



Tartan Army Children's Charity

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st March 2016

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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 2016.

The charity is a registered Scottish charity with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator with the registration number SCO38330. On March 15th, 2016 at a Special General Meeting, the Trustees agreed to adopt a new constitution to bring the charity into line with current legislation. At the end of March, 2016, an application was submitted to OSCR to amend the status of the charity from Unincorporated Association to that of SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation).

Charity Activities

In spite of what was a relatively turbulent year, with many changes in the charity board, TACC had another excellent performance in the year 2015-2016, successfully continuing with their core programmes in Scotland and overseas. We were delighted again to be confirmed as the nominated charity of the Scotland Supporters Club (SSC).

Trustees Update

In 2015-2016 we saw the loss of 4 Trustees.

John Deans - Interim Chairman

Graeme Richards

Jenny Flinn

Each resigned from their positions for very different and personal reasons and gratefully continued to offer their support to TACC as Ambassadors. Graeme very generously made a substantial donation to the charity in the name of his son Connor who tragically passed away in 2015.

In late 2015, we were pleased to welcome Shaun Ward to the board. Unfortunately, Shaun found the personal time demands too onerous and graciously left the board shortly thereafter.

In 2015, in addition to the prevailing Trustees of Jim Hart and Mandy Monaghan we were delighted to welcome to the board the following very enthusiastic members who bring with them years of support for the work being done by TACC and great enthusiasm and patience following the Scottish national teams.

Derek Clark

Sam Currie

Leah Forbes

David Dickson

Dorothy Wilson

John McKendrick

At the AGM of January, 2016 the following appointments were made

Chairman – Jim Hart

Secretary – Dorothy Wilson

Treasurer – Mrs Shirley Manson (non-Trustee)

Charity address

With the departure of Mr John Deans the official address of the charity was changed to the home address of the new Chairman i.e.

Forest Lodge

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Ambassadors Update

In 2015-2016 the trustees made a determined effort to increase the number of Ambassadors who are a very valuable link between the charity and the communities in which they live and work. At the end of March 2016 we had 25 Ambassadors, across the country.

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 disadvantaged children, in groups throughout Scotland, to attend their first Scotland 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, £10 to spend and early in 2016 we included a Saltire flag to be waved.

Further, in late 2015 we were delighted to be able to extend the programme to include also the Men's Under 21 matches and Women's A team matches. This enables us to reach out to more children across the country.

The dates of the matches are dependent upon the fixture list of our national teams and, in the period, we were delighted to invite 58 children to the following games.

2015				32	
Date	Opposition	Venue	Children's group	No.	Home location
June 5	Qatar	Edinburgh	Multi-cultural family	8	Edinburgh
September 7	Germany	Hampden	Tullochan	6	Dunbartonshire
October 8	Poland	Hampden	Stanley School	9	Ardrossan
October 10	France *	Aberdeen	Aberlour Options	9	Aberdeen
2016				26	
March 8	Spain **	Falkirk	Community Assoc.	5	Falkirk
March 29	Denmark	Hampden	St Ann's School	6	Edinburgh
			Ayrshire Ch. Services	7	Ayrshire
			DRCYP	8	Glasgow

* Men's Under 21s

** Women's A



TACC FC. This programme is one in which TACC has committed to fund and support a number of football based community groups to facilitate expert football coaching while providing opportunities for disadvantaged children to learn and develop inter-personal 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.

Aberdeen FC Community Trust (Third Year)

We are delighted to have been able to support the development of AFCCT, whose objectives are closely aligned to those of TACC, including broad aims 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*



The group is now well established to participate in and deliver community programmes and initiatives to diverse age groups across the North East of Scotland and are well positioned through corporate funding initiatives to be self-sustaining.



2016 brings to a conclusion TACC's commitment to the successful "Footea" Club.

Continuing through 2015 was TACC's commitment to the equally successful AFCCT Breakfast Club, the purpose of which 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 Stadium. 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. Staff at nearby Seaton School have commented on the positive behavioural attributes and educational benefits as a result of the programme.

Kilmarnock FC in the Community

In 2015 TACC initiated discussions with the Community Department of Kilmarnock FC with a view to establishing the next TACC FC project in which it is intended to work with children from Ayrshire Children's Services among others.

Charitable Donations:

CentreStage Theatre group: In association with the COMMUNITY Trades union group, TACC were able to provide an opportunity for CentreStage Theatre Group of Kilmarnock to perform for the delegates of the union group during their Biennial Conference in Glasgow. The group received a donation of £1,000

Hazelwood School, Aberdeen: TACC were delighted to be able to provide funding to support Hazelwood School, Aberdeen arrange a puppet workshop and then a puppet show, principally for some of the most disadvantaged children in the school.

TACC were delighted to have two opportunities, in association with the visit of the Qatar national football team in June 2015.



- A group of girls from **East Fife Ladies and Girls** football team visited MARR Hall to watch the Scotland players go through their training programme and then meet with the players.
- 6 girls from **East Fife Ladies and Girls** football team were selected to be player escorts at the match vs. Qatar at Easter Rd. Edinburgh on June 5th, 2015

Christmas cards which were deemed to be surplus to TACC immediate requirements were donated to foodbank and other charitable groups

Surplus 2013-2015 campaign tee-shirts were donated to children's groups in Kenya.

Overseas Donations

Ireland: Dublin: LauraLynn Children's Hospice: "Making the most of short and precious lives"

This was one of the most emotional overseas donations TACC has made.

Our donation enabled LauraLynn House, a 100% volunteer funded, dedicated 8 bed children's palliative care unit, to purchase a new Acheeva Graduate bed, which is truly inclusive, allowing children who have to spend time in the lying position to join in all hospice activities, supported in comfortable and relaxed positions.

Lynn, one of the young daughters of the House founders and who tragically succumbed to her illness wrote a poem which perhaps sums up the emotion felt by those attending.

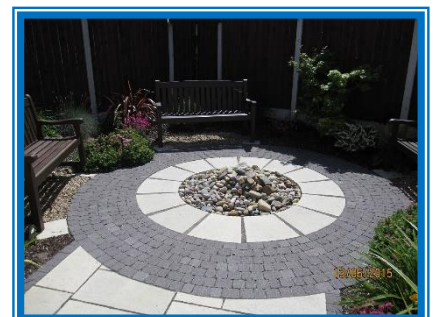
Lynn's Dreams

**I wish I could learn, like everyone else.
I wish I could swim, jump and run,
I wish different cards could have been dealt,
I wish it could be like old fun.**

**I wish I could grow and learn about life,
I wish I could feel well again.
I wish that there was an end to the strife,
And a new beginning instead.**



**But destiny's come and it's drawing me near,
And I know my two ANGELS are there.
With them I will have no reason for fear,
In their warm embrace and their care.**



Georgia: Tbilisi: The JONAS Foundation: “Development through music”



The JONAS Foundation in Tbilisi focuses upon some of the most disadvantaged children who may be orphans, homeless or living on the street and certainly from very poor families. The aim is not only to re-integrate the children back into a normal society life through the medium of music, but to identify and support those who are able, to develop that musical talent.

Where there is poverty, hostility, aggression or an absence of family love and support, the musical programmes enable the children to develop confidence, express themselves and share normal societal life experiences.

TACC’s donation funded two group programmes – choral and piano and also scholarships to two particularly gifted children to advance their studies.

Gibraltar: St. Martin’s Special Needs School

TACC were delighted to present to Gibraltar's St Martin's School for Children with Special Needs approximately £5,000 for the purchase of a suite of trampoline equipment with accessories, plus two specially designed Therapy "Nessie" cushions.

St. Martin's Special School has pupils with a very wide range of abilities and conditions, ranging from pupils with Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties (PMLD) to pupils who are able to access an Outreach Curriculum into Mainstream.



The school is able to cater for children with Down's Syndrome, Autistic Spectrum Disorder, Lowe Syndrome, Rett's Syndrome, Wolf Hirschhorn Syndrome, Kabuki Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Angelman Syndrome, ADD and ADHD.

Christmas Donation

In 2015 TACC were delighted to make £5,000 donations to two of Scotland's leading charities supporting children and their families, Includem and Circle.

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.



Circle

Circle is a children and family's organisation who works at the heart of deprived communities to support the most marginalised children and their families. Family support workers provide support to families in their community and in family homes.

Circle aims to 'improve the lives of the most disadvantaged children and to promote children's healthy potential and development.'

Fundraising

Throughout the year TACC continued to organise the monthly Lottery, raising £3,785. Sales of our regular campaign tee-shirts were a bit slower than hoped but a new ordering policy introduced in early 2016 will minimise surplus stock arising.

TACC is run 100% by volunteers and is successful due principally to the contributions, efforts and sacrifices made by our many individual supporters who all share the same ideals – to give our 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.



- In June TACC raised approximately £900 by competing in a football match coordinated by Penicuik based "Team Aine", raising monies for "Sick Kids Friends Foundation". TACC players were drawn from as far afield as Aberdeen and the team ran out worthy winners 8-7.

- In July, TACC were delighted to be invited to attend the biennial Conference Dinner of the COMMUNITY Union. At the dinner, a table collection was made in TACC's name, resulting in a wonderful donation of £3,000
- In August, TACC organised our first ever Footgolf challenge at Palacerigg course in Cumbernauld, with the winner being Alan McCulloch. The event raised a fabulous £900
- Throughout the year many of our supporters took part in long distance endurance events and collectively raised a fantastic £3,500
- As September travel to Tbilisi in Georgia was in itself an endurance event, a concert for football fans was held in the City halls Edinburgh by Ted Christopher. TACC received a generous donation from the event



- Throughout the year the Caledonian Brewery Pipe Band make bucket collections in The Clockwork pub before every home international match. Pipers from the band also attended and played at every away fixture where TACC made a charitable donation – huge thanks to the band for their continued and generous support.

- In November TACC held our annual Christmas party which was hosted by the wonderfully talented STV's Sheelagh McLaren. The event was wonderfully supported by Carrick Golf Club; Tullibardine Distillery; Royal Musselburgh Golf Club; the SFA; Aberdeen FC Community Trust; Walkers Shortbread; Natalia Golovina; Pewtermill Crafts, Morris Heggie, Stephen White and Tunnocks.
- In December to celebrate the New Year, TA supporters "Clan Derby" made the trip to Glasgow and generously presented TACC with a superb cheque for £525.
- To round off a great year our No 1 supporters, SFA and SSC, who throughout the year provided us with tickets for the kids and all means of logistical and moral support presented us with a share of the remaining proceeds from their Annual Charity Budget.

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.

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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For the year ended 31st March 2016

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Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ending 31st March 2016

		2015/16	2014/15
	Note	£	£
Receipts			
Donations	4	20,484	8,044
Receipts from fundraising activities	5	21,606	44,147
Gross trading receipts	6	2,864	4,794
Income from investments – bank interest		50	51
		<hr/> 45,004	<hr/> 57,036
Payments			
Expenses for fundraising activities	7	10,115	9,432
Gross trading payments	8	546	4,865
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	9	3,679	2,045
Grants and donations	10	58,643	21,661
Other expenditure		983	1,808
		<hr/> 73,966	<hr/> 39,811
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year		<hr/> (28,962)	<hr/> 17,225

The Notes on pages 16 to 18 form an integral part of these accounts.

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Statement of Balances — As at 31st March 2016


Funds Reconciliation	2016	2015
Cash at Bank — 31 st March 2015	148,595	131,370
(Deficit)/Surplus for year	(28,962)	17,225
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Cash at bank— 31 st March 2016	119,633	148,595
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 Bank Balances — Current Accounts		
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Current Accounts	119,633	148,595
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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 16 to 18 form an integral part of these accounts.

Approved by the trustees on September 12th, 2016 and signed on their behalf by:



James Hart

Chairman



Shirley Manson

Treasurer

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Notes to the Accounts For the year ended 31st March 2016

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 or expenses were paid to the trustees or to any connected persons during the year (2015: Nil).

	2015/16	2014/15
4 Donations received	£	£
Corporate donations (including corporate matching schemes)	8,000	4,300
Individual and other donations – raffles, auctions and other events	12,484	3,744

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5	Receipts from fundraising activities	2015/16	2014/15
	TACC Kiltwalk	3,674	21,689
	TACC Lottery	7,474	7,629
	Sponsorship	-	7,638
	TACC Christmas Party	6,552	6,132
	Misc Fundraising	3,906	48
	Auction – France v Scotland signed T-shirt	-	1,011
6	Gross Trading Receipts		
	Includes the sale of t-shirts, badges, books, polo shirts and Christmas cards	2,864	4,794
7	Expenses for fundraising activities		
	TACC Christmas Party	5,140	5,141
	Lottery	3,785	4,015
	Fundraising costs	1,190	276
8	Gross trading payments		
	Expenses relating to the sale of t-shirts, badges, polo shirts, books, water bottles and Christmas cards	546	4,865

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	2015/16	2014/15
9 Payments relating directly to charitable activities		
My First Scotland Match	3,679	2,045
10 Grants and donations		
Grants and donations included the following: -		
Aberdeen FC Community Trust	26,163	50
Includem	5,000	10,000
Falbogi Orphanage (Poland)	-	5,000
Off Road Kids (Germany)	-	5,000
Children's Sunshine Hospice - Dublin	6,182	-
Foundation Jonas - Georgia	5,140	-
Little Smiles - Gibraltar	4,883	-
Circle	5,000	-
St Paul's Ruchazie	5,000	-
Miscellaneous donations	1,275	1,611