

Blackburn & Darwen Band Annual Financial Report 2023-24

Total income for this year is £38.1k v last year a significant increase of £12.3k

There was a large increase in donations compared to the previous year which in the main was due to two additional donations from the Lloyds Trust which enabled us in the first instance to extend their bandroom. This was because the numbers in the Junior Band had increased and the bandroom was getting far too small. Despite the large investment in renovation of the bandroom, it was still a successful year financially with the March contest once again attracting many bands and increasing the income from £6.7k to £7.6k. They also had an increased profit from engagements from £6.9k to £10k, an additional £3.1k and they saw a rise in donations from £4.1 to £17.1 that will no doubt be of benefit to the organisation.

Total expenditure for this year was £40.7k v last year of £48.4k a decrease of £7.7k. The bandroom renovation was a significant expense of £7.8k and the introduction of travel expenses for volunteers/players cost the band a further £6.2k.

The total income less expenditure for the year is - £2.6k v last year of £22.6 a decrease of £20k

Despite the loss the Band finished the financial year in a strong position. They made a real impact on the local community at Christmastime by offering 300 free tickets to disadvantaged families within the Borough to watch a screening of The Snowman with a live brass band accompaniment. This was a huge success and their aim is to make this an annual event. Concerts, both inside and out, are being organised in Darwen to further develop their links with the local community and this was most evident at Christmas when the Band played at several care homes and at a carol singalong in Sunnyhurst Woods.

The March and Hymn tune contest continues to attract bands from all over the North of England. It is fast becoming an important contest date in the brass band calendar and despite the time needed to organise such an event it is very much appreciated.

The Junior Band continues to grow. Several new players have been added and only one was lost to university. The standard, both individually and collectively, is progressing well and with a good supporting team (parents) offering help the future continues to be bright. Several good quality instruments from the main band are now being used which helps facilitate an increase in quality.

2021 22	2022-23	Income	2023-24
36563.51	4090.30	Sponsorship and Donations	17148.39
0.00	100.00	Prize Money	100.00
2669.81	6946.48	Engagements	10034.92
1278.92	155.00	Merchandise/Bonus Ball	682.00
0.00	6967.27	Fundraising and Jubilee Concert	329.33
8.00	0.00	Sundries	6.05
5800.00	6682.00	March Contest	7586.95
0.57	5.35	Interest - Investment a/c	0.00
0.00	0.23	Interest - Savings a/c	1.32
0.00	900.40	HMRC Charity Gift Aid	2230.03
46320.81	25847.03		38118.99

Expenditure			
5970.00	6100.00	M.D.'s Expenses	6500.00
6555.95	17556.65	Instruments - Purchase and Repair	840.68
		Contest Expenses:	
		Travel/Hotel	4197.66
		Guest players	200.00
		Entry Fees	1250.00
		Rehearsal Rooms	25.00
4274.00	6636.48		5672.66
30.00	20.00	Travel Expenses	6152.27
133.44	232.41	Website, Muzodo etc	290.27
90.97	436.43	Music	259.04
125.40	909.00	Concert Expenses	1648.64
955.99	684.79	Sundries	824.42
1173.53	1020.98	Brass Band Insurance and BB Registry	1524.58
3817.70	4444.20	March Contest	3245.56
1166.66	5627.28	Uniforms/Rent	1541.17
0.00	3960.00	Jubilee Concert/Snowman	3571.01
830.00	800.00	Bonus Ball	850.00
15558.00	0.00	Instrument allocation/Bandroom Renovat	7794.27
5639.17	-22581.19	Add excess income/Less deficit	-2595.58
46320.81	25847.03		38118.99

Balance B/F 06/04/23	13714.44
Less deficit	-2595.58
Balance at 06/04/24	11118.86
Represented by:	
Cash in Hand	627.16
Cash in Current account	4617.61
Cash in Investment account	5748.68
Cash in Instant Savings account	125.41
Total	11118.86

I have examined the above Income and Expenditure account for the year ending 6th April 2024 and certify it to be correct according to the books presented to me.

Auditor *V. D. G. S.* Date *19.1.25*

Hon. Treasurer *[Signature]* Date *11th May '24*



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Blackburn & Darwen Band

On accounts for the year
ended

31/03/2024

Charity no
(if any)

1165173

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024

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 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.

Signed:

V. Hadgson

Date:

19.1.25

Name:

Valerie Hadgson

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts; directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.