



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01/04/2024** Period start date To **31/03/2025** Period end date

Charity name: **Friendly Band (Sowerby Bridge)**

Charity registration number: **1164724**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance, improve, develop and maintain public education in, and appreciation of, the art and science of music in all its aspects by means including the presentation of public performances, concerts and recitals.
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	The main activities have included concerts for fundraising, the teaching of learners in the art of playing a brass instrument (free) and the maintenance of premises used for rehearsals and the costs therein of rehearsals.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	

Other		
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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	The Trustees' time is split between helping manage the operational side of brass banding; and building the longer-term future of the band. During the course of 2024-25, we have established an instrument tuition scheme with a dedicated tutor for the first time in a generation, with outreach to local primary schools. We once again competed as a band at the Yorkshire Regional Brass Band Competition in March 2025 and were placed second, with an invitation to the National Finals - only the second time in our history that this has happened, and on the back of our success in 2024. The band has continued to perform in a mix of settings, including full-scale concerts, traditional park performances, and community engagements like the Rushbearing, Norland Scarecrow Festival and Remembrance Sunday services at two locations nearby. The band has been able to attract new players to fill spaces left as players either retire or move to other bands, but a continual issue is how we attract and retain players from a diminishing pool against a very vibrant local brass band community. We are especially grateful to our supporters and donors - their contribution has allowed the band to thrive despite limited direct income.

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	The Charity is in a secure financial position
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We will review our Reserves Policy in the coming year.
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	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
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	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
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	All Trustees stand down at the AGM and nominations from the members are voted on at the AGM, thereby electing the Trustee body for the following year. The nominations for Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and trustees (all constitute the Trustee Body) must be proposed and seconded prior to the AGM and elected at the AGM by the members. All members have 1 equal vote

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	Friendly Band (Sowerby Bridge)
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1164724
Charity's principal address	The Bandroom, Water Hill Lane, Sowerby Bridge, West Yorkshire, HX6 2UA

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	Tim Walker	Vice President		
2	Jayne Lawrance	Secretary		
3	Craig Lawrance	Treasurer		
4	Janet Webster	Safeguarding		
5	Benjamin Brundell	Chair		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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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)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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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)	Jayne Lawrance	Craig Lawrance
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Treasurer
Date	8 th December 2025	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Friendly Band (Sowerby Bridge)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1164724

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(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 31 March 2025.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:

Rachel Hoyle

Date:

25.09.25

Name:

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**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
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1164724

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2024

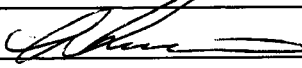
To

31/03/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Concert Income	2,225	-	-	2,225	6,015
Berties Ticket Sales	6,842	-	-	6,842	5,904
Donations	244	-	-	244	3,883
Donation - Kirkham Foundation	20,000	-	-	20,000	-
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	93
Christmas Concert	1,807	-	-	1,807	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
Contest Income	1,377	-	-	1,377	210
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	32,495	-	-	32,495	16,105
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	32,495	-	-	32,495	16,105
A3 Payments					
Functions	5,563	-	-	5,563	4,950
Admin/Misc	3,064	-	-	3,064	2,099
Utilities	1,096	-	-	1,096	1,120
Conducting Fees	-	-	-	-	3,830
National Contest	7,599	-	-	7,599	-
Contest Fees	150	-	-	150	-
Equipment	766	-	-	766	928
Insurance	-	-	-	-	1,483
Miscellaneous	250	-	-	250	876
Advertising	-	-	-	-	-
MD Expenses	4,450	-	-	4,450	-
Uniform	150	-	-	150	4,547
Music	232	-	-	232	305
Social	-	-	-	-	997
Sub total	23,320	-	-	23,320	21,135
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	23,320	-	-	23,320	21,135
Net of receipts/(payments)	9,175	-	-	9,175	- 5,030
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	50,688	-	-	50,688	55,718
Cash funds this year end	59,863	-	-	59,863	50,688

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank	59,717	-	-
	Cash in Hand	145	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	59,863	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Band Room		-	75,000
	Instruments		-	7,175
	Music		-	1,773
	Furniture and Equipment		-	2,842
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			CRAG LAWRENCE	25.9.25



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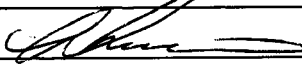
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