

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

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

31 AUGUST 2024

BUCKSBURN AND DISTRICT PIPE BAND

Full name Bucksburn and District Pipe Band

Charity Number SC041109

Trustees



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Treasurer
Secretary, Novice Juvenile
Secretary, Grade 2
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**BUCKSBURN AND DISTRICT PIPE BAND
TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

Governing document

The Charity is unincorporated and the purposes and administration arrangements are set out in our constitution.

Trustees

The Trustees holding office during the year were as noted on the previous page. The trustees receive no remuneration; any expenses claimed are reimbursed at cost.

Recruitment and Appointment of trustees

Trustees are appointed or reappointed by the members at the AGM.

Charitable objects

The Bucksburn and District Pipe Band ("the Charity") is a Charity established to promote pipe band culture and to maintain a bond of fellowship and mutual interest amongst its members, through its continuing commitment for 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.

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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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.

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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



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.


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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.

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 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	20,070	11,935
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.

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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



7/5/2025

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
	<u>£39,055</u>	<u>£ 15,464</u>