

The Hathern Band Trustees' Annual Report 2025

The year began again (as 2024) with a major flood in the village when the River Soar burst its banks following a very heavy rainfall. The Bandroom was inundated, but thankfully only to the depth of a few inches, and most of the equipment was able to be rescued and placed above the water line on pallets. The flood receded, the Bandroom dried out leaving minor damage.

Since we have had 2 consecutive years of flooding, we have engaged a firm of flood protection specialists who has reported on the work needing to be done to keep the Bandroom secure and dry in the future. As a result, we have installed flood barriers to the 2 doors into the band room and sealed the many service holes in the brickwork.

We had a major anonymous donation towards the flood defences and some of it will be used to refurbish the toilets and associated flooring, damaged by the repeated flooding.

The year progressed with the Area Contest. Again we engaged Gary Wyatt as conductor for the contest and we were promoted back into the First Section from 2026.

The post-Covid system of training youngsters is now well established with there currently being more than 50 youngsters learning on a weekly basis, and a lot of the senior band is now made up of our younger players, a good portent for the future of Hathern Band.

We had our usual concerts and engagements throughout the middle of the year, including a Patrons' Evening held in Hathern Church. Our Patrons continue with their wholehearted support, both financially and with their attendance at all our events. Life Patron Membership has been recently established and this has been warmly taken up.

But the highlight of the year was a new concert of film music, organised and underwritten by 2 ex-players, in a new venue in Shepshed which not only raised a significant amount of money but also introduced the band to many new concert-goers.

In the Autumn, there was the usual round of Armistice Services and the Leicester Brass Band Association's Contest with Gary again in charge.

The Christmas period brought its usual full programme of concerts, playing in pubs and hospitals, and the annual services of Nine Lessons and Carols in Hathern Church, a good end to a good year.

The Treasurer recommended and the Committee has accepted that we need to make our money work better for us, and so a Savings Account and a Building Society Account have both been set up during 2025, these at rates of around 3%.

Finally the Trustees would like to thank all the Committee members, players, Patrons and followers for their continuing support and encouragement during a very full year.

John Worsfold BSc(Hons) CPhys MInstP
Chairman & Trustee
The Hathern Band

1st January - 31st December 2025

Profit on year -	£7,976.92	Deficit on year -
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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2025					
Bought forward 31.12.2024			Balance at Bank 31.12.2025		
Current Account 272		£2,073.31	Current Account 272		£3,598.43
Business Prem.Reserve 786		£4,000.00	Business Prem. Reserve.786		£4,000.00
Business Prem Savings 560		£37,143.98	Business Prem. Savings 560		£23,595.78
		£43,217.29	Loughborough Building Society		£20,000.00
Less chs drawn not presented					£51,194.21
Profit on year		£7,976.92	Cash In hand		£-
Carry forward 31.12.2025		£51,194.21			

Independent examiners report – HATHERN BAND

Name and address of examiner (including any professional qualifications)

Philip H Edwards. ACIB

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For the Financial Year – Ending 31st December 2025

Any matters that have come to the attention of the examiner –

No matters arising.

The examiner must sign and date copy of their examiner's report.



Philip H Edwards. 13th February 2026