



Tartan Army Children's Charity

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st March 2015

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The trustees of the Tartan Army Children's Charity (TACC) have the pleasure of presenting their Annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2015.

The charity is a registered Scottish charity with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator with the registration number SCO38330. The charity is governed by a constitution as amended May 2009.

Charity Activities

The charity has had an outstanding performance in the year 2014-2015, successfully continuing with their core programmes in Scotland and overseas. We were delighted again to be confirmed as the Nominated charity of the Scottish Football Association, working with the Scotland Supporters Club (SSC).

Charitable donations: Scotland

My First Scotland Match. This programme is one in which TACC, with the support of the SSC, enables the participation of disadvantaged children in groups throughout Scotland to attend their first Scotland football match. 10 tickets for each game are provided to beneficial children's groups, with new Scotland tops and £10 for each child, provided by TACC. In 2014 we extended the programme to include the cost of transport to and from the game, where necessary. The dates of the matches are dependent upon the fixture list of our national team and, in the period, we were delighted to invite children to the following games

October 2014 – Georgia (Ibrox Stadium)	- Charity/Group: Includem , Glasgow
November 2014 – Ireland (Celtic Park)	- Charity/Group: Circle , West Lothian
November 2014 – England (Celtic Park)	- Charity/Group: Circle , West Lothian
March 2015 – Northern Ireland (Hampden)	- Charity/Group: Aberlour Youthpoint , Glasgow
March 2015 – Gibraltar (Hampden)	- Charity/Group: Hush Club , Dundee

TACC FC programmes. This programme is one in which TACC has committed to fund support a number of football based community groups to facilitate expert football coaching while providing opportunities for disadvantaged children to learn and develop interactive and social skills. The training sessions are completed with a hot meal. Where possible TACC have committed to provide funding support for 3 years to enable the groups to establish and progressively become self supporting.

St. Paul's Youth Forum in partnership with Ruchazie Community Church, Glasgow. (Final year)

In 2014, the project was targeted at boys in P7 - S2, in an attempt to introduce a new group to the programme. The aim was additionally to break down the territorial barriers at a smaller age group between Blackhill and Ruchazie communities and also to promote physical activity and healthy eating. This initiative wasn't as successful as hoped and the project continued with the original and motivated children.

- On average 17 young people attended the project
- They engaged with 38 young people in the year.
- 2 young people went to England national team training ground for sports science activities.
- 3 boys had trials with Alloa Football Club pro youth set up.

Aberdeen FC Community Trust (Second Year)

Originally established as a community based department within Aberdeen Football Club, in March 2014 the group was supported to set up as a separate SCIO – Aberdeen FC Community Trust (AFCCT). The group now is able to participate in and deliver community programmes and initiatives across the North East of Scotland and have developed several fundraising programmes to enable them to become self-sustaining.

We are delighted that the purposes of AFCCT are closely aligned to those of TACC, including broad activities of Positive Activity : Health & Wellbeing : Equality & Inclusion : Good Citizenship : Learning.

In football related programmes the following are consistent with TACC aims

- *Develop Grassroots Football Clubs through the Scottish FA Quality Mark Club Accreditation Scheme*
- *Provide local Coaches with Coach Education and In-Service opportunities*
- *Increase participation by females in all areas of football*
- *Increase and improve access and participation by those with disability*

In 2014 TACC was able to assist the extension of the AFCCT initiative by supporting the establishment of a Breakfast Club. The purpose of this is to provide high quality coaching and facilities to children from areas of social deprivation, with a specific focus on time management and starting the day with physical activity.



Every Wednesday morning from 7:30am to 8:30am, pupils head to Aberdeen Sports Village for an early morning Football Coaching session, followed by a healthy breakfast in the Players Restaurant at Pittodrie. The programme instils positive early morning routines, social interaction and etiquette whilst having a meal, all prior to starting school where pupils are more focused in class, with levels of attainment and achievement on the rise. Senior Scottish FA Community Coach says "This is very much a multi-agency approach, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank our partners, especially the Tartan Army Children's Charity, for their continued support." Two of the youngsters Alex Richards and Caitlyn Irvine were chosen as mascots for AFC at the League Cup Final.

Charitable Donations in Scotland:

Yellow Tea Pot: TACC were able to support The Yellow Teapot Club in West Lothian to acquire swimming aids, story teller and art/crafts tuition. This very active and hands-on club supports children and young adults aged 6 - 25 who have additional support needs or disability, and aims to offer a social club environment with a variety of things on offer to enjoy, learn, socialise, and expand on various subjects, including arts



& Crafts, baking, dancing, swimming, horse riding etc..



East Fife Ladies and Girls FC (EFL):

TACC were able to provide financial support and motivation to EFL, to enable their girls take part in an ambitious project, scheduled for February, 2016. TACC support will ensure that children who may be financial disadvantaged will not lose out on the opportunity. The children will travel to Spain, many for the first time overseas, and attend coaching sessions each day with the Catalan Football Federation, learn about athletic nutritional programmes and visit some of the grounds in Spain.

Wheels for Harley: TACC were able to provide a supporting amount towards the provision of a specially constructed bike for 3 year old Harley, in the Rutherglen area. Harley has undergone multiple surgical interventions in his short life and the provision of his bike enables him to be more mobile and active.

Overseas Donations

Dortmund – “Off Road Kids” – September 2014



During the trip to take on the World Champions - Germany - in the first match of the Euro 2016 qualifiers, TACC were delighted to donate to the Dortmund branch of Off Road Kids (ORK) which has a network across the major German cities, supporting homeless children and their families.

Our support went specifically to their Dortmund Street Social Work network which, through their Street Social Workers, enables them to engage with “runaways”, many from rural communities, as early as possible and avoid them slipping from one urban centre to the next and minimizing the risk of physical and psychological

manifestations of their lifestyle brought on, and threatened by, illness, drugs, alcohol, violence and lack of opportunity. ORK, in addition, offers a wide spectrum of multi-functional care and support.

Warsaw – “Falbogi Orphanage” – October 2014

During the trip to Warsaw in the third match of the Euro 2016 qualifying campaign, TACC made the trip to an orphanage in the outlying village of Falbogi. The orphanage, which is home for up to 30 children, aged from 3-18, was planning to refurbish one of their former classrooms into a multi-purpose fitness room to address the physical needs of the children during the long winter periods. TACC donation enabled them to complete and equip the project, as well as engage the young lads (and not so young Tartan Army) in a pre-cursor for the international fixture later in the day.



Christmas Donation – Includem

TACC were delighted again to invite Glasgow based charity Includem to our annual Christmas dinner at Hampden Park to be the recipient of our Christmas donation.

At Includem, they believe **no young person is beyond help**, working exclusively with the most troubled, vulnerable and challenging young people in our society. No matter how tough their circumstances, they always start from a point of view of valuing them, engaging with them, building one-to-one trusting relationships – and refusing to give up.



Christmas Support

TACC were delighted to make small donations during the Christmas festive period to some of those children’s organisations we’ve been able to support in previous years, in order to cement an enduring friendship with these groups and that the children might have a better chance to share in the festivities intended at that time.

Serbia - Novi Sad -
Germany – Dortmund -
Poland – Falbogi -
Spain – Calpe -
Macedonia – Skopje -

“The EKO Shelter”
“Off Road Kids”
“The Orphanage”
“EMAUS”,
“Zastita na pravata na Child”

Fundraising

Kiltwalk: In June, 2014, TACC successfully staffed and provide for a “Pit-stop” during the Kiltwalk in Aberdeen. A grant of £10,000 was gratefully accepted from Kiltwalk for our contribution.

Team TACC: Unlike in previous years, when TACC had provided a “Pit-stop” service for all 5 kiltwalks, in 2014 we elected to raise a team to walk on our behalf, not surprisingly called Team TACC. We were delighted to have walkers participate in each of the kiltwalks. 50% of the sponsorships raised by our team members were granted directly to TACC.

Lottery: Our monthly lottery continues to provide a stable income, with approximately 130 participants generating a monthly income in excess of £300/month

Tee shirts: We were delighted that “Hairy Haggis” again supported our “Campaign” tee-shirts which remain a popular sale from our shop, along with our iconic and branded version

“Pain is temporary – Pride is forever”

that epitomises the message embraced by many of the children’s groups we support.

Our world class personal supporters

TACC is run 100% by volunteers and is successful due principally to the contributions, efforts and sacrifices made by our many individual supports who all share the same ideals – to give our children a better chance in life. The imagination of our supporters is almost unbounded and some particular personal contributions are noted below.



In recognition of James McFadden’s wonder goal in Paris in 2007

David Dickson obtained a replica shirt, as worn by the players on the occasion, and he travelled personally or sent the shirt over 2,500 miles to have the former players and manager sign it. David auctioned the shirt on behalf of TACC

Our Long-distance walkers

Kenny Taylor who walked 500 miles from Lincolnshire, to take in Ben Nevis with its rain, sleet, snow and 70mph winds to arrive at Ibrox in time for the first home match of the qualifying campaign versus Georgia.



Scot Rowland – Tartan Trek - 390 miles walk from Ipswich to arrive at Hampden Park in time for Scotland vs. Gibraltar)

Port of Leith Housing Association cycling team



The 3-peak challenge

In late June, **Gareth, Ross and Rory Holmes and Andrew Hossack** took on the 3 Peaks Challenge here. The challenge consisted of climbing Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon, the highest peaks in Scotland, England and Wales respectively within a 24 hour period, including travel between the climbs.

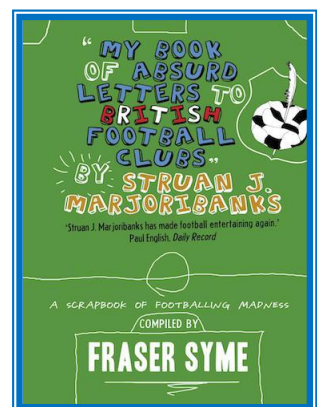
The boys managed all three climbs, starting with Ben Nevis, travelling through the night to climb Scafell Pike in England at six in the morning. They then moved on to Snowdon in North Wales. The young bucks came trotting off the mountain without breaking a sweat whilst Ross and the veteran of the group staggered off two minutes inside the target of six o'clock on the Sunday evening.



Fraser Syme - TACC was a beneficiary of proceeds from Fraser's book

"My Book of Absurd Letters to British Football Clubs"

Fraser's book is a compilation of prank letters sent to clubs around the UK by Struan J. Marjoribanks. The book recalled not only the letter but the responses to requests such as a dead budgie's ashes being scattered on the pitch, offers to supply inspirational music for the team bus, enquiries about a shoe lost during an exuberant goal celebration or a complaint about a mystery chant that upset a child and many more.



- Port of Leith Housing Association cycling team
- KANA charity football match

- Tartan Army Message Board followers “**peever1745**” and “**AI2014**” for organising a Ted Christopher concert in Warsaw
- Scott Currie who braved man eating guinea pigs climbing Machu Pichu
- Gordon Strachan for his donation in respect of a publicised article



- Caledonian Brewery Pipe band who play for the children at our overseas donations and still make bucket collections in TACC's name at each Scotland home match.
- Clan Derby TA who hold regular social events in and around Derby to support TACC

In August, 2014 TACC assisted Includem in Glasgow by taking part in a special Fun day, at which we engaged the valuable support of the SFA's own Cammy Watt to be goalkeeper at a penalty shoot-out.

In March, 2015 valuable TACC supporters Stewart Rose and Dave Campbell assisted AFCCT in Aberdeen to make a can collection at their home game against St. Mirren.

In December, 2014 TACC held our annual Xmas party and were delighted to have been able to welcome Scotland manager, Gordon Strachan and to have our event hosted by the wonderfully talented STV's Sheelagh McLaren. The event was wonderfully supported by Carrick Golf Club, Loch Lomond; Tullibardine Distillery; Royal Musselburgh Golf Club; Fife Golf Trust; Iain Cowie Physiotherapy; Celtic FC; the SFA; Aberdeen FC Community Trust; Aileen Neillie and Still Life Studios, Aberlour

Throughout the year we've been indebted to many fellow supporters who have made anonymous donations and without whose efforts TACC couldn't provide the valuable support that makes a wee bit difference to the lives of children everywhere.

Trustees Update

In 2014-2015 we saw the loss of 3 of our Trustees.

Diane Scott
David Donn
Susan Donn



Each resigned from their positions for very different and personal reasons and gratefully continued to offer their support to TACC as Ambassadors.

During the period we were pleased to welcome Graeme Richards to the board. Graeme, in addition to being a long standing member of the Tartan Army fraternity, brings with him a wealth of third sector experience with children's causes.

Ambassadors Update

In 2014-2015 we were delighted to welcome two new Ambassadors, who for some time have been active supporters of TACC's programmes.

Mark Duffy
Paul McKenna

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.

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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Statement of Financial Activities For the year ending 31st March 2015

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

		2014/15	2013/14
	Note	£	£
Income			
Donations	1	8,044	11,248
Receipts from fundraising activities	2	44,147	79,108
Gross trading receipts	3	4,794	13,184
Income from investments	4	51	40
TOTAL INCOME		57,036	103,580
Expenditure			
Expenses for fundraising activities	5	9,432	15,063
Gross trading payments	6	4,865	5,556
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	7	2,045	3,264
Grants and donations	8	21,661	59,458
Governance costs: -			
Audit / independent examination	9	-	25
Preparation of annual accounts			-
Legal costs			-
Other expenditure	10	1,808	3,653
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		39,811	87,019
Net balance		17,225	16,561

Total funds b/f	131,370	114,809
Total funds c/f	<u>148,595</u>	<u>131,370</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains or losses recognised in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

	2014/15	2013/14
Note	£	£
Assets		
Fixed Assets	-	-
Current Assets	-	-
Cash at bank	148,595	131,370
Stock	-	-
 NET CURRENT ASSETS	 148,595	 131,370
 Liabilities	 -	 -
TOTAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES	148,595	131,370
FUNDS (UNRESTRICTED)	148,595	131,370

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

These statements were approved by the Management Committee and authorised for issue on the _____, and are signed on their behalf by:

John Deans

(Acting) Chairman

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2015

Notes to the financial statements

1	Donations	£
	Corporate donations (including corporate matching schemes)	4,300
	Supporters Clubs (raised in raffles, auctions and other events)	975
	Individual and other donations	2,769
2	Receipts from fundraising activities	
	Events include	
	- TACC Kiltwalk, various dates in 2014/15	21,689
	- TACC Lottery	7,629
	- Sponsorship	7,638
	- TACC Christmas Party	6,132
	- Misc fundraising	48
	- Auction – France Vs Scotland signed t-shirt	1,011
3	Gross Trading Receipts	
	Includes the sale of t-shirts, badges, books, polo shirts and Christmas cards	4,794
4	Income from investments	
	Bank interest	51
5	Expenses for fundraising activities	

Direct costs of events and activities relating to fundraising: -

Christmas Party 2014	5,141
Lottery	4,015
Fundraising costs	276

6 Gross trading expenses

Expenses relating to the sale of t-shirts, badges, polo shirts, books, water bottles and Christmas cards	4,865
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7 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

Non-grant expenditure including the cost of: -

My First Scotland Match	2,045
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8 Grants and donations

Grants and donations included the following: -

Includem – Christmas Appeal	10,000
Falbogi Orphanage (Poland)	5,000
Off Road Kids (Germany)	5,000
Wheels for Harley	142
Yellow Teapot Club	976
Aberdeen FC Community Trust (race night donation)	50
Rwanda donation	100
Macedonia Christmas donation	143
Germany Christmas donation	100
Spain Christmas donation	150

9 Other Expenditure

Support and administration costs, including: -

Postage	1,001
Admin / misc	25
Website & email	112
Marketing	670