



Scottish Burned Children's Club

Registered Scottish Charity: SC032376

Receipts & Payments Annual Report

01 December 2023 to 30 November 2024

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Scottish Burned Children's Club Trustees' Annual Report

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Structure, Governance and Management

The Scottish Burned Children's Club [SBCC] was recognised as a registered Scottish charity and officially launched on the 30th of November 2001. The SBCC is a charitable unincorporated association, and the purpose and administration arrangements are set out in our constitution.

The charity provides positive support to burn-injured children and help them realise that, although their body image has been altered, their hopes and dreams are just as achievable as any other child.

Charity Trustees

Our **Executive Committee** oversee our strategic direction and monitors how we deliver our objectives. The diverse members of the charity combine their experiences and expertise to achieve the charity's aim. [available here](#)

Extract from constitution

- 30. The maximum number of the Executive Committee shall be 5.*
- 31. A person shall not be eligible for election/ appointment to the Executive Committee unless he/ she/they are a member of the association.*
- 32. At each Annual General Meeting, the members may [subject to clause 28] elect any member to be a member of the Executive Committee.*
- 33. The Executive Committee may at any time appoint any member to be a member of the Executive Committee [subject to clause 28].*
- 34. At each Annual General Meeting, all of the members of the Executive Committee shall retire from office – but shall then be eligible for re-election.*

Executive Committee

1. Claire Gardiner - Chairperson/ Child Protection Officer/ Data Protection Officer/ Family Liaison Officer
2. Alan Masterton - Vice-Chairperson/Legal Advisor
3. Ned Alexander - Secretary
4. Gail McClory - Treasurer

Members

1. Louise Irving
2. Michael Smith
3. Peter McInnes
4. Karen Fraser
5. Toni Deacon

Summary of the main activities in relation to our objectives.

Our objectives, as recorded in our constitution are:

- a. To relieve the needs of children, living in Scotland, who have suffered physical and or mental injuries due to burns or scalds and whose families have suffered as result of burns or scalds, particularly but not exclusively by the provision of recreation and leisure activities. Particular attention will be given to those with major disfigurement, disability or poor social circumstances who have less opportunity to develop through normal childhood.
- b. The achievement of education of the public relating to fire safety, home safety and burn/ scald first aid at schools, youth groups and/ or local community events.

Summer Camp

The Summer Camp is a main objective for the charity, open to children aged 8 up to their 18th birthday. The primary aim is to encourage every child, despite their level of disability or disfigurement, to try and rebuild confidence, in taking on the challenges that each activity faces them, thus increasing their levels of self-esteem, even if they do not fully complete a challenge.



Our annual Summer Camp was held in July 2023 at Auchengillan Outdoor Centre which is situated in Blanefield, just outside Glasgow.

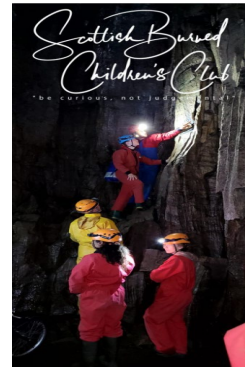
The Centre believes outdoor learning and adventure grows confidence, inspires change and builds friendships. They are passionate about facilitating lasting memories and skills for life.

The Summer Camp aims to promote inclusion, encourage independence, and build self-confidence through the safe provision of adventurous activities. As one of our Volunteers has Downs Syndrome and sometimes requires extra support on activities, attending this venue allowed him to participate in all the activities offered to the more able-bodied campers and therefore promote inclusiveness, dignity, and respect to all in attendance.

10 children attended ranging in age from 9-16 years old, with 4 new campers in attendance.

1 camper recently had surgery but managed to stay overnight to catch up with his peers and his Mum picked him up the next morning. Another new club member attended with his parents and sibling on the Open day, on the Wednesday, to get an understanding of camp life, in order to attend himself next year.

Campers were excited to attend summer camp, participating in new activities such as axe throwing, water walkers and paint balling, as well as favourite activities and ranging from archery, wall climbing, abseiling and caving.



As we were closer to Glasgow we were extremely fortunate to be able to invite along those who have sponsored or donated to the charity so they can see exactly what the money for camp is used for and how the children benefit from seeing the magic of camp first hand. We also invited some of the Burns Team from the local children's hospital and they are great supporters of the charity and are also referring children and families. Those in attendance included:

- Previous campers / families which was great to see them mingling with the new campers and sharing camp stories and that the friendships that have been formed and sustained post camp/club life
- Burns team- including two specialist nurses, one nurse support and two Physiotherapists. They got involved in inflatable sumo wrestling with kids, which provided much laughter all round.
- Fundraisers and sponsors including George Gardiner (Claire Gardiner's Dad) who donated money to pay for the summer camp T-shirts.

- Preston printers- who provide us with a discount on our bags. T-shirts and hoodies for summer camp. Gary, one of the printers attended with his friends, as he has a scald injury obtained as a toddler and was keen to see what the children got up to at camp as there was nothing like this for him growing up
- Industry- members from health companies Urgo, and Mediq, were also in attendance as they had heard about the camp via Claire Gardiner. And wanted to learn more. Urgo provided water bottles for the children to use at camp. Mediq had collaborated with volunteers from the charity and Sharon Ramsay, Burns Nurse Specialist, to produce a podcast to discuss the aftercare post burns and the importance of having a burns club.

We also invited the local fire brigade (Milngavie) who attended with 5 of their crew and allowed the children to sit in their appliance and use the hose, which turned into one big water fight. One officer from the local police (Carbeth) also attended with a police van, which the children were allowed to sit in the back of.

The open day was such a hit at camp with the children as they loved meeting the people who helped to support the charity throughout the year, and it was good to build up relationships with the local emergency services.

Auchengillan also had an outdoor pool. Some of the children had stopped attending swimming with their families as they were scared to show their scars in public. Providing this activity at camp encouraged them to return to this activity in a safe environment, with support from fellow peers who can also relate to the challenges of displaying any physical disfigurement in public. The children had a brilliant time playing water polo, and with all the inflatables in the pool. (Parents reported that a lot of them requested to go back to swimming once they returned home, which is amazing). The chippy dinner afterward the swimming went down a treat.

However, the highlight of the week was a day kayaking on one of the local Loch Aird. The Campers and Volunteers participated in a variety of water games which culminated with most joining in a large water fight. The local Instructors ensured that all appropriate safety measures had been taken and safety equipment was always worn.

Supposed to have Ibiza themed pool party but weather changed and rain poured down. Volunteers improvised and had a Glow party instead. They applied glow in the dark face paints on each other and wore T-shirts they had made as part of an arts and craft session. Karaoke and Just Dance, dance off went down a treat with all campers happily participating.

All the campers reported that they had fun, but it went far too quickly. Parents reported that their children had really enjoyed camp and could not wait to return next year. Parents of some of the new campers reported that their children returned happier and more confident.

This speaks volumes about the impact bringing together burn survivor children can have on increasing their confidence, self-esteem, and self-worth, as well as supporting them to grow and develop as individuals, in an environment where they feel safe and supported by fellow peers.

A lot of the children joined Snapchat groups so they could keep in touch out with summer camp- this just shows how much they enjoyed each others company and valued the new and old friendships in place.



The club will have to book an alternative venue for 2025 as Auchengillan is unavailable the dates required.

However, we will aim to provide another successful camp using the template that has made previous ones such a success.

Family Events

Our primary objective each year is to arrange the Summer Camp, as well as family events (minimum one in the Spring and one in late Summer) and if funds are available host at least one Family Therapeutic weekend. Since the Summer Camp is only open to the 8 to 18-year-olds, the Family events are important, as the events are not only an ideal opportunity for the children of all ages to meet up, but for the parents to meet others and share experiences, realising that they are not alone.

SBCC Annual General Meeting and Family Party (January 2024)

Our first family event of the year was the SBCC Annual General Meeting followed immediately by a family party/disco, in Yarrow's Recreation and Bowling Club- who kindly provided use of the hall for free.

The hope was to for the families to gain a better understanding of the club and its role.

Claire presented a PowerPoint presentation about the charity that would be used for future sponsorship, corporate events, etc, and asked the families present if they felt there was anything missing... which they said no.

Post it notes were placed on each table to ask for suggestions/comments regarding making improvements to the club.

Comments returned stated “keep doing what your doing” and “doing a great job”.

No further additions/amendments were presented by the families.

We had a mixture of old and new families come together to have an afternoon of fun and laughter. Dj Liam, sibling of one of our Club members, was there to help with the entertainment. There was lots of dancing and party games.

Like the parents, siblings can also feel guilty that they were unable to protect their sibling if present when the injury happened, or, that they were not present to protect them. These can lead to feelings of anxiety and worried something bad may happen to them again. That is why is it important to hold family events, to support the family unit, not just the burn survivor.

SBCC Fundraiser - Legends Themed Party (March 2024)

To raise funds for the charity one of the Volunteers of the SBCC held a themed disco/party night in Yarrow's Recreation and Bowling Club- who again kindly provided use of the hall for free.

The theme was come as a legend, whether it was TV, film, music, sport, Disney, etc.

There were many friends, family members, and some ex-club members in attendance. Majority dressed up with some amazing costumes in attendance.

The SBCC Volunteers come as characters from Shrek, however Karen's Fraser family members won the awards for best dressed -coming as characters from Alice in Wonderland- the detail in their costumes were outstanding as well as their make up.

DJ Liam was there to again provide great music, singing and party games- including a dance off between two Freddie Mercury look- a- likes- which was great entertainment.

There were also some fantastic raffles prizes to be won.

Although there were a few call offs, we still managed to still raise £1,845 on the night, which was an amazing amount for the 60-70 people who manged to come long and support the night.

Charity Ball (October 2024)

The Burns Team at the Royal Hospital for Children in Glasgow are great supporters of the SBCC. They are in advantageous position to be able to refer patients to the charity as they get to build up trusting and therapeutic relationship with the families during their time in hospital, as well as during return reviews in outpatients.

They are brilliant ambassadors of the club as they know how much the children and family members get from being part of the club and building up support networks for the children and their families out with the hospital setting.

Claire Gardiner works in the children's hospital and through discussions with the Burns team highlighted that funding for camp was becoming an issue and sponsors and donations had reduced since COVID 19.

The Burns Nurses decided to host a charity ball in the Hilton Glasgow on 5th October 2025.

There was over 100 people in attendance and Sanjeev Kohli, Scottish Actor/Comedian/Writer, was the host for the evening.

Claire Gardiner presented to the audience and informed them of the aims of charity, as well as presenting a Tik Tok video, which Toni Deacon, previous club member and now Volunteer, had produced along with the children at this years camp- so they could hear from the children directly of what attending summer camp, and being part of the club, means to them. There was not a dry eye in the house.

There was music from a modern Pipe band, as well as the local DJ.

Old and current nurses from the Burns wards, as well as Burns and Plastics Consultants, Physiotherapists and previous club members were also in attendance.

It was lovely for some of the older nurses to see how far some of their previous patients had come on and for their parents to thank them again for the care and attention they had provided to their children.

There was over 50 raffle prizes, including tickets for Scotland rugby matches, signed football shirts, and an overnight stay at One Devonshire Gardens.

A fantastic night was had by all and an incredible £14,135.04 was raised through raffle tickets and donations from health industry companies, such as Molnlycke and Flenn health, as well as Arnold Clarke (car retailer).

Paediatric Burns and Beyond Podcast (July 2024)

Through her current job, Paediatric Tissue Viability Clinical Nurse Specialist, Claire Gardiner (Chair) was approach by Mediq UK, wound dressing specialists to participate in a podcast to promote the Scottish Burned Children's Club in a series known as Wound Care Matters.

The company want to show that they care about their patients, not just from a physical wound care point of view but also the emotional and psychosocial side as well, and were interested in finding out more about the SBCC and the impact it has on burns survivors, as well as correct first aid for patients who have unfortunately been burned or scalded.

Sharon Gardner, Clinical Services Manager for Mediq UK, was the host and interviewed the guests which included Sharon Ramsay, Paediatric Burns Clinical Nurse Specialist, Toni Deacon, previous SBCC club member/camper and current

SBCC Volunteer, as well as Claire Gardiner, current Chair of SBCC as well as previous Staff Nurse on a paediatric burns ward with Sharon Ramsay.

It was amazing to hear from Toni regarding growing up from a young age with scars, the physical and emotional impact it has had on her life, and still continues to have, as well as the impact the SBCC has had on her life, the lifelong friendship's she has made, and why she has returned as a volunteer to help others the way the SBCC has supported her through her burn journey.

The SBCC would like to thank Mediq Uk for taking an interest in the SBCC and providing a platform to raise awareness of the charity and also first aid.

[Paediatric Burn Care and Beyond - YouTube](#)



Family Summer Party (July 2024)

Each year we run an annual summer party as a way of bringing families together in a fun environment. It is also a fantastic way of introducing any new club members who are eligible to attend our camp to meet other campers, and volunteers. It also helps the parents to meet some of the Volunteers who will be looking after their child, alleviating any fears and or anxiety about the burn survivor child being out of their care potentially for the first time since their injury occurred.

This year's Beach themed summer party was held in Yarrow's Recreation and Bowling Club in Glasgow, where one of our volunteers, Claire Gardiner, is a member.

Unfortunately, there was not the same number of families present as the previous year, and a few turned up halfway through the event due to previous engagements. Unsure if this was to do with it being held during summer holidays and families on vacation, as well as the rain had put some families off attending who said they would come along. Some new families made it from Aberdeen and Kirkcaldy, which was amazing.

Once again, DJ Liam was there to help with the entertainment and party games.



All the children played well together, and the parents enjoyed meeting other family members and getting involved in the party games.

The families also loved getting their photograph taken in front of our beautiful beach backdrop and reported that they had a wonderful time. Those eligible for Summer Camp were excited to be attending.



Family Therapeutic Weekend

The family therapeutic weekend pulls together several key benefits to the burn survivor children, their families and to the volunteers of the SBCC. The main aim of the weekend is to enable families of burn injured children to meet one another and share experiences, within an informal therapeutic programme. Having previously successfully held this type of weekend, it has been proven it helps the families to feel less isolated. In addition, because the focus is on the family as a unit as opposed to the burn injured child alone, the family feel more supported and able to develop important coping strategies for life after a burn.

Another aim for the weekend is with the family having the chance to spend a more focussed and quality period together, thus demonstrating some respite qualities of the programme.

We know from previous weekends the type of positive results that have come due to the weekend supporting the parents/carers in coping with the stress that they encounter because of their child's injury. In addition, it helps the volunteer staff of the SBCC to have a greater understanding of the experiences of burn survivor children and their families.



Unfortunately, the venue where we normally attend for the weekend had closed permanently due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Like many other charities, we have noticed a reduction in donations and sponsorship. Also, as most of the volunteers work full time and are still adapting to their new roles, we felt it was important for us to get the foundations right first and concentrate on running successful Summer Camps, and some family events. We hope to progress running a successful family therapeutic weekend within the next 2-3 years.

Family Liaison

As a mother of a young burn survivor child, Amy McCabe took on this role in 2014. As a parent who has had to cope with her child's unfortunate accident, she was very aware of the trauma that the whole family, including the child, go through and was able, through personal experience, to relate to the concerns of the other parents and siblings.

Unfortunately, due to life circumstances, Amy resigned from this role at the AGM but remains part of the club as the mother of a club member.

Claire Gardiner, Chairperson, thanked Amy for her invaluable contribution to the club by acting as a point of contact for the families, providing vital information and support from her shared experience.

Amy wished everyone well and thanked the fellow volunteers and club members.

Parents have commented in the past on how beneficial the role is and having spoken to Amy know that they are 'not alone.' They felt less isolated knowing that they can talk to someone & share experiences with a parent who has had to cope with their child's accident. Being able to talk to someone, especially just after the accident had relieved some of the worry, stress, and anxiety.

Unfortunately, there are no other parents available to fulfil this role at present, so Claire Gardiner, Chairperson, will act as Family Liaison Officer until another replacement can be sourced.

Safety Promotion & Education: <http://theburnsclub.org.uk/campaigns/>
Thermostatic Mixing Valves (TMV's)



With the successful passage to legislation of PE786 – Dealing with Thermostatic Mixing Valves (TMV's), the Scottish Building Standards in Scotland changed on the 1st of May 2006. All new build and refurbishment private and public properties must now be fitted with a type 2 (TMV2 scheme approved) thermostatic mixing valve to the bath hot-water outlet to prevent the incidence of scalding water.

Through Open Days and presentations, we continue to promote the hazards of hot water and the importance of the legislation.

Hair Straightener Safety Campaign

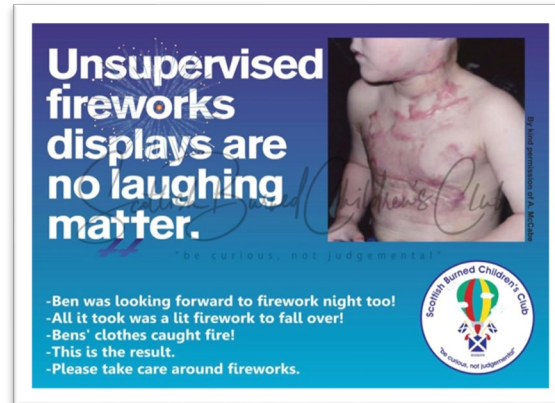


A national poster & leaflet campaign has been successfully maintained annually since the award of a £5000 grant back in 2009 from the Electrical Safety Council.

As part of the Child Accident Prevention Trust [CAPT] children safety weeks in June and November, the SBCC continues to provide literature on request to NHS Hospitals and childcare centres in England, Wales & Scotland.

Through Open Days and presentations, we continue to raise awareness of the dangers associated with hair straighteners.

Fire Work Safety Awareness Campaign



In 2013 the SBCC launched a new Firework Safety Awareness poster and leaflet campaign. This campaign was set up following a request by the McCabe Family whose son Ben had suffered a serious firework injury in 2010, when he was just four years old and attended a private fireworks display just outside his home

Ben had said to his Mum that he wanted to raise awareness amongst other children the dangers associated with fireworks. The SBCC worked with Ben's Family and produced a series of leaflets and posters including a picture of Ben with his injuries showing, as the lead image, to display what happens when a child is accidentally struck by a rocket type firework at an organised display. This was a new project for the SBCC as we had never been asked to utilise a 'live' case study in any previous campaign.

In Autumn 2019 the SBCC was asked to assist with a Fire Outreach Programme community safety awareness initiative developed by the Greater Glasgow area Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, Police Scotland & Pollokshields Neighbourhood Safety Initiative. The initiative involved a group of anti-social teenagers from an inner Glasgow City area with the highest know occurrences of illegal bonfires and firework incidents. We were asked to go along and speak about the real dangers associated with Fireworks. Ben was also asked to speak and talk about his recovery from his incident and how it had affected him and his family. This went extremely well with the group who then went on to deliver their own safety message at their High School by talking to younger school children about the dangers of being irresponsible around fireworks and bonfires.

Amy & Ben continue to work with the Scottish Police and Scottish Fire & Rescue Service.

Over the year the charity received several enquiries from the media seeking advice regarding the dangers of fireworks.

In late 2019 the SBCC was asked to support and participate in a nationwide project led by the Scottish Government which launched a public consultation on the use and sale of fireworks 'A consultation on fireworks in Scotland: Your experiences, your ideas, your views'. This was undertaken in response to fireworks being used as weapons against emergency service workers. It was also thought that there would be a potential increase in private displays due to public events being cancelled by the pandemic.

The 14-week consultation closed on 14th May 2019 and received over 16,000 responses. 87% of respondents supported a ban on the public sale of fireworks or an increase on regulation of fireworks (94%). In addition to this open-access survey, a 'Progressive's Scottish Opinion' online omnibus survey of a representative sample of the Scottish population achieved 1,002 responses. 58% supported a ban of public sale of fireworks and 71% welcomed an increase in control of fireworks in Scotland.

We were asked to give direct first-hand experience from a burn survivor young person who had been leading our own awareness campaign, and Ben McCabe became directly involved relating his life story in recovery from a firework incident.

Following the results of the consultation the SBCC was asked to join the Scottish Governments Firework Strategy Group and participate alongside others such as Police Scotland, NHS Scotland/COBIS, RoSPA Scotland, Scottish Community Safety Network, Scottish SPCA amongst others. The top 3 priorities were identified as Injury Prevention, Safety Awareness and Organised Display Promotion.

Following several online meetings, it was agreed to have a Campaign ready for launch across mainstream media and social media. There were two principal areas to target namely primary and secondary school children, and this was achieved through online schools programming that would allow feedback and response from schoolteachers as to the overall impact of this inaugural national safety campaign.

The Ambassador for the #FireworkSafety campaign is Ben McCabe, who has been transformed into a superhero avatar to guide primary and secondary aged pupils through videos and interactive games to teach them how to be safe, be kind, and be smart around fireworks and bonfires.

The campaign was re-launched in October 2021, one month earlier than 2020, to coincide with dates firework are on sale to the general public.



Ben was nominated for the Young Scot Award for his relentless commitment, and bravery, in sharing his story and raising awareness about the dangers of fireworks and bonfires. He was a finalist in the Health and Wellbeing Award section, and although he never won, we are all every proud of his efforts each year to raise the profile of the dangers of fireworks.

Also, following the consultation in 2019, and related work, the Scottish Government published the Fireworks Action Plan: Promoting the safe and appropriate use of fireworks in Scotland in late 2019.

This set out a series of actions to be taken forward in response to what was heard through the consultation, to ensure everything possible was being done to ensure fireworks are used safely and appropriately. This set out the Scottish Government's vision for fireworks in Scotland: for fireworks to be used safely and handled with care and to ensure fireworks do not cause harm, distress, or severe injury. The Action Plan set out actions to be taken forward with national and local partners including improved awareness raising and communication; support to publicly organised firework displays; and support to local communities.

As part of this, the Minister for Community Safety also appointed an independent Firework Review Group of key stakeholders in December 2019 to consider the legislative and regulatory options for change that emerged from consultation, scrutinise the evidence available, and make use of their professional judgement and expertise to set out clear recommendations on what change is required to current legislation and regulations.

Group membership included representation from: Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Scottish Ambulance Service, Local Authority Licensing, Trading Standards, Scottish Community Safety Network, British Pyrotechnics Association, British Fireworks Association, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde / Care of Burns in Scotland, Veterans Scotland, and Community Representatives

The Review Group provided 11 recommendations to Scottish Ministers to ensure fireworks are used safely and handled with care, and do not cause harm, distress, or severe injury. The recommendations included:

- Restrictions on the use of fireworks on private property.
- Tighter dates and times when fireworks can be set off.
- A notification system before fireworks can be used.
- 'No firework' areas or zones
- Introducing a proxy purchasing offence
- Restricting the times fireworks can be sold
- Restricting the volume of fireworks that can be purchased.
- Introducing mandatory conditions at point of sale.

They also recommend a timetable to implement change, and any further steps or considerations to be explored.

The Review Group also considered how to reduce the misuse of pyrotechnic devices such as handheld flares and smoke devices which represent a significant safety risk to anyone who comes into contact with them. The unauthorised use of pyrotechnics at events is a criminal offence.

Following from the report and recommendations made by the independent Fireworks Review Group, a consultation on new legislation on the sale and use of fireworks and tackling the misuse of pyrotechnics commenced in October 2021.

The proposed Fireworks and Pyrotechnics Bill followed from the recommendations of the Firework Review Group and became an Act in August 2022.

[Introduced | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

This Act will change how fireworks can be sold and used in Scotland. They will also include the introduction of an offence to criminalise the supply of fireworks, and pyrotechnics, to people under the age of 18, as well as being in possession of a pyrotechnic while at, or travelling to, certain places or events, without reasonable excuse.

Anyone that commits this offence is liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale (which is currently £5,000) or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both.

Unfortunately, there was a lot of incidents across Scotland where fireworks were used as weapons against the local Fire Services and Police. Our Vice Chair and Legal Advisor, Alan Masterton, addressed these issues with the local media across Scotland. He recognised that some of the local councils had decided not to hold a local firework display due to the Cost-of-Living crisis. In hindsight this had a massive impact locally, with some of the public members trying to hold their own displays. He requested that local councils hold organised events in the future, run by staff trained and responsible for the handling and use of fireworks, to try and eliminate/reduce these incidents happening again.

We are currently waiting for a response.

Flameless Safety Awareness Campaign

In October 2021, the SBCC was approached by a member of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to identify a “live” case study who would be happy to participate in a National Autumn safety campaign to highlight the dangers of using candles at Halloween, and other times of the year, and to go flameless instead. The appeal from SFRS was to abandon traditional tealights in favour of a safer battery powered alternative.

Karla Peacock, a club burn survivor who sustained a burn injury when her hair caught fire practicing to blow out the candles on her birthday cake, was happy to share her journey to try and prevent others from sustaining similar burn injuries caused by flames from candles.

This campaign was launched over social media, National newspapers, National news outlets and Radio stations.

Previous SBCC Volunteer, Megan Taylor, also spoke on behalf of the SBCC and why we were backing this campaign.

This campaign will continue to be highlighted each year, to stress the dangers of candles, and to go flameless instead where possible.

Hot Water Bottle Campaign

In October 2024 a subgroup within Care of Burns in Scotland Burns Clinical Network devised a Hot Water Bottle poster as there was an increase in scald injuries from hot water bottles, as people were looking for a cheaper way to keep warm in colder months.

It was recognised that patients with conditions such as diabetes or spina bifida, are less likely to feel the burning on their skin due to altered sensation. Also many members of the public were unaware of the shelf life of the hot water bottles and to check expiry date using the daisy wheel on the neck of the hot water bottle, as well as the common dos and don'ts when filling up the bottle with water.

The SBCC was part of this campaign, and information presented on the COBIS website as well as the Hot Water Bottle poster. This was shared on the SBCC Facebook site.

[How to avoid hot water bottle burns and scalds – Care of Burns in Scotland](#)

COBIS – Care of Burns in Scotland [\[http://www.cobis.scot.nhs.uk/ \]](http://www.cobis.scot.nhs.uk/)

Care of Burns in Scotland – COBIS: NHS Scotland Managed Clinical Network working group. Claire Gardiner, SBCC Chairperson represents the charity on the COBIS Steering Group and sits on the Communications Group to be the 'voice' for the children and the parents.

As a result of working in partnership with COBIS the SBCC has worked in conjunction with its members to produce the following items:

- New SBCC leaflet to provide to families while inpatients, transcribed into 10 common languages used in Scotland, such as Polish, Romanian, Mandarin, etc. These can also be accessed directly from the COBIS website.
- Direct links with Edinburgh, Aberdeen, and Dundee in a bid to increase referrals to the SBCC from these areas
- New electronic referral forms that parents can access on the COBIS website
- Hot Water Poster campaign to help reduce incident of injuries caused by hot water bottles

Ongoing projects are:

- Producing short educational videos including topics such as treatment for different burn and scald injuries, scar management, psychology, how to apply and care for pressure garments, introduction to the Scottish Burned Children Club. This project is in its infancy but will be available on both COBIS and SBCC websites once completed.

Open Day (Milngavie Fire Station- August 2024)

We were kindly invited along to attend Milngavie Fire Station Open Day with a stall to spread awareness of the charity.

This is when the station is open to the public and there were lots of different stalls present including the Firefighters charity, Red Cross- who were demonstrating CPR skills, as well as mountain rescue teams, police and ambulance services.

We were able to promote our work regarding the thermostatic mixing valves for water taps to reduce scald injuries, as well as hair straightener and fire work campaigns, and promote the charity as a whole.

The station kindly donated £200 of their takings that day to the SBCC from their raffle.

Website

The charity website continues to play an important part in promoting the work of the charity (www.theburnsclub.org.uk). The charity website is maintained by charity members.

We are exploring options to upgrade the website to make it more user friendly for our club members as well as appealing to any potential donators/sponsors and are seeking guidance from the Scottish Tech Army to facilitate this- however progress shas been slow as we have ben unable to have any momentum with the Scottish Tech Army as we have had several volunteers from their service trying to help us, as the previous ones end up leaving.

We are also updating/renewing our policies and pathways at present so that we can ensure that the information is up to date and relevant.

Fundraising/ Donations

<http://theburnsclub.org.uk/about-us/fundraising-standards/>

Our Fundraising Guarantee to you

Fundraising is the life blood of many Scottish charities, and we need to raise funds from voluntary sources. We could not fulfil our charitable mission without the support of generous, thoughtful, and committed donors. We value the support of donors and understand the need to balance our duties to beneficiaries, with our duties to donors.

That is why we make this commitment to you.

We will comply with the law as it applies to charities and fundraising, and we commit that we will guarantee to adhere to best practice as outlined in the [Fundraising Code of Practice](#).

We will monitor fundraisers, volunteers and third parties working with us to raise funds, ensuring that they also comply with this Code of Practice.

We guarantee to operate in line with the values of the Code; to be Legal, Open, Honest and Respectful in all our fundraising. To promote and underpin these values, we commit to the following standards:

- We will be clear about who we are and what we do.
- We will give a clear explanation of how you can make a gift and change or stop a regular donation.
- If you do not want to give or wish to cease giving, we will respect your decision.
- We will respect your rights and privacy.
- We have a procedure for dealing with people in vulnerable circumstances and it will be published on our website or will otherwise be available on request.

- We will hold your data securely.
- We will communicate with you in accordance with your selected preferences.

If you feel we have not adhered to these standards or think we could do better, please contact Complaints Officer on 07486 515999 and/or email complaints@theburnsclub.org.uk and we will deal with your complaint quickly and thoroughly.

We commit to ensuring our complaints process is clear and easily accessible and we will provide clear and evidence-based reasons for our decisions on complaints.

However, should you be dissatisfied with our response, you will be able to take this further by contacting the Scottish Fundraising Standards

Panel: www.goodfundraising.scot

During 2023/2024 the charity income was £12,783.74 in unrestricted income.

Restricted funds received £21,235.04. This was due to the Burns Team at the Royal Hospital for Children, Glasgow organised and ran a Charity Ball to raise funds for Summer Camp.

For further information please refer to Appendix 2 of this report.

The SBCC wishes to express their gratitude to everyone who donated/ raised funds for the charity during 2023/2024.

A special mention to: [the list is not prioritised in any way].

A Waddell

Thank you for your continual support and the kind donation of £300.

Yarrows Recreational Club Members

Thank you for your support and kind donations of £110

Care Response

Thank you for your kind donation of £2000

Tessa Muir and Family

Thank you for raising funds for SBCC £2,155.20 climbing Criffel.

Claire Gardiner

Thank you for raising funds for SBCC £735.98 Glasgow Kilt Walk

Lee Gillian

Thank you for raising funds for SBCC £454.73 Half Marathon

Drahos Moon

Thank you for raising funds for SBCC £284.61 cycling challenge.

Thomas Borland

Thank you for your support and kind donation £1000.

Alasdair Rhind Funeral Directors

Thank you for your kind donation in memory of Alasdair Rhind £1,764.02

AEMS Limited

Thank you for your kind donation £1,126.54

We would also like to thank the following for their support and donations:

SBCC children/ families & to all the family and friends who supported the individuals who kindly raised funds on behalf of the SBCC.

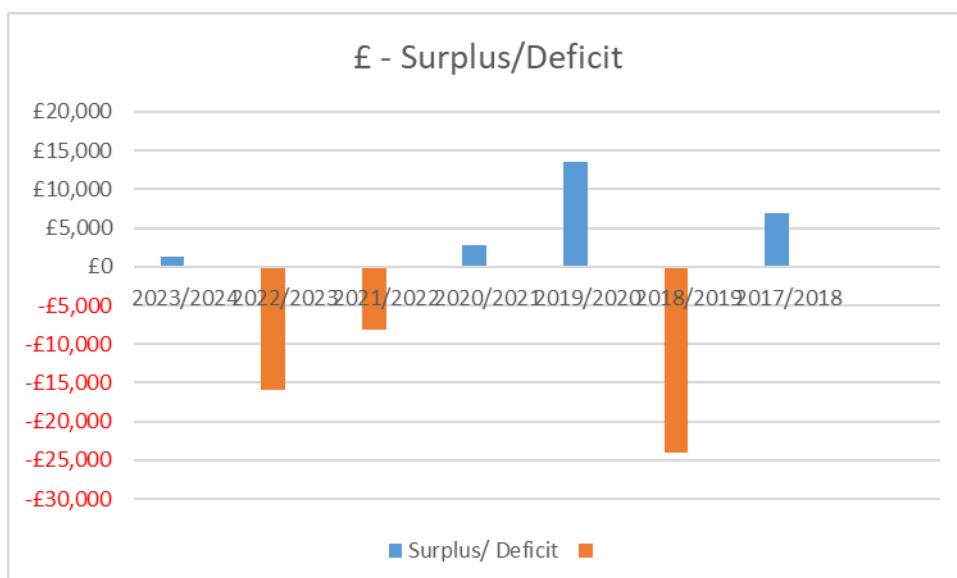
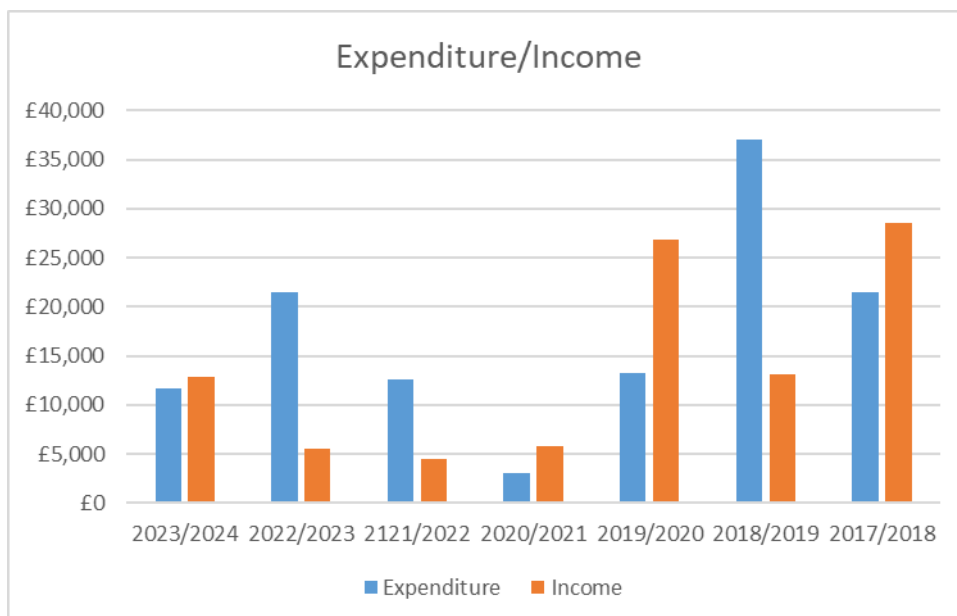
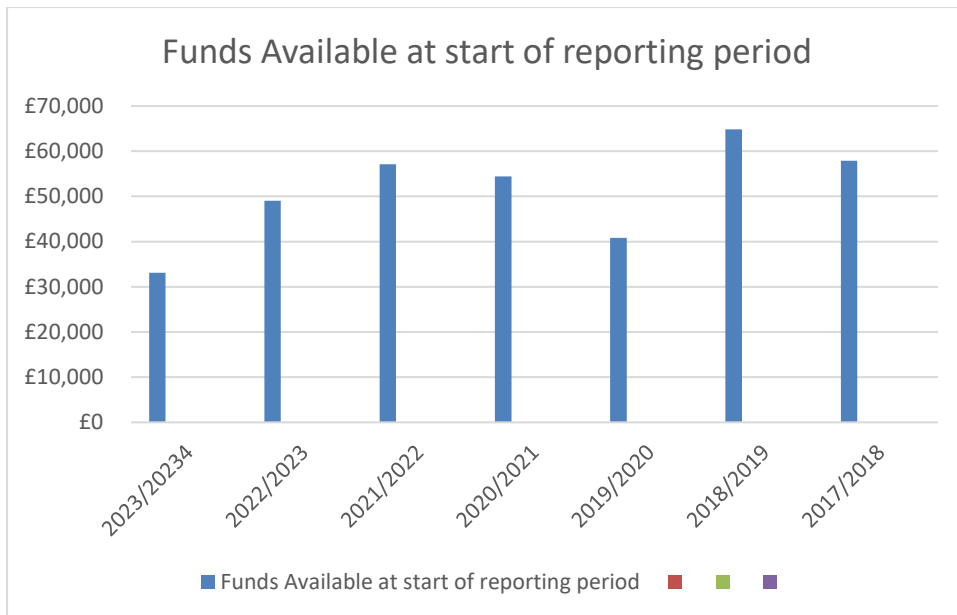
Gift Aid

During this reporting period the SBCC received £717.57 in Gift Aid contributions. The SBCC want to thank everyone who took the time to complete the Gift Aid declaration.

Restricted Funds

There were restricted funds to be considered during this reporting period £21,235.04. This was due to the Children's Burns Team at Royal Children's Hospital, Glasgow hosting a Charity Ball to raise funds for Summer Camp.

Financial overview for 2023/2024



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Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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 club. Restricted funds may only be raised/used for specific purposes.

Reserves [to the nearest £]

Unrestricted fund

01 December 2023: Opening Balance of £33,074

30 November 2024: Closing balance of £34,329

Unrestricted fund surplus/ [deficit] of £ 1,255

Restricted funds

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01 December 2023: Opening Balance of £0

30 November 2024: Closing balance of £14,135

Unrestricted funds:

In 2018/ 2019 there was a deficit of [£23,963], 2019/2020 there was a surplus of £13,570 and in 2020/2021 there was a surplus of £2,704, 2021/2022 there was a deficit of [£8,093]. 2022/2023 there was a deficit of [£15,950]. In this reporting period there was a surplus of £1,255.

The Trustees, Executive Committee and Members consider that the year-end unrestricted funds of £34,329 will enable the organisation in 2024/ 2025 to continue to meet the objectives of the charity.

Objective[s] for 2024/ 2025:

- Hold the annual 'Summer Camp.'
- Organise a minimum of one Family Day out for all ages.
- Considering the 'Reserves' Policy, if funds remain available and will have no impact on the charity's main objective, the Summer Camp, hold a Family Weekend.

The Summer Camp is of major importance and wherever possible the charity will support a Family weekend and additional family events, which provide a support mechanism for all the family members.

The charity intends to continue their involvement with:

- The TMV campaign, to highlight the dangers of hot water.
- The Hair Straightener campaign, to highlight the dangers associated with the straighteners.
- The Firework Safety Awareness campaign.
- Care of Burns in Scotland [CoBIS]

As a small charity, we are unable to predict or guarantee the same level of income year to year and therefore all the Trustees & Members are kept informed of the financial situation throughout the year.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees and members agree that each year the SBCC will support the provision of the summer camp, a minimum of one family event and if possible, a family's 'Therapeutic' weekend. The financial situation is monitored, and expenditure is adapted accordingly to ensure that we have reserves to support the activities in the coming year. The primary object being the Summer Camp.

The trustees' reserve policy is to retain 1-year worth of normal running costs [£30,000] to meet the minimum commitments and to cover unexpected expenditure.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:



Print name

Claire Gardiner

Designation

Chair

Date

15/08/25



Appendix 2

Section A: Statement of receipts and payments

Section B: Statement of balance

Section C: Notes to the Accounts

Additional analysis of receipts and payments

Accountants report

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	December	2023		30	November	2024

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	12,258				12,258	5,406
Legacies					-	-
Grants		21,235			21,235	-
Receipts from fundraising activities						
Gross trading receipts					-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings	526				526	165
Rents from land & buildings					-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
					-	-
A1 Sub total	12,784	21,235	-	-	34,019	5,571
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-				-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	12,784	21,235	-	-	34,019	5,571
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	-				-	-
Gross trading payments	-				-	-
Investment management costs	-				-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	11,729	6,900			18,629	21,521
Grants and donations	-				-	-
Governance costs:	-				-	-
Audit / independent examination	-				-	-
Preparation of annual accounts	-				-	-
Legal costs	-				-	-
Other	-				-	-
	-				-	-
A3 Sub total	11,729	6,900	-	-	18,629	21,521
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	-				-	-
Purchase of investments	-				-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	11,729	6,900	-	-	18,629	21,521
Net receipts / (payments)	1,055	14,135	-	-	15,390	(15,950)
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	1,055	14,135	-	-	15,390	(15,950)

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	33,074	-			33,074	49,024
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	1,255	14,135			1,255	(15,950)
						-	-
						-	-
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	34,329	14,135	-	-	48,464	33,074
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	200	-	-	-	14,135	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments				
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets					
		Total	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities				
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities				
		Total	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

	Miss C Gardiner - Chairperson	15 August 2025

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds - *Additional information is available in Appendix 1 and Analysis of Funds Worksheets in Appendix 2*

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 club. Restricted funds may only be raised/ used for specific purpose[s].

Unrestricted funds: In this reporting period there was a surplus of £1,255. As a 'small' charity the funds available to support the charities annual objectives does remain positive for the coming year. The Summer Camp is of major importance and where ever possible the charity will also look to organise a Family weekend and additional family events which provide a support mechanism for all the family members. The Trustees, Executive Committee and Members consider that the year end unrestricted funds of £34,329 will enable the organisation in 2024/ 2025 to continue to:

- ☐ Hold the annual 'Summer Camp' in 2025
- ☐ Organise a minimum of one Family Day out
- ☐ Taking into account the 'Reserve Policy', if funds remain available and will have no impact on the charities main objective, the Summer Camp, look to organise a Family Weekend.

All Trustees and volunteers know the importance and are dedicated to promoting the work of the charity and supporting fundraising events. As a small charity we are unable to predict or guarantee the same level of income year to year, the treasurer does monitor the financial situation and all trustees and volunteers are kept informed of the financial situation throughout the year. Our current financial situation does remain positive and in consultation with the trustees, the children and the families, we hope to be able to cover our objectives in 2023/2024. The finances will continue to be monitored to ensure reserves are in place to support the Summer Camp for the 'burn survivor' children as an absolute minimum objective in the coming year. **A detailed breakdown of income and expenditure is contained in Appendix 2 - Additional Analysis of this report.**

Restricted Funds: There were Restricted funds to be accounted for during this reporting period. Restricted Income recieved £21,235 this was from Charity Ball organised by Burns Nurse Team at Royal Hospital for Children. Income recieved was to pay expenses for the running of the Ball and then to Fund Summer Camp for the Children of SBCC. Restricted Expenditure £6,900 this was the cost to run the ball. In this reporting period there was a surplus of £14,135. This will be used to fund future camps.

Reserves Policy: The trustees' policy is to retain 1 year worth of normal running costs [£30,000] in order to meet the minimum commitments and to cover unexpected expenditure.

C2 Grants

	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
		Total	X

C3a Trustee remuneration

	X
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Authority under which paid

C3b Trustee remuneration - details

	X

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	X
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Number of trustees £

C4b Trustee expenses - details

		X
	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction		
			X
			X

C6 Other information

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Additional analysis of receipts and payments

1. Donations received *[The list is not prioritised in any way]*

	£
A Waddell	300.00
Yarrows Recreational Club Members	110.00
Care Response	2000.00
Tessa Muir and Family	2155.20
Claire Gardiner	735.98
Lee Gillian	454.73
Drahos Moon	284.61
Thomas Borland	1000.00
Alasdair Rhind Funeral Directors	1764.02
AEMS Limited	1126.54
Donations received, under £100	100.00
Direct online donations via Just Giving	225.13
Gift Aid received from online donations	53.44
Matched Funding Scheme	0

Donations to the nearest £

Total for current period 2023/2024: £10,413

[Donations/ Match Funding/ Gift Aid]

Total 2022/2023	£3,743
Total 2021/2022	£4,450
Total 2020/2021	£5,714
Total 2019/2020	£7,074
Total 2018/2019	£6,468

2. Gross receipts from fundraising activities – in aid of the SBCC

Fundraising Activities: To the nearest £
Total for current period 2023/2024: £1,845

[Fundraising/Gift Aid]

Total 2022/2023	£1,663
Total 2021/2022	£0.00
Total 2020/2021	£0.00
Total 2019/2020	£6,112
Total 2018/2019	£6,032

3. Other Income

Bank account interest £526.00

4. Unrestricted funds this reporting period 01 Dec 2023 – 30 Nov 2024

Overall Unrestricted funds: To the nearest £
Overall 'Unrestricted' funds received for current period: £12,784

Overall funds received 2022/2023	£5,571
Overall funds received 2021/2022	£4,542
Overall funds received 2020/2021	£5,742
Overall funds received 2019/2020	£26,778
Overall funds received 2018/2019	£13,072

5. Restricted Funds:

Overall Restricted funds: To the nearest £

**Overall 'Restricted' funds received for the current period 2023/2024:
£21,235**

Total 2022/2023	£0.00
Total 2021/2022	£0.00
Total 2020/2021	£0.00
Total 2019/2020	£0.00
Total 2018/2019	£0.00

This is the money that was received from the Charity Ball that was held by The Burns Team at the Royal Hospital For Children, Glasgow. Money received is to pay for future Summer Camps and expenditure for the running of the Charity Ball.

6. Payments relating to charitable activities – Unrestricted Funds

	Current Period 2023/2024	2022/2023 £	2021/2022 £	2020/2021 £	2019/ 2020 £
Event: Annual Summer Camp	£7,980.21	£17,208.88	8,322.79	0.00 Cancelled due to Covid- 19 restrictions	0.00 Cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions
Event: AGM/Family Party	£233.51				
Event: Christmas Party		£671.84	739.26		
Event: Summer Party		£110.00	221.38	0.00 Unable to organise due to Covid-19 restrictions	0.00 Unable to organise due to Covid-19 restrictions
Event: Family Day Out – Innoflate			361.70	0.00 Unable to organise due to Covid-19 restrictions	0.00 Unable to organise due to Covid-19 restrictions
SBCC Event: Legends Night DJ	£130.00				

	Current Period 2023/2024	2022/2023 £	2021/2022 £	2020/2021 £	2019/ 2020 £
Event: Family Adventure Weekend – Deposit for event in April 2020 paid in reporting period 2018/ 2019. Due to Covid-19 restrictions £10,187.76 was reimbursed in full, included in the Misc. income report details					6,187.76 Cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions
Event: Family 'Therapeutic' Weekend 2018 [December]					
Event: Family 'Therapeutic' Weekend 2020 [December] The December 2019 was rescheduled to December 2020, this event had to be cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions and centre closure, the deposit of £2,500 [paid in 2018/ 2019] was refunded in full in this accounting 2019/2020.					0.00 Cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions
Fundraising Costs	£0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subscriptions/ membership fees	£50.00	£90.00	50.00	90.00	70.00
Promotional/ Education/ Advertising	£106.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	433.20
Postage/ Stationery/ consumables	£70.85	0.00	40.80	20.73	0.00
BT + Mobile telephone	£254.08	£234.93	211.42	201.17	1,076.03
Conference/ travel costs	£0.00	£47.00	303.32	0.00	0.00
Just Giving	£216.00	£216.00	£108.00	0.00	0.00
Storage costs	£1,063.04	£1,620.08	925.76	988.07	2,745.50
Charity insurance policy	£858.55	£770.47	744.10	757.93	718.49
PO Box costs	£424.20	£396.00	378.00	360.00	352.50
Website costs	£221.83	£155.85	189.44	149.88	155.88
Lease of IT Equipment	£0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	827.19
Misc expenditure	£120.00	0.00	38.93	340.00	140.94

To the nearest £: Unrestricted – Expenditure:
Total current period 2023/2024: £11,729

Total 2022/2023	£21,521
Total 2021/2022	£12,635
Total 2020/2021	£3,037
Total 2019/2020	£13,208
Total 2018/2019	£37,035

7. Payments relating to charitable activities – Restricted Funds.

To the nearest £
Total current period 2023/2024: £6,900

Total 2022/2023	£0.00
Total 2021/2022	£0.00
Total 2020/2021	£0.00
Total 2019/2020	£0.00
Total 2018/2019	£0.00

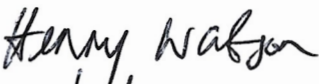
Accountants Report


Having prepared this Receipts & Payments account and balance sheet, without carrying out an audit, from the books records and other information supplied to me by the Scottish Burned Children's Club. I hereby confirm that these accounts are in accordance with the books, records and other information supplied and give a true and fair view of the affairs of the club on 30 November 2023.

Scottish Burned Children's Club Statement of Balances as of 30 November 2023

	Year to 30/11/2024 £	Year to 30/11/2023 £
General Fund/ Unrestricted Funds		
To the nearest £		
Opening Position	33,074	49,024
Surplus/ [Deficit] for period	1,255	-15,950
Closing Position	<u>34,329</u>	<u>33,074</u>
Restricted Funds		
To the nearest £		
Opening Position	0,000	0,000
Received	21,235	0,000
Surplus/ (Deficit) for period	-6,900	0,000
Closing Position	<u>14,135</u>	<u>0,000</u>

Mr Henry Watson, Chartered Management Accountant
Associates of Cost and Management Accountants (ACMA)
20 Nissan Place, Glasgow G53 7SQ

Signed: 
Date: 27/11/25

Miss Claire Gardiner Signed: 
Chairperson – Scottish Burned Children's Club
Date: 15/08/25




Appendix 3

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

APPENDIX 3



Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Report to the trustees/members of	Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2 Scottish Burned Children's Club						
Registered charity number	SC032376						
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date Day Month Year			to	Period end date Day Month Year		
	01	December	2023		30	November	2024
Set out on pages	Appendix 2: Section A – Statement of Receipt & Payments Section B – Statement of Balances Section C – Notes to Accounts Additional Analysis Accountants Report [10 pages in total]						
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 ["the 2005 Act"] and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 [as amended] ["the 2006 Regulations"]. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the 2005 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 2006 Regulation. 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 accounts.						
Independent examiner's statement	In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention.						
Signed:						Date:	27/8/25
Name:	Henry Watson						
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Chartered Management Accountant (ACMA)						
Address:	20 Nissan Place, Glasgow, G53 7SQ						