

The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (Perth and Perthshire Branch)

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 30th April 2025

Scottish Charity Number SC024464

Current Trustees

Christopher Smith	Chairman/Website	(Appointed September 2022)
Vacant	Vice-Chairman	
Rod Purcell	Secretary/Highland Gateway	(Appointed September 2022)
Allana Creighton	Treasurer	(Appointed September 2023)
Betty Blair		(Appointed September 2022)
Betty Bott		(Appointed September 2022)
Tessa McNaught		(Appointed September 2023)
Wanda Rodger		(Appointed September 2023)
Lucy Garthwaite		(Appointed September 2024)
Judith Borup		(Appointed September 2024)

Other Administrative Roles

Janice MacDonald Membership Sec.

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Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed or reappointed by the Members at the Annual General Meeting, which is held in September each year. Office Bearers and other Trustees are appointed or reappointed each year. The Trustees can also co-opt additional Trustees to fill any casual vacancy occurring during the year.

Governing Document

The Branch is an autonomous charitable unincorporated association of members of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society. While the Branch has similar objects to, and associates with, the Society, it operates and carries out its administration and management independently. The Branch objects and administration arrangements are set out in the Constitution.

Charitable Objects

The objects, as set out in the Constitution, are:-

- a) to preserve and further the practice of traditional Scottish country dancing;
- b) to provide, or assist in providing, special education or instruction in the practice of Scottish country dancing;
- c) to promote the enjoyment and appreciation of Scottish country dancing by any suitable means;
- d) generally to do such things as are considered to be incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects stated above.

Activities and Achievements

The eight Spring classes and nine Summer dances run during 2024 were well attended. Many thanks to everyone who supported us and to the excellent musicians and teachers who agreed to participate.

Overall the Autumn and Winter classes held during 2024/2025 achieved a surplus. Thanks to the teachers and dancers who supported these classes.

The AGM in September 2024 was followed by a dance session to allow members to select a dance for the Branch Centenary. Instruction for the 5 dances submitted, was given by June Templeman and music provided by Mo Rutherford.

The Branch intended to participate in the RSCDS 'Dance Around the World' event in November but unfortunately our dance was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions.

As a new venture we held an 'End of Year' dance on 27 Dec. Music was provided by James Coutts SCD Band and the evening was enjoyed by all.

A team of dancers took part in a Warm Space event at Madderty Hall where they danced the winning Centenary dance. The Branch Chair, Christopher Smith, gave a very interesting talk on dancing in Perthshire.

As well as our usual full calendar of events, the Committee has been very busy arranging various ways to mark our Centenary. The celebrations started officially on 22nd February with an afternoon dance with music by David Oswald. A celebration cake was cut by past Chairs of the Branch.

A successful Centenary Ball was held in April with Jim Lindsay's Band where Jim was presented with a Branch Award. Attendees of the Ball, and our Branch members were each given a notebook and pen as a Centenary gift.

Branch Chair, Christopher Smith, produced a Centenary edition of our newsletter, The Highland Gateway.

Our Centenary year will finish with another afternoon dance in February 2026.

During the year a Fund was set up in memory of esteemed late member Jane Rattray. The Jane Rattray Memorial Fund has the overall purpose of promoting Scottish country dancing for members of the Branch. Specifically, it aims to facilitate RSCDS teachers' training and young people's participation in Scottish country dancing and RSCDS activities.

Branch membership for the year was: Adults 78 Life 9, Total 87 plus 7 Associate members and 1 Junior Member.

Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

Judith Borup and Allana Creighton received payment as teachers of Spring Classes on 4th June and 18 June 2024 respectively.

There were no Related Party Transactions paid during the year.

Reserves

The current reserves policy is restated below:

1. That reserves should be utilised to allow prices at Branch events to be maintained at an affordable and reasonable level whilst expanding Branch activities.
2. That sufficient funds, to cover the cost of running standard Branch events for one year, are in reserve as recommended by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).
3. That the level of reserves and this policy is monitored and reviewed by the Trustees on an ongoing basis and shared with members at the AGM.

The current Trustees have reviewed the reserves policy and do not recommend any changes.

The Branch held unrestricted funds of £12073.86 at the year end and the Trustees consider these funds to be sufficient. The funds in reserve also cover replacement equipment.

Allana Creighton
Treasurer
22 July 2025