



# The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association

## The Music Board

### Member Details – Arthur Cook

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**Branch:** Lothian & Borders  
**Band:** Lothian & Borders Police  
**Discipline:** Drummer

#### **About me:**

I was born in Bellshill, Lanarkshire and began playing at the age of eleven with Stonehouse Pipe Band, which later became Larkhall British Legion Pipe Band.

At age sixteen, I became a member of Shotts & Dykehead Caledonia Pipe Band under the guidance of the late Alex Duthart. I thereafter joined British Caledonian Airways Pipe Band still with Alex Duthart.

In 1985 I returned to Shotts & Dykehead Caledonia Pipe Band as Leading Drummer before later returning to British Caledonian Airways Pipe Band until the untimely death of Alex Duthart.

In 1987, I joined Lothian & Borders Police Pipe Band as Leading Drummer and later became Leading Drummer of BT Polkemmet pipe band in 1995.

I returned to Lothian & Borders Police Pipe Band in 1999 as Leading Drummer until the present day, during which the drum corps took the 'Grand Slam' title by winning all five major championships drumming titles in Grade Two and becoming 'Champions of Champions' in 2000.

My Solo Drumming career includes winning the RSPBA World Solo Drumming Championship in 1988 and runner up in the World Solo Drumming Champion of Champions.

I hold the RSPBA Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced certificates and I am a qualified RSPBA Drumming Adjudicator.

#### **Music Board Activities:**

Branch Representative

Coordinator of World Solo Drumming Structure.