



Office Bearers

The Brigade Executive is proposing the following Office Bearers for the 2026/27 session:

Rev Dez Johnston

President

Dez was working as a bouncer in Glasgow when he came to faith through joining an Alpha Course. Now an ordained Baptist minister, he worked in youth ministry before becoming the Director for Alpha Scotland in 2018 and is currently Strategic Lead for Alpha Europe, Middle East and North Africa.



Dez has been working closely with the Brigade for a number of years, and the partnership has seen the Alpha Youth resources being made freely available across the Brigade.

Mike Colbeck

Vice-President

Mike has served as Captain of 5th Scarborough for 18 years and has held a number of leadership roles within the Brigade structure including Queen's Badge Adviser, Trainer (including various roles within the KGV1 programme) and Battalion Training Convenor. Mike also worked extensively on the foundation of the Leader Development Community.



Professionally, Mike is Managing Director of a financial services business. He also serves in the Methodist Church as a worship leader and has governance experience as a foundation governor at a Church of England Aided School.

Martin Dunbar

Vice-President

Martin has extensive experience in leadership and youth work through The Boys' Brigade, serving as Captain of 4th & 5th Fraserburgh and Training Convenor for Buchan Battalion since 2014. In this role, he has led the development and delivery of training for leaders and supported the growth of quality programme provision across the Battalion and North Scottish Area. Since 2024, Martin has also been a member of the Brigade's Programme Group, contributing to the ongoing development of our national programme.



Alongside his Brigade responsibilities, Martin has been a STEM Ambassador since 2019 and has worked in partnership with NESCol Fraserburgh Campus to deliver STEM learning opportunities for young people throughout Buchan Battalion. He also serves as a Church elder, demonstrating his commitment to the Christian faith that underpins the work of The Boys' Brigade. Through his leadership, training, and programme development experience, Martin is passionate about equipping volunteers and creating opportunities for children and young people to learn, grow and thrive.

David Gemmell

Vice-President

David has been part of The Boys' Brigade since childhood, progressing through 1st Strathaven to become the Company's first Queen's Badge recipient and later serving as Captain. After returning to leadership in 2016, he continues to serve at 1st Stonehouse.

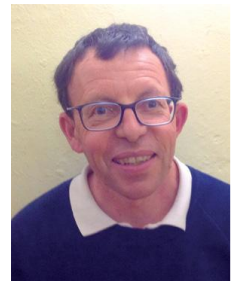


Professionally, David is Delivery Practice Director at Nationwide Building Society, leading a Group-wide practice of more than 800 colleagues and partners and engaging regularly with senior leaders and regulators. His 25-year career spans major organisations including IBM, Lloyds Banking Group, Co-operative Bank and Post Office Ltd. David also serves as a Non-Executive Board Member of Education Scotland, advising the Chief Executive through the Board and Audit & Risk Committee. He brings extensive experience in leadership, communication and governance, combined with a long-standing commitment to the Brigade's vision that young people experience "life to the full". David is committed to servant leadership, listening well, encouraging volunteers and supporting the President, Trustees and Senior Staff in strengthening connections across the Brigade.

Ian Rumbelow

Vice-President

Ian has a wealth of experience as Captain of 1st & 2nd Martock & Hamdon, is Vice-President and Development Lead for Somerset Battalion and has previously served as Chair of our Brigade Programme Group.

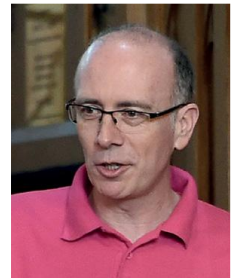


In a professional capacity Ian was a Head Teacher for many years, most recently specialising in supporting local authorities and an academy trust with schools in special measures.

Rev Stewart Cutler

Chaplain

The Boys' Brigade has featured strongly since Stewart was a 6-year-old member of Anchors through to Queen's Badge, DofE Gold and KGVI as a participant (and later as Chaplain) as well as being a leader at 4th Carluke and 1st Stonehouse. Stewart has 30 years of experience working with children, young people, volunteers, students and ministers in Churches and communities around Scotland.



Stewart has been Minister at St Ninian's Church (an ecumenical partnership between the United Reformed Church and Church of Scotland) in Stonehouse, Lanarkshire since 2017 and has completed a Masters in Contemporary Christian Leadership.

Steve Mann

Treasurer

As a chartered accountant Steve has worked in both commercial and not-for-profit sectors and is currently Director of Finance at Crimestoppers, the national charity that enables people to report crime anonymously. He holds an MSc in Charity Accounting and Financial Management from City Business School.



Steve is a member of Eltham Park Baptist Church in South East London and most importantly is a leader in the BB Company that is part of the Church. He has worked in all age groups and served as Captain for over 20 years, now leading Anchors as others take on leadership. Encouraging others to grow and take on leadership roles in BB is important to Steve as that is how, together with prayer, our organisation will flourish into the future.