

Dunblane Fling

Report and Financial Statements
for period 30 August 2024 to 31 August 2025

Charity number SC042559

Dunblane Fling
Trustees' Annual Report
Year ended 31 August 2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name:	Dunblane Fling
Registered SC number:	SC042559
Charity's principal address:	c/o Grant Macallister (Treasurer) 39 Springbank Gardens Dunblane FK15 9JY

Names of trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

Brenda Kay	Chair
Davie McFarlane	Secretary
Grant Macallister	Treasurer

Structure, governance and management

The Dunblane Fling is governed by a Constitution approved by OSCR. The Fling is since 27 March 2015 structured as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("SCIO").

Membership of the Dunblane Fling is open to citizens of Dunblane and immediate surrounding areas as well as to members of the Dunblane Folk Club. The trustees actively encourage participation by the communities. Appointments are agreed at trustee meetings.

Objectives and activities

The objective of the Dunblane Fling is to organise an annual community festival, usually at the end of May. The aim is to encourage active participation in the local community/communities by as many people as possible, with a particular emphasis on the arts and music.

The Fling organises principally the Fling by the River in a park in Dunblane by the Allan Water. These activities include concerts, dances, music sessions, and family fun-day activities.

The Fling is a single annual event. We may raise some funding through entrance donations and raffles. However, the Fling is heavily dependent on donations from sponsors.

The accounts therefore show donations and income from fundraising activities as the total of receipts. Our payments all relate to organising the Fling (shown as expenses for fundraising).

Financial review

Following the post-event review meeting, the committee expressed mixed views regarding the outcomes and overall success of the Dunblane Fling 2025. A number of contributing factors were identified, including but not limited to:

- Adverse weather conditions, which were perceived to have resulted in a lower turnout compared with previous years when conditions were more favourable.
- The busy schedules of committee members, which created challenges in holding regular meetings and monitoring progress effectively.
- The absence of sufficient card payment facilities, which may have reduced donation levels, particularly when considered alongside the lower footfall due to poor weather.
- Difficulties related to site management, including the positioning and availability of barriers to ensure visitors passed through designated donation points.

Despite these challenges, the Treasurer considers the Fling 2025 to be financially adequate for the current accounting period, though not at a level that should be sustained as a long-term trend. While it is disappointing to note an approximate 33% decrease in donations, the committee has discussed and identified several areas for improvement ahead of the 2026 event. Work will be undertaken to address the issues listed above. It is important to recognise however, that as an outdoor event, weather remains outside the committee's control, and occasional years of reduced attendance should be expected.

On a more positive note, the remaining financial indicators, as outlined below, reflect a stronger position. Grant income increased, partly due to funds carried over from the previous year that were not received within the 2023–2024 accounting window. The decision to increase stall fees, together with a more consistent application of the charging model, resulted in an approximate 34% uplift.

Additionally, the overall reduction in service costs is evident; however, due to accounting timelines, some expenses will fall into the 2025–2026 financial year. These costs will be partially offset by grants awarded in 2025 but allocated to the subsequent accounting period (2025–2026).


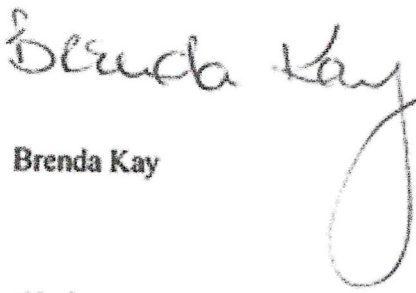
In conclusion, the committee is encouraged to focus on factors within its control. This includes effective site management to ensure patrons understand that donations help support the event, diligent tendering with service providers to ensure competitive pricing, and the ongoing review of stall and catering fees to ensure they remain proportionate to the commercial benefit and visibility businesses receive.

The Fling remains in a position of satisfactory financial stability and, in the Treasurer's view, is capable of absorbing the decrease in donations for the current year in isolation. Provided this does not develop into an ongoing pattern, future events in the short to medium term should not be adversely affected, unless further declines in donations coincide with rising operational costs.

Declaration of Trustees' Annual Report

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

	Trustee 1	Trustee 2
Signature		
Full name	Grant Macallister	Brenda Kay
Position	Treasurer	Chair
Date	23/04/2026	23/04/2026

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Statement of receipts and payments Year ended 31 August 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds - Year to 31 August 2025	Unrestricted Funds - Year to 30 August 2024
Receipts		£	£
Donations	2	6,610.94	7,543.61
Receipts from fundraising activities	3	1,940.00	1,450.00
Total receipts		8,550.94	8,993.61
 Payments			
Expenses for fundraising activities	4	7,996.90	8,599.64
Total payments		7,996.90	8,599.64
 Net income		554.04	393.97
 Reconciliation of funds			
Funds brought forward		7,882.97	7,489.00 (including £50 cash)
Late items for previous Fling		0.00	0.00
Surplus / for 2025		554.04	393.97
Funds carried forward		8,437.01	7,882.97

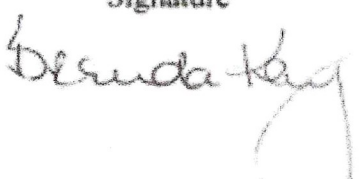

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Statement of Balances Year ended 31 August 2025

Note	31/08/25	30/08/24
	£	£
Cash at bank & in hand at 31 August 2025	8,437.01	7,882.97
Late items due for Fling 2025	0.00	0.00
Net debtor at year end	0.00	0.00
Funds available for next year	<u>8,437.01</u>	<u>7,882.97</u>

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis as allowed for smaller charities.

The financial statements were approved by the following Trustees on behalf of all the Trustees:

	Signature	Date
• Brenda Kay (Chair)		23.04.2026
• Grant Macallister (Treasurer)		23/04/2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

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) 2005 Act 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 these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning 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 accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of 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 2006 Accounts Regulations; and
 - to prepare accounts in accordance 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.

Signed and dated:



1 MAY 2022

Name:

GRAHAM RUSSELL

Address:

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Notes to the Accounts

1. Accounting policies

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis as allowed for smaller charities.

2. Receipts – Donations

All income and donations support the Dunblane Fling as a single annual event, therefore all income and donations are unrestricted.

	Unrestricted Funds – Full Year to 31 August 2025	Unrestricted Funds - Year end 30 August 2024
Doune & Dunblane Windfarm	2,500.00	2,500.00
Stirling Council	0.00	0.00
FES Ltd	0.00	0.00
WJM Barty's	400.00	0.00
Morrisons Academy	500.00	0.00
Donations on the day	3,210.94	5,043.61
Total	6,610.94	7,543.71

3. Receipts – Fundraising activities

	Receipts - Full Year to 31 August 2025	Receipts – Full Year ended 30 August 2024
	£	£
Stalls	1,940.00	1,450.00
Other	0.00	0.00
Total	1,940.00	1,450.00

4. Payments – expenses of fundraising

	Payments - Full Year to 31 August 2025	Payments –Full Year to 30 August 2024
	£	£
Acts	3,269.00	2,865.00
Stage/Facilities/First aid	3,793.48	3,578.68
Licenses/Insurance	269.00	640.45
Advertising	665.00	713.54
Other	0.00	1,001.97
	7,996.90	8,799.64

5. Commitments

No commitments were made by 31 August 2025 for the following year.