

**City of Discovery Pipe Band**

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT  
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
For year ended 31 October 2025**

**Charity Number: SC045447**

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## City of Discovery Pipe Band

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

#### **CURRENT TRUSTEES:**

Grant Edwards, Chairperson & Leading Drummer Grade 3A  
Kirk Potter, Vice Chairperson  
Kyle Dewar, Treasurer (appointed 11 February 2025)  
Ross McGregor, Pipe Major Grade 3A  
Daibhidh Moyes, Pipe Major Grade 4A  
Mike McKernie, Leading Drummer Grade 4A  
Dean McCombie, Secretary  
Martin Sinclair, Player Representative  
Lesley Edwards (resigned 11 February 2025)

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

David Marr, Honorary President  
Ray Cowan, BB Representative  
Keith McArtney, Fundraiser  
Nicola Wilkie, Quartermaster

#### **CONTACT ADDRESS:**

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#### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:**

Jennifer Brand, FCCA.  
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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 2025.

#### **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 the following roles:

Chairperson  
 Vice-Chairperson  
 Treasurer  
 Secretary  
 Pipe Major (Grade 3)  
 Pipe Major (Grade 4)  
 Leading Drummer (Grade 3)  
 Leading Drummer (Grade 4)  
 Piping Representative (Grade 4)  
 Player's Representative  
 Honorary President\*  
 Quartermaster\*  
 Fundraiser\*  
 Boys' Brigade Representative\*

*\*No voting rights*

#### **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 promoting the art of the Scottish Bagpipe and of Pipe Bands generally, with a focus on increasing engagement, participation and ability within our members, particularly with young people.

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### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

#### **Achievements and Performance**

Both bands have continued to enjoy success in competitions. Both bands competed at three major championships: European Championships, Scottish Championships and the World Championships.

The positive results for the Grade 4B band have resulted in the band being upgraded by the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association to Grade 4A for the 2026 season.

#### **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 in terms of prize monies and fundraising against previous periods with both bands competing well at major and minor completions along with record numbers of participants involved in fundraising events. Our 10 year anniversary dinner was 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. Savings were made on transport and equipment purchases which was attributable to the positive surplus generated this financial year.

#### **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 the year end was £34,421 (2024 - £25,338) which equates to around 18 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 last season going forward. A particular focus will be had on improving the playing ability of members in the Grade 4 band given the increased demand of playing in a higher grade. The band plans on playing at a minimum of four major championships in 2026. The band may also play in a major championship in Ireland if this is confirmed to be taking place. The band intend on purchasing new drums and harnesses to improve the resources that are available, which in turn should result in improved outcomes for band members.

Approved by the Trustees on 15 January 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

G Edwards




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Grant Edwards, Chairperson

24/01/2026

City of Discovery Pipe Band

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2025 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.

Jennifer Brand, FCCA  
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:  
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Dundee, DD3 0SU

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## City of Discovery Pipe Band

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 October 2025

	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>2025 Total £</b>	<b>2024 Total £</b>
<b>Receipts</b>				
Members subscriptions	9,510	-	9,510	9,530
Grants & donations	-	-	-	5,470
Sponsorship	-	-	-	2,000
Fundraising	7,305	-	7,305	3,569
Sale of uniforms	804	-	804	132
Prize money	2,900	-	2,900	2,850
Trip income	-	-	-	12,973
Dance income	9,350	-	9,350	-
Other Income	368	-	368	170
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>30,237</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,237</b>	<b>36,694</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Uniforms	2,113	-	2,113	262
Purchase of equipment	1,817	-	1,817	5,824
Subscriptions	628	-	628	678
Trip expenses	-	-	-	8,575
Dance expenses	5,762	-	5,762	-
Fundraising	2,952	-	2,952	2,782
Transport costs	4,605	-	4,605	6,486
Hall hire	1,200	-	1,200	1,000
Independent examination fee	150	-	150	150
Sundry band expenses	927	-	927	9,311
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>20,154</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,154</b>	<b>27,432</b>
Surplus for year	10,083	-	10,083	9,262
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>				
Funds brought forward	25,338	-	25,338	16,076
<b>At 31 October 2025</b>	<b>35,421</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,421</b>	<b>25,338</b>

## City of Discovery Pipe Band

## STATEMENT OF BALANCES

AS AT 31 October 2025

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Bank and Cash in hand</b>		
Opening balances	25,338	16,076
Surplus for year	10,083	9,262
Closing balances	<u>34,421</u>	<u>25,338</u>
 <b>Funds</b>		
Unrestricted funds	34,421	25,338
Closing balances	<u>34,421</u>	<u>25,338</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 15 January 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

G Edwards

Grant Edwards  
Chairperson

24/01/2026

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 October 2025

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

There were no related party transactions during the financial year.

3. Restricted Funds

There were no restrictions on the income streams for the current financial year. Restricted funds carried forward are therefore £Nil (2024 - £Nil).





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