

Aberdeen Division Girls' Brigade
Scottish Charity Number SC041806

Trustees' Report and Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2023

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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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Independent examiner: David Minett CA
James Milne
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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 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.

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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

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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

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

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.

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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 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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K Orchard
Commissioner

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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.

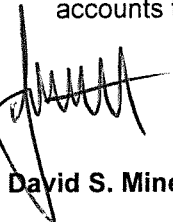
Independent examiner's statement

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

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.



David S. Minett CA

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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
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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
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Total payments	<u>10,782</u>	<u>6,177</u>
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Surplus for the year	<u>5,711</u>	<u>3,827</u>

All funds are unrestricted

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**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

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