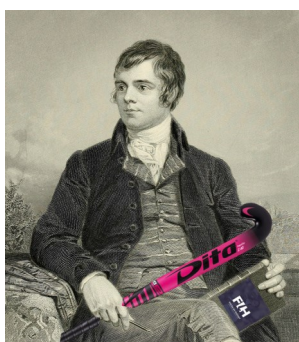




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Presidential Welcome

Hello and Happy New Year! Let's make 2025 a fantastic year for the club together.

We're kicking things off with a bang—don't miss the ceilidh (details below), and games are starting up again too. Let's aim to field full teams for every fixture this season!

Before diving into the fun, a quick admin note: For insurance purposes, if you haven't already, please register on the SHU website (<https://scottish-hockey.org.uk>) Add the appropriate membership to your basket but don't pay—this season, the club will cover it.

See you on or off the field! And if you've got a knack for numbers or enjoy working with kids (or both!), make sure to check out the final section of this newsletter.

Here's to a great year ahead! Gerrold

Burns Night Ceilidh

Saturday 25th January we will have our mid-season social at Milnathort Town Hall. Information on tickets is available on Spond. There will be food and dancing to live music. Please contact Robbie Huxtable if you're able to help or would like to "do a turn"!

International News

2024 saw a number of our club members representing Scotland at Masters Hockey. Gail, Gurdi and Ewan all donned the thistle to travel to far flung places including New Zealand, South Africa and...Nottingham! Congratulations to all those selected and involved in the international set up—you are a doing the club proud!

Team Summaries

Men: Following a nail-biting finish to the 23/24 season, the Kinross Men's 1st XI made a strong start to the 24/25 season in the East District 2nd Division. Comprising of an optimal mixture of youth and experience, the men in purple have won 4 games and lost 4 games placing them in the upper half of the table at the halfway point of the season.

Notable highlights included excellent attacking performances with a 5-1 victory against Falkirk and a 3-0 win in the season-opener versus Stirling. With 9 separate goal-scorers, the Men's 1st XI can be proud of the concerted team effort that has underlined their success.

In order to provide a performance pathway for our boys development squad, the Men's 2nd XI returned to the East District Development League for this season. Unfortunately, squad selection has proved an issue throughout the season as membership numbers continue to dwindle. The result is that the 2nd XI has played one official league fixture, which they won and are consequently undefeated!



The final Men's training session of 2024 saw the Santa hats vs the Xmas jumpers – it was tight knit!

Ladies: The ladies section has had a mixed first half of the season, to say the least! We are delighted to have so many talented, committed youngsters regularly turning out for the 2s, and they have managed some really great results. They show confidence and skills that some of our more experienced players can only dream of – a particular highlight was coming back from 1-0 down at half time to beat Harris Ladies 2-1 up in Dundee – great team spirit!

Highlights for the Ladies 1s included a win over Dundee Uni 2 in the League Cup, opponents who currently top Division 1. Unfortunately we didn't manage to progress in the cup due to other results, but it shows what the team is capable of. We still await our first League win, but have had many close, competitive matches and have already scored lots more goals than last season! We're looking forward to restarting training on 15th January, ready for matches in February!

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Kobras: The youth pathways continue to thrive this year with regular participation in Midland outdoor and indoor tournaments at U10, U12 and U14. Attendance and enthusiasm has been excellent across the board despite some inclement weather towards the end of the year. We have managed to enter an Girls U15 Indoor team into the Scottish Cup and their run starts on Friday—Good Luck!

A massive thank you to all the coaches, junior training volunteers and parent helpers who enable the success of all our sections.

Volunteering Opportunities

As we start to look towards the 25/26 season, several opportunities have arisen for members/parents to become more involved with the club. It is likely we will have vacancies at the Child Protection Officer and Treasurer positions within the committee. These crucial roles are vital for the club to continue to function safely and sustainably.

Equally, for our younger members—we have a thriving social media group curating many of the posts you see on Facebook/Instagram. Joining up gives provides opportunities to develop communication skills and makes great CV material.

Please get in contact with the Club President for further information.