



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st August 2023 To 31st July 2024

Charity name: Werneth Concert Band

Charity registration number: 1119979

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<i>The objects of Werneth Concert Band are:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><i>To advance, improve, develop and maintain public education and appreciation of, the art and science of music in all its aspects by any means the trustees, including the presentation of public concerts and recitals</i><i>To further such charitable purpose or purposes as the trustees in their absolute discretion shall think fit, but in particular through the making of grants and donations.</i>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Rehearsals and workshops leading to a minimum of 3 public concerts annually</i><i>Musical & Social events to raise funds to support and to make grants to support other local charities</i>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<i>The trustees have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.</i>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<i>The band supports one local charity each year (Nominated by members at the AGM). Grants are made to the nominated charity from monies raised at events which are publicised as fundraising in support of the nominated charity.</i>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All roles in the band other than the musical director are held and task undertaken on a voluntary basis.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>During our 2023-2024 season, Werneth Concert Band enjoyed a successful range of concerts and charitable events, including collaborating with other groups.</p> <p>A highlight of the Christmas season was playing The Snowman, accompanying a showing of the film, at Harrytown High School. Having previously played The Snowman before the pandemic, it was fantastic to bring this to a new audience.</p> <p>A further new concert on the calendar was our Evening of Music from Stage and Screen, a very well received concert which drew in a different audience to our traditional supporters.</p> <p>With 56 playing members, including two who have joined during the 2023-24 season, Werneth Concert Band continues to enjoy rehearsing and performing in the local community. Our Swing Band rehearses monthly and performs in a variety of venues, often outdoors, including Buxton and at Portmeirion.</p> <p>Concerts held during the period 1st August 2023 – 1st August 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October – St Paul's Church, Stalybridge • December – Harrytown High School, Bredbury (The Snowman) • December – St Chad's Church, Romiley • March – St Paul's Church, Compstall, with Kinder Ringers (hand bell group) • May – Buxton Bandstand (Swing Band) • May - St Thomas' Church, Heaton Chapel, with Cor Meibion, Colwyn (Male Voice Choir) • June – St Chad's Church, Romiley • June – Portmeirion (Swing Band) • July – Memorial Park, Marple • July – Ring o'Bells, Marple (Swing Band) <p>July – New Mills (Swing Band – Cancer Research UK fundraiser)</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<i>The band had a small surplus of £1,687 for the year. At the end of the year the current assets were £25,121. All of these funds are available for the general use of the band.</i>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<i>The Committee reviewed the financial commitments of the band. It was agreed that the Band should continue to maintain a minimum reserve of approximately 6 months outgoings. This is approximately £14,000. Although current funds are in excess of the minimum target, the running costs of our premises are expected to increase significantly following the rent review with the new lease. Therefore no actions are proposed in the short term to reduce the funds to the minimum target.</i>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership Fees (20%) • Concerts (12%) • Subletting of our rehearsal Rooms (28%) • Donations & Collections (16%) • Fundraising Activities (22%) • Other (3%)
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	<i>All reserves are invested in Deposit account with CAF Bank</i>
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<i>Constitution. Amended and approved on 12th November 2018</i>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<i>Association</i>
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<i>Trustees (The Committee) are Elected by the Members at the AGM. The committee has the authority to co-opt additional members for specific reasons</i>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	<i>Werneth Concert Band</i>
Other name the charity uses	<i>n/a</i>
Registered charity number	<i>1119979</i>
Charity's principal address	<i>Unit 36, Chadkirk Industrial Estate Vale Road Romiley Stockport SK6 3NE</i>

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	<i>Sarah Pannell</i>	<i>Chairman</i>	<i>Chair until Oct 24</i>	
2	<i>Rachel Dyson</i>	<i>Secretary</i>		
3	<i>Richard Markham</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>		
4	<i>Nicholas Bradley</i>		<i>Chair from Oct 24</i>	
5	<i>Anna Cermak</i>			
6	<i>Kate Whittaker</i>		<i>From Oct 23</i>	
7				
8				
9				
10				
11				
12				
13				
14				
15				
16				
17				
18				
19				
20				

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

[illegible]

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

--

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

--

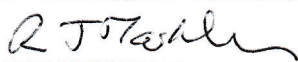

Other optional information

--

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Richard Markham	XXXXXXXXXX DAVID NICHOLAS BRADLEY
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Chair

Date

11 March 2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
WERNETH CONCERT BAND
(Registered Charity No 1119979)**

I have examined the attached Income and Expenditure Account which has been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The rules of the Band require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Band and of the surplus or deficit of the Band for that period. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to :

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make adjustments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the band will continue in business

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Band. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Band and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

It is my responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on my examination, on these accounts and to report my opinion to you.

BASIS OF OPINION

I conducted my examination in accordance with Auditing Standards, including an examination on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the bands circumstances consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

I performed my examination so as to obtain all the information and explanations which I considered necessary in order to provide me with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from a material mis-management. In forming my opinion, I also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of the information in the financial statements.

OPINION

In my opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Band's affairs as at 31st July 2024 and of its Surplus for the year then ended.

September 2024


A.G. Harrison F.C.A (Retired)

**WERNETH CONCERT BAND (Registered
Charity No 1119979)**

Names of Trustees :

Ms S Pannell (Chair)

Ms R Dyson (Secretary)

Mr R Markham (Treasurer)

Mr J Parkes (Musical Director)

Mr N Bradley

Mrs A Cermak

Mrs K Whittaker

Trustees Responsibilities :

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for such financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Band and of the surplus or deficit of the Band for that period. In preparing those financial statements the officers are required to :

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make adjustments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the band will continue to operate

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Band. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Band and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY 2024

	2024		2023
	Gross Income	Notes	Gross
INCOME			
Subscriptions	£ 6,109		£ 6,745
Donations, Grants, Collections	£ 4,140		£ 2,940
Concert Receipts (Tickets, Fees, Raffles, Refreshments, Col	£ 4,436		£ 3,069
Social Events & FundRaising	£ 4,441		£ 2,720
100 Club Income	£ 3,516		£ 3,834
Rent From Unit36 Sublets	£ 10,096		£ 9,635
Refreshments (Excluding concerts)	£ 518		£ 505
Gift Aid (Donations, Subs, Collections)	£ 2,202	1	£ 2,043
Bank and Building Society interest	£ 451		£ 229
Miscellaneous Income	£ -		£ -
Charity Collections & Donations Rcvd	£ 741		£ 603
TOTAL INCOME	£ 36,649		£ 32,323

<i>Cost of Income</i>	£ 4,511	£ 3,796
<i>Fundraising Allocated to Charities</i>	£ 1,987	£ 926
NET INCOME	£ 30,151	£ 27,601

EXPENDITURE

Cost of Income

Concert Costs	£ 1,874	£ 728
Fundraising Costs	£ 688	£ 1,116
100 Club Prizes	£ 1,899	£ 1,915
Refreshments Cost	£ 50	£ 37
	£ 4,511	£ 3,796
Charitable Donations	£ 2,125	£ 1,060

Operating Costs

Musical Director	£ 2,975	£ 3,450
Purchase of Music	£ 469	£ 3,105
Chadkirk Expense (U36)		
Lease & Service Charge	£ 18,661	£ 18,789
Heat, Light, Cleaning, etc	£ 5,298	£ 4,977
Insurance	£ 283	£ 457
Banking Fees	£ 107	£ 80
Making Music Membership	£ 338	£ 314
Band Playing/Workshop Days	£ -	£ 1,570
Other Band Events Costs	£ -	£ 494
Sundries	£ 195	£ 537

TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£ 34,962	£ 38,629
--------------------------	-----------------	-----------------

<i>Cost of Income</i>	£ 4,511	£ 3,796
<i>Fundraising Allocated to Charities</i>	£ 1,987	£ 926
NET EXPENDITURE	£ 28,463	£ 33,907

OPERATING SURPLUS (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR	£ 1,687	£ 1,687	(£ 6,306)
--	----------------	----------------	------------------

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

None	£ -	£ 2,500
------	-----	---------

Werneth Concert Band
Registered Charity No. 1119979

	2024		2023
FIXED ASSETS			
Misc, Stands, Instruments	£ 9,000		£ 9,000
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash At bank			
Chadkirk Capital Fund (closed)	£ -		£ 967
Cash On Deposit	£ 19,999		£ 15,181
Current Account	£ 3,388		£ 4,643
Cash in Hand	£ 5		£ 253
	<u>£ 23,392</u>		<u>£ 21,044</u>
Debtors & Prepayments	£ 3,688	2	£ 3,853
	<u>£ 27,080</u>		<u>£ 24,897</u>
Creditors	(£ 1,959)	3	(£ 1,469)
	<u>£ 25,121</u>		<u>£ 23,428</u>
NET ASSETS	£ 34,121		£ 32,428
REPRESENTED BY			
	<i>Unrestricted Fund</i>	<i>Restricted Fund</i>	
General Fund Balance @31st July 2023	£ 31,467		£ 37,767
Add excess Income over expenditure	£ 1,687		(£ 6,306)
Transfer From Chadkirk Fund	£ 967		
	<u>£ 34,121</u>		<u>£ 31,461</u>
Chadkirk Capital Fund at 31st July 2023	£ 967		£ 3,467
Transfer Balance to General Fund	(£ 967)	4	£ 2,500
	<u>£ -</u>		<u>£ 967</u>
Total Balance @31st July 2024	£ 34,121		£ 32,428

NOTES

Note 1 : Gift Aid Received for Donations (£641), Subs (£1378) Charity Collections (£182)

Note 2 : Debtors: HMRC Gift Aid, VAT Refund, Sublets July

Note 3 : Creditors : 100 Club Prizes, Fantasy Football Prizes, Utilities,

Note 4 : Chadkirk Capital Fund : Residual amount transferred to general fund, and the fund closed