

The Girls' Brigade in Scotland Aberdeen Division

Scotland · Charity number SC041806

Details

Status Active

Legal form Unincorporated association

Part of The Girls' Brigade in Scotland (SC010980)

Registered 2010-10-06

Register [View on the OSCR register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of religion'

What the charity does: Support companies as per the charity purpose

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people'

Objectives: The Division is established for charitable objects and purposes only and in particular is established to help girls become followers of the Lord Jesus Christ and through self control reverence and a sense of responsibility, find true enrichment of life. In particular, the Division shall have as its objects the Objects set out in paragraph 9.1 of the Regulations of GBS, as adopted in July 2009.

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£8,985	£18,038	-	0
2024-03-31	£10,709	£11,832	-	0
2023-03-31	£16,493	£10,782	-	0
2022-03-31	£100,004	£6,177	-	0
2021-03-31	£5,448	£4,568	-	0

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Trustees' Report and Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2025

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Trustees and Professional Advisers

Current trustees: Mrs K Orchard (Commissioner)
Mrs M Cooper (President)
Mrs A Bagworth (Treasurer)

Other trustees during the year: None

Principal address: c/o Mrs K Brown
Secretary
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Governing document

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Charitable purposes

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Activities and achievements

Our Annual Returns at January 2025 totalled 301 which is 6 up on last year

Term of Office

Divisional Chaplain – we are delighted Rev Andy Ellison has agreed to stay on as our Divisional Chaplain for another year.

Division

Due to the closure of St Mary's Church, the 21st Aberdeen and 31st Aberdeen had to find new churches to be affiliated to. 21st Aberdeen is now affiliated to Crown Terrace Methodist Church and 31st Aberdeen to St Columba's Church.

Our Training Day/Dedication Service this session took place on Saturday 24th August 2024 at St Columba's Church, Bridge of Don and was well attended. Thanks go to the 31st company for looking after us on the day and to Rev Andy Ellinson for leading us in our dedication service.

We took part in the Celebrate Aberdeen Parade which took place on Saturday 31st August 2024. We had 7 of our 9 companies and all the girls and leaders seemed to enjoy themselves in the sunshine.

Our Divisional Display was held at the Beach Ballroom on Sunday 9th March 2025. It was great to see all the girls, officers and family and friends fill the Beach Ballroom. We had 4 Divisional items and 5 competition winner items and one company item. It was great to see all the girls at the end on the floor taking part in the finale item. We had Rev Shauna Dicks, Moderator of Presbytery of North East and Northern Isles of Church of Scotland as our visiting guest.

Explorer fun afternoon was held on Saturday 10th May 2025 at St Columba's Church, Bridge of Don. There were 48 girls attended on a lovely sunny day all girls enjoyed taking part in the circus themed day with face painting, tattoos, decorating biscuits, making bracelets and playing games.

Since last session Aberdeen Division Girls Brigade has been represented at the Scout Gang Show, the Remembrance Service and the VE day beacon lighting.

Aimee MacLean, 3rd Aberdeen has been selected to attend the international camp in Wisconsin.

Leadership Training

We have had no Officers commissioned this session.

We have had 3 trainees who have completed their GBS Leadership Induction Training and 5 trainees who have completed their Gold award.

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3 Bronze awards and 2 Silver awards have been gained this year.

Queens Award

Amy Chapman, 1st Newtonhill has gained her Queens Award

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Officer Service Awards

Mrs Rachael Elliott, Lieutenant of 3rd Aberdeen gained her 20 years' Service Award, Mrs Angela Ritchie, Lieutenant of 7th Aberdeen and 23rd Aberdeen gained her 30 years' Service Award and Mrs Tanya Chapman, Captain of 7th Aberdeen and 1st Newtonhill gained her 40 years' service.

Badges

Badges gained this session –

Explorers – 8 x Bronze stars, 28 x Silver stars, 24 x Gold stars

Juniors – 41 x 1st Circles, 33 x 2nd Circles, 19 x 1st Diamonds, 8 x 2nd Diamonds

Brigaders – 8 x Red triangles, 9 x White triangles, 5 x Blue triangles, 7 x Gold triangles & 6 Brigader Brooches.

Competitions

We had few turn up and do competitions this year –

Our competitions were all held on the same day on Saturday 5th October and the results were as follows:

Explorers: Crafts – 28 girls over 8 companies entered

1st – 31st Aberdeen, 2nd – 1st Skene, 3rd – 21st, 23rd & 42nd Aberdeen

Juniors: GB Knowledge & Bible Quiz – 51 girls from all 9 companies entered

1st – 7th Aberdeen, 2nd – 31st Aberdeen, 3rd – 1st Skene

Brigader: Taskmaster – 24 girls from over 7 companies entered.

1st – 42nd Aberdeen, 2nd – 3rd Aberdeen, 3rd – 21st Aberdeen

We had a variety of competitions this year with the majority of them being held the first week of February 2025 which we held at various venues across the Division. We had -

8 Explorer teams

12 Junior teams

7 Brigader teams

8 Junior Basic Marching

6 Brigader Advanced Marching

Explorer Physical: 1st – 1st Newtonhill, 2nd - 7th Aberdeen, 3rd - 23rd Aberdeen

Junior Physical: 1st – 3rd Aberdeen, 2nd - 31st Aberdeen, 3rd - 1st Newtonhill

Brigader Physical: 1st – 7th Aberdeen, 2nd – 1st Newtonhill, 3rd - 21st Aberdeen

Junior Marching: 1st - 1st Newtonhill, 2nd – 3rd Aberdeen, 3rd – 27th Aberdeen

Brigader Marching: 1st – 1st Newtonhill, 2nd - 7th Aberdeen, 3rd - 23rd/42nd Aberdeen

Well done to all companies who took part and congratulations to all the winners

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Trustees' Report
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Trustees' remuneration and expenses

The trustees did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year.

Reserves

As a result of the deficit of £9,053 for the year, the Group held unrestricted funds of £88,650 at the year end.

Approved by the Trustees on 7/5/2026 and signed on their behalf by

PP 

K Orchard
Commissioner

Aberdeen Division Girls' Brigade
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Report by the Independent Examiner

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025 which are set out on pages 6 and 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charities 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. 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. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

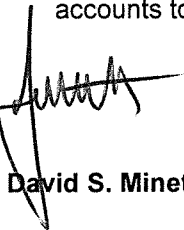
Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which give 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.



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Receipts and Payments Account
for the year ended 31st March 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Receipts:		
Investment income	-	997
Hall hire	-	4,500
Display income	2,643	2,628
Donations	2,506	1,132
Legacies	3,000	-
Fees	792	1,030
Badges	4	5
Nethy Bridge trip	-	325
Miscellaneous income	40	-
Rag bag income	-	92
Total receipts	<u>8,985</u>	<u>10,709</u>
Payments:		
Property insurance, heat, light, and cleaning	14,461	6,706
Competition expenses	119	41
Display expenses	100	2,511
Earl Haig Fund	52	151
Training expenses	-	130
Bank charges	6	6
Highland Games stall	-	40
Division trip	484	-
Admin expenses	140	162
Flowers and gifts	248	-
Gazebo and flag	1,138	-
Badges	24	53
Nethy Bridge trip	-	900
Donations	1,266	1,132
Total payments	<u>18,038</u>	<u>11,832</u>
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	<u>(9,053)</u>	<u>(1,123)</u>

All funds are unrestricted

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**Statement of Balances
as at 31st March 2025**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank and cash in hand		
Opening balance	21,703	22,826
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	<u>(9,053)</u>	<u>(1,123)</u>
Closing balance	<u>12,650</u>	<u>21,703</u>
 Investments		
At cost	<u>76,000</u>	<u>76,000</u>
 Reserves		
General fund	50,391	59,564
Legacy fund	37,452	37,332
Band fund	<u>807</u>	<u>807</u>
	<u>88,650</u>	<u>97,703</u>
 All funds are unrestricted		
 Notes		
Investments		
Market value of investments –		
Aberdeen Standard Investments	169,379	156,198
Janus Henderson Investors	<u>45,241</u>	<u>45,651</u>
	<u>214,620</u>	<u>201,849</u>

Funds

Legacy Fund – This fund has been created by receipt of donations. It is used to support the training of young leaders and other special purposes as deemed appropriate by the executive.

Band Fund – This fund has been created to fund band activities within the Girls' Brigade.

Approved by the Trustees on *7/5/2026* and signed on their behalf by



A Bagworth
Treasurer

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Activities and achievements

Our Annual Returns at January 2024 totalled 295 which is 34 down on last year

Term of Office

Mrs Carole Horne has completed 3 years as President and has decided to step down tonight

Mrs Angela Ritchie has completed 6 years as Commissioner and will step down tonight

Miss Angela Wilson has completed 6 years as Deputy Commissioner and will step down tonight.

Mrs Margaret Cooper will be appointed tonight as President

Mrs Karen Orchard will be appointed tonight as Commissioner

Mrs Lynne Smith will be appointed tonight as Deputy Commissioner

Miss Emily Scott will be appointed tonight as Deputy Commissioner

Rachel Esson gave up as Training Co-ordinator this year and Miss Hayley Leys agreed to take on this role. Mrs Fiona Cumming has completed her first 3 years as Vice President and is happy to do a further 3 years. Miss Nicola McLean has completed her first 3 years as Deputy Commissioner and is happy to do a further 3 years.

Mrs Angela Ritchie has agreed to take on the halls let role

Divisional Chaplain – we are delighted Rev Andy Ellison has agreed to stay on as our Divisional Chaplain for another year.

Division

Two companies have decided to close this session - 1st Kintore and 24th Aberdeen

1st Aberdeen and 39th Aberdeen who merged last year will now be known as the 42nd Aberdeen.

We started off our session taking part in the Celebrate Aberdeen Parade which took place on Saturday 26th August 2023. We had around 60 leaders and girls who sang and danced along Union Street with our mascot Bee.

Our Training Day/Dedication Service this session took place on Saturday 26th August 2023 at South St Nicholas Church, Kincorth and was well attended by 35 leaders and it was good to see some new trainees in attendance. Thanks go to the 23rd company for looking after us on the day and to Rev Andy Ellinson for leading us in our dedication service.

We had a trainee leader get together and training session on Sunday 17th September 2023. 8 trainee leaders from 4 companies attended. They participated in teaching drill, physical activity, worship, planning and preparation, planning an outing, storytelling & organising a craft session followed by pizza.

We also held a Divisional publicity stand at Asda Dyce on Saturday 30th September 2023 between 10.00 am – 4.00pm. Thank you again to all the leaders who helped out on the day.

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Our Divisional Display was held at the Beach Ballroom on Sunday 24th February 2024. It was great to see all the girls, officers and family and friends fill the Beach Ballroom. We had 4 Divisional items and 6 competition winner items. It was great to see all the girls at the end on the floor taking part in the finale item. We had Lauren Mitchell from Northsound Radio as our visiting guest.

We had a stall at the Aberdeen Highland Games on Saturday 18th June 2023 which turned out to be a lovely sunny day where we handed out lots of promotional items.

We had a Junior Divisional outing to Camperdown Park on Saturday 24th April 2024. We had 84 girls and had a fantastic day with great weather. We visited the zoo, played at the playpark then finished up with team games at the end.

We had invited 5 ladies to become honorary this year and we are delighted to welcome them on board and it is great to see them here tonight along with our other honorary

We welcome -
Lesley Mowat
Fiona Leslie
Margaret Cooper
Angela McKinnon
Lesley Bills

Since last session Aberdeen Division Girls Brigade has been represented at the Scout Gang Show, Guides Show and the Remembrance Service.

Leadership Training

We have had 6 Officers commissioned this session.

We have had 5 trainees who have completed their GBS Leadership Induction Training and 5 trainees who have completed their Gold award.

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3 Bronze awards have been gained this year.

Officer Service Awards

Mrs Erin Durno, Lieutenant of 7th Aberdeen, Miss Rachel Dawson, Lieutenant of 7th Aberdeen and 31st Aberdeen and Miss Hayley Leys, Lieutenant of 23rd Aberdeen gained their 10 years' Service Award, Mrs Lynne Smith, Lieutenant of 7th Aberdeen and Miss Angela Wilson, Lieutenant of 23rd Aberdeen gained their 30 years' Service Award and Mrs Karen Brown, Lieutenant of 1st Newtonhill and 39th Aberdeen gained her 40 years' service.

Badges

Badges gained this session –

Explorers – 16 x Bronze stars, 22 x Silver stars, 48 x Gold stars

Juniors – 26 x 1st Circles, 30 x 2nd Circles, 14 x 1st Diamonds, 8 x 2nd Diamonds

Brigaders – 11 x Red triangles, 7 x White triangles, 6 x Blue triangles, 4 x Gold triangles & 3 Brigader Brooches

There was 1 company's numbers I did not manage to get.

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Competitions

We had a variety of competitions this year with the majority of them being held the first week of February 2024 which we held at various venues across the Division. We had -

8 Explorer teams
10 Junior teams
7 Brigader teams
4 Drill teams

Explorer Physical – 1st – 31st Aberdeen, 2nd – 23rd Aberdeen, 3rd – 1st Skene

Junior Physical – 1st 31st Aberdeen, 2nd – 7th Aberdeen, 3rd – 27th Aberdeen

Brigader Physical – 1st – 21st Aberdeen, 2nd – 23rd Aberdeen, 3rd – 7th & 27th Aberdeen

Junior/Brigader Basic Drill – 1st – 7th Aberdeen, 2nd – 3rd Aberdeen, 3rd – 23rd Aberdeen

We also had few turn up and do competitions this year –

Our competitions were all held on the same day on Saturday 7th October and the results were as follows:

Explorers: potted sports – 27 girls over 7 companies entered
1st – 1st Skene, 2nd – 31st Aberdeen, 3rd – 1st Newtonhill

Juniors: Bible Drama – 49 girls over 8 companies entered
1st – 31st Aberdeen, 2nd – 1st Skene, 3rd – 3rd Aberdeen & 1st Newtonhill

Brigader: Dance – 20 girls from over 6 companies entered.
1st – 1st Newtonhill, 2nd – 21st Aberdeen, 3rd – 7th Aberdeen

Well done to all companies who took part and congratulations to all the winners

Officer Service Awards

Elaine Stewart, Captain of 1st St Stephen's Church has gained her 30 years' service this year and Angela Ritchie, Officer of 7th Northfield UF and Aberdeen Divisional Commissioner has gained her 20 years' service. Both ladies will be presented with their award's tonight at our AGM.

Badges

Badges gained this session –

Explorers – 20 x Bronze stars, 24 x Silver stars, 18 x Gold stars

Juniors – 24 x 1st Circles, 16 x 2nd Circles, 17 x 1st Diamonds, 12 x 2nd Diamonds

Brigaders – 15 x Red triangles, 8 x White triangles, 6 x Blue triangles, 14 x Gold triangles & 7 Brigader Brooches

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Competitions

On a positive note, we were delighted we were able to hold some divisional competitions this year and thanks must go to Angela Ritchie who co-ordinated all the entries with the judges. The competitions were set for the week 7th March and companies had to video the girls on their company night and send in their videos.

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Explorer Physical: 5 teams

1st place – 3rd Aberdeen, 2nd place – 7th Aberdeen, 3rd place – 27th Aberdeen.

Junior physical: 5 Teams

1st place – 7th Aberdeen, 2nd place – 3rd Aberdeen, 3rd place – 24th Aberdeen.

Brigader Physical: 6 teams

1st place – 1st Newtonhill, 2nd place – 7th Aberdeen, 3rd place – 21st Aberdeen & 1st Kintore.

Makaton: 9 teams

1st place – 3rd Juniors, 2nd place – 7th Juniors, 3rd place – 7th Brigaders.

We also held CJ Bruce Competition for Explorers – this was an Individual competition for any explorers who wished to take part. They had to produce an A4 season themed collage either in their company or at home. We had 53 entries, and the judges had a very difficult decision in finding winners. In the end they settled on 3 winners.

We also had a Christmas Photography Competition – 1 for Juniors and 1 for Brigaders. There were 7 entries for each of these sections and the judge was highly impressed with the effort that went into creating the photos.

The Junior placings were Juniors: 1st – 7th Aberdeen, 2nd – 31st Aberdeen, 3rd – 3rd Aberdeen and the Brigader placings were 1st – 7th Aberdeen, Brigader 2nd – 3rd Aberdeen, Brigader 3rd – 1st Newtonhill.

Well done to all companies who took part given these challenging times.

Trustees' remuneration and expenses

The trustees did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year.

Reserves

As a result of the deficit of £1,123 for the year, the Group held unrestricted funds of £97,703 at the year end.

Approved by the Trustees on 7/5/2026 and signed on their behalf by

PP 

K Orchard
Commissioner

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Report by the Independent Examiner

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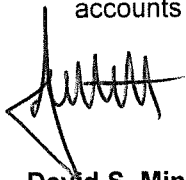
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Receipts and Payments Account
for the year ended 31st March 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Receipts:		
Investment income	997	1,866
Hall hire	4,500	7,050
Display income	2,628	2,096
Donations	1,132	914
Fees	1,030	1,159
Badges	5	6
Nethy Bridge trip	325	3,330
Rag bag income	92	72
Total receipts	<u>10,709</u>	<u>16,493</u>
Payments:		
Property insurance, heat, light, and cleaning	6,706	4,086
Competition expenses	41	52
Display expenses	2,511	2,350
Earl Haig Fund	151	50
Training expenses	130	-
Bank charges	6	6
Highland Games stall	40	30
Flyers	-	62
Admin expenses	162	66
Badges	53	-
Nethy Bridge trip	900	3,262
Donations	1,132	818
Total payments	<u>11,832</u>	<u>10,782</u>
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	<u>(1,123)</u>	<u>5,711</u>

All funds are unrestricted

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**Statement of Balances
as at 31st March 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank and cash in hand		
Opening balance	22,826	17,115
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	<u>(1,123)</u>	<u>5,711</u>
Closing balance	<u>21,703</u>	<u>22,826</u>
 Investments		
At cost	<u>76,000</u>	<u>76,000</u>
 Reserves		
General fund	59,564	60,779
Legacy fund	37,332	37,240
Band fund	<u>807</u>	<u>807</u>
	<u>97,703</u>	<u>98,826</u>
 All funds are unrestricted		
 Notes		
Investments		
Market value of investments –		
Aberdeen Standard Investments	156,198	144,508
Janus Henderson Investors	<u>45,651</u>	<u>43,501</u>
	<u>201,849</u>	<u>188,009</u>

Funds

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Activities and achievements

Our Annual Returns at January 2023 totalled 329 which is 60 up on last year

Term of Office

Miss Rachel Dawson will be appointed tonight as Queen's Award Co-ordinator

Miss Emily Scott will be appointed tonight as Youth Rep.

Divisional Chaplain – we are delighted to welcome Rev Andy Ellison who will be our Divisional Chaplain for the next 2 years.

Division

Two of our companies merged at the start of this session – 1st Aberdeen and 39th Aberdeen – initially they meet on a Friday at Hilton Community Centre and then from December 2022 they changed to meet on a Thursday night at High Hilton Church.

We started off our session taking part in the Celebrate Aberdeen Parade which took place on Saturday 27th August 2022. We had around 60 leaders and girls who sang and danced along Union Street with our mascot Bee.

Our Training Day/Dedication Service this year took place on Sunday 28th August 2022 at South St Nicholas Church, Kincorth and was well attended by 35 leaders and it was good to see some new trainees in attendance. Thanks go to the 23rd company for looking after us on the day and to Bill Mitchell for leading us in our dedication service.

Nethy 2022 – 32 leaders and Brigaders spent the weekend at Nethybridge from 2nd – 4th September 2022. Everyone was so glad we finally made it and they all had a great time. Huge thanks go to all leaders who helped with the activities but especially to Lynne Smith for all her chasing and effort she put in to making sure it happened after all the cancellations due to covid.

We also held a Divisional publicity stand at Asda Garthdee on Saturday 24th September 2022 between 10.00 am – 4.00pm. Thank you again to all the leaders who helped out on the day.

Our Divisional Display was held at the Beach Ballroom on Sunday 5th March 2023. This was our first one since 2020 and we had a great turnout of girls and officers there. We had 4 Divisional items, 1 item from the 31st Aberdeen and 5 competition winner items. It was great to see all the girls at the end on the floor taking part in the Makaton song. Our National President was also in attendance.

We were due to have a stall at the Aberdeen Highland Games on Saturday 19th June 2022 but this had to be cancelled due to severe winds but we are hopeful that this year's event will go ahead and we will have a stall at it on Sunday 18th June 2023.

Since last session Aberdeen Division Girls Brigade has been represented at the Boys Brigade Queen's and Presidents Badge Presentation evening, Scout Gang Show, Guides Show and the Remembrance Service.

Aberdeen Division Girls' Brigade
Scottish Charity Number SC041806

Trustees' Report
for the year ended 31st March 2023

Leadership Training

There has been no Officers commissioned this session.

We have had 7 trainees who have completed their GBS Leadership Induction Training and 3 trainees who have completed their Gold award.

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3 Bronze and 1 Silver award has been gained this year.

Officer Service Awards

We had no Officer Service Awards for this year.

Badges

Badges gained this session –

Explorers – 23 x Bronze stars, 40 x Silver stars, 28 x Gold stars

Juniors – 31 x 1st Circles, 17 x 2nd Circles, 16 x 1st Diamonds, 13 x 2nd Diamonds

Brigaders – 6 x Red triangles, 10 x White triangles, 7 x Blue triangles, 4 x Gold triangles & 4 Brigader Brooches

There was 1 company numbers I did not manage to get.

Competitions

We had a variety of competitions this year with the majority of them being held the week of the 6th February 2023 which we held at various venues across the Division.

Explorer Action Songs: 8 teams

1st place – 21st Aberdeen, 2nd place – 23rd Aberdeen, 3rd place – 3rd Aberdeen

Junior physical: 11 Teams

1st place – 3rd Aberdeen, 2nd place – 7th Aberdeen, 3rd place – 21st Aberdeen

Brigader Physical: 7 teams

1st place – 1st Newtonhill, 2nd place – 21st Aberdeen, 3rd place – 27th Aberdeen

Junior/Brigader Basic Marching: 7 teams

1st place – 1st Kintore, 2nd place – 7th Aberdeen, 3rd place – 27th Aberdeen

Brigader Promotional Video: 4 teams

1st place – 7th Aberdeen, 2nd place – 1st Kintore, 3rd place – 1st Newtonhill

We also held CJ Bruce Competition for Juniors – this was an Individual competition where the girls were given a shoe box and materials and they had to make a bedroom – 16 girls entered from 8 companies. The 2 winning girls came from the 7th Aberdeen and the 24th Aberdeen.

We also had few turn up and do competitions this year –

Potted Sports for Explorers (Pearl Corstorphine) – 34 girls from 10 companies took part

1st place – 3rd Aberdeen, 2nd place – 31st Aberdeen, 3rd place – 1st Newtonhill

Potted Sports for Juniors – 54 girls from 10 companies took part

1st place – 24th Aberdeen, 2nd – 3rd Aberdeen, 3rd place – 21st Aberdeen

Krypton Factor for Brigaders – 20 girls from 6 companies

1st place – 1st Kintore, 2nd place – 21st Aberdeen, 3rd place – 3rd Aberdeen

Well done to all companies who took part and congratulations to all the winners

Aberdeen Division Girls' Brigade
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Trustees' Report
for the year ended 31st March 2023

Officer Service Awards

Elaine Stewart, Captain of 1st St Stephen's Church has gained her 30 years' service this year and Angela Ritchie, Officer of 7th Northfield UF and Aberdeen Divisional Commissioner has gained her 20 years' service. Both ladies will be presented with their award's tonight at our AGM.

Badges

Badges gained this session –

Explorers – 20 x Bronze stars, 24 x Silver stars, 18 x Gold stars

Juniors – 24 x 1st Circles, 16 x 2nd Circles, 17 x 1st Diamonds, 12 x 2nd Diamonds

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There was 1 company's numbers I did not manage to get.

Competitions

On a positive note, we were delighted we were able to hold some divisional competitions this year and thanks must go to Angela Ritchie who co-ordinated all the entries with the judges. The competitions were set for the week 7th March and companies had to video the girls on their company night and send in their videos.

Explorer Physical: 5 teams

1st place – 3rd Aberdeen, 2nd place – 7th Aberdeen, 3rd place – 27th Aberdeen.

Junior physical: 5 Teams

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Brigader Physical: 6 teams

1st place – 1st Newtonhill, 2nd place – 7th Aberdeen, 3rd place – 21st Aberdeen & 1st Kintore.

Makaton: 9 teams

1st place – 3rd Juniors, 2nd place – 7th Juniors, 3rd place – 7th Brigaders.

We also held CJ Bruce Competition for Explorers – this was an Individual competition for any explorers who wished to take part. They had to produce an A4 season themed collage either in their company or at home. We had 53 entries, and the judges had a very difficult decision in finding winners. In the end they settled on 3 winners.

We also had a Christmas Photography Competition – 1 for Juniors and 1 for Brigaders. There were 7 entries for each of these sections and the judge was highly impressed with the effort that went into creating the photos.

The Junior placings were Juniors: 1st – 7th Aberdeen, 2nd – 31st Aberdeen, 3rd – 3rd Aberdeen and the Brigader placings were 1st – 7th Aberdeen, Brigader 2nd – 3rd Aberdeen, Brigader 3rd – 1st Newtonhill.

Well done to all companies who took part given these challenging times.

Aberdeen Division Girls' Brigade
Scottish Charity Number SC041806

Trustees' Report
for the year ended 31st March 2023

Trustees' remuneration and expenses

The trustees did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year.

Reserves

As a result of the surplus of £5,711 for the year, the Group held unrestricted funds of £98,826 at the year end.

Approved by the Trustees on 7/5/2026 and signed on their behalf by

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Commissioner

Aberdeen Division Girls' Brigade
Scottish Charity Number SC041806

Report by the Independent Examiner

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023 which are set out on pages 7 and 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charities 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. 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. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

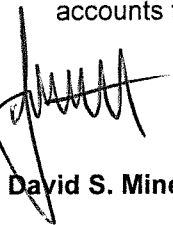
Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matters have come to my attention

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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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Aberdeen Division Girls' Brigade
Scottish Charity Number SC041806

Receipts and Payments Account
for the year ended 31st March 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Receipts:		
Investment income	1,866	2,706
Hall hire	7,050	5,333
Display income	2,096	-
Donations	914	1,008
Fees	1,159	883
Badges	6	3
Nethy Bridge trip	3,330	-
Rag bag income	72	71
Total receipts	<u>16,493</u>	<u>10,004</u>
 Payments:		
Property insurance, heat, light, and cleaning	4,086	4,196
Competition expenses	52	140
Display expenses	2,350	-
Earl Haig Fund	50	-
Trophies and engraving	-	135
Bank charges	6	-
Highland Games stall	30	-
Flyers	62	-
Admin expenses	66	-
Abernethy Trust trip	-	216
Nethy Bridge trip	3,262	-
Donations	818	1,490
Total payments	<u>10,782</u>	<u>6,177</u>
Surplus for the year	<u>5,711</u>	<u>3,827</u>

All funds are unrestricted

Aberdeen Division Girls' Brigade
Scottish Charity Number SC041806

**Statement of Balances
as at 31st March 2023**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank and cash in hand		
Opening balance	17,115	13,288
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	<u>5,711</u>	<u>3,827</u>
Closing balance	<u><u>22,826</u></u>	<u><u>17,115</u></u>
 Investments		
At cost	<u><u>76,000</u></u>	<u><u>76,000</u></u>
 Reserves		
General fund	60,779	55,236
Legacy fund	37,240	37,072
Band fund	<u>807</u>	<u>807</u>
	<u><u>98,826</u></u>	<u><u>93,115</u></u>
 All funds are unrestricted		
 Notes		
Investments		
Market value of investments –		
Aberdeen Standard Investments	144,508	144,548
Janus Henderson Investors	<u>43,501</u>	<u>35,845</u>
	<u><u>188,009</u></u>	<u><u>180,393</u></u>

Funds

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Approved by the Trustees on 7/5/2026 and signed on their behalf by



A Bagworth
Treasurer

Accounts

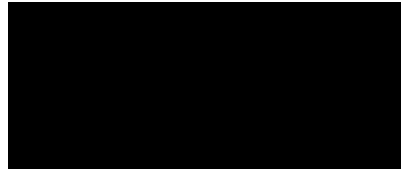
Aberdeen Division Girls' Brigade
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Trustees' Report and Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2022

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Trustees and Professional Advisers

Current trustees:

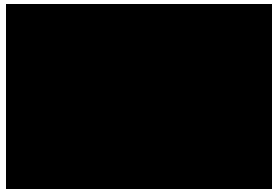


(Resigned 26/05/21)
(Appointed 26/05/21)

Other trustees during the year:

None

Principal address:



Independent examiner:



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Aberdeen Division Girls' Brigade

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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31st March 2022

Governing document

The Association is a charitable unincorporated association, and the purposes and administration arrangements are set out in our constitution.

Charitable purposes

Our purposes, as recorded as our aim in our constitution, are to help girls to become followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, and through self-control, reverence, and a sense of responsibility, to find a true enrichment of life.

Activities and achievements

Our Annual Returns at January 2022 totalled 269.

Term of Office

██████████ has completed her 1st term of 3 years as Deputy Commissioner and has agreed to stand again for a further 3 years and will be appointed at the meeting tonight to do a further 3 years.

██████████ has completed her year as position of Youth Rep and as there were no other nominees stepping forward, she will be appointed tonight for another term of 1 year.

Divisional Chaplain – we are delighted that ██████████ has agreed to take on the role of Divisional Chaplain for the next year.

Division

Unfortunately, due to the ongoing situation with covid we were not able to hold our Beach Ballroom display again this year.

Our Training Day/Dedication Service this year took place virtually on Saturday 28th August and although not ideal it served its purpose and allowed us to have some sort of training and provided companies with some activities for their girls.

Our Dedication service also went well virtually and our thanks to ██████████ our Divisional Chaplain for leading this for us.

We started off again this session with the majority of companies meeting with their girls on zoom initially for a few weeks and then we managed to get back to face to face. 2 companies have not started back this year yet, another company made the hard decision to close due to the number of girls and 1 company started back up again at the beginning of this year.

We also held a Divisional publicity stand at Asda Dyce on Saturday 2nd October 2021 between 10.00 am – 4.00pm. There were around 180 goody bags handed out and our thanks go to the ladies and girls who helped to make up the goody bags and man the stall on the day.

We had a booking for the Brigaders and Leaders to go to Nethy Bridge from 2020 but given the ongoing situation this had to be cancelled again last year but this will now go ahead from 2nd – 4th September 2022.

Leadership Training

There has been 1 Officers commissioned this session.

We have 7 leaders doing their Induction Training and 3 leaders doing their Gold Training.

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1 Silver award has been gained this year.

Aberdeen Division Girls' Brigade

Scottish Charity Number SC041806

Trustees' Report for the year ended 31st March 2022

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Trustees' Report
for the year ended 31st March 2022

Trustees' remuneration and expenses

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Reserves

As a result of the surplus of £3,827 for the year, the Group held unrestricted funds of £93,115 at the year end.

Approved by the Trustees on 21/3/23 and signed on their behalf by



Commissioner

Aberdeen Division Girls' Brigade
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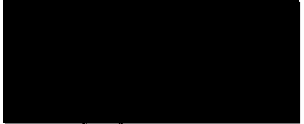
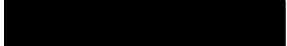
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Aberdeen Division Girls' Brigade
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**Receipts and Payments Account
for the year ended 31st March 2022**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Receipts:		
Investment income	2,706	1,562
Hall hire	5,333	2,119
Donations	1,008	1,531
Fees	883	65
Badges	3	-
Abernethy Trust trip	-	100
Rag bag income	71	71
Total receipts	<u>10,004</u>	<u>5,448</u>
 Payments:		
Property heat, light, and cleaning	4,196	4,180
Competition expenses	140	-
Earl Haig Fund	-	36
Trophies and engraving	135	-
11 th Company expenses	-	64
Abernethy Trust trip	216	288
Donations	1,490	-
Total payments	<u>6,177</u>	<u>4,568</u>
 Surplus for the year	 <u>3,827</u>	 <u>880</u>

All funds are unrestricted

Aberdeen Division Girls' Brigade
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**Statement of Balances
as at 31st March 2022**

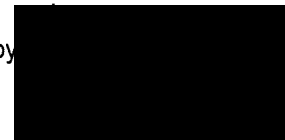
	2022	2021
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Bank and cash in hand		
Opening balance	13,288	12,408
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	<u>3,827</u>	<u>880</u>
Closing balance	<u><u>17,115</u></u>	<u><u>13,288</u></u>
Investments		
At cost	<u><u>76,000</u></u>	<u><u>76,000</u></u>
Reserves		
General fund	55,236	50,927
Legacy fund	37,072	37,554
Band fund	<u>807</u>	<u>807</u>
	<u><u>93,115</u></u>	<u><u>89,288</u></u>
All funds are unrestricted		
Notes		
Investments		
Market value of investments –		
Aberdeen Standard Investments	144,548	129,594
Janus Henderson Investors	<u>35,845</u>	<u>44,455</u>
	<u><u>180,393</u></u>	<u><u>174,049</u></u>

Funds

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Approved by the Trustees on 21/3/23 and signed on their behalf by



Treasurer