

St Ronan's Piping Society

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OF



Scottish Charity Number 033114



St Ronan's Piping Society

Committee's Principles & Trustees, Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2008

To be held at 1pm in Vale Club Innerleithen on Sunday 11th January 2009

St Ronan's Piping Society

Society Details

St Ronan's Piping Society – SC 033114

Current Principal officers and Trustees are namely, President, Secretary and Treasurer

President	Bruce Hamilton EngTech, MIAGrE, MSEE
Contact Address:	23 Craig Terrace Innerleithen EH44 6LU
Secretary	Charles Gray
Treasurer	Jennifer Johnston

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The Trustees of St Ronan's Piping Society are appointed or reappointed by the members of the Society at our Annual General Meeting which is held in January each year.

Committee Members	George Brown Alan Johnston Johnston Cox Malcolm Rendle
Bankers	Alliance & Leicester
Address	8 th Floor East Admin Block Bridle Road Bootle Merseyside G1R 0AA

Governing Document

St Ronan's Piping Society is a charitable unincorporated society with its purposes and administration arrangements being set out in our constitution.

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2008 Chieftain Mr Jimmy Cockburn

**Society History, Objectives
Principles and Responsibilities**

For the year ended 31st December 2008

The Committee presents the Society history, objectives, principles, responsibilities, committee report and their financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2008.

Short History

St Ronan's Piping Society was formed from an Inaugural public meeting held in Innerleithen Pipe Band Hall on 2nd April 2002, and obtained charity status in May 2002.

Charitable Purposes

The main objectives of the society shall be to advance the education of the public in the art of Bagpipe Playing and Drumming by the presentation of pipe band, solo piping and solo drumming competitions and other related activities. In furtherance thereof but not otherwise the society shall seek:

- a) To promote pipe bands and the playing of pipe band music
- b) To organise and hold a pipe band contest in Innerleithen
- c) To do all other things as are charitable in law for the attainment of these objects.

The Committee feels satisfied that they have continued to achieve these objectives.

Society Responsibilities

The Committee is required under the new OSCR regulations of 2006 to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Society and of the profit or loss of the Society for that year. In preparing these the Committee is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Society will continue.

The Committee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Society and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with that of what is required from the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Society and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This underwritten report and accounts were approved by the Committee on 11th January 2009 and signed on its behalf by

**Bruce Hamilton EngTech, MIAgrE, MSEE
President**

Trustees & Committee Report - 2009 AGM

Welcome to the seventh Annual General Meeting of the St Ronan's Piping Society and this, your committees report, for the year past 2008.

Activities and Achievements

The committee has met regularly since the last AGM. It has dealt with the business of the society in what has proved to be another challenging yet rewarding year. Financially the society has had an excellent year as the accounts show. On the business side, the main points of the year were as follows:

- Consolidation and continual updating of the society's website
- Membership – Continually pushing to keep numbers up.
- Sponsorship – this year we managed to obtain other sponsors to replace the sponsorships lost in the previous year to the new sponsors we thank you for coming onboard.
- Awards for All – the Society was awarded £6770 in 2007 which was used to purchase Laptop & Printer for the Secretary, and the production of a Pipe Band Concert.
- Continue to support and Sponsor the RSPBA Lothian and Borders Branch Mini Band Contest.
- Presented a concert with HOE Shotts and Dykehead Pipe Band.

The Society wishes to remind everyone that the following items are available for a small donation for hire by other organisations:

PA system with 2 Radio Mics and 4 Speaker
2 Gazebo Tents with sides
6 x 6ft Folding Tables
24 Blue Folding Chairs on a Transportation Trolley
10 Walkie Talkies with a 3Km radius
6 Coffee Thermos Jugs

The 7th Innerleithen Pipe Band Championships and Drum Majors Contest

The major purpose of the society is to organise and hold the Innerleithen Pipe Band Championships.

The seventh championships were held on Saturday 14 June 2008. The venue was once again in Victoria Park, Innerleithen. This years Chieftain was Mr Jimmy Cockburn who performed his duties splendidly, as did our MC Mr Douglas Patterson. The committee would also like to thank Mr George Gilchrist for carrying out his duties as Judge for the Marching and Discipline on the Park award, the weather was not too bad this year with showers of light rain throughout the day.

The committee would also like to thank the Ladies sub-committee and volunteers for assisting with the, setting up and dismantling the contest venue on the day. Along with program sales and staffing of the gates. A big thank you to the Ladies and volunteers for all there help, not forgetting the kids who acted as runners obtaining the judging sheets from the judges and returning them to the compiler to enter into the laptop to produce the results, thanks to you all. A big thank you to Charles Gray who resigned his position as Secretary in June after 7 hard years, all the work you put in over the years is very much appreciated and we hope that you find the time you were after to concentrate on your pipe band secretarial duties. We also said goodbye to Jim Doherty after 7 hard years also, who due to work commitments decided to resign but with the understanding he would continue to volunteer his services to the Society on the build up to the championships which we thank him for.

There was an entry of 5 bands in the Grade Novice Juvenile, 7 bands for the Grade 4 contest, 12 bands for the Grade 3 contest and 8 for the Grade 2 contest, giving a total of 32 performances. On the Drum Major front, there was not enough entries prior to the contest to run this years event and at decision was made by committee on 7th June 2008 to cancel this years event. The committee agreed that a letter should be written to RSPBA to ask them to consider entries similar to band entries for Drum Major events in the future, this would stop the problem of not knowing how many are entered and give the Society a good idea at the time of the draw if action must be taken to cancel the event. This year again we had bands from out with the Lothian and Borders Branch Area and it was excellent to see them supporting the Innerleithen Pipe Band Championship. The contest date is becoming a regular recognised date within the pipe band competition circuit which is a good sign. The contest

itself went off without a hitch and several good performances were heard throughout the day by a large and appreciative audience. We would just like to congratulate all bands entered in the various grades. Well done and we hope to see them back in 2009, along with other new and returning bands.

The committee offers its congratulations to all participants and hopes that they will return year on year. There was an increase in participants and competitors again this year and we hope that this increase will continue, let us hope the weather also continues to prosper over Innerleithen in future years for us.

Looking ahead to 2009

The committee has already started planning for, would you believe it, the eighth Innerleithen Pipe Band Championships. This year's event will be held on Saturday 13th June. Permission has already been received from the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association to hold the event. We have also requested the usual permission from Scottish Borders Council Parks Department, Vale of Leithen Football Club, Lothian & Borders Police and SBC Road Department, to whom we look forward to receiving the OK.

We continue our four grades of competition to ensure Innerleithen Pipe Band Championships continues to be included in the RSPBA Lothian & Borders Branch Champion of Champions award table. Well done everyone on this achievement.

The committee expects a good entry for the eighth Innerleithen Pipe Band Championships as there are no conflicting events in the Common Riding schedule.

The playing requirements for this years contest will follow that adopted from RSPBA Lothian and Borders Branch request for contests prior to a Major Championships, the contest adopts the playing requirements of the grades at the Major Championships i.e. if Grade 3 is MSR at the British, then Innerleithen should adopt the MSR for our Grade 3 contest. This year's British Championships on 27th June in Banbridge, playing requirements are, Grade 3 Medley, Grade 2 MSR therefore Innerleithen will adopt these playing requirements for our contest.

Other organisational matters are in hand, with requests for sponsorship and membership renewals about to be issued. The Goals for the Society this year, to have another successful championships on the led up to our 10th Anniversary in 2011 when we will try and arrange for all past chieftains to march along the High Street at approx 11am prior to the event opening at 1130.

If any society member wishes to stand for the committee, please put yourself forward at the appropriate point in the meeting. New blood and new ideas are always welcome. One important note should be taken prior to putting your name forward, it has been agreed between the Society and Tweedvale Pipe Band Pipe Major that no more playing members of his band should come onto this committee due to band commitments, we are therefore looking for non playing members to come onto this years committee and it is hoped over the next few years that people will come forward for main principal positions.

In conclusion, the committee would like to wish all members, sponsors, advertisers, stallholders and all others connected with the Society for continuing to support us and enable us to keep this great event running here in Innerleithen and hope you all have a happy and prosperous 2009.

**Bruce Hamilton
Acting Secretary**



Where are we going?



Charles Gray Installing Jimmy Cockburn

The committee would like to congratulate the winning bands:

Grade: Nov

Piping Judge 1: T Brown

Piping Judge 2: Non Applicable

Drumming Judge: G Craig

Ensemble Judge: Non Applicable

Band	P 1	P 2	D	E	Final Total	Final Position
Seafield and District	1	0	2	0	4	1
George Watsons College	2	0	1	0	5	2
Craigmount High School	3	0	3	0	9	3
George Watsons College	4	0	4	0	12	4

Grade: 4

Piping Judge 1: T Brown

Piping Judge 2: Non Applicable

Drumming Judge: G Craig

Ensemble Judge: Non Applicable

Band	Actual Grade	P 1	P 2	D	E	Final Total	Final Position
Stockbridge		1	0	1	0	3	1
Stow		2	0	2	0	6	2
Methil and District		3	0	3	0	9	3
Bo'ness RBLs		4	0	5	0	13	4
Galashiels Ex-Service		5	0	4	0	14	5
Peebles Ex Service		6	0	6	0	18	6

Grade: 3

Piping Judge 1: T Brown

Piping Judge 2: Non Applicable

Drumming Judge: G Craig

Ensemble Judge: Non Applicable

Band	Actual Grade	P 1	P 2	D	E	Final Total	Final Position
George Watsons College	Juv	1	0	1	0	3	1
Boghall and Bathgate Caledonia	Juv	2	0	2	0	6	2
Tweedvale		3	0	3	0	9	3
Methil and District		4	0	6	0	14	4
Kirkcaldy and District		5	0	5	0	15	5
Bo'ness RBLs		6	0	4	0	16	6
Stockbridge	4	7	0	8	0	22	7
Seafield and District	Nov	8	0	7	0	23	8

Grade: 2

Piping Judge 1: T Brown

Piping Judge 2: Non Applicable

Drumming Judge: G Craig

Ensemble Judge: Non Applicable

Band	Actual Grade	P 1	P 2	D	E	Final Total	Final Position
George Watsons College	Juv	1	0	1	0	3	1

Boghall and Bathgate Caledonia	Juv	2	0	2	0	6	2
Tweedvale		3	4	0	3	0	11
Kirkcaldy and District		3	3	0	6	0	12
Methil and District		3	5	0	5	0	15
Bo'ness RBLs		3	6	0	4	0	16

The committee would like to thank our members and organisations for their help and assistance in putting on the 7th Innerleithen Pipe Band Championships a list of which can be found at the end of this report.



Local Band Tweedvale exit the fields after their Grade 3 performance



Spot the difference? Eating's Cheating I hear you cry!

Appendix 4

Profit and Loss Account
For the year ended 31st December 2008

	2008		2007	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Balance B/F		(249.98)		621.19
Membership	970.00		185.00	
Corporate & Advertisers	2125.00		1175.00	
Sponsorship	3325.00		2825.00	
Misc Income/Grants	3002.84		3203.67	
Donations	65.00		85.00	
A4A	6507.84		6770.00	
SBC Community Fund	2570.00			
Total Income		18565.68		14868.86
EXPENDITURE				
Advertising	1111.11		848.75	
Hires	499.50		475.35	
Purchases	0.00		175.80	
Misc Expenditure/Sponsorship	494.26		1326.84	
Entertainment	354.83		354.60	
Postage	20.70		42.00	
Professional Fees	4405.00		4850.00	
Insurance/Licenses	310.50		275.50	
A4A	6507.84		6770.00	
	<u>13703.74</u>		<u>15118.84</u>	
Net trading profit for the year		<u>4861.94</u>		<u>(249.98)</u>
NET PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		4861.94		(249.98)
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These accounts have been accepted by the Committee and signed in recognition of that matter by the 3 Trustees of the St Ronan's Piping Society;

Bruce Hamilton
President

Jennifer Johnston
Treasurer

Malcolm Rendle
Trustee

St Ronan's Piping Society

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2008

2007 ACCOUNTS

2008 ACCOUNTS

INCOME

INCOME

BALANCE B/F	£621.19
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS	£185.00
ADVERTISING & CORPORATE MEMBERSHIPS	£1,175.00
DONATIONS	£85.00
SPONSORSHIP	£2,825.00
MISC INCOME	£3,203.67
AFA	£6,770.00
TOTAL INCOME	£14,868.86

BALANCE B/F	(249.98)
MEMBERSHIPS	970.00
ADVERTISING & CORPORATE MEMBERSHIPS	2125.00
SPONSORSHIPS	3325.00
DONATIONS	65.00
MISC INCOME	3002.84
AFA C/F	6507.84
SBC COMMUNITY GRANT	2570.00
TOTAL INCOME	£18,565.68

EXPENDITURE

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ADVERTISING	£ 848.75
HIRES	£ 475.35
ENTERTAINMENT	£ 354.60
POSTAGE	£ 42.00
PROFESSIONAL FEES	£4,850.00
LICENCES/INSURANCE	£ 275.50
MISC EXPENDITURE	£1,272.94
A4A	£6770.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£15,118.84

ADVERTISING	£1,111.11
HIRES	£499.50
ENTERTAINMENT	£354.83
POSTAGE	£20.70
PROFESSIONAL FEES	£4,405.00
LICENCES/INSURANCE	£310.50
MISC EXPENDITURE	£494.26
A4A	£6507.84
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£13,703.74

NET (LOSS)/PROFIT (249.98)

NET (LOSS)/PROFIT £4861.94

Balance Sheet (continued)

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31st December 2008

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Accounting

The financial statements are prepared from the accounting information held by the Treasurer.

The Society has taken advantage of the exemption from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement because it is a small Charity.

1.1.1 Trustee remuneration and expenses

The Trustees do not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year.

1.2 Turnover

Turnover represents the total value, of income made during the year.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment - 15% reducing balance over 5 years

This can be seen in para 3 for the Piping Society Assets.

2. Total Turnover

The total turnover of the Society for the year has been derived from its principal activity of the, Innerleithen Pipe Band Championships.

3. Fixed assets

The Piping Society has now the following fixed assets on top of the 27 Trophies for all grades. These items are shown below. It must be noted that the Trophies are issued to the winning bands on the day and returned to the Piping Society approximately 1 month prior to the following years event and the winning bands are fully responsible for the safe keeping of the Trophies, therefore insurance is very difficult to obtain but we are still looking into this to obtain some sort of cover for the time we hold the trophies.

	Asset Value	Depreciation @15%	New Value
PA System & Radio Mics	£614.12	£92.11	£522.01
Gazebo's	£122.82	£18.42	£104.40
Folding Tables & Chairs	£634.28	£95.14	£539.14
Chieftains Jewel & Chain of Office	£368.48	£55.27	£313.21
Walkie Talkies	£307.00	£46.05	£260.95
Thermos Jugs	£29.90	£4.34	£25.56

4. Debtors

	2008	2007
	£	£
Trade debtors	150.00	762.88
	====	====

Debtors figures included here are a reflection of non / late payment or withdrawal of Memberships and Sponsorship, It should be noted that the Piping Society had to fund these debtors due to covering the total prize money required on the day.

5. Reserves

The committee feel that with this years balance on the accounts we will have enough in reserve to cover another years championships should all sponsorship fail.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Bruce Hamilton EngTech, MIAgrE, MSEE
President

11 January 2009





RSPBA Chairman hides this years Centerfold from L&B Chairman



It's the dodgy conversation, or is it?