.


Member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in Scotland
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AB15 8PU

Date: 8 May 2025

**BUCKSBURN AND DISTRICT PIPE BAND
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

| | Note | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | Total 2024 £ | Total 2023 £ |
|---------------------------------------|------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Receipts | | | | | |
| Donations received | | 12,051 | - | 12,051 | 455 |
| Charitable activities | | 19,776 | - | 19,776 | 16,932 |
| Investment income | | 560 | - | 560 | 342 |
| Fundraising activities | | 28,006 | - | 28,006 | 11,255 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | | £ 60,393 | £ - | £ 60,393 | £ 28,984 |
| Payments | | | | | |
| Charitable activities | 2 | 39,055 | - | 39,055 | 15,464 |
| Governance costs | | 1,268 | - | 1,268 | 1,585 |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS | | £ 40,323 | £ - | £ 40,323 | £ 17,049 |
| SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR | | £ 20,070 | £ - | £ 20,070 | £ 11,935 |

The notes on page 10 form part of these financial statements.

All funds received and paid in 2024 and 2023 were unrestricted.

BUCKSBURN AND DISTRICT PIPE BAND
CHARITY NUMBER: SC041109
STATEMENT OF BALANCES
AT 31 AUGUST 2024

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Bank | | |
| At 1 September 2023 | 59,031 | 47,096 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for the year | <u>20,070</u> | <u>11,935</u> |
| At 31 August 2024 | <u>£ 79,101</u> | <u>£ 59,031</u> |

ASSETS

At 31 August 2024, the Charity was due £1,346 (2023 - £1,523) relating to invoiced fees.

LIABILITIES

At 31 August 2024, the fees payable for the independent examination of the Charity's accounts were £1,000 (2023 - £950) exclusive of VAT.

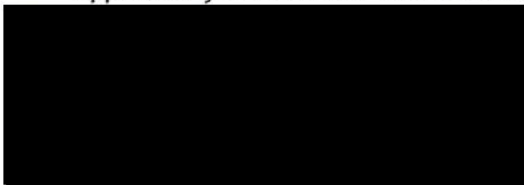
Furthermore, the charity was due to pay £100 (2023 - £2,698) to third party suppliers.

The notes on page 10 form part of these financial statements.

FUNDS

All of the Charity's funds held at the year end are held as unrestricted funds.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by



7/5/2025

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Date

BUCKSBURN AND DISTRICT PIPE BAND
NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS - 31 AUGUST 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) *Basis of accounts preparation*

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

(b) *Nature and purpose of fund*

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donors or have been raised by the Charity for a particular purpose.

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the Charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the Charity.

2. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|
| | £ | £ |
| Concert Expenses | 14,518 | - |
| Ceilidh/Trophy Night Expenses | 800 | - |
| Equipment | 772 | 1,192 |
| Accommodation and travel | 13,817 | 7,871 |
| Workshops | 1,855 | 1,272 |
| General expenses | 5,659 | 3,874 |
| Performing rights | 154 | 191 |
| Insurance | 512 | 492 |
| Subscriptions | 654 | 402 |
| Competition fees | 314 | 170 |
| | £39,055 | £ 15,464 |