

Aberdeen Division Girls' Brigade
Scottish Charity Number SC041806

Trustees' Report and Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2024

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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
19a Victoria Street
Aberdeen
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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 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

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.

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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

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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 2024 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.

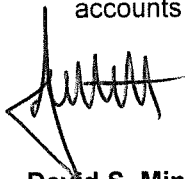
Independent examiner's statement

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.



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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
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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
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Total payments	<u>11,832</u>	<u>10,782</u>
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(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

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