



GRANITE CITY WANDERERS HOCKEY CLUB

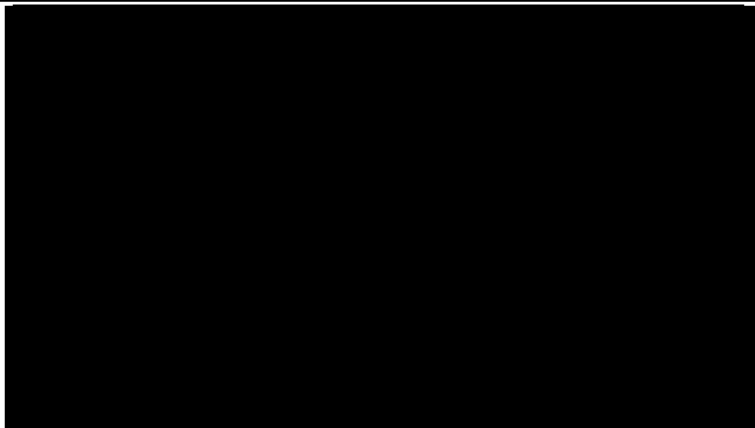
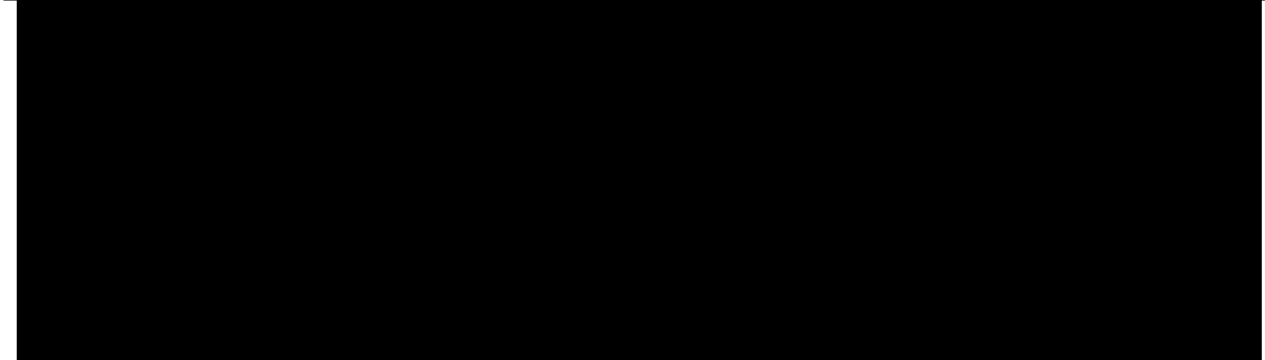
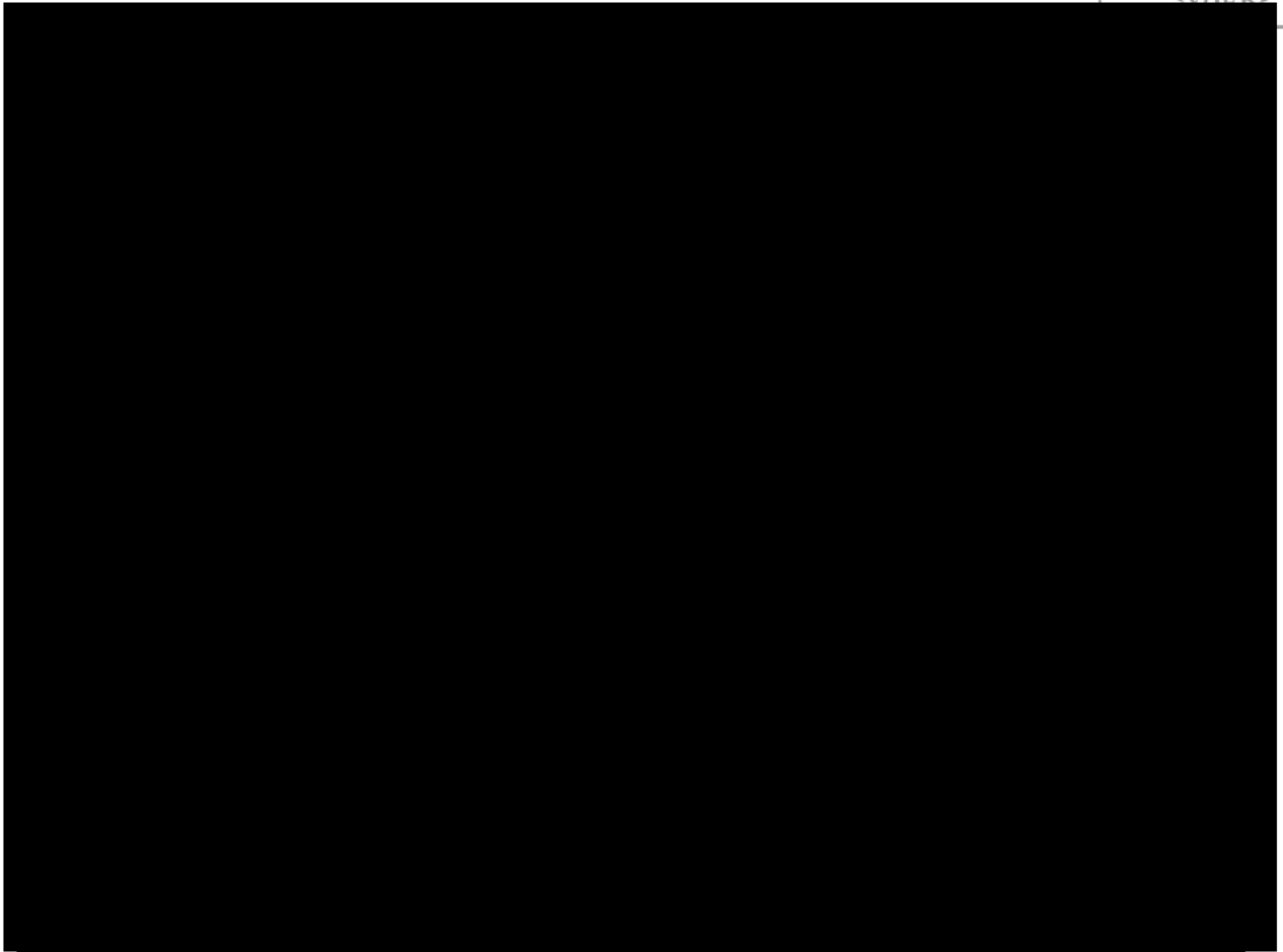
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REPORT 1ST JUNE 2024 –
31ST MAY 2025

Shiona Littlejohn (on behalf of the
Trustees)

Signed:

Date: 11th June 25





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The objectives of Granite City Wanderers Hockey Club are:

- To advance public participation in the sport of hockey as administered by the Scottish Hockey Union and in furtherance of this by;
- Offering coaching in the sport of Hockey, and
- Offering opportunities to participate in competitive and recreational Hockey for the public benefit, and
- Working in partnership with other bodies to achieve the purposes.

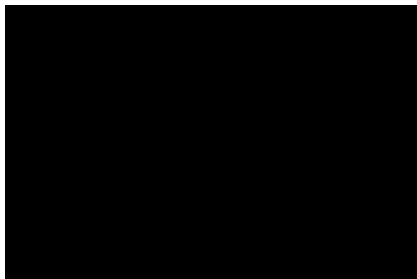
Structure, governance and management

As a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation, Granite City Wanderers have legal status and are governed by the organisations' constitution.

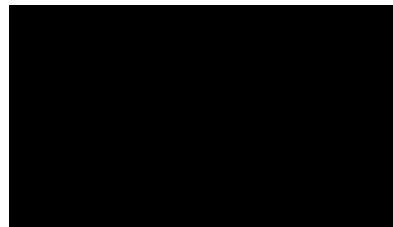
Granite City Wanderers appoint a group of trustees each year who have overall control and management of the charity. They are responsible for the charity's governance and strategy, and for making sure that the charity is administered effectively. The Trustees for season 2024 - 25 are:

Charity Trustees:

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Trustee recruitment and appointment

Suzanne Love was appointed into the role of Treasurer and Natasha Henry was appointed to secretary for the year 2024-2025

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Accreditation:

- **Club Sport Aberdeen Level 2** (enabling discount off facilities)
- **Scottish Hockey Silver Accredited Club** (enabling reductions on training course fees)

Achievements and performance:

Season 24-25 has proved to be a successful year for the club in terms of improved performance from both men's and ladies first team. The Ladies firsts finished in the top 6 of National league with good results against higher placed opposition, fielding a consistent team throughout the season. The men's team had an increased win rate and finished a respectable 8 out of 11 in their league (although awaiting updated Scottish hockey Leagues).

Both teams report suffering from a lack of games particular for the men with only having 14 games this season. The lack of consistent weekend matches is thought to impact the participation at this level. This has been brought to the attention of Scottish Hockey.

At District level, the picture remains positive with both second teams reaching their respective Scottish plate finals. Unfortunately both teams ended up with silver. However, during the final days the GCW support network showed what the club was all about and put on a good show. Both teams also remain mid-table in their district league demonstrating the consistent performance and the ability to act as feeders to the first team.

In the Ladies Development Leagues, the emphasis was on providing experience for our youth players, and the highlight was the Ladies 4th team who finished third, one point off second place.

The men's 3rd finished bottom of the league, but secured a notable win against Grammar towards the end of the season, and blooded plenty of U18 players.

The Indoor season presents both national and district teams with challenges of finding venues to train and play. The ladies side finished 6th from 8 teams which is an improvement from last year. The Men's national side had their league cancelled due to lack of venues.

Within the district sides both Men and Ladies managed to field teams throughout the short season but fielding a consistent team was difficult. However, despite this both finished mid-table.

On behalf of the club, we would like to thank all the team coaches who have supported teams over the season (both new and old), and a big thank you goes out to Fran Lonergan (current Scotland cap) who coached the Men's 1s. Unfortunately Fran has departed GCW and returned back to Glasgow, the club wishes her all the best with her future exploits.

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Despite some challenging results in the adult teams, our youth section continues to go from strength to strength, with players performing very highly across both adult and youth pathway teams. Membership of our youth section was over 120 this season, with record numbers of youth boys playing, which is testament to the work which has continue through the clubs DCI funded schools programme focusing on Bridge of Don, Oldmachar and St Machar areas.

With the DCI programme now in its last year, a satellite session for both primary and secondary players is now fully established at Oldmachar Academy, with the hope that a boys S1-3 team can be entered into Scottish Hockey's Aspire Cup next season. A big thank you to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for their continued commitment to making all these sessions work. Consistency of coaches has really helped engage players and encourage into the club sessions.

The club's primary programme also goes from strength to strength, and GCW were able to field teams at all U10 and U12 festivals across the year, with a number of 7 and 8 year olds regularly turning out. Thanks to Youth Co-ordinator [REDACTED] for her ongoing work to arrange teams for these festivals and for the boys S1-3 and S4-6 teams.

The work being put in across the youth section was demonstrated by 12 players being selected for North U14s squads, with 6 in the girls squad, and 6 in the boys.

Well done to all who were selected for both District and Brave programmes this year, and thanks to all those coaches who have supported the ever expanding youth programme – in particular [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]n who have led the majority of weekly training sessions, ably supported by [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and others.

BRAVE Academy (North)	
Boys	Girls
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
District U14 Boys	District U14 Girls
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Yet again, the club continues to have consistent representation at international level. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] have both been selected to travel the Aspiring Boys team to the Netherlands this summer, with Ryan having already played in England with the team. Alex

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Walterson was also selected for the National training squad. [REDACTED] (captain) and [REDACTED] for the Scotland Women's O45s [REDACTED] for the Scotland Women's O35s at the recent Europeans in Valencia this summer. [REDACTED] was also selected as a non-travelling reserve for the O-35s.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Congratulations also to [REDACTED] Player who successfully graduated from Scottish Hockey's Lead the Way programme. Over the past 2 year, Eilidh has work with the support of Scottish Hockey and has developed the first neurodiversity network. This includes training and awareness session to aid clubs and coaches with inclusivity for all. The first sessions are likely to take place at the end of the summer. [REDACTED] has also been instrumental with the social media posts, promoting the club matches and reporting scores.

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The club would also like to thank all those who have been involved with fundraising and social event co-ordination over the last year. We have Clarksons and 4MS for their continued financial support.

Also, [REDACTED] successfully managed to secure £2.5K from the Trade Widows charity which will help support the clubs school coaching programme this coming season.

Thanks to [REDACTED] for his work as Social Convener, and particularly to all those members and parents who volunteered (or were persuaded!) to help out with the Aberdeen Christmas lights switch on in November. Another regular small donation which continues to help the club.

The club would not be where it is without the support of some many volunteers and coaches who take on so many voluntary roles and responsibilities, and we would like to say a big thank you to all those people who have helped in a season with its fair share of ups and downs!

Financial review

Statement of the charity's policy on reserves: All unrestricted funds held at the bank constitute the reserves of the charity.

Please see the Treasurers financial report for season 2024/2025

Donated facilities and services

No facilities or services were donated during 2024-25

Future plans

There are a number of key projects which will continue to be the focus over the new season:

- As the club's DCI funded coaching in schools project has come to an end, the club will endeavour to secure funding to continue the project for the season to come and into the future.
- Focus on attracting more adult players to become club members and play in teams
- Recruit volunteers to support key roles on the board and within team structures

Enjoy your summer break and we look forward to a promising and fulfilling season in 2025/2026.

Club Trustees, June 2025



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Appendix 1: Tables 24/25 (Awaiting final confirmation for some of the Distict Leagues):

Mens National League (Outdoor):

Names	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	Difference	Points	Form
Falkirk And Linlithgow Hockey Club Mens I	13	6	6	38	25	13	19	W D W W W
Granite City Wanderers Hockey Club Mens 1	14	5	9	36	58	-22	15	L W W L W
Strathclyde University Mens Hockey Club Mens 1	12	4	7	41	38	3	13	L L L W L
Highland Hockey Club Mens 1	13	2	9	21	46	-25	8	L L L D L
Harris Academy FP Hockey Club Mens 1	12	0	12	11	96	-85	0	L L L L L

Ladies National League (Outdoor):

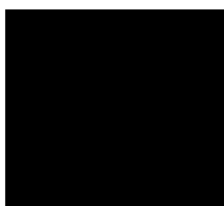
Names	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	Difference	Points	Form
Aberdeen University Womens Hockey Club 1	16	12	3	47	21	26	37	W W W L W
Dundee Wanderers Hockey Club Ladies 1	16	11	3	51	17	34	35	L L D W W
Edinburgh Hockey Club Ladies 1	16	10	3	31	20	11	33	L W W W D
Erskine Stewarts Melville Hockey Club Ladies I	16	8	4	40	26	14	28	D W L L D
Gordonians Ladies 1	16	7	7	42	23	19	23	D L L D L
Granite City Wanderers Hockey Club Ladies 1	16	6	6	24	31	-7	22	W L D D L

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Ladies National League (Indoor):

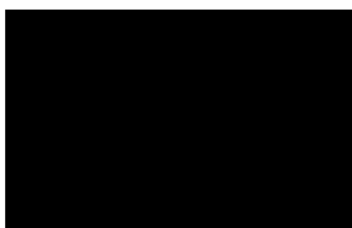


Names	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	Difference	Points	Form
GHK Hockey Club Ladies 1	9	8	0	47	6	41	25	DWWW
Inverleith Hockey Club Ladies Indoor 1	9	7	2	38	13	25	21	WWWL
Edinburgh Hockey Club Ladies 1	9	4	4	34	27	7	13	DLWLL
Fjordhus Reivers Hockey Club Ladies I	6	3	3	20	22	-2	9	WWWLL
Grove Menzieshill Hockey Club Ladies Indoor 1	9	3	6	23	30	-7	9	WWLLL
Granite City Wanderers Hockey Club Ladies Indoor 1	6	1	5	15	35	-20	3	LLWLL
Glasgow University Womens Hockey Club Indoor I	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Clydesdale Western Ladies Indoor 2	6	0	6	1	45	-44	0	LLLLL

North District Mens League:



North District Womens Division 1:



North District Womens Development A:

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Granite City Wanderers Hockey Club

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

which are set out on pages 1 to 6.

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) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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 OSCR I A Guide for Independent Examiners Page 46 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
- to prepare accounts which 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

Signed,

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Date: 15th December 2025

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Additional analysis (3)**6 Breakdown of restricted funds**

	Restricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants	5,057				5,057	6,630
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total	5,057	-	-	-	5,057	6,630
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,057	-	-	-	5,057	6,630
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments	5,375				5,375	11,078
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Sub total	5,375	-	-	-	5,375	11,078
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5,375	-	-	-	5,375	11,078
Net receipts / (payments)	(318)	-	-	-	(318)	(4,448)
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(318)	-	-	-	(318)	(4,448)

Nature and purpose of funds

Restricted funds mainly relate to funds received from SportScotland for Direct Club Investment. This was to promote and deliver training for youth field hockey in Aberdeen City, with a focus on engaging boys. This 4 year program has led to growth in the number of club memberships from young males. This was the final year of funding with a grant of £3978. The program is still being delivered and supported financially by Granite City Wanderers Hockey Club, delivering hockey coaching to Primary Schools in Aberdeen for young people with no access to hockey within the school. The remaining funds were received from Scottish Hockey. These funds were used to support new and existing members experiencing financial hardship. The remaining funds were used to invest in the creation of an awareness program for neurodiversity in hockey. This is being circulated within the Scottish Hockey community.