

Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Dunfermline Branch

Registered Scottish Charity, Number SC027501



Photo: RSCDS Dunfermline Branch Annual Ball (December 2024)

Trustees' Annual Report

Financial Year: 2024 – 2025

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This report has been prepared on behalf of the Trustees and is an accurate record of the activities of the charity during the named financial year.



Trish Paton

Secretary, Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Dunfermline Branch

Introduction

This Report covers the financial year from June 2024 to June 2025

Although a relatively small branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, RSCDS Dunfermline Branch is a very friendly and active group. This report is designed to give the reader an idea of the types of activity undertaken by the Branch over the course of the year.

The constitutional aim of RSCDS Dunfermline Branch is to advance the education of the public in and around Dunfermline in traditional Scottish Country Dancing. To do this, the Branch undertakes to:

- a) preserve and further the practice of traditional Scottish Country Dancing
- b) provide or assist in providing instruction in dancing of Scottish Country Dances
- c) promote the enjoyment and appreciation of Scottish Country Dancing and Music by any suitable means, and
- d) generally, do such other lawful things as are or may be considered by the Local Association to further the foregoing objects of the Society in the district or area to which it relates.

Charity Trustees during the Financial Year

Role	Name	Applicable Dates from	Applicable Dates until
Chair	Alison Austin	AGM 2023	2026
Chair Elect	Linda MacDougall	AGM 2023	2026
Secretary	Trish Paton	December 22 (OM 21)	Annual review
Treasurer	James Laird		Annual review
Ordinary Members	Janet Butler	AGM 2024	AGM 2027
	Diane Brown	AGM 2023	AGM 2026
	David Welch	AGM 2024	AGM 2027
	Lesley Anne Lumsden	AGM 2024	AGM 2027

The Teaching of Scottish Country Dancing

RSCDS Dunfermline Branch provides a range of classes to encourage the learning of Scottish Country Dancing (SCD) and its dances. Each class is taught by a fully qualified RSCDS teacher. In some instances, a trainee teacher may teach a class while supervised by a qualified teacher, as part of the Branch commitment to providing opportunities to the SCD teachers of the future.

General Class (September 24 – May 25)

In an effort to attract and keep new members, and following feedback from last year's class, it was decided to

- substantially reduce member's class cost by offering a yearly or half yearly branch class fee option.
- To encourage beginners to return after the first free night an option to pay per 4-week block.
- So as beginners could be encouraged to meet and dance with the more experienced dancers the teachers were rotated - Alison Austin has been teaching beginners while Amy Drysdale and Bill Austin shared teaching of the main class.
- The Branch was able to move to a new hall, Abbeyview, still with two separate rooms, but with no surround carpet and better kitchen facilities. We had a small number of regulars unable to come but our huge numbers of new beginners made up for that.

The class moved to Abbeyview on 21/10/24 and the move has proved successful.



Photo – First night at Abbeyview

Advanced Class (September – February)



Photo: Dancers enjoying an advanced class night with guest teacher Janet Johnston

The Advanced Class, aimed at more experienced dancers, provided expert tuition from a range of external qualified teachers from other areas in Scotland, listed below. Five (monthly) classes were held during this financial year, with a gradual increase in numbers attending.

*Guest teachers were
September: Fiona Mackie
October: Janet Johnston
November: Rachel Shankland
January: Heather Cowan (c/a because of the weather)
February: Andrew Nolan*

Young people's class

RSCDS Dunfermline Branch provides financial support towards the running of a Children's Class.



Agnes Leighton, pictured on the left, with the members of her class who sat their exams in June 2025. Christine on the right has helped her throughout the year.

RSCDS Dunfermline Branch – At Home and Further Afield

Promoting the Enjoyment of Scottish Country Dancing and Music

Dunfermline Branch held events throughout the year.



The first was a series of events consisting of four successful summer dances with visitors attending from all over the world to enjoy our live music and join in the dancing.

Summer Dancing

In December 2024, the Branch hosted their Annual Ball in the Glen Pavilion, pictured at the start. The meal provided by the Glen Pavilion was delicious, the dance programme with music provided by Jim Lindsay was great – another successful event enjoyed by all who attended.

In March 2025 the Branch celebrated the visit of 40 Ribble Valley dancers to Dunfermline with a dance. Super music was provided by Nicol Maclaren.



Photo – Ribble Valley Event at the Dunfermline High School

In April this year, the Branch hosted their first ever weekend event. Fifty dancers congregated to enjoy two great nights of dancing on Mull with music provided by Phill Jones. Alison Austin and Margo Priestley presided over the Saturday morning class at which we were taught some new dances.



Photo of Mull Weekend Dancing

Though a small Branch, members attend a range of events outside Dunfermline. Alison Austin, Bill Austin and Amy Drysdale teach a variety of well-known and unusual dances to prepare us for nearby dance events (e.g. Edinburgh or Stirling or Perth). This means Dunfermline dancers are kept up to date with the latest favourites, and allows the Branch to advertise its events, personally to other clubs.

Ongoing Projects to Further the Objects of the Branch

Trustee (Branch Committee) Meetings

The Branch Committee meet two-monthly, scheduled throughout the financial year.

Data Protection

The Branch continues to remain compliant with the DPA2018, and data protection remains a standing item on Branch Committee agendas.

Safeguarding and Child Protection

All trustees of the Branch plus the children's class teachers and assistants are PVG-checked in line with Disclosure Scotland guidance, and the Safeguarding policy with associated procedures is promoted on the Branch website.

Advertising

Advertising takes place through a range of media, including newsletters, newspapers, social media and posters in the local area.

Branch E-Newsletter, and E-mail

The Branch produces an electronic newsletter for members and friends, highlighting what events are happening in Dunfermline and news items of interest.

In line with the Data Protection Act 2018, the Branch has always implemented an 'opt-in' approach to its general enewsletter distribution, requiring specific consent from all recipients prior to sending.

In addition, a separate email is sent only to Branch members, when it is appropriate, which includes information essential to their ongoing membership of the Branch.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Dunfermline

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2025 which are set out on pages 3 and 4.

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) (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 view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

1. In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 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.

Matters Arising

None

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Date: 15/10/2025

Signed :



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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 30 June 2025

	2024/25	2023/24
	£	£
Receipts		
RSCDS Subscriptions	880.00	727.00
Class Fees	5,185.00	3,880.50
Fundraising Events	17,252.90	5,416.00
Other Income	155.00	318.00
Total Receipts	23,472.90	10,341.50
Payments		
Fundraising Expenses		
Bands, Catering, Halls	15,916.11	4,785.52
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Payments for Charitable Activities		
Teachers, Musicians & Halls	4,548.50	4,333.10
RSCDS Subscriptions Paid	880.00	727.00
Equipment	195.61	
Gifts	10.00	8.50
Postage, Stationery, Insurance	378.01	138.98
Total Payments for Charitable Activities	6,012.12	5,207.58
Governance Costs		
Room Hire for Meetings & AGM		
Gift for Independent Examiner	40.00	40.00
Total Governance Costs	40.00	40.00
Total Payments	21,968.23	10,033.10
Surplus / (Defecit) for year	1,504.67	308.40

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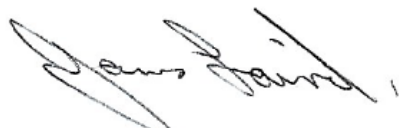
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Statement of Balances as at 30 June 2025

	2024/25	2023/24
	£	£
Bank and Cash in Hand		
Opening Balances	10,340.88	10,032.48
Surplus / (Deficit) for year	1,504.67	308.40
Closing Balances	11,845.55	10,340.88
Reserves		
General Reserves	11,845.55	10,340.88
Closing Balances	11,845.55	10,340.88

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Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf



James Laird, Treasurer

