

Aberdeen Division Girls' Brigade
Scottish Charity Number SC041806

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
19a Victoria Street
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Independent examiner: David Minett CA
James Milne
Chartered Accountants
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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 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' 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 [Signature]

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 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.

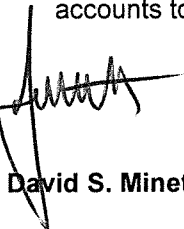
Independent examiner's statement

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.



David S. Minett CA

Partner
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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
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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
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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>

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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