

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Scotch Whisky

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.)

13 September 2016

DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

11 September 2019

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

3 October 2019

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

26 September 2018

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.

11 September 2019:

MSPs: (9) Alexander Burnett MSP, Bill Bowman MSP, Murdo Fraser MSP, Rhoda Grant MSP, Tom Mason MSP, Gordon MacDonald MSP, Liam McArthur MSP, Stuart McMillan MSP, David Stewart MSP

Other attendees: Blair Bowman, Jack Gemmell (Chivas), Karen Freel (Perspectiva Consultants), Kathrin Furst (SWA), Annie Hill (Institute of Brewing and Distilling), Beatrice Morrice (SWA), Debs Newman (Holyrood Distillery), Ian Smith (Diageo), Leon Thomson (VisitScotland), David Williamson (Wm Grant); Victoria Houghton (Hamilton and Inches), Stephen Dickson (City of Edinburgh Council), Oscar Heek, Gary Atkinson (Carmelite Aberdeen), Cllr Ashley Graczyk (CEC), Claire Dolan (SDMA), Kenneth Bramham (STGA), Sarah Cameron (SENSCOT), Willie Macleod (UKH), Marc Crothall (STA), David Winpenny (Heritage railway Assoc), Terry Goddall, (Wyvis B&B), David Scobie (Caledonia Public Affairs), Alasdair Smart (ScotRail), Iain Morrison (SG)

Joint meeting with CPG on Tourism. Beatrice Morrice, SWA provided an overview on Scotch Whisky tourism; Ian Smith, Diageo and Debs Newman, Holyrood Distillery gave presentations on their experience and investment in Scotch Whisky tourism.

29 May 2019:

MSPs: (5) George Adam MSP, Murdo Fraser MSP, Rhoda Grant MSP, Gordon MacDonald MSP, Colin Smyth MSP,

Other attendees: Stacey Adam (Assistant), Jack Gemmell (Chivas Brothers), Pierre Jobert (Intern), Douglas Meikle (SWA), Beatrice Morrice (SWA), Devin Scobie (Caledonia Public Affairs)

Scottish Alcohol Industry Partnership: Douglas Meikle, from the Scottish Alcohol Industry Partnership and the SWA, gave a presentation on the work that the alcohol industry is doing to tackle alcohol misuse. A Scotch Whisky tasting was held at the end of the meeting.

10 May 2019:

MSPs (1): Colin Smyth MSP

Other attendees: David Linden MP, Patrick Grady MP, Stephen Gethins MP (Lindores), Brendan O'Hara MP, Gavin Newlands MP, Alan Brown MP, Declan Pang (SWA), Lindsay Low (SWA), Graeme Littlejohn (SWA), Dawn Bellamy (SWA).

APPG and CPG visit: The group had a tour of Lindores Distillery, Holyrood Distillery and had a dinner and tasting at the Scottish Malt Whisky Society Edinburgh.

31 January:

MSPs: (6) Bill Bowman MSP, Murdo Fraser MSP, Rhoda Grant MSP, Rachael Hamilton MSP, Tom Mason MSP, Colin Smyth MSP,

Other attendees: Susy Atkinson (Edrington), Campbell Evans (Whisky direct), Karen Freel (Perspectiva Consultants), Alison Galbraith (SWA), Keir Greenway (GMB), Annie Hill (Institute of Brewing and Distilling), Kenny Junner (Unite), Christopher Miles (Edinburgh Distilling), Beatrice Morrice (SWA), Alan Park (SWA), Emma Pollock (Diageo), Heather Pritchard (Diageo), Moira Stalker (Food and Drink Federation), David Williamson (William Grant), Alan Wolstenholme (Scottish

Distillers Association).

Scotch Whisky, Skilled Workforce: Beatrice Morrice, SWA, provided information on the Scotch Whisky STEM Ambassador Network. Moira Stalker, Food and Drink Federation, talked about the importance of providing a pipeline for the future workforce in the food and drink industry. Susy Atkinson, Edrington, and Heather Pritchard, Diageo, provided examples of the work with regard to training and engaging with local schools in Scotland.

Protecting Scotch Whisky Brexit and Beyond - Alan Park, SWA, gave a presentation on the protection of Scotch Whisky and implications of Brexit.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Murdo Fraser (Conservatives),
Gordon MacDonald (SNP),
David Stewart (Labour),
Liam McArthur (Liberal Democrat),
Colin Smyth (Labour),
Jackie Baillie (Labour),
Bruce Crawford (SNP),
Rhoda Grant (Labour),
Tom Mason (Conservative),
Bill Bowman (Conservative),
Rachael Hamilton (Conservative),
Jamie Halcro-Johnston (Conservative).

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	Blair Bowman, Whisky Consultant and Author
Organisations	Scotch Whisky Association, Chivas Brothers,

	Diageo, Edinburgh Distillery Company, Edrington, Gordon MacPhail, Perspectiva Consultants, Caledonia Public Affairs, Glasgow Distillery, GMB, Institute of Brewing and Distilling, Interface, Malt Whisky Trail, SEPA, Scottish Enterprise, Scottish Distillers Association, Forth Ports, Stolt Tank Containers, UK Chinese Times, Unite, Whisky Invest Direct, William Grant.
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GROUP OFFICE BEARERS

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.

Convener	Murdo Fraser MSP and Gordon MacDonald MSP
Deputy Convener	Liam McArthur MSP, David Stewart MSP
Secretary	Beatrice Morrice, Scotch Whisky Association
Treasurer	None

FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received 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.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500).

Total benefit from the Scotch Whisky Association totals: £757.68 which included a CPG/APPG visit, secretariat support, catering of sandwiches at three CPG meetings.

(The Scotch Whisky Association paid for catering at three meetings (31 January, 29 May and 11 September) which came to £143.40, £125.16 and £144.12 respectively. The total amount spent on catering at meetings by the SWA therefore came to: £412.68.

Secretariat support from the SWA equates to £220.

Cost for the CPG attendee at the APPG and CPG joint visit on 10 May, that was covered by the SWA, came to £125).

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

None

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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