

The Skye Youth Pipe Band

Scotland · Charity number SC046687

Details

Known as	Commhian Oigridh an Eilean
Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2016-07-06
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

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Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science'

What the charity does: The Skye Youth Pipe Band promotes the advancement of Scottish heritage and culture through the teaching of Highland bagpipes and drumming to school aged children up to the age of 18 years on the Isle of Skye. We are a competing pipe band. We perform for our local communities throughout the year to celebrate special occasions and events including community run family ceilidhs and fundraising events.

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people','No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: The organisation's purposes are: The advancement of heritage and culture through the encouragement and promotion of Highland bagpipes and drumming for young people aged up to 18 years in Skye and the community. The Skye Youth Pipe Band facilitate and teach bagpipe and drum playing by organising practices, classes and public performances for young people aged up to 18 years in the Skye and Lochalsh area.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Highland
- **Geographical spread:** Wider, but within one local authority area

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£48,787	£32,985	-	0
2024-06-30	£16,914	£22,600	-	0
2023-06-30	£4,886	£10,836	-	0
2022-06-30	£12,345	£6,686	-	0
2021-06-30	£3,050	£1,838	-	0

Accounts

APPENDIX 3



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Report to the trustees/members of

Charity name THE SKYE YOUTH PIPE BAND

Registered charity number

sc 046687

On the accounts of the charity for the period

Period start date			to	Period end date		
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
01	07	2024		30	06	2025

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Set out on pages

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 (as amended). 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 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]

- 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 which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

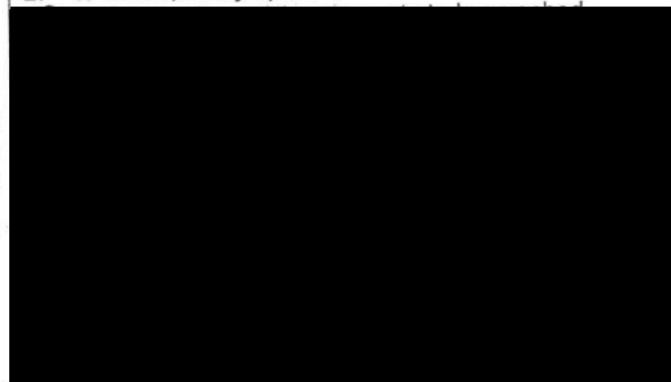
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper

Signed:

Name:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:



17/7/25

*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, they have come to your attention on the following page.

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Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose

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Receipts and Payments Account for the period from 1/7/2024 to 30/6/2025

SECTION A: STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS

	TOTAL FUNDS CURRENT PERIOD 01/07/24 – 30/6/25	TOTAL FUNDS LAST PERIOD 01/07/23 – 30/06/24
Donations	£14,252.00	£5,010.00
Legacies	-	-
Grants	£18,580.00	£5,320.00
Receipts from fundraising activities	£7,184.77	£2,425.45
Gross trading receipts (memberships & contributions)	£8,595.00	£3,960.00
Income from investments (bank interest)	£175.47	£198.79
Rent from land and buildings	-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	-	-
Total Receipts	£48,787.24	£16,914.24

PAYMENTS

	TOTAL FUNDS CURRENT PERIOD 01/07/24 – 30/6/25	TOTAL FUNDS LAST PERIOD 01/07/23 – 30/06/24
Expenses for fundraising activities (including floats).	(£150.00)	-
Gross trading payments	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	(£29,527.03)	(£19,472.25)
Grants and donations	-	-
Governance costs:	(£309.88)	(£182.76)
Audit/independent examination	-	-
Purchase of band items (uniforms and equipment)	(£2,998.98)	(£2,945.53)
Total Payments	£32,985.89	£22,600.54
Surplus / (Deficit) for Year	£15,801.35	-£5,686.30

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SECTION B: STATEMENT OF BALANCES

B1: CASH FUNDS

	Total current period	Total last period
Cash and Bank Balance at start of Year	£6,046.16	£11,732.46
Surplus/Deficit shown on Receipts and Payments Account	£15,801.35	-£5,686.30
Cash and Bank Balance at end of year	£21,847.51	£6,046.16

B2: INVESTMENTS – n/a

B3: OTHER ASSETS

	Cost value (approx)	Valuation (estimated)
Drums, harnesses and sticks/beaters	£11,250	£11,250
Pipes, chanters and bag covers	£4,000	£4,000
Uniforms inc. kilts, waistcoats, jackets, sporrans, glengarries, ties, socks, flashes, raincoats.	£13,000	£13,000

B4: LIABILITIES

	TOTAL CURRENT PERIOD	TOTAL LAST PERIOD
	0	0

B5: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES – n/a

Signed by two Trustees on behalf of all the Trustees

Signature:

Print Name:

Office: Treasurer

Office: Trustee

Date of approval: 04/07/2025

Date of approval: 22/8/25

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SECTION C: NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

C1: Nature and Purpose of Funds

The Skye Youth Pipe Band's funds are used for facilitating and teaching bagpiping and drumming by organising practices, classes and public performances for young people aged up to 18 years in the Skye and Lochalsh area (Paragraph 4 of Constitution); and to supply Performing Members with full kilt uniform and any other equipment required to perform as a pipe band (Paragraph 11 of the Constitution).

C2: Grants paid out

None

C3: Trustee Remuneration

None

C4: Trustee Expenses

None

C5: Transactions with trustees and connected persons

None

C6: Other information

N/A

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ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS: BREAKDOWN OF RECEIPTS 01/07/2024 to 30/6/2025

Donations

Gairloch Gathering (2024)	£800.00
K. Accountancy (2024)	£500.00
Cuillin Hills Hotel (2024)	£1,000.00
Private Donations	£452.00
Scottish Schools Travel Subsidy	£500.00
Scottish Schools Prize Money	£250.00
Rankins Shop	£500.00
Vanax Ltd	£1,000.00
Uig Filling Station	£50.00
Uig Hotel	£500.00
Uig Pottery	£200.00
Highland Blinds	£100.00
Scottish Schools Prize Money	£300.00
Autovision	£200.00
Butcher Municipal	£250.00
William Wilsons	£250.00
Masonic Lodge	£150.00
Kilmuir History Society Pipe Band Event	£300.00
Cuillin Hills Hotel	£1,000.00
Bakur Bar	£150.00
Royal Hotel	£50.00
Portree Hotel	£2,400.00
West Contract	£500.00
Torabhaig Distillery	£500.00
Ardvasar Hotel	£100.00
RBS	£500.00
The Oyster Shed	£200.00
Portree & Braes Community Trust	£500.00

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Loch Duart Plc	£1,000.00
Island Chorus	£50.00
Total Donations	£14,252.00
<i>Donations carried over from Barga 2024 trip</i>	<i>£2,325.00</i>
<i>Donations for Barga 2025 trip</i>	<i>£10,750.00</i>

Grants

Duncraig Education Trust (2024)	£7,000.00
Awards for All – National Lottery Community Fund (2024)	£7,580.00
Highland Council Travel Grant	£2,000.00
Gordon Duncan Memorial Trust	£1,000.00
Highland Council Discretionary Fund	£1,000.00
Total Grants	£18,580.00
<i>Grants carried over from Barga 2024 trip</i>	<i>£7,000.00</i>
<i>Grants for Barga 2025 trip</i>	<i>£4,000.00</i>

Receipts from Fundraising Activities

Barrell Top Auction (2024)	£100.00
Skye Gala Squares Raffle carried over (2024)	£30.00
Uig Gala (2024)	£306.00
January fundraising	£293.00
Ceilidh Night with Angus Mackenzie	£150.00
Sleat Concert	£300.00
Cuillin Competitions	£2,237.00
Skye Gala Stall	£757.56
Gala Raffle	£1,430.00
Kilmuir Café	£200.00
Bar 1820	£86.72
Busking	£794.49
	£500.00
Total Fundraising	£7,184.77
<i>Fundraising carried over from Barga 2024 trip</i>	<i>£130.00</i>

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Fundraising for Barga 2025 trip.	£6,305.77
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Gross Trading Receipts

Membership Fees: £20 per person / £10 per sibling.	-
Workshop contributions: £5.00 per person.	£95.00
2024 Barga Trip contributions carried over: £300.00 per person.	£2,100.00
2025 Barga Trip contributions: £300.00 per person	£6,400.00
Total Trading Receipts	£8,595.00

Income from Investments

Bank Interest	£175.47
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BREAKDOWN OF PAYMENTS FROM 01/07/2024 to 30/06/2025

Gross Trading Payments

Hoodies & Jackets	-
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Payments Relating Directly To Charitable Activities

Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships, Kilmarnock (Total Trip Cost £3,339.91)	
Accommodation – Premier Inn	£1,441.00
Band Breakfast – Premier Inn	£98.91
Coach Hire – Shiel Coaches	£1,800.00
Workshops	£1,465.30
Miscellaneous (stall float money / Stagecoach Auction / Mini-Bus to Gairloch Gathering	£634.60
2024 Barga trip costs carried over	£3,834.98
2025 Barga trip costs	£20,402.24
Total	£29,677.03

Grants and Donations

Grants – Intern Costs	-
Donations	-
Total	-

Governance Costs

Insurance Zurich	£309.88
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RSPBA Annual Fee	-
SLCVO Membership fee	-
Highland Council Room Let	-
Total Governance Costs	£309.88

Purchase of uniforms and equipment

Uniforms	£1,851.16
Equipment	£1,147.82
Total cost of Purchases	£2,998.98

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 30th June 2025

Registered Charity Number

Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation
SC046687

Registered Address

Home Farm House, Home Farm Road, Portree, IV51 9LX, Isle of Skye.

Trustees: Elected at AGM on 30th January 2024:

[REDACTED]

Chair: [REDACTED]

Vice Chair: [REDACTED]

Secretary: [REDACTED]

Treasurer: [REDACTED]

The Annual Accounts for the year ending 30th June 2025 were prepared using an OSCR template and have been independently examined by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The OSCR Annual Return is due by March 2026.

Approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by SYPB Joint Chairs:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

General Introduction

Skye Youth Pipe Band is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). The Band is made up of school age pipers and drummers from the Skye area. The Committee is comprised of parent helpers and junior representatives of the Pipe Band, in close communication with the tutors. All parents are welcome to become members and are encouraged to be as involved as possible. All Trustees are appointed on a voluntary basis from within the membership. All youngsters and Pipe Major are 'Performing Members' and supporters are 'Non-Performing Members'. The Pipe Major and Drum Tutor are responsible for the tuition and musical content and decisions about Band events. The Pipe Major will accompany them to events if he can, although we rely heavily on his goodwill, as this is not part of his official role as Piping Tutor.

Our annual membership fees were waived for 2020/21 for all Performing Members due to the Covid outbreak. They have since been reinstated at £20 per child and £10 per sibling. Under circumstances of hardship, this can be waived by the Pipe Major on his discretion. Non-Performing Members (i.e. parents) are responsible for fundraising, help with transport, managing stock of kilt uniforms, and general administration.

The stated purposes of the Band, as detailed in the constitution, are:

'The advancement of heritage and culture through the encouragement and promotion of Highland bagpipes and drumming for young people aged up to 18 years in Skye and the community. The Skye Youth Pipe Band facilitate and teach bagpipe and drum playing by organising practices, classes and public performances for young people aged up to 18 years in the Skye and Lochalsh area'.

The pipers are taught by Pipe Major Ian Ruari Finlayson, and drummers are taught by Hugh MacCallum. Both are the Skye schools' instrumental tutors employed by HighLife Highland. The Band has two sections, the 'Youth Band', made up of older, more experienced performers, and the 'Development Band' who are upcoming pipers and drummers working towards their Youth Band membership. Uniforms are lent to performing members when they attain the Youth Band, and must be returned to the Band when they leave school or leave the Band at 18 years of age.

Report for the year 2024/2025

The 2024 summer holidays were filled, as is tradition, performing at lots of community events:

- Weekly busking in the village square alongside the Isle of Skye Pipe Band (IOSPB).
- Isle of Skye Highland Games.
- The annual Pipe Band Charity Fundraiser for Cancer Research.
- The Fèis an Earraich 'Games Day Family Cèilidh' along with the IOSPB and highland dancers.
- Dunvegan Castle Garden Gala.
- Uig Gala Day

Committee Members and parents showed grit and determination fundraising for the band's very first trip abroad to Italy for September 2024. We cannot thank our local businesses and charities for their continued support and generous donations that helped make the trip happen, not to mention the volunteers who supervised on the trip; without which the trip would not have been possible. Thank you to [REDACTED] (emergency translator and tour guide!), [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and of course, the one and only, [REDACTED] Heart and Soul of the SYPB.

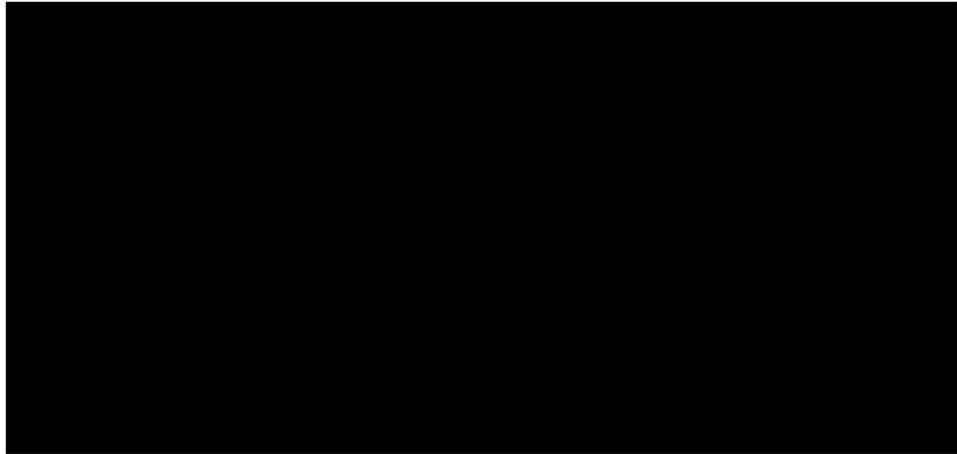


Thank you to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for designing and creating our Barga trip poster!

The band was invited to perform at the Scottish Festival in Barga, Tuscany. Barga has a rich history with the West Coast of Scotland that reaches as far as our very own band thanks to [REDACTED]

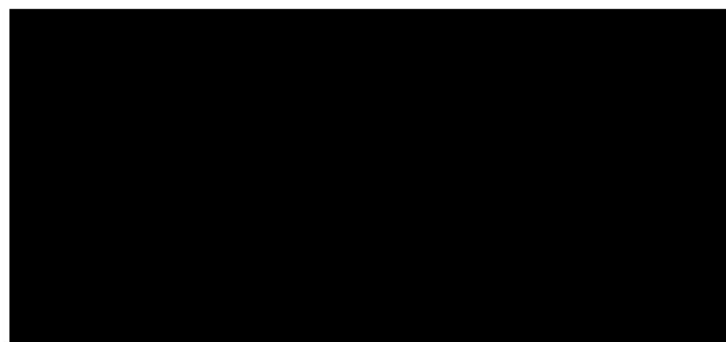
The Scottish Festival celebrates the Italian immigrants who came to Scotland and remained close to their roots creating a truly deep connection between Barga and Scotland.

The band had a strict itinerary to adhere to in rather toasty conditions, entertaining the crowds who travelled far and wide. Well done everyone, you did Skye proud!

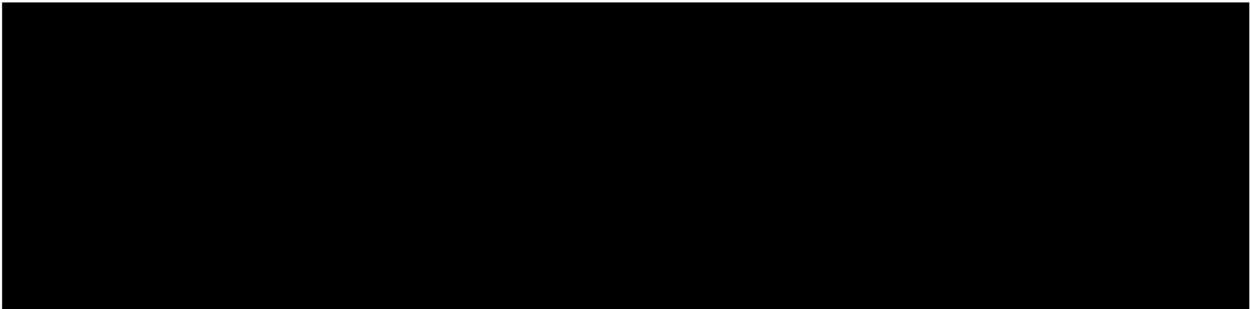


Once home, there were whispers of a return trip in September 2025! Fundraising for Barga round two, went from strength to strength with lots of busking, fantastic stalls, raffles and pop-up cafes. None of which would have been possible without the generous support, donations and more valuably, time, from our band parents, band members and committee members – not to mention our fantastic communities all around Skye! Thank you all for your support!

On the 31st of May 2025 a very dreich Portree Gala Day was kicked off by a soggy SYPB, but by the end of their performance the sun popped out to dry us all up! A great team manned the fundraising stall to raise money for the band's next trip to Barga. Lots of donations were given and lots of fun was had.

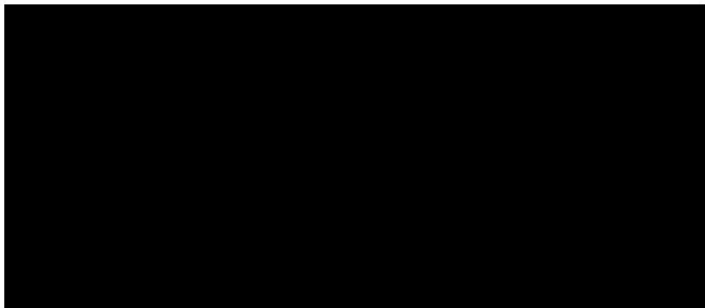


No matter the weather, the SYPB will be there!



Roll up! Roll up! Lucky Dips, Lucy Spins and Lucky Bogies??

June was a busy month with invitations to perform at local events resulting in many fun outings! To kick off the ToraFest2025, the band performed at the Torabhaig Distillery. The band was made very welcome and had a great afternoon performing and exploring the grounds around the distillery....I was assured that no drams were sampled!

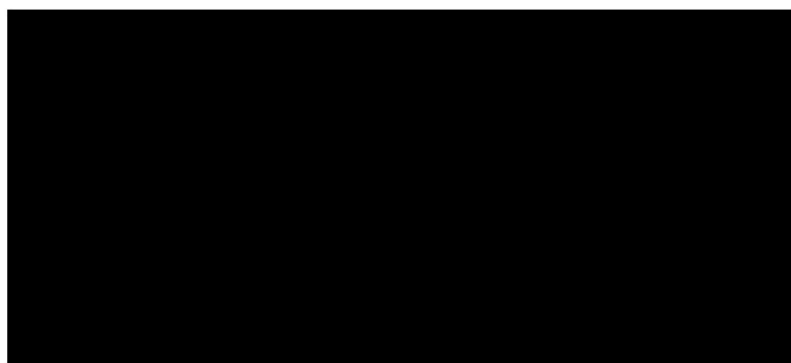


Portree High School Prize Giving ceremony was opened by the SYPB where a very special and much deserved 'thank you' was given to our one in a million, , to show the High School's appreciation for all of his dedication to our children and local communities.

The 21st of June marked the 25th anniversary of the raising of the Durinish Stone in Dunvegan. Dunvegan Community Council kindly invited us along to perform and we were made very welcome. It also marked the very first performance for four of our development drummers who did a fantastic job! It was also a gloriously sunny day which was an added bonus!

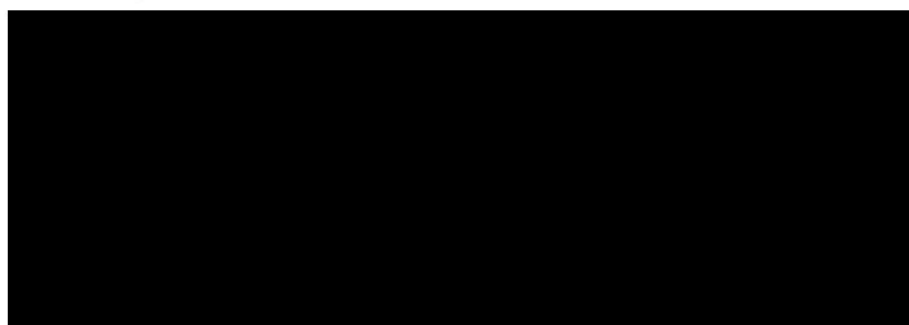


Last practice before the summer holidays was had on the 24th of June. Our development pipers and drummers were invited to come along to join in with practice with the senior band members. It is always fantastic to see so many young people taking part in the SYPB – [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] are going to be kept busy! Not to mention [REDACTED] [REDACTED], our smashin' wee 'Tuner Extraordinaire'. Thank you so much for continuing to volunteer your time ...and ears... to keeping our pipes in tune!



In the evening the band opened a special event which welcomed a wonderful choir visiting all the way from New England, USA, who performed with our local Island Chorus.

For the start of July 2025, the SYPB was invited back to perform at the Gairloch Highland Gathering where they once again had the talented [REDACTED] as their acting Drum Major. As a huge thank you to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] support with keeping the band in check over the past few years, [REDACTED] gifted him his very own SYPB tie!



Here's to the end of another event filled year! Thank you to all who were a part of it!