

**Duns Pipe Band**  
**Trustees Annual Report**  
**For the year ended 31 October 2025**

The Trustees present their annual report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2025.

The Charity was formed on 25 May 2000 and registered with OSCR (NO SC030190)

The principal operating address is:

Beech Bank, Main Street,  
Gavinton  
Duns  
Berwickshire  
TD11 3QT

**TRUSTEES**

**Chairman:** Iain Lothian  
**Interim Secretary:** Andrew Ainslie BEM  
**Treasurer:** Tina Robertson

**Trustees:**  
Kirsteen Guthrie  
Craig Robertson  
John Thompson  
Colin Turner  
Julia Turner – (Resigned 13-10-2025)

**Charity No:** SC030190

**Independent Examiner:** David Scott Holmes C.A.

**Bankers:** Bank of Scotland  
Berwick-upon-Tweed 801351 Branch  
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## **Duns Pipe Band**

### **Executive Committee Report for the Year Ended 31 October 2025**

The Executive Committee present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2025 which comply with current statutory requirements and the charity's constitution.

## **Structure, Governance & Management**

### **Management Document (Constitution)**

Duns Pipe Band operates in accordance with its management document (constitution) a copy of this document is available on request from the secretary [dunsob@live.co.uk](mailto:dunsob@live.co.uk) or by applying to OSCR.

### **Management**

The band is managed by an executive committee consisting of the chairman, the secretary, the treasurer and a minimum of 5 full members of the band, elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Executive Committee has the power to co-opt a fund-raising coordinator and any other person who would be of benefit to the management of the band.

The members of the executive committee are listed under Trust Information.

Appointment and removal of trustees is in accordance with the governing document (constitution)

### **Objectives and Activities Charitable Purpose**

The objects of the band are to advance the education of the public in the art of bagpipe playing and drumming by the presentation of public performance and other related activities and in furtherance thereof:

- a) To promote the traditions and playing of pipe music generally.
- b) To endeavor to maintain the highest standard of playing through the teaching of young people, showing the necessary aptitude regardless of their financial situation.
- c) To provide, where necessary all equipment to achieve a high level of turnout of both playing and the appearance of the band.

### **Summary of Main Activities in Relation to These Objectives**

Founded in 1942, Duns Pipe Band has been a cornerstone of the Berwickshire community for over 80 years, offering generations of Borderers tuition, instruments, equipment, and highland dress free of charge to ensure anyone can learn the Great Highland Bagpipe and Drums. Open to all ages and abilities, the band currently has 40 active playing members and 12 learners, many progressing through our free in-house training programme. Participation builds musical skill, confidence, teamwork, and pride in local heritage, with members regularly performing live at a full schedule of annual community events across Duns, Berwickshire, and beyond. Young members have achieved Higher and National 5 qualifications, others have progressed to play and compete at the highest level, and almost all continue to support local life through active involvement in the band. Through music, mentorship, and public contribution, Duns Pipe Band preserves a proud cultural tradition, nurtures personal development, and unites generations in celebration of shared community spirit.

## Financial Performance Review

The general fund shows total income of £4,282 (2024 - £5,740). Total expenditure was £2,432 (2024 £2,351). The surplus for the year was £1,850. Cash at the bank on 31st October 2025 was £17,332.

## Future Plans. and Developments

Duns Pipe Band aims to encourage all player both established and novices to develop their piping and drumming skills.

This will be achieved through the continuation of our weekly band rehearsals and our teaching programmes, and we will fund these through both donations and grant funding as required.

The teaching programmes improve the playing of established members and generates a continuum of new players, who graduate into the band ensuring the sustainability of Duns Pipe Band.

In the next twelve months we are also planning a refresh of our Highland dress, the renewal of our pipe bag covers, drone cords, and our drum carriers. The drum carriers (harnesses) will safeguard the health and well-being of our drummers, and the renewal of our pipe bag covers, drone cords and the refresh of our Highland dress will ensure the band remains as visually impactful, as it is audibly.

The sustainability of Duns Pipe Band and its role in our community is always the objective.

## Risk Review

The Executive Committee has reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Those receiving tuition are generally children, and although the committee does not anticipate problems surrounding contact with children, it has drawn up a "Code of Good Practice when working with children under 18" to provide guidelines to be adhered to by all volunteers providing tuition or transport to young persons. No one-to-one tuition is allowed unless a parent or guardian is present.

## Contribution of Volunteers

The Executive Committee would like to acknowledge the contribution of the volunteers who provide their time and expertise freely to help and support the development of the band.

This report was approved by the Executive Committee on:

And signed on its behalf by:

Iain Lothian – Chair ..... *Iain Lothian* ..... 5 Nov. 2025  
Tina Robertson - Treasurer ..... *Tina Robertson* ..... 5 Nov. 25.

**Duns Pipe Band  
Receipts and Payments  
For the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025**

	Unrestricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>			
Donations	2,282	2,282	3,490
Band Playing Fees	2,000	2,000	2,250
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b><u>4,282</u></b>	<b><u>4,282</u></b>	<b><u>5,740</u></b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Equipment & Uniforms	1,383	1,383	1,417
Travel & Room Hire	112	112	511
Independent examination of accounts	50	50	50
Miscellaneous	887	887	373
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b><u>2,432</u></b>	<b><u>2,432</u></b>	<b><u>2,351</u></b>
<b>Net Receipt/Payments</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>3,389</b>
<b>Opening bank balance</b>	<b>15,482</b>	<b>15,482</b>	<b>12,093</b>
<b>Closing bank balance</b>	<b><u>17,332</u></b>	<b><u>17,332</u></b>	<b><u>15,482</u></b>

**Duns Pipe Band**  
**Statement of Balances**  
**For the Year Ended 31 October 2025**

	Unrestricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Bank &amp; cash in hand</b>			
Opening balances	15,482	15,482	12,093
Surplus for year	1,850	1,850	3,389
Cash in hand	0	0	0
Closing balances	<u>17,332</u>	<u>17,332</u>	<u>15,482</u>

These accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by

Iain Lothian – Chair

*Iain Lothian*  
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Date: *5. Nov. 2025*

Tina Robertson – Treasurer

*Tina Robertson*  
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Date: *5. Nov. 25.*

**DUNS PIPE BAND**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025**

**1. Accounting Policies**

**Accounting Convention**

The financial statements are prepared on a receipts and payments basis and in accordance with the Law Reform Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

**2. Fund Accounting**

The general fund is an unrestricted fund, which is available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general activities of the charity.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors, or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. There were no restricted funds at 31 October 2025 or 31 October 2024.

**3. Trustees Remuneration**

No trustees nor anyone connected with them received any remuneration.  
 No expenses were paid to any trustee during the year.

**4. Grants & Donations Received**

	Unrestricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Receipts</b>			
Donations	2,282	2,282	3,490
Band Playing Fees	2,000	2,000	2,250
Fundraising	0	0	0

**5. Payments**

Equipment & Uniforms	1,383	1,383	1,417
Travel & Room Hire	112	112	511
Independent examination of accounts	50	50	50
Subscriptions	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	887	887	373

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF DUNS PIPE BAND

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2025, which are set out on pages 5 – 7.

### 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 Trustees 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 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 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 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: 

Date: 5/11/25

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