

# **Borthwick & District Pipe Band**

Registered Charity: SCO37328

Arniston Improvement Trust

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## **Report on Financial Donation Received**

Dear Arniston Trust,

Borthwick & District Pipe Band are most grateful for the very generous financial donation of £3,000 we received from you in late October 2024.

We have put this donation towards getting new uniforms for our ever growing pipe band. We have purchased bales of Ancient Borthwick tartan for £3,600 and have appointed a kilt maker who is making us kilts at £180 per kilt over the next few months.

Without this donation we would certainly not be in a position to start getting kilts for our members. This has helped us to fast track our vision we have for BDPB going forward.

We now have approximately 40 members with new people continuing to join. It is such a joy to be teaching people in our community the traditional art of pipe band pipes & drums. We practice every Wednesday evening in Gorebridge Church Hall 18:30-21:00. With so many learners joining, we have to stagger the lessons on the night. You are most welcome to attend.

We have an exciting year ahead most notably with the band re-establishing it's long term exchange visits with our friends in Hongen, Germany from 19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> June. Unfortunately this does mean we can't make Gorebridge Gala Day this year. The band will however be present at all other community events in Gorebridge such as Birkenside Fun Day, Remembrance Sunday, Christmas Light Switch On and other events. The band will also be playing at other events in Midlothian and Edinburgh.

We shall keep you update on our progress for 2025.

Yours sincerely

*Chris Crawford*

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Pipe Major