

## Trustees Annual Report

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. The accounts reflect all financial transactions from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

## Reference and Administration Information.

### Charity Name.

South West of Scotland Piping & Drumming Academy

### Charity Number.

SC045393

### Address.

[REDACTED]

## Trustees

The trustees at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, and who were in office during the year, are :-

[REDACTED]

## Associates

[REDACTED]

## Structure, Governance & Management.

### Constitution.

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) Registered 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015  
The trustees are members of the charity.

### Objectives.

#### Our objectives are to :

- Nurture the playing of our National instrument
- Raise the standards of piping & drumming throughout our region
- Teach piping & drumming in accordance with the SQA course guidelines
- Encourage the formation of youth Pipe Bands, to support community events.
- Encourage participation in piping and drumming competitions, and music competitions in general
- Promote and improve leadership skills.

#### Activities

The charity currently runs, where possible, weekend seminars.  
Provides tutors with learning materials for workshops in local schools.  
Online tuition.

#### Appointment of Trustees

Decisions to appoint trustees may only be taken by the Strategic Board.  
This will usually follow a recommendation from the Management Board.  
Induction to SWSPDA will involve discussions with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Administrator, in addition to appropriate trustees

#### Charitable Purposes

To provide social and educational facilities and resources to improve the standards of piping and drumming for children and young people within Dumfries & Galloway

#### Achievements and Performance

Piping & Drumming continues to be taught in 17 schools throughout the region.  
The Academy continues to support The Sanguhar Cluster and provision of tuition in schools in Upper Nithsdale.  
The Academy can call upon 13 piping & drumming tutors to teach throughout the region.

#### Financial Review

The trust continues to be supported by numerous organisations as shown on the attached accounts.  
The Scotbelge & Barfil Charitable Trusts continue to be our main source of funding.  
SWSPDA continues to provide piping & drumming tuition in 17 schools.

The results for the year end to 31 March 2025 show a surplus of £19,810. (To 31.03.2024 a surplus of £5442)

#### Plans

The Academy plans to continue to hold Summer and Autumn residential courses as funds permit, & monthly workshops



Chairperson

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Year Ended</u> <u>31/03/25</u>	<u>Year Ended</u> <u>31/03/24</u>
		£	£
Donations	4	7527.00	3447.00
Grants	5	100000.00	121167.00
Equipment		Nil	156.00
Total Receipts		<u>107527.00</u>	<u>124770.00</u>

Payments

Cost of Charitable Activities	6	75064.00	101380.00
Administration Costs		8441.00	11934.00
Purchase of Equipment		4212.00	6014.00
Total Payments		<u>87717.00</u>	<u>119328.00</u>

Surplus / Deficit for the year	<u>19810.00</u>	<u>5442.00</u>
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Statement of Balances at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Cash in Bank at 31/03/24 & 31/03/23	32195.00	26753.00
Surplus / Deficit for the year	19810.00	5442.00
Represented by Cash in the Bank at 31/03/25 & 31/03/24	<u>52005.00</u>	<u>32195.00</u>

## Notes to the accounts for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

### 1. Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006

### 2. Nature and purpose of funds.

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the Charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted account for the day-to-day running of the Academy.

Restricted funds may be used only for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor, or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

### 3 Related Party Transactions

Trustees remuneration : No fees are paid to trustees for their services as Board Members.

### 4 Donations

	<u>Year Ended</u> <u>31/03/25</u>	<u>Year Ended</u> <u>31/03.24</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
General donations / fund raising	7327.00	2647.00
Competition prizes	<u>200.00</u>	<u>800.00</u>
	<u>7527.00</u>	<u>3447.00</u>

### 5. Grants Received

Barfil Charitable Trust	20,000.00	35,000.00
Scotbelge Charitable Trust	45,000.00	35,000.00
S.S.P.D.T.	-	13,967.00
Drax Community Fund	-	2,200.00
The Holywood Trust	15,000.00	25,000.00
Foundation Scotland	19,000.00	-
DGRC Covid Grant	-	10,000.00
Eilidh McLeod Trust	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>--</u>
	<u>100,000.00</u>	<u>121,167.00</u>

### 6. Cost of Charitable Activities

Summer School & Workshops	5,736.00	35,916.00
Tuition	60,876.00	57,620.00
Travel Costs	7,534.00	7,340.00
Promotion	<u>918.00</u>	<u>504.00</u>
	<u>75,064.00</u>	<u>101,380.00</u>

## South West of Scotland Piping & Drumming Academy

Scottish Charity Number SC045393

### Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, which are set out on pages 3 and 4 of the attached accounts.

#### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiners.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities & Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The Charity trustees consider that the audit Requirements of Regulation 10 (1) (d) of the Accounts Regulation 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 included a review of the accounting records kept by a 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 explanation 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 matter has come to my attention.

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect 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 & 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.