Monklands Ramblers Financial Report – as at 30 September 2026

The financial year runs from 1 Oct 2025 to 30 Sep 2026

The Group operates two bank accounts: **Self-Funded Account:** This is money we generate from walk and social activity and how we pay for bus hires. £2000 of this account is now in an interest bearing deposit account.
Main Account: This is funding we receive from the Ramblers Association. Spending is restricted to RA charitable objectives which in our case is mainly recce costs, new walker promotion, map software, running of committee, programme production, website, computer and printing costs, AGM.

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The amount of the grant from the RA had varied every year with the number of RA members registered as Monklands Group. The bulk of the funding is from the group and the recce allocation rather than the per head membership element. The current year payment was based on what we requested in a budget in July 2025.

RA Area Grants including recce: **2026 = £1120**, 2025=£1060 + £200 for 40th anniversary, 2024=£894.80, 2023=£816, 2022=£549**,2021=£546*, 2020=£740, 2019=£704, 2018=£736, 2017=£752, 2016=£740, 2015=£720, 2014=£680, 2013=£652, 2012=£534, 2011=£531.64; 2010=£566; 2009=£816; 2008=£736; 2007=£716; 2006=£676. *We declined ¼ of grant, ** Grant reduced by ¼ from normal.

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North Lanarkshire have provided a community grant for several years to assist with our bus hire costs. An application was made and we received £184 in December 2024. In July they made a £200 award to 40th expenses.

NL Council grant: **2026 = no grant requested,** 2025 = £184+£200 for 40th anniversary**,** 2024 = 0**,** 2023=0**,** 2022=£400**,** 2021=0****,** 2020=£160, 2019=£395, 2018=£255, 2017=£170, 2016=£380, 2015=£310, 2014=£220, 2013=£240, 2012=£325, 2011=£500, 2010=£500. **Covid - no grant requested.

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We have had some success in recent years with sponsor support of our principal expenditure, the cost of bus hire.

2026: CMS Law = £500, Inver House: 2025 = £500**,** 2024 = £500**,** 2023 = £500**,** 2021 = £500, Nat Lottery: 2020 = £1000, Hughes and McHugh: 2019 = £380, Aviva: 2019 = £600, Scotrail: 2015=£1000.

Balances at 30 September, 2026	
Cash held by treasurer	6.49
Bank deposit	3865.88
Total of Self-Funded Account	**3872.37**
Total of Main Account	**237.83**
Total Funds	**£4110.20**

Sep 30 2025			**Sep 30 2024**	
Self Funded	£ 3241.52		Self Funded	£ 2456.49
Main Fund	£ 222.66		Main Fund	£ 221.09
Total Funds	£3464.18		Total Funds	£2677.58
Sep 30 2023			**Sep 30 2022**	
Self Funded	£ 2612.49		Self Funded	£ 1977.38
Main Fund	£ 317.47		Main Fund	£ 341.21
Total Funds	£2929.96		Total Funds	£2318.59

Totals

Passenger Total			966	Total passengers in year
Trips Total			23	Number of bus hires
Average Passenger Nos			42.00	Passengers/hires
New Walkers for year			28	New people

Self Funded Account

		Out	In	
Transport Costs		**15615.00**		Total cost of all bus hires
Fares and donations			**14369.50**	Total fares/donations
Other Income/Costs for Bus Hire				
Quiz/Race N/Meal/	Socials		**1284.60**	Net gain socials ex bus hire
New Walker Promo	RA Promo		**100.00**	Transfer from Main Account
			0.00	
CMS	Grant		**500.00**	Grant CMS Law
Recce financed from SF	Recce	**95.00**		Self funded contrib to recces
SF Sundries / donations		**5.00**	**64.99**	Other Main expenditure in SF
Deposit Interest			**26.76**	Interest paid by Unity Bank
Opening Balance	01/10/2025		**3241.52**	Carried forward from 2025
Change from the above transactions			**630.85**	Profit/loss from SF transactions
End Balance	30/09/2026		**3872.37**	

Main Account

		Out	In	
Opening Balance	01/10/2025		**222.66**	**Carried forward from 2025**
Group Entitlement 1	**ok**		**280.00**	1st payment from RA
Group Entitlement 2	**ok**		**280.00**	2nd payment from RA
Group Entitlement 3	**ok**		**280.00**	3rd payment from RA
Group Entitlement 4	**ok**		**280.00**	4th payment from RA
Mailerlite Newsletter	**ok**	**126.22**		Newsletter cost
AGM costs	**ok**	**46.00**		Hall hire and Urn
Recce payments	**ok**	**600.00**		Actual recce payments
New Walker transfer to SF	**ok**	**100.00**		Transfer to Self Funded
Website Hosting Fees	**ok**	**100.80**		Annual website fee
OS Maps	**ok**	**34.99**		OS Map software
Committee acknowledgements	**ok**	**59.00**		Acknowledgements
Stationery: Pens Laminates	**ok**	**9.50**		Stationery
Paper/stapler	**ok**	**28.32**		Stationery
End balance	30/09/2026		**237.83**	**Final Balance to carry forward**

Check SF and Main balances added = statement	**4110.20**

The Self-funded and Main accounts above show what expenditure has been allocated to each account. Some of what could be classed as "Main" expenditure has been funded from the Group's self-funded balance eg £95 of recce fees.

Monklands Ramblers Financial Report - Bus Hires and Socials

	October 2025-Sep 2026					Overall on socials
Date	Social Event	Paid Out	Paid In	Numbers	P/L on day	Profit/(Loss)
10-Oct	Quiz Night Oct 10 2025	211.68	563.00	60	351.32	1284.60
22-Nov	Race Night	683.96	1856.05	56	1172.09	
10-Jan	Largs Meal	955.50	955.50	49	0.00	
13-Jun	BBQ Yellowcraig	238.81	0.00	42	-238.81	

Date	Walk	Bus Hire & Recce Cost	Bus Fares	Number Walkers	Profit & Loss on day xrecce	Bus Fare each
1	Pentlands (Fares)		685.00	47	45.00	15.00
19-Oct	Bus Hire (Pentlands)	640.00		1 bus pass		
	Recce Expenses	30.00		1 new		
2	Peebles (Fares)		670.00	45	30.00	15.00
01-Nov	Bus Hire (Peebles)	640.00				
	Recce Expenses	30.00		1 new		
3	Comrie (Fares)		630.00	42	-10.00	15.00
16-Nov	Bus Hire (Comrie)	640.00				
	Recce Expenses	30.00		0 new		
4	Auchterarder (Fares)		400.00	29	-240.00	15.00
29-Nov	Bus Hire (Auchterarder)	640.00		2@5 - walk only		
	Recce Expenses	30.00		0 new		
5	Largs (Fares)		514.50	49	-125.50	10.50
10-Jan	Bus Hire (Largs)	640.00				
	Recce Expenses	0.00		0 new		
6	Milton (Fares)		535.00	38	-105.00	15.00
24-Jan	Bus Hire (Milton)	640.00		1@5 - walk only		
	Recce Expenses	15.00		5 new		
7	Culross (Fares)		625.00	42	-15.00	15.00
07-Feb	Bus Hire (Culross)	640.00				
	Recce Expenses	30.00		1 new		
8	Dumyat (Fares)		565.00	39	-75.00	15.00
22-Feb	Bus Hire (Dumyat)	640.00		£25 donate, 3@5 walk only		
	Recce Expenses	25.00		0 new		
9	Callander (Fares)		675.00	46	35.00	15.00
08-Mar	Bus Hire (Callander)	640.00		£15 donate, 1 junior £5		
	Recce Expenses	45.00		4 new		
10	Melrose (Fares)		700.00	48	60.00	15.00
22-Mar	Bus Hire (Melrose)	640.00				
	Recce Expenses	60.00		4 new		
11	West Linton (Fares)		575.00	40	-135.00	15.00
04-Apr	Bus Hire (W Linton)	710.00		1 jun, 1 wo		
	Recce Expenses	30.00		1 new		
12	Strachur (Fares)		635.00	41	-75.00	15.00
19-Apr	Bus Hire (Strachur)	710.00		£30 donate, 1 jun		
	Recce Expenses	15.00		0 new		
13	Traquair (Fares)		610.00	42	-100.00	15.00
02-May	Bus Hire (Traquair)	710.00		2 juniors		
	Recce Expenses	0.00		0 new		

Financial Report - Bus Hires and Socials: October 2025-Sep 2026

Date	Walk	Bus Hire & Recce Cost	Bus Fares	Number Walkers	Profit & Loss on day xrecce	Bus Fare each
14	Dollar (Fares)		595.00	37	-115.00	15.00
17-May	Bus Hire (Dollar)	710.00		£45 donate		
	Recce Expenses	30.00		1 new		
15	Seahouses (Fares)		925.00	47	210.00	20.00
30-May	Bus Hire (Seehouses)	715.00				
	Recce Expenses	20.00		1 new, 1 jun		
16	BBQ (Fares)		660.00	42	-60.00	15.00
13-Jun	Bus Hire (BBQ)	720.00		£45 donate		
	Recce Expenses	20.00		1 new, 1 jun		
17	Aberfoyle (Fares)		640.00	43	-80.00	15.00
28-Jun	Bus Hire (Aberfoyle)	720.00				
	Recce Expenses	45.00		1 new		
18	Moffat (Fares)		695.00	47	-25.00	15.00
12-Jul	Bus Hire (Moffat)	720.00		I jun		
	Recce Expenses	75.00		0 new		
19	Glenshee (Fares)		620.00	41	-100.00	15.00
25-Jul	Bus Hire (Glenshee)	720.00		1 wo, £15 donate		
	Recce Expenses	30.00		1 new		
20	Dalwhinnie (Fares)		635.00	40	-60.00	15.00
08-Aug	Bus Hire (Dalwhinnie)	695.00		£40 donate		
	Recce Expenses	30.00		1 new		
21	Maidens (Fares)		725.00	49	30.00	15.00
23-Aug	Bus Hire (Maidens)	695.00				
	Recce Expenses	15.00		2 new		
22	Traquair (Fares)		535.00	37	-160.00	15.00
06-Sep	Bus Hire (Traquair)	695.00		1 jun (£10)		
	Recce Expenses	15.00		3 new		
23	Crieff (Fares)		520.00	35	-175.00	15.00
19-Sep	Bus Hire (Crieff)	695.00				
	Recce Expenses	0.00		1 new		
Col A	Col B	Col C	Col D	Col E	Col F	Col G

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- Col A = Walk Date
- Col B = Name or Walk area
- Col C = Bus Hire cost (includes driver tip usually £15). Recce Payment
- Col D = Bus Fares total includes any donations
- Col E = Passenger Numbers. How many New, donations recd, juniors.
- Col F = Profit/Loss on the day excluding recce cost
- Col G = Bus Fare

Monklands - Analysis of numbers per year

Year	Walkers	New	Hires	Passenger	Coach Cost	Bus Fare Av
2026	42.00	28	23	966	679.00	14.88
2025	43.73	32	22	962	697.00	15.62
2024	39.71	29	24	953	582.50	13.85
2023	38.20	44	25	955	513.60	13.06
2022	32.59	41	22	717	442.72	12.91
2021	27.10	25	10	271	394.00	10.25
2020	22.70	6	10	227	330.00	11.06
2019	24.96	33	24	599	355.00	11.44
2018	26.18	39	22	576	294.00	10.33
2017	25.76	53	25	644	281.44	10.86
2016	21.19	41	26	551	279.00	11.81
2015	20.52	36	27	554	297.00	12.96
2014	19.21	20	24	427	270.00	13.37
2013	20.81	n/a	26	541	258.00	11.80
2012	22.45	n/a	29	651	269.00	10.85
2011	22.33	n/a	27	603	257.00	10.41
2010	24.03	n/a	30	721	265.90	10.43
2009	18.94	n/a	31	587	185.00	9.52
2008	24.87	n/a	31	771	210.00	9.77
2007	24.36	n/a	28	631	196.39	8.75

Fares Av = Total Fares+donate/Number of Passengers per year
Coach cost includes driver tip. Total cost/Number of hires
Average Walkers per day = Total Passengers/Number of hires

Monklands Ramblers – Treasurer Report October 2026 – Douglas Bryson

RA financial year: 1 Oct 2025 – 30 Sep 2026

The financial aim of the club is to encourage participation with low prices while maintaining a sound financial position whereby we can absorb any temporary downturns. Unlike most RA groups we use bus-hire rather than car share as our mode of transport. Bus-hire significantly increases the financial challenges especially during a period of inflation.

Average bus hire prices over the financial year to September 30 declined slightly to £679 from £697 previously but this compares to figures of under £400 in 2021 and under £300 before 2019. These are for the same size bus, same average distance and same length of day duration. The reason the Group has been able to meet these cost challenges is that our average attendance figures have increased significantly. In the final full year before Covid in 2020 we averaged under 25 passengers. The current average is 42.

High attendance numbers meant we have been able to keep fares at £15 on most of our hires since the increase to that level (from £12) in April 2021. Fares at £15 do not fully meet bus costs so we have to supplement our income from sponsorship and self-generated funds. This year we received a £500 grant award from the CMS law firm whose remit is to support projects of community benefit. We also generated our own funds from Quiz and Race nights.

The £1500 financial boost from the social night fundraisers meant that in addition to keeping fares low we were able to subsidise the club Meal in January and club BBQ in June. However, we cannot repeatedly ask the same people in the Group for funds so at the appropriate time we will look again at any sponsorship and grant opportunities. The RA 20% restriction on retained balances means a Group has to delay seeking sponsorship until funds have declined sufficiently such that a sponsorship boost does not leave a year-end balance at “too high” a level.

We received £1120 from the RA in four instalments which was used for club admin and recce costs. The biggest expenditure outwith bus hire are recce costs which this year totalled £695. With large numbers on group walks recces are essential to allow the leader to be familiar with the route and make a judgement on level of difficulty and any safety issues. One new cost this year was a charge of over £100 for Mailerlite the previously free software used for the Group’s newsletter. The charge relates to the number of subscribers, the free service is now restricted to under 250 sign-ups, we currently have near 400. Mailerlite has been a reliable service, and it was felt this was a cost worth paying in view of the importance of the newsletter in informing members of forthcoming walks and other Group activities.

Although the current financial position is favourable the Group would face a more challenging situation if passenger numbers declined or transport costs resumed their upward move.

The accounts were examined and signed off by accountant Alex Gillies of Chapelhall.