

SANDHURST SILVER BAND
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1086272
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Reference and administrative details

Charity Trustees	James Lackovic (Appointed May 2016) Ian Dewhurst (Appointed April 2019) Chris Hill (Appointed May 2023) James Brennan (Appointed May 2023) Antony Steven (Appointed May 2023) Elliott Galvin (Appointed May 2023)
Building & Land Trustees (Land Custodians)	Brian Attewell Edna Bird Maria Grant Nick Cornock
Principal office	The Band Room 35 Brookside Sandhurst Berkshire GU47 9AP
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc The Co-operative Bank
Legal Status	Unincorporated Association

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Objectives and activities

Sandhurst Silver Band is governed by its written constitution, and its objectives are to maintain, improve and advance the education of the public through the promotion and practise of Brass Band Music.

Structure, governance and management

The management and control of the band is vested in a committee which comprises the officers and others appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

The Management Committee meet throughout the year and are selected members are legally deemed to be trustees. Each member has been allocated specific responsibilities in order to simplify the running of the band.

Trustees are elected by members at the AGM from amongst the members.

Achievements and performance

The Sandhurst Silver Band had the most successful musical year in its history:

- Winners of the Open Section Leicestershire Brass Band Association's Contest
- 6th place in the Championship section of the London & Southern Counties Regional contest, the highest placing in the band's history.
- A memorable tour to Belgium, including a performance at the Menin Gate "Last Post" ceremony.

The Brasshoppers had another year of growth under the baton of Ian Dewhurst, growing to over twenty members.

The Community Band had another successful year of concerts in the local community.

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Financial review

The organisation saw a return to profitability in the year ended 31/12/2023, with a surplus of £3,096 for the financial year. All three organisations within the charity showed and increase on cash reserves year-on-year:

Account	2023	2022	+ (-)
Sandhurst Silver Band	2,480	1,677	803
Brasshoppers	1,795	553	1,242
Sandhurst Community Band	1,468	1,221	247
High Interest Account	20,845	19,910	935
Total	26,588	23,360	3,227

Travel expenses and associated bandmember donations and gift aid income were the most significant changes year-on-year, as a backlog of travel claims for the prior two years were processed successfully.

Concert income and expenses increased year on year largely due to the two Snowman concerts held. The event is planned to be held again this year at another venue, and the trustees will determine whether this event makes financial sense as a repeatable event.

Fundraising income was increased year-on-year:

- SSB had a successful Christmas fundraising effort, raising over £3,000. Average donations appear higher, and the first Waterloo event was very profitable, raising £996.98 in three hours. The band will look to repeat successful events and explore new opportunities.
- SCB had a successful year, and cashed 2023 Christmas fundraising in 2024. Without this the band would have made a loss. Accounts are prepared on the cash basis.

There is inflationary pressure on the organisation. As predicted in the prior year report, insurance and energy costs have seen significant increases. These pressures continue into 2024. The trustees have made reasonable efforts to find alternate providers – although nothing cheaper has been found to date.


MD fees saw a decrease year on year due to the departure of SSB's MD and RD. The trustees thank David and Russ for their band training and musical direction, which returned the band to the Championship section.

The trustees have reviewed the level of reserves. They consider that the current level of reserves are sufficient for at least twelve months.

The trustees consider that the only financial liability is the state of the Band Roof. The high interest account represents the organisation's reserves for any necessary repair works.

No funds are held as custodian trustee on behalf of others.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature: 
Name: James Brennan
Position: Treasurer, Trustee
Date: 21/10/2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Sandhurst Silver Band

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1086272

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 December 2023**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

FJ Wilde

Date:

22 October 2024

Name:

FJ Wilde

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

FCCA DChA

Address:

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Bisley

Surrey, GU24 9SF

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Sandhurst Silver Band

No (if any)
1086272

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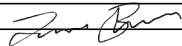
Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2023		31/12/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Band subs	6,210	-	-	6,210	6,852
Bandmember donations	21,495	-	-	21,495	3,839
Concert income	5,804	-	-	5,804	3,022
Fundraising	104	-	-	104	108
Gift aid	12,278	-	-	12,278	184
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Interest income	107	-	-	107	21
Prize winnings	300	-	-	300	375
Public donations	4,895	-	-	4,895	2,415
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	51,193	-	-	51,193	16,816
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	51,193	-	-	51,193	16,816
A3 Payments					
Advertising & Marketing	557	-	-	557	211
Audit & accountancy	490	-	-	490	797
Charitable donations	45	-	-	45	1,096
Contest expenses	1,579	-	-	1,579	2,086
Concert expenses	3,493	-	-	3,493	1,229
Deputies	195	-	-	195	292
MD Fees	7,066	-	-	7,066	9,761
Instrument repair & maintenance	348	-	-	348	945
Insurance	1,151	-	-	1,151	1,038
Music Purchases	878	-	-	878	722
Professional Fees and Licenses	723	-	-	723	272
Property Overheads	1,756	-	-	1,756	491
Rehersal venues	-	-	-	-	158
Sundry	5	-	-	5	296
Travel	26,430	-	-	26,430	4,453
Uniforms	2,213	-	-	2,213	53
Sub total	46,927	-	-	46,927	23,899
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Instrument purchase	1,038	-	-	1,038	1,913
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,038	-	-	1,038	1,913
Total payments	47,965	-	-	47,965	25,812
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,227	-	-	3,227	- 8,996
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	23,360	-	-	23,360	32,356
Cash funds this year end	26,588	-	-	26,588	23,360

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	£	2,480	-	-
	£	1,795	-	-
	£	1,468	-	-
	£	20,845	-	-
	Total cash funds <small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>	26,588	-	-
		TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Land & Buildings	Unrestricted		
	Musical Instruments	Unrestricted		
	Musical Library	Unrestricted		
	Uniforms & Regalia	Unrestricted		
	Furniture & Ancillary Equipment	Unrestricted		
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			JAMES BRENNAN	21/10/2024