



Gay Gordons (Edinburgh) Scottish Dancing and Ceilidh Club

Annual Report to Members

Year to 31 March 2025

1. Introduction

Your Committee is pleased to present this Annual Report to the members of Gay Gordons Edinburgh. As previously advised, the AGM will be held during the class interval on Monday 7 April 2025.

2. Membership

We currently have 19 members, down slightly from 20 members last year and substantially down from 33 in 2020. Three of the current members live away from Edinburgh.

Class attendance continues to be modest. In the January to end March period classes had an average attendance of 10.8 dancers, compared to 12 for the same period last year.

This clearly raises the ongoing question about the viability of the Club. As reported below, we lose money most nights, but can continue because of our historic reserves. It is however, frustrating that most nights its "one and a bit" sets.

Our main "shopfront" is facebook. We are currently without a website, the original one having become obsolete. A replacement is planned, but has been delayed by limited committee time.

Club flyers are available on request from the committee. We encourage members to distribute these flyers in relevant local organisations and noticeboards.

3. Treasurer's Report

The financial year ended with a reported net cash outflow for the 12 months to the 31st March, 2025 of **-£898.71** (**-£761.91** excluding the impact of the April 2025 hall fees paid in March 2025).

The annual ceilidh generated a loss of **£192.00**, mainly due to only **46** tickets being sold. This compares to **89** sales last year. Ceilidh related costs were only **£16** higher than last year with an increase in the band fees being entirely offset by a lower catering costs.

Class financials incurred a loss of **-£706.71** (**-£569.91** excluding the April 2025 hall fees charge) due to membership and attendance fees not covering the hall and teacher costs. The loss was mitigated as a result of 37% of teacher fees (**£250.00**) being waived by relevant individuals.

Had the full teacher fees been paid out, the club would have reported a total net cash outflow in the year of **-£1,148.71**.

Details of the year on year movement in costs are shown on the Income and Expenditure Statement.

Hall hire costs per week have remained static at **£68.40** per week but total costs have increased due to more dancing weeks this year.

2025/26 Outlook

The attached statement provides an estimate of the projected financial position of the club at the start of April 2025 (ie: a total Bank balance of **£953.28**) and again at the end of March 2026 (**£501.48**) based on a series of assumptions about attendance, hall fees and the proposed Winter ceilidh (the hall cost for which was paid in early April 2025).

As last year, the club cannot rely on the goodwill of teachers waiving fees nor on the annual ceilidh and therefore, with an estimated loss of c. **£450.00** in **2025/26** and assuming we can maintain it at that level, the club could only continue until March 2027. In order to extend this further, we will need to increase membership and attendance as costs are already at a bare minimum and hall fees are likely to continue to rise.

The full accounts are in Appendix 1.

4. Committee Members

Members are encouraged to volunteer to join or assist the Committee to ensure the Club's continuation.

There are particular roles for which it would be helpful to have assistance. These are;

1. Keeping membership records and liaising with new and existing members. This would include activities like recording contact details on first attendance, following up afterwards with welcome email and general information.

2. Creating a website and maintaining it so as to restore an internet presence. Our legacy website had become difficult to manage because of technology changes and was hard to user manage.

5. Annual Membership and Class Fees

It is proposed that the class fee for members remains at £7 per class (£10 non-members), with the first class free. Annual membership cost to remain at £12 per annum.

6. Ceilidh

It was quite a feat for Freddie to get the St Andrew's Night ceilidh organised at very short notice. The event was very enjoyable and a success. Caroline was an excellent caller and there was a lot of favourable feedback.

We unfortunately lost money on it due to low ticket sales. We sold 46, compared with 89 in 2023. Attendance may have suffered because of holding it on St Andrew's Day, when there are competing attractions. The losses from the 2023 ceilidh were fully covered by the profit from the 2022 ceilidh. However we should monitor any downward trend in ceilidh viability.

A full report of the 2023 ceilidh was submitted to the committee and can be viewed on request.

Other than during the Covid period we have held a Winter Ceilidh every year. Running an annual ceilidh is a serious undertaking, given that we are now a much smaller club than historically and also because the cost of halls has risen significantly.

Accordingly, we seek guidance from you as to what you want.

Provisional arrangements have been made for a Winter Ceilidh on Saturday 8 November 2025 at Lauriston Hall with the Iain Macphail Band. Subject to confirmation of the costs, we currently estimate the event would break even by selling 80 tickets.

A vote will be held at the AGM as to whether or not to progress with the Winter Ceilidh in 2025.

7. Proposed 2025/26 Term Dates

Autumn: Monday 22 September 2025 – Monday 15 December (13 weeks)

Winter: Monday 12 January 2026 – Monday 31 March 2026 (12 weeks)

(Easter Monday is 6 April)

8. Teaching Team

There would be no classes without our wonderful teaching team and the Committee expresses its gratitude to all of them for their commitment and hard work. David stepped down at the end of 2023/24, mainly because travelling up from Newcastle by train had become so unreliable. We were joined by Eilidh and Andrea who we warmly welcome, alongside Caroline.

Issued on behalf of the Committee

Ewan Jeffrey (Chair)

Freddie Alexander (Secretary)

Donald McNaughton (Treasurer)

Stephen Telfer

Stuart Thom

April 2025

Gay Gordons Edinburgh
Income & Expenditure Statement

Appendix 1

Period from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Cash Flow Statement	Ceilidh	Classes	Total	
	£	£	£	
Income				
Member Subscriptions		212.00	212.00	Calculated from Class sheets
Class Fees		1,797.00	1,797.00	Balance of Class Fees minus above
Ceilidh Ticket Sales	920.00		920.00	See Ceilidh spreadsheet
Donations/In Lieu of Payment		350.00	350.00	
Other sums		93.00	93.00	
Total Income	920.00	2,452.00	3,372.00	
Expenses				
Tutor fees		(675.00)	(675.00)	
Hall fees in year		(2,188.82)	(2,188.82)	
Hall fees paid rela-ng to pre/post year		(136.80)	(136.80)	
Ceilidh Hall	(374.00)		(374.00)	
Ceilidh Band	(600.00)		(600.00)	
Ceilidh catering	(80.00)		(80.00)	
Other Ceilidh costs	(58.00)		(58.00)	
Website costs		(18.00)	(18.00)	
Insurance (Risk and Equipment)		(87.09)	(87.09)	
Miscellaneous		(53.00)	(53.00)	
Total Expenses	(1,112.00)	(3,158.71)	(4,270.71)	
Cash Flow from Classes and Ceilidh	(192.00)	(706.71)	(898.71)	
Bank / Cash / Asset Balances		3/31/24	3/31/25	
		£	£	
Bank Account		1,829.49	933.78	
Cash		815.00	812.00	
		2,644.49	1,745.78	

Note that the current Bank Balance takes into account the payment of the April 2025 Hall Fees of £136.80	
<u>Amounts since year end</u>	£
2025 Winter Ceilidh Venue Invoice	(742.50)
Current Bank Balance	191.28
<u>Amounts to come</u>	
Membership Fees to be banked	32.00
Class Fees - January to March net of Teacher Fees to be banked	748.00
Domain name renewal to be deducted before banking	(18.00)
Estimated Bank Balance at the 3rd April, 2025	953.28
2025/26 Forecast Bank Balance	
Hall Fees	(1,846.80)
Class Fees	1,890.00
Teacher Fees	(675.00)
Membership Fees	180.00
Ceildih Sales	1,000.00
Ceilidh Band	(650.00)
Ceilidh Costs	(150.00)
Sundries	(200.00)
Potential Bank Balance at the 31st March, 2026	501.48