

City of Discovery Pipe Band

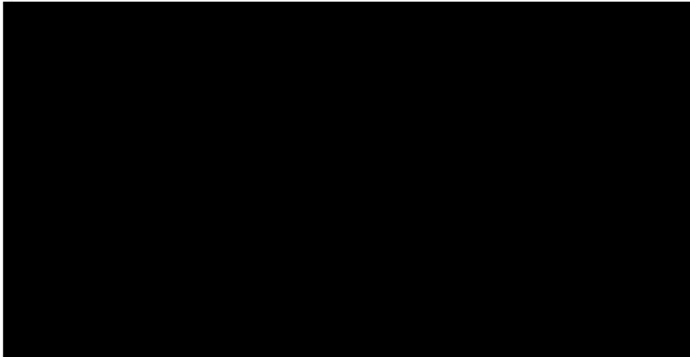
**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For year ended 31 October 2024**

Charity Number: SC045447

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

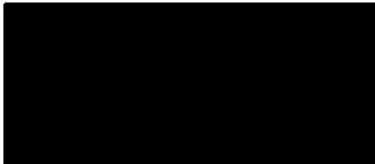
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City of Discovery Pipe Band

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees of City of Discovery Pipe Band have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2024.

Structure, Governance and Management

City of Discovery Pipe Band was formed in November 2014, is a charity registered in Scotland and is governed by its constitution. The trustees are responsible for the administration and direction of the charity.

Committee

The Committee consists of a Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Pipe Major, Leading Drummer, Pipe Sergeant and Player's representative all with voting rights. Following the formation of a Grade 4 Pipe Band in 2022, the Committee now also comprises the Pipe Major Grade 4 and the Leading Drummer Grade 4 all with voting rights. The following are also part of the Committee but have no voting rights – Quartermaster, Fundraiser, Boys' Brigade Representative and Honorary President.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

All of the charity's trustees are appointed or reappointed by the members at the annual general meeting. New trustees are recruited on an ad hoc basis, as and when required. There is no formal induction or training procedures in place.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable purposes

To provide the development and promotion of pipe band skills in a safe, friendly and respectful environment and to compete and do as well as possible in every competition it enters.

Activities

The Band practises every Tuesday (from 7.30 – 9.30 pm) in Lochee Baptist Church, Bright Street, Dundee. We provide tuition and mentoring to our membership with the aim of being the best musicians we can be, both in competitive and non-competitive fields.

Achievements and Performance

Both bands enjoyed a good season. The bands competed at 4 major championships and at 2 minor championships at Banchory and at Lochore. They were in the prizes at Banchory, Lochore, Forres and Perth which gave a big boost to the funds. The bands continue to be competitive and strive to be the best that they can be. Both bands combined to have a successful trip to Belgium, playing at the Menin Gate and also playing

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at a concert in conjunction with our colleagues at Ypres Surrey Pipe Band. It is hoped that they might repeat this experience in 2 years time.

Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

The trustees did not receive any remuneration or reimbursed expenses during the year.

Financial Review

The band has had a successful year both in terms of prize monies and being able to get grants to help fund the trip to Belgium which made a massive difference to our outgoings. Our Burns Supper was not so successful this year but we did have a good Race Night and our Last Man Standing fundraiser has been very well supported by extended family and friends. Family and friends have also been supportive in coming along to competitions and donating to our bus costs which has been a help to the band.

Reserves Policy

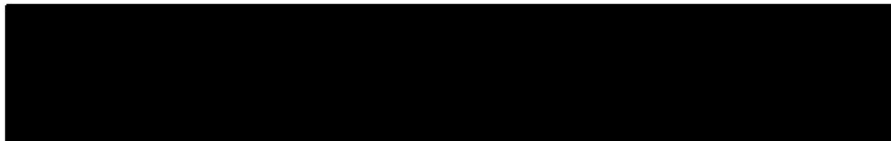
The Trustees have approved their reserves policy which states that the free reserves of the charity, which are the unrestricted reserves, not including designated reserves or amounts invested in fixed assets should be maintained at a level which equates to approximately 3 months of unrestricted expenditure.

We have total unrestricted reserves at 31st October 2024 of £25,338 (2023 - £16,076) which equates to around 11 months of unrestricted expenditure which is considered a strong reserves position to be in.

Plans for the Future

The band hopes to build on the success of 2023-2024 going forward, to increase our membership and to be able to play in the major competition which is usually in Ireland. A Dinner Dance has been arranged at the Apex Hotel on 1st February 2025 to celebrate the City of Discover Band being in existence for 10 years and we hope this will be well supported by current and past members.

Approved by the trustees on 19 February 2025
and signed on their behalf by:

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity Trustees consider that the audit requirement of the 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 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.

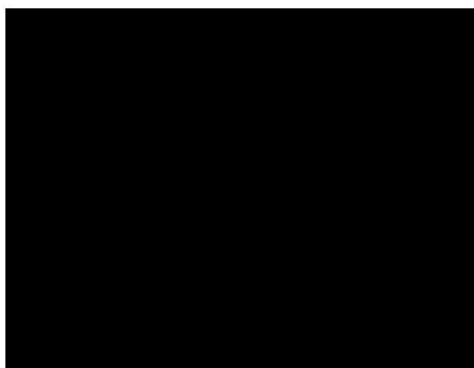
Independent Examiner's Statement

In the course of my examination, no 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 with 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 ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 October 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Receipts				
Members donations	9,530	-	9,530	8,750
Grants & donations	1,920	3,550	5,470	485
Sponsorship	2,000	-	2,000	-
Fundraising	3,569	-	3,569	9,810
Sale of uniforms	132	-	132	190
Prize money	2,850	-	2,850	2,310
Belgium trip	12,973	-	12,973	4,170
Other Income	170	-	170	602
Total Receipts	33,144	3,550	36,694	26,317
Payments				
Uniforms	262	-	262	1,160
Purchase of equipment	5,824	-	5,824	1,128
Subscriptions	678	-	678	930
Belgium trip	5,025	3,550	8,575	5,589
Sundry band expenses	9,311	-	9,311	6,237
Fundraising	2,782	-	2,782	2,046
Total Payments	23,882	3,550	27,432	17,180
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	9,262	-	9,262	9,137
Reconciliation of Funds				
Funds brought forward	16,076	-	16,076	6,939
At 31 October 2024	25,338	-	25,338	16,076

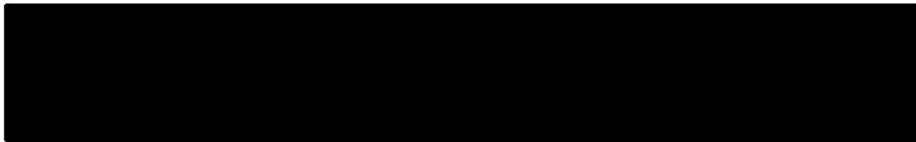
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STATEMENT OF BALANCES

AS AT 31 October 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank and Cash in hand		
Opening balances	16,076	6,939
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	9,262	9,137
Closing balances	25,338	16,076
Funds		
Unrestricted funds	25,338	16,076
Closing balances	25,338	16,076

Approved by the Trustees and signed on 19 February 2024 on their behalf by:



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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 October 2024

1. Basis of Accounting

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

2. Related Party Transactions

During the year, one of the Trustees, paid £2,000 of sponsorship money to the Band to pay for advertising on the bass skins for the drums.

3. Restricted Funds

During the year, the charity was awarded £3,550 in funding as a contribution towards the trip to Belgium. This funding was fully spent in the year.