

Verwood Prize Band

known as Verwood Concert Brass

Registered Charity Number 1144224

Annual Report

For The Year Ended 31 December 2022

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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 D Burrows S Burrows M Dunnings L Elliott M Fletcher R Graves S Mete J Scammell S Ward
Holding Trustees:	K Butler M Green 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 2022.

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	resigned April 2022
D Burrows	
S Burrows	
M Dunnings	
L Elliott	
M Fletcher	appointed April 2022
R Graves	
S Mete	appointed April 2022
J Scammell	appointed April 2022
J Smith	resigned April 2022
S Ward	
R Wyatt	resigned April 2022

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:

K Butler	
M Green	appointed April 2022
N Smith	
J Tiller	

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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.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Fostering and furthering the musical aspirations and advancement of VCB members is a key objective of the Charity.

The three bands (Community Band, Town Band and Principal Band) and The Acorns and Ensemble Group that make up VCB have thrived throughout the year. The Community Band continues to grow, welcoming and encouraging youngsters and adults alike. As well as weekly rehearsals, guidance and support has been provided by other more experienced band members.

The transition structure set up between the three bands has been working successfully with players progressing between bands. A number of the young players that started in the Community Band are now occupying seats in the Town Band. The Acorns, tuition group, continues to encourage new players to progress to the Community Band

Verwood Concert Brass has been very active in supporting and entertaining the community throughout the year. In particular, VCB played a key role in providing musical entertainment in the community with four formal concerts at The Verwood Hub, three free Brass on the Grass open air concerts, a coffee morning and coffee afternoon at The Verwood Memorial Hall and numerous carolling events over the festive season. VCB also supported community events such as the Remembrance Sunday Service, The Christmas Extravaganza on Ferret Green, The Rustic Fayre and other local fetes.

The band was honoured to be part of Verwood's Platinum Jubilee celebrations with a stall at the jubilee fete, a brass on the grass concert, and leading the carnival procession

A major focus of the VCB organisation this year has been kick-starting a major fund raising campaign to raise £250,000 to repair the band hall, which has suffered significant subsidence. It is imperative to repair the band hall to prevent it becoming unusable. The launch event was a sponsored 12-hour blowathon in May, incorporating a brass on the grass concert. Further fundraising initiatives followed throughout the year with significant donations being received from many sources. The bands own caroling events raised over £3,000 which contributed to the band hall fund total at year end of £63,237. Grant applications have also been made which are expected to boost the fund further.

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. Both the Principal and Town Band competed at the Oxford Brass Band Association Contest in February and the West of England Regional Finals held in Cheltenham in April. In May the Principal Band competed in The British Open Spring Festival (Senior Cup) in Blackpool and the Wychavon Entertainment Contest in October. The Town Band competed at the South West Brass Band Association Championships in Torquay in November. Both bands competed in the Wessex Brass Band Association Festival in November.

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Report Of The Trustees (Continued)

We hold cash amounts of £93,349.30 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 2022 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 above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees.

Date 22/03/2023

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J. Burrows

Verwood Concert Brass**Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022****General Fund (unrestricted) receipts and payments**

	2021	2022
	£	£
Receipts		
Donations, sponsorship and grants	10,584.33	36,822.94
Fundraising and sundry income	3,766.39	10,417.72
Interest on deposit account		
Members' subscriptions	8,227.00	11,626.00
Concerts and engagements income	5,253.08	9,322.84
Hire of hall and equipment		
Gift aid receipts	1,496.68	1,505.04
	<u>29,327.48</u>	<u>69,694.54</u>
Asset and investment sales		
Receipts from sale of instruments	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Payments		
Cost of fundraising and sundry income		193.29
Expenses re concerts and engagements	701.69	1,437.36
Musical Director expenses	7,940.00	12,280.00
Repairs and maintenance	1,371.12	861.92
Light and heating	1,265.29	1,917.48
Rates and water	183.01	129.96
Insurance and licences	2,577.70	2,929.73
Telephone and web site	372.27	501.75
Contest and affiliation fees	3,308.18	10,629.94
Printing, postage, stationery and sundry	394.50	667.31
	<u>18,113.76</u>	<u>31,548.74</u>
Asset and investment purchases		
Purchase of instruments/Cases	280.00	1,664.00
Purchase of uniform and music	534.92	738.54
	<u>814.92</u>	<u>2,402.54</u>
Net of receipts / (payments)	<u>10,398.80</u>	<u>35,743.26</u>
Cash funds last year end	47,207.24	57,606.04
Cash funds this year end	57,606.04	93,349.30

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Accounts for year ended 31 December 2022

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

31/12/2022

Bank & Cash Balance

Lloyds Current Account	£92,073.96
Cash in Hand	<u>£1,275.34</u>
	<u>£93,349.30</u>

Other Assets, valued for insurance purposes, October 2022

Band Hall Moorlands Road, Verwood (Freehold)	unknown
Instruments	£155,494.00
Cups & Trophies	£5,500.00
Band Equipment including music, uniform etc	£68,822.00

**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 2022 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.

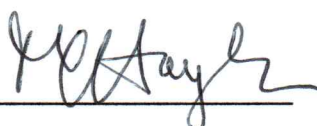
Independent examiner's statement

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 23/2/23