

Cross-Party Group Annual Return September 2023

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on St. Andrew's Day

Date Group Established (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)

8 September 2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

20 September 2023

Date Annual Return Submitted

25 September 2023

Date of Preceding AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11 to 13 months of the previous AGM]

3 October 2022

Group Meetings and Activities

Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures.

Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.

15 November 2022 :2 MSPs , 6 non-MSPs. Main item was final preparations for the St. Andrew's Day Event at Scottish Parliament on 30 Nov. 2022

7 Feb 2023: 3MSPs, 9non-MSPs. Main item was post factum review of event at Scottish Parliament on 30 November 2022

31 May 2023 : 2 MSPs , 9non-MSPs. Following resignation of Paul McLennan as Convener, due to his appointment as a Minister, EGM elected Michelle Thomson as Convener and Craig Hoy as Deputy Convener. Subsequent discussion on strategy for celebration of St. Andrew's Day .

27 June 2023: 1 MSP, 10 non-MSPs

Preparation for event at Scottish Parliament on 29 November 2023. Discussion on questionnaire to be sent to individuals/organisations seeking views on celebration of St. Andrew's Day

20 Sept. 2023: 4 MSPs, 5 non-MSPs.

AGM re-elected existing office-bearers. Subsequent meeting concentrated on preparing for the St. Andrew's Day event at the Scottish Parliament on 29 November 2023

MSP Members of The Group

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.

Michelle Thomson(SNP), Craig Hoy(Conservative), Rachael Hamilton(Conservative), Alex Rowley(Labour), Murdo Fraser(Conservative), Martin Whitfield(Labour), Rona Mackay(SNP), Mark Griffin(Labour), Stephanie Callaghan(SNP), Jackie Dunbar(SNP)

Non-MSP Members of The Group

For organisational members please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the organisation at meetings of the Group.

Individuals

Dennis Canavan, Joe Goldblatt, Rami Ousta, Christina Hendry, Dave Moxham, Richard Walker, Ian Sirrell, Anthony Horan, Isabel Smyth, Pat Kelly, Michael Veitch, Alex Salmond, Ella Willcox, David Lonsdale, Jalal Chaudry, Jordi Albareda, Danny

	Boyle, Ephraim Borowski, Callum MacLeod, Fraser Thompson, Ian Scott, Maureen Sier, Ruhy Parris, Gavin Mowat, Rev. Neil Galbraith, Iain Stewart, Trishna Singh, Will Gibb, Liza Boffen-Yordanov, Tanveer Parnez, Gerry McGarvey, Maurice Corry, Diane Macintyre.
Organisations	BEMIS, STUC, Catholic Archdiocese of St. Andrews and Edinburgh, Scottish Retail Consortium, Fair Saturday, Scottish Inter-faith Council, Edinburgh Inter-faith Council, Sikh Sanjog, The Scottish Flag Trust
<p>Group Office Bearers</p> <p>Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.</p>	
Convener	Michelle Thomson
Deputy Conveners	Alex Rowley, Craig Hoy
Secretary	Dennis Canavan
Treasurer	Joe Goldblatt
<p>Financial Benefits or Other Benefits</p> <p>Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) the Group anticipates receiving from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.</p>	
<p>£3000 from Belhaven Brewery/Greene King</p>	

£1000 from St. Andrews University

250 boxes of shortbread@ £4 per box from Walkers Shortbread

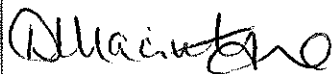
All of the above were to meet expenses, fees and gifts for the St. Andrew's Day Event organised by the CPG, held in the Scottish Parliament on 30 November 2022

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CONVENER

COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 6 OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT
(Please tick all boxes that apply)

I, Convener of the Cross-Party Group on St. Andrew's Day, hereby declare that, in line with the requirements of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct, this CPG has:

13 MSP Members from 3 different political parties	v
Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months	v
Held an AGM within 11-13months of the date of registration or the last AGM	v
Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM	—
Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings	v
Provided minutes of all meetings	v

Signed	
Date	12 October 2023