



Tartan Army Children's Charity

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st March 2025

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Introduction

The trustees of the Tartan Army Children's Charity (TACC) have the pleasure of presenting their annual report and the independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025.

The charity is a registered Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) charity with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator, with the registration number SCO38330.

Charity Activities

TACC had another good year during 2024-2025, running our core programmes in Scotland and overseas.

Trustees Update

The following 8 trustees (all volunteers) are in post at March 31st, 2025

Derek Clark
Sam Currie
Leah Farrer
Rory Holmes
John McKendrick
Doreen Smith
Dorothy Wilson
Kevin Dewar

The following officers were in post at March 31st, 2025

Chairman – Derek Clark
Secretary – Doreen Smith
Treasurer – Shirley Manson (non-Trustee volunteer)

Ambassadors Update

At March 31st, 2025 TACC was delighted to have the support of over 40 Ambassadors.

Charity Address

The official address of the charity at March 31st, 2025 is

18 Wellmeadow Way
Newton Mearns
Glasgow G77 6RB

Charitable Programmes

My First Scotland Match

This programme is one in which TACC, with the first-class support of the Scotland Supporters Club (SSC), enables the participation of groups of disadvantaged children from across Scotland, to attend their first Scotland national football match. SSC generously provides TACC with a number of match tickets for each game and TACC provides each participating child with a new Scotland football shirt, £12.50 to spend at the match and a Saltire flag to be waved.

For the last few years, we are delighted to have been able to extend the programme to include the Scottish Women's National Team (SWNT) matches, enabling us to enrich the lives of more children. In this period, we were delighted to invite 101 children to these matches (details below).

Date	Scotland Match	Group	# Children
April 2024	SWNT vs Slovakia	YoMo (Young Movers Glasgow)	12
June 2024	MEN vs Finland	Elgin Youth Development Group	12
September 2024	MEN vs Poland	East Ayrshire Carers	12
October 2024	MEN vs Portugal	FARE (Family Action in Rogerfield and Easterhouse)	12
October 2024	SWNT vs Hungary	DadsWork (Edinburgh)	7
November 2024	MEN vs Croatia	East End Primary School (Elgin)	12
November 2024	SWNT vs Finland	Stirling High School	12
February 2025	SWNT vs Netherlands	Auchinleck Primary School	10
March 2025	MEN vs Greece	Denis Law Legacy Trust (Aberdeen)	12

Some photos from MFSM are shown below.











Other Charitable Donations

TACC accepts applications for awards from individuals and groups responsible for the care and wellbeing of disadvantaged children. We also (finances permitting) make Christmas donations. In the last year, our awards have been able to cover a wide and very varied range of circumstances and need.

We donated over £12,000 in total for our 2024 Christmas donations. The money went to 8 organisations supporting disadvantaged children in Scotland – Includem (Scotland wide), Borders Children's Charity (Borders), Special Needs Adventure Playground (East Kilbride), Seal (Dunfermline), Pilton Youth & Children's Project (Edinburgh), Lisa's Gift (Renfrewshire), Dundee Bairns (Dundee), Govan High School Enhanced Nurture Provision Unit (Glasgow).



Includem <https://includem.org/> used our donation to help families at Christmas with items such as toys, board games, clothes, or food hampers. They also included Christmas experiences (e.g. a panto) to allow families to get a break and enjoy time together.

Borders Children's Charity <https://borderschildrenscharity.org.uk/> used our donation to purchase everyday items such as beds, bedding, winter coats, shoes, general clothing and to fund club activities, school trips, wheelchairs etc.

Special Needs Adventure Playground [https://www.snapplayscheme.co.uk/about us](https://www.snapplayscheme.co.uk/about_us) planned to use our donation to support children with Additional Support Needs (in 2024 they helped 120+ children), most likely to replace/upgrade expensive sensory equipment.

Seal <https://www.sealdunfermline.org.uk/> used our donation to help children who might otherwise miss out at Christmas due to difficult circumstances e.g. to purchase gifts and/or help with pantomime costs. Any surplus would be used to support summer activities for the kids.

Pilton Youth & Children's Project <https://pycp.co.uk/> used our donation to fund their Christmas parties with special treats and fun activities for every child and young person that attends.

Lisa's Gift <https://lisagift.org.uk/about/> used our donation to offer financial assistance to pupils whose parents or guardians are not in a position to cover the cost of the multitude of activities, both school based and extra-curricular, which require a financial contribution from the home, especially at Christmas.

Dundee Bairns <https://www.dundeebairns.org/> used our donation to support ~25 families to ensure they have a wee boost to help them with Christmas costs at what is typically a very difficult time for many.

Govan High School Enhanced Nurture Provision Unit (Glasgow) will use our donation to fund a gift and Christmas activities for the kids they support.

TACC also awarded a £1700 grant to Carefree Kids in East Lothian <https://www.carefreekidseastlothian.org/> to purchase equipment to make young people safer in their homes.

Overseas Donations

In keeping with our origins, TACC makes donations to children's organisations in those countries in which our national football team plays a competitive match. In this financial year, we made away donations at Euro 2024 in Germany, and Nations League fixtures involving Portugal, Croatia, Poland & Greece.

Euro 2024 - Germany

TACC were delighted to meet with representatives from KIDsmiling (<https://kidsmiling.de/projekte/fussballprojekt>) in Cologne on 19th June 2024. This was in advance of the Scotland v Switzerland game at EURO 2024. We handed over a cheque for €5000. The money was used to provide football coaching to socially disadvantaged kids in Germany.



Portugal

Sunday 8th September 2024 - TACC donated €2000 to a children's cancer charity called Acreditar (<https://acreditar.org.pt/>) in Lisbon ahead of the Portugal vs Scotland match.

Acreditar are an association of parents of children and young people who have or have had cancer. Together they support the families to face the challenges that paediatric cancer imposes providing support in a time of uncertainty. They support parents at the point of diagnosis, treatment and post treatment, showing empathy, professionalism and above all understanding as they themselves have previously gone through the experience. The core values of the charity are empathy, a sense of community and hope.

The money donated today was to be used to improve the garden in the children's play area.



Croatia

Firefly Croatia - €2000 – October 2024. This donation was made in honour of a very good friend and supporter of TACC - Jennifer Blackwood. Jen's sister very kindly donated to TACC in Jen's memory and we would like to think Jen would be extremely pleased with the choices we made for our Croatia donation.

Firefly Krijesnica (<https://krijesnica.hr/>) assist parents of children being treated for cancer by having 5 apartments in Zagreb for the families which they cover the costs for. This means that families can stay close to their child whilst going through treatment. Our donation assisted with these costs.

And mirroring our My First Scotland Match programme from back home the donation was also used to assist with the purchase of tickets to take 9 kids and 6 parents to the game - so they got to experience - My First Croatia Match. TACC would like to thank Dejan MacGregor (Tartan Army Croatia) who was a great help in facilitating communication with Firefly.



Poland

In November 2024, TACC were delighted to donate 10,000 Zloty (~£2,000) to Fundacja dla Wolnosci (www.fundacjadlawolnosci.org) who work with displaced people through football and education, in Warsaw.

One of their initiatives is The Etnoliga Football Academy whose aim is to help access sports to vulnerable children who cannot do it otherwise due to their origin, social background or parent's capabilities.

The donation was used to cover various costs associated with sessions that the children attend. These costs are roughly 400 PLN for each session.



Greece

March 2025 - TACC were delighted to donate €2500 to CHEERing (<https://cheering.eu/girls-football>) who offer weekly football training to children in the Malakasa refugee camp. The football coaches are Malakasa camp residents and CHEERing team members with international coaching and playing experience. All the coaching team are first aid certified.

The donation will be used for sports shoes for the kids to play football in, healthy snacks for after training, supplies for their first aid kits and towards a vaccination and dental care programme for the kids. The donation will also help the kids and their parents towards bus travel to the training which is around 90 mins away from the camp.



Fundraising

A fabulous night was had by all at the Tartan Army Children's Charity Dinner Dance on Saturday 31st August 2024 at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Argyle Street, Glasgow. Special thanks to Nick Morgan who came along and entertained us with his huge hit "No Scotland, No Party". Thanks also to the Caledonian Pipe Band who welcomed our guests on arrival with some tunes. TACC extends a huge thanks to those who attended or bid online for items in our auction. We raised £5000 for the charity.



Throughout the year TACC continued to organise our monthly Lottery which raises approximately £300 each month. We continue to sell a range of clothing merchandise to align with the range of Scotland football team's events. We were also able to auction various items donated by the SFA.

Several of our Trustees & Ambassadors across the country raised funds or made donations. Our Ambassadors often organise events to raise funds (e.g. Ryan Johnstone's Tournament Predictors or Dougie Johnston Entertainment Services), or participate in and/or support TACC events or Kiltwalks. Without their support TACC's success in helping Scotland's disadvantaged children would be significantly restricted.

We continue to be supported by the Caledonian Pipe Band (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/caledonianpipeband>) at a pub local to Hampden Park where a few of them play pre-match to support a bucket collection for TACC.



This year we received donations from the following:

- Scottish Football Association (proceeds from Old Kit Sales and items for auction)
- The Shed (Shawlands, Glasgow) via ticket proceeds from their Pre-Hampden Match Parties
- Derek Marner who ran an Ultra-Marathon in Munich ahead of the Euro 2024 kick-off to raise funds
- £2000 donation from the estate of the late Jen Blackwood, who was a great friend and supporter of TACC



Our Ambassadors and Supporters

TACC is run 100% by volunteers and is successful due principally to the contributions, efforts and sacrifices made by our many supporters, too many to mention all, who share the same ideals – to give children a better chance in life. Our supporters raise funds in the name of the charity in ways that only they know are possible – their own way.

Year on year, we are extremely grateful for the wonderful support we receive from the SFA/SSC, in the form of match day tickets to support our “My First Scotland Match” programme.

To all our many supporters
– THANKS, we can’t do it without you

Strategic Objectives

TACC will continue to deliver a strong contribution to children’s causes in Scotland and in those countries in which our national team plays. We will continue to deliver strong governance within a 100% voluntary framework, which means all monies raised are used to support disadvantaged children.

We will look to strengthen our very positive relationship with the Scottish Football Association, seeking to be recognised again as one of their Nominated Charities.

We will take an active role in communicating and promoting the work done by the charity, extending the reach of our Ambassador Program and look to consolidate and engage corporate sponsorship and support.

We will strive to ensure that our beneficial programmes are accessible to all parts of the country and make our support opportunities more easily accessible and available.



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Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st March 2025

Tartan Army Children's Charity - SC038330

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ending 31st March 2025

		2024/25	2023/24
	Note	£	£
Receipts			
Donations	4	21,375	13,462
Receipts from fundraising activities	5	17,545	7,025
Gross trading receipts	6	708	303
Bank interest received		1,625	1,476
		41,253	22,266
Payments			
Expenses for fundraising activities	7	8,880	3,537
Gross trading payments	8	1,158	744
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	9	2,987	4,778
Grants and donations	10	25,862	22,988
Other expenditure		663	567
		39,550	32,614
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		1,703	(10,348)

The Notes on pages 25 to 27 form an integral part of these accounts.

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Statement of Balances – As at 31st March 2025

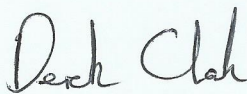
Funds Reconciliation	2025	2024
Opening cash at bank	55,568	65,916
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	1,703	(10,348)
Closing cash at bank	57,271	55,568
Closing Asset value		
Current Accounts	57,271	55,568
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The statement of financial activities includes all gains or losses recognised in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

All funds are unrestricted.

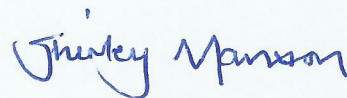
The Notes on pages 25 to 27 form an integral part of these accounts.

Approved by the trustees on 27th July 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Derek Clark

Chairman



Shirley Manson

Treasurer

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Notes to the Accounts For the year ended 31st March 2025

1 Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2 Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the Charity.

3 Related Party Transactions

No remuneration was paid to the trustees or to any connected persons during the year (2025: £Nil). No Trustee expenses were claimed during the year (2024 £Nil).

	2024/25	2023/24
4 Donations received	£	£
Corporate donations (including corporate matching schemes)	-	3,978
Individual and other donations – raffles, auctions and other events	21,375	9,484
5 Receipts from fundraising activities		
TACC Lottery	6,765	6,950
TACC Dinner Dance	10,780	75

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6	2024/25	2023/24
Gross Trading Receipts	£	£
Includes the sale of t-shirts, badges, books, polo shirts and Christmas cards	708	303
7 Expenses for fundraising activities		
TACC Lottery	3,677	3,105
TACC Dinner Dance/Christmas Party	5,203	432
8 Gross trading payments		
Expenses relating to the sale of t-shirts, badges, polo shirts, books, water bottles and Christmas cards	1,158	744
9 Payments relating directly to charitable activities		
My First Scotland Match	2,987	4,778

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2024/25

2023/24

Notes to the Accounts For the year ended 31st March 2025

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10 Grants and donations

Grants and donations included the following

Barnekreft	-	2,240
RDA Episkopi	-	2,500
Fundacion Donation	-	2,218
Jonas Foundation	-	2,330
Kayleigh Wee Stars	-	2,000
Hopscotch Children	-	2,000
Logan's Fund	-	3,000
Bright Sparks	-	3,000
Edinburgh School Uniform Bank	-	1,000
Kilsyth Community	-	1,000
KIDsmiling - Germany	4,373	-
Acreditar - Portugal	1,740	-
Krijesnica - Croatia	1,723	-
Fundacja - Poland	1,968	-
Pennypit Community Development Trust	-	500
Snap Play Scheme	2,000	-
Borders Children	2,000	-
Includem	2,500	-
Seal Dunfermline	2,000	-
Carefree Kids	1,700	-
Dundee Bairns	1,000	-
Lisa's Gifts	1,000	-
Pilton Youth	1,000	-
Center Health (CHEERing) - Greece	2,158	-
Miscellaneous donations	<u>700</u>	<u>1,200</u>
	<u>25,862</u>	<u>22,988</u>

APPENDIX 3



Report to the trustees/members of

Registered charity number

On the accounts of the charity for the period

Set out on pages

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

Basis of independent examiner's statement

Independent examiner's statement

Signed:

Name:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

Independent examiner's report on the accounts							v2
Charity name Tartan Army Children's Charity							
Registered charity number SC038330							
Period start date				Period end date			
Day	Month	Year	to	Day	Month	Year	
1	April	2024		31	March	2025	
Set out on pages 22-27					(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

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 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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.

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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.

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
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Andrew Lowden Date: 30/9/25
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