



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01 /	10 /	2023		30 /	09 /	2024

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

East London Brass

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1091235

Charity's principal address

226 Burnt Ash Hill

London

Postcode

SE12 0QE

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Dan Gibbons	Chairman		
2	Matthew Harland	Treasurer		
3	Oliver Sikora	Band Master		
4	Martin Myers Lusty	Contest Secretary		
5	Sarah Bell	Committee member		
6	Sarah Campbell	Committee member		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated associations
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Election by members at the Annual General Meeting (" AGM ")

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The trustees, who also constitute the Band's management team, are elected by the members at the AGM.

The management team meets monthly at a minimum.

A risk management policy is in place, together with a risk register. The policy and risk register are reviewed regularly by the management team.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance the interest and education of the public in the appreciation of brass band music. To advance the education and training of children, young people and adults in the playing of brass band instruments. The band operates in the London Borough of Waltham Forest, from a local church, and fulfils its objectives primarily by providing a brass band for the London community.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity commission's guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake"

East London Brass (the "**Band**") undertakes a wide variety of activities aimed at increasing public awareness and appreciation of brass band music. These activities include self-promoted paid and free concerts, outside engagements for individuals, organisations and events and public engagements, as well as contests.

The Band is keen to encourage all players to develop their musical skills. Potential new players are also welcomed to rehearsals, and open rehearsals are held from time to time to enable members of the public to see how, for example, the Band prepares for a major contest. The Band is also keen to maintain and develop links with educational establishments for mutual benefit in developing musical skills.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

East London Brass does not make grants

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

2023-2024 was a successful year for the Band, with notable successes on the contest stage and our concerts. The following engagements were undertaken by the full Band:

Concerts and other engagements:

- The Snowman (Leyton) – 4 performances – SOLD OUT
- The Snowman (Blackheath) – 2 performances – SOLD OUT
- Band on Tour concert – well attended
- Lloyd Park Oktoberfest event – well attended

Contest:

- Scottish Open – 5th
- London and Southern Counties (Championship Section) – 5th
- British Open Spring Festival (Senior Trophy) – 10th

As far as concerts were concerned, the use of a new venue at Elim Church Leytonstone for The Snowman was a high success, and we were able to sell out all performances. The new venue brought a combination of a locally run event with the scale to access bigger audiences while benefitting from their state-of-the-art sound and video equipment.

On the contest stage, the band's results proved continued stability at the top of both the Areas contest and the Scottish open, however it was a disappointing result from the British Open.

The Band's Management Team continually review progress against the Band's objectives.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

N/A

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our principal source of income is from our Snowman concerts, member subscriptions and gift aid (although no payment was received in this financial period).

The major items of expenditure were for the cost of putting on our concerts, the Band's Musical Director's fees; rehearsal hall hire; fees for guest players; music and instrument purchases.

The Band does not have an investment policy due to the need to access its reserves at short notice, and these are maintained in the form of cash deposits in interest bearing accounts. There are no long-term investments.

Section F Other optional information

N/A

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Oliver Sikora

M Harland

Full name(s)

Oliver Sikora

Matthew Harland

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Band Master

Treasurer

Date

15/07/25

EAST LONDON BRASS

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30/09/2024

Assets:	As of 30/09/2023		As of 30/09/2024
Current Account	3,076.07	Current Account	13,866.54
Savings Account	1,050.32	Savings Account	1,066.42
Instruments and other equipment	78,506.00	Instruments and other equipment	82,598.28
Debtors	-	Debtors	-
Total:	82,632.39	Total:	97,531.24
Liabilities:	-	Liabilities:	-
Net Assets:	82,632.39	Net Assets:	97,531.24
Fund Balances:		Fund Balances:	
Unrestricted	4,126.39	Unrestricted	14,932.96
Restricted	-	Restricted	-
Total:	4,126.39	Total:	14,932.96

Treasurer: Matthew Harland



Independent Examiner:



15th July 2025

Michael Smith
Member of Association of Taxation Technicians
Membership number 172925

EAST LONDON BRASS

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30/09/2024

RECIPIENTS

INTEREST	16.10
SUBSCRIPTIONS	6,141.00
ENGAGEMENTS	1,150.00
CONCERT INCOME	40,077.74
CONTEST PRIZES	0.00
GIFT AID	0.00

47,384.84

Balance brought forward 2022/23

Current Account	3,076.07
Savings Account	1,050.32

51,511.23

PAYMENTS

CONDUCTORS	9,622.00
GUEST PLAYERS	2,160.22
CONTEST ENTRY FEE	850.00
CONTEST ADMIN	761.40
CONCERT ADMIN	8,189.60
TOUR ACCOMMODATION	2,205.00
REHEARSAL VENUE HIRE	4,609.33
VAN HIRE AND EXPENSES	2,914.52
INSTRUMENT / EQUIPMENT	3,688.99
MUSIC PURCHASE	403.29
UNIFORMS	0.00
ADMINISTRATION	536.46
INSURANCE	605.96
GIFTS	31.50

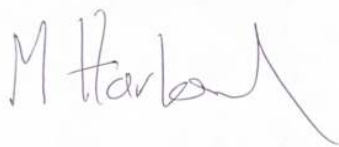
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Balance carried forward 2024/25

Current Account	13,866.54
Savings Account	1,066.42

51,511.23

Treasurer: Matthew Harland



Independent Examiner:



15th July 2025

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
EAST LONDON BRASS

On accounts for the year
ended

30/09/2024

Charity no
(if any)

1091235

Set out on pages

THIS DOCUMENT ONLY - ACCOUNTS EXAMINED AND NO CONCERNS

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/09/2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

15 JULY 2025

Name:

MICHAEL SMITH

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

ASSOCIATION OF TAXATION TECHNICIANS
MEMBERSHIP NUMBER 172925

Address:

226 BURNT ASH HILL
LONDON, SE12 0QE

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).

Give here details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NONE