

# **25<sup>th</sup> Stirling (Dunblane) Boys' Brigade Company**

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT and  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024**

**Registered Charity in Scotland No SC040043**

## **Reference and Administrative Information**

Charity Name: **25<sup>th</sup> Stirling (Dunblane) Boys' Brigade Company**

Charity Registration Number: SC040043

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**Trustees**  
Fraser Boyd  
Janice Scullion  
Fiona Cairney  
Graeme McEwan  
Ann Johnston  
Lindsay Moore

### **Principal Office-bearers**

<b>Captain</b>	Fraser Boyd
<b>Officer in Charge Company Section</b>	Graeme McEwan
<b>Officer in Charge Anchor Boys</b>	Harry Tyler
<b>Officer in Charge Junior Section</b>	Euan McLagan
<b>Treasurer</b>	Fiona Cairney

**Chaplains**  
Rev Colin C. Renwick  
Rev Dr. Andrew Gardner  
Rev. Canon Nerys Brown

**Independent Examiner**  
John Cassidy  
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Bank of Scotland

**25<sup>th</sup> Stirling (Dunblane) Boys' Brigade Company**  
**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**  
**YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024**

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing Document**

The Company is constituted in terms of the rules of the Boys' Brigade nationally.

### **Recruitment and Appointment of Executive members**

The Trustees are recruited and appointed from the Company members in accordance with the constitution.

### **Charity Trustee Induction and Training**

New Trustees are normally recruited from within the organisation and are provided with information and guidance on the additional responsibilities of being a trustee.

### **Risk Management**

As the Company works with boys and young people, this brings certain risks. This risk is managed by adhering to Safeguarding regulations and following Church of Scotland and Boys' Brigade procedures.

### **Organisational Structure**

The Trustees and other volunteers within the Company are responsible for the day-to-day running of the Company. It meets on a twice weekly basis from the end of August to the end of May.

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The Object of the Boys' Brigade is the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys and the promotion of habits of obedience, reverence, discipline, self respect and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness.

The purpose of the Boys' Brigade is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. The method of achieving the aim of the Brigade is by providing an enjoyable and attractive programme of progressive training, based on the Boys' Brigade objective and badge structures and guided by adult leadership.

### **The Company's Strategies**

The Company aims to offer all boys the opportunity and environment to achieve the Brigade object and activities, and to maintain an interesting and challenging programme for the boys in its care.

More specifically, by providing a route from the Anchor Boy age group through to S6 at secondary school, the BB company ensures boys and young men have the opportunity to achieve by working through the Brigade badge structure and programme plans, the King's Badge and the external JAS and Duke of Edinburgh awards that we offer.

We also aim to encourage the physical development and mental wellbeing and confidence of the boys and young men through sports, competitions, charitable work and other team-based events such as marching and music in the form of a concert/marching band and pipe band.

### **Quantified Use of Volunteers**

All leaders in the Company are Volunteer leaders within The Boys' Brigade.

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**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The Company has had approx. 150 boys on the roll throughout the year, with a regular attendance around 75%, varying by section and age group. Six young men were awarded The Queen's Badge, as it was still called, the highest award in The Boys' Brigade, at the end of the session.

The session was a busy one and each section was well staffed with officers and leaders. More parent helpers were registered after being put through the safeguarding and PVG process. An established parent-led fundraising groups helps support the financial wellbeing of the organisation, allowing the leaders to focus on providing an engaging programme. Boys and young men continued to work towards JASS and Duke of Edinburgh (external) awards as well as the badges and certificates available through the BB weekly programme.

In addition to the core activities each week, we provide free music tuition at our wind/concert band on Wednesdays and pipe band on Thursdays. We continued to support local charities with practical and fundraising help, including Startup Stirling, Dementia-Friendly Dunblane, Poppy Scotland, Christian Aid, emergency appeals for Malawi and Gaza, and others. A sponsored collective 'Bridge to Bridge Walk' held in Clackmannanshire & Fife helped raise funds for Dunblane's partner community in Malawi.

We have held a number of successful external activities, the main ones being:

- Outdoor Activity weekend at Nethybridge (Abernethy Trust) in November 2023.
- Band music weekend at Dumfries House Outdoor Centre in Cumnock (February 2024)
- Hostel weekend at Scott Lodge (Glen Doll)
- A six-day trip for the wind band and pipe band to northern Norway, participating in Bodø 2024 European City of Culture events and a homestay exchange with a Norwegian band.
- Duke of Edinburgh Practice and Qualifying Expeditions

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Income**

The main income was from;

- Donations - i.e. the key fundraising activities during the year (coffee mornings, sponsored walks, concerts by the band/pipers, car washes)
- Annual subscription donations on which Gift Aid is claimed where eligible. It should be noted that we have not been required to pay subscriptions to BB HQ since 2019 as these have been paid on our behalf by Stirling & District Battalion, allowing us to keep all income.
- General income includes payments by parents to help with boys' activities and events.
- Grants & other Donations were received from the following:
  - Tesco via Groundwork UK
  - Stirling & District Battalion, The Boys' Brigade
  - The Allander Trust
  - Local businesses who donated towards the Norwegian music trip (see page 6)
  - Greens of Dunblane via NISA UK
  - Bridge of Allan & Dunblane Rotary Club

**Expenditure**

- Capital expenditure - see note 7

**INVESTMENTS**

The Company has no need for and holds no investments

**RESERVES POLICY**

The Company has no need for a reserve policy as the parents and local Churches would support if it was ever necessary.

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**TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Charity Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

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*Fraser Boyd*

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**Fraser Boyd**  
Captain

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO  
THE TRUSTEES OF  
25<sup>th</sup> Stirling (Dunblane) Boys' Brigade Company  
YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 as below on pages 7 to 9.

**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. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) 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 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 which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulationshave 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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### **Notes to the Accounts**

#### **1 Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions**

No trustees received remuneration during the year. No trustee or a person related to a trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

#### **2 Purposes of Funds**

##### **Unrestricted**

The treasurer's account holds the general monies for the running of the entire Company (including the Junior Section and Anchor Boys).

The minibus account has money transferred into it monthly to pay for costs incurred in the general running and upkeep of the vehicle and trailer. We shall also use this account to hold funds saved towards the purchase of a new minibus in the future. All money in this account is currently unrestricted.

##### **Restricted**

##### Grants

Grants received during the year have been used for the stated purposes.

#### **3 Fundraising**

Fundraising events held during the year were sponsored duck race (income from Rotary Club), coffee mornings and book sales for Malawi and Gaza, and band performances around the area at Christmas and at Summer Galas or parades.

#### **4 Grants / Donations Received from External Sources**

The company received restricted donation £500 from North Sea Plastics, £250 McLean & Stewart, WJM £350 and Monteith Solicitors £500 for the Norway music trip  
Restricted Grant Allander Trust x2, one for London trip and one for Norway trip



25th Stirling (Dunblane) Boys Brigade Com Profit And  
Loss Account  
For the year ended 30 June 2024

		2024	2023
		£	£
Income	Band events	6,131.51	3,583.96
	Camps, trips events	25,432.01	14,894.49
	Canteen	898.54	671.18
	Coffee Morning	938.65	1,796.46
	Day Trips / Events	712.28	1,617.46
	Duke of Edinburgh / Jaz	0.00	310.00
	Easy Fund Raising	666.91	360.01
	Football	465.00	340.23
	France	0.00	282.25
	Fund Raising	5,626.49	10,485.54
	General Donations	2,548.70	2,180.77
	Gift Aid Tax	2,746.44	2,037.84
	Grants	2,668.00	375.00
	Hikes	0.00	80.00
	Interest	242.23	68.93
	Misc.	0.00	155.00
	Norway	10,844.33	0.00
	Restricted Donations	1,970.10	574.20
	Restricted Grants	1,840.00	600.00
	Subscriptions - AB, JS &	7,346.97	6,848.89
	Uniform sales	936.08	1,800.00
	Weekends Away	1,388.84	535.00
		<u>73,403.08</u>	<u>49,597.21</u>
Expenses	Anchor Boys	-452.92	-819.18
	Band	-6,888.88	-4,308.71
	BB Supplies	-2,899.70	-4,711.55
	Bible Class	-185.61	-340.91
	Camp	-7,108.12	0.00
	Canteen	-701.78	-972.74
	Capital Expenditure	0.00	-350.00
	Company Section	-387.53	-571.88
	Courses	0.00	-77.50
	Day Trips / Events	-4,885.63	-8,042.26
	Display	-1,277.62	-2,343.58
	Donation from raised fun	-3,075.20	-3,834.13
	Duke of Edinburgh / Jaz	-1,442.23	-2,516.34
	Football	-158.80	0.00
	France	0.00	-1,235.23
	Fundraising	-568.99	-591.97
	Hikes	-17.66	-319.60
	Junior Section	-2,929.24	-563.23
	Malawi Expenses	-67.00	0.00
	Mini Bus Running Costs	-3,694.79	-2,929.79
	Misc.	-1,293.32	-1,783.91
	Norway	-8,683.02	0.00
	Stationery & Ink	-61.30	0.00
	Transport	-326.35	-1,175.55
	Venue rental	-466.50	-609.50

Weekends Away	<u>-17,430.60</u>	-65,002.79	<u>-12,203.10</u>	-50,300.66
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	2024	2023
Net profit/(loss)	<u>8,400.29</u>	<u>-703.45</u>

25th Stirling (Dunblane) Boys Brigade Com  
Balance Sheet  
As at 30 June 2024

		2024	2023
		£	£
Bank	Malawi 100 Club ****836	2,187.69	1,867.69
	Malawi Main ****4664[us	6,036.89	0.00
	Mini Bus Savingsacc ****	20,897.43	19,266.85
	Treasurers Main BB acc	3,547.04	3,134.22
		<u>32,669.05</u>	<u>24,268.76</u>
		32,669.05	24,268.76
Creditors	Opening balances contr	<u>-16,558.10</u>	<u>-16,558.10</u>
		<u>-16,558.10</u>	<u>-16,558.10</u>
		-16,558.10	-16,558.10
Net assets		<u>16,110.95</u>	<u>7,710.66</u>
Shareholders' fun	Profit and loss account	7,710.66	8,414.11
	Net profit/(loss)	<u>8,400.29</u>	<u>-703.45</u>
		16,110.95	7,710.66
Total funds		<u>16,110.95</u>	<u>7,710.66</u>