

Verwood Prize Band

known as Verwood Concert Brass

Registered Charity Number 1144224

Annual Report

For The Year Ended 31 December 2021

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Trustees and Advisors

Principal address:	Band Hall Moorlands Road Verwood BH31 7PD
Chair:	H Dunnings
Vice Chair:	I Harris
Secretary:	T Harris
Treasurer:	G Graves
Management Trustees:	K Adams J Bray D Burrows S Burrows M Dunnings L Elliott R Graves J Smith S Ward R Wyatt
Holding Trustees:	K Butler N Smith J Tiller
Independent examiner:	Terry Hayden, ACMA

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Trustees' Responsibilities

The accounts are the responsibility of the Trustees.

The Trustees have supervised the preparation of the accounts and have agreed suitable accounting policies, to be applied consistently, making any estimates and judgements on a prudent and reasonable basis.

The Trustees also have a general responsibility for ensuring that adequate accounting records are kept and for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities, and are required to act in accordance with the constitution and rules of the charity, within the framework of the law; act prudently, conscientiously and honestly, and with the utmost good faith; act in the best interests of the members and beneficiaries of the charity and strike a fair balance between the interests of the different classes of beneficiary and take advice on technical matters and any other matters which are not understood.

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Report Of The Trustees

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report and accounts for the year to 31 December 2021.

Structure, governance and management

The charity, which is a non-incorporated organisation, is governed by a constitution which was adopted 3 October 2011.

The Trustees throughout the year were:

H Dunnings	Chair
I Harris	Vice Chair
T Harris	Secretary
G Graves	Treasurer
K Adams	
J Bray	
D Burrows	
S Burrows	
M Dunnings	
L Elliott	
R Graves	
M Green	(resigned October 2021)
J Scammell	(resigned October 2021)
J Smith	
S Ward	
R Wyatt	

Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting held in March. They are elected from the charity's membership.

The Holding Trustees for the charity who hold the title to the charity's property were:

N Smith
J Tiller
K Butler

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Report Of The Trustees (Continued)

Objectives and activities

The Objectives of the Band are –

- a) To advance, improve, develop and maintain public education in, and appreciation of, the art and science of music in all its aspects by any means the trustees see fit, including through the presentation of public concerts and recitals.
- b) 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.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objectives

The key activities of the year have been to support the objectives of the band through the fostering and facilitation of the musical aspirations of Verwood Concert Brass (VCB) members and to further their musical advancement, by providing musical entertainment for others, participating in and promoting musical activities including concerts and contests and collecting money on behalf of designated charities and participating in other additional activities for the purposes of public benefit.

2021 continued to be difficult for the band with the Worldwide pandemic placing continued restrictions. The normal key activities of the year have been greatly limited making it challenging to support the objectives of Verwood Concert Brass (VCB) to facilitate the musical aspirations of its members. However, a Brass on the Grass outdoor concert, two Hub concerts, two contests and one coffee morning took place towards the end of the year and the band were able to get back out playing carols in the community in the run up to Christmas.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Unfortunately, the Pandemic meant the band was not able to actively support the community during the first half of 2021. VCB would normally play a key role in the Verwood Carnival Parade, but sadly this was cancelled for the second year running, but the band were able to support The Rotary Club's Rustic Fayre, the Remembrance Sunday Service and Parade and Ferret Green Christmas Extravaganza.

The preservation of the tradition and heritage of Brass Banding is a key aim of the Trustees. Brass Band contests are an important way to uphold this tradition. Verwood Training Band would normally compete in the Wessex Training Band Contest in Downton in January but this contest was cancelled due to the pandemic. Both the Principal and Town Band would normally compete at the National Brass Band Championships West of England Regional Finals held in Torquay in March, however this was also cancelled due to the pandemic. However, the Wychavon Entertainments Contest and the Wessex Brass Band Association contest were able to go ahead in 2021.

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Report Of The Trustees (Continued)

We hold cash amounts of £57,606.04 at the year end, all of which are unrestricted funds. The trustees regularly consider whether to set aside an amount to meet any unforeseen expenditure that may occur at any point during the year.

Reporting Serious Incidents

The Trustees declare that there are no serious incidents or other matters relating to our charity over the financial period to 31 December 2021 that should have been brought to the Charity Commission's attention.

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Report Of The Trustees (Continued)

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Report of the Trustees.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees.

Date 06/04/2022

H D S

Helen Dunnings
Chairperson

T H

Tracy Harris
Secretary

**Independent Examiner's Report
to the Trustees of Verwood Concert Brass**

I report on the accounts of Verwood Concert Brass (Registered Charity Number 1144224), for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out herewith.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act), and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

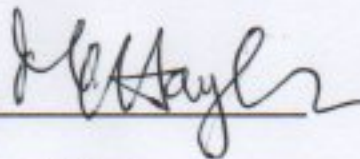
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with sections 130 and 131 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Signed



Date

15/2/22

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Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

General Fund (unrestricted) receipts and payments

	2020	2021
	£	£
Receipts		
Donations, sponsorship and grants	15,333.67	10,584.33
Fundraising and sundry income	4,600.04	3,766.39
Interest on deposit account		
Members' subscriptions	8,616.00	8,227.00
Concerts and engagements income	801.64	5,253.08
Hire of hall and equipment	860.00	
Gift aid receipts	1,764.08	1,496.68
	<u>31,975.43</u>	<u>29,327.48</u>
Asset and investment sales		
Receipts from sale of instruments		
Payments		
Cost of fundraising and sundry income	39.30	
Expenses re concerts and engagements	313.76	701.69
Musical Director expenses	4,685.00	7,940.00
Repairs and maintenance	1,025.28	1,371.12
Light and heating	1,071.44	1,265.29
Rates and water	274.08	183.01
Insurance and licences	2,349.68	2,577.70
Telephone and web site	475.52	372.27
Contest and affiliation fees	5,042.48	3,308.18
Donations paid	1,551.50	
Printing, postage, stationery and sundry	535.36	394.50
	<u>17,363.40</u>	<u>18,113.76</u>
Asset and investment purchases		
Purchase of instruments/Cases	6,499.25	280.00
Purchase of uniform and music	926.15	534.92
	7,425.40	814.92
Net of receipts / (payments)	7,186.63	10,398.80
Cash funds last year end	40,020.61	47,207.24
Cash funds this year end	47,207.24	57,606.04