

## **Blackburn & Darwen Band Annual Financial Report 2024-25**

Total income for this year was £63k compared to £38k the previous year.

There was a large increase in donations compared to the previous year which in the main was due to donations from band members. With the renovation of the bandroom complete, it was a successful year financially with the March contest once again attracting many bands giving them a steady income of £6.7k, down from the £7.6k of last year. They also had an increased profit from engagements if you include the 4 performances of The Snowman, from £10k to £13.8k, an additional £3.8k and they saw a rise in donations from £17.1 to £31.6 that will no doubt be of benefit to the organisation.

Total expenditure for this year was £63.3k v last year of £40.7k a increase of £22.3k. The continuation of travel expenses for volunteers/players cost the band a further £22.4k. Prizemoney for competitions was up to £1500 v £100 last year.


The total income less expenditure for the year is - £34 v last year's figure of - £2.6k.

Despite the slight loss the Band finished the financial year in a strong position. They made a real impact on the local community at Christmastime again by offering over 100 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 it 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 a church carol service and at a carol singalong in Sunnyside Woods.

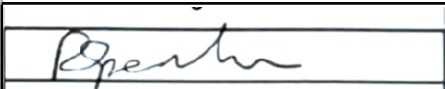

This year the band held its 10th Anniversary March and Hymn tune contest continues to attract bands from all over the North of England. It is fast becoming an important contest date in the brass band calendar and despite the time needed to organise such an event it is very much appreciated.

The Junior Band has had a name change to Community Band which encourages not just younger players to start but adults too. Several new players have been added and there will be more to come next year.. 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. The highlight of the Community Band's year was a performance at the Mayor's Charity Ball and playing at Blackburn's own Festival of Making.

Blackburn & Darwen Band has embarked on its celebrations of 185 years of music making this year.

	Blackburn & Darwen Band				Charity No (if any)	1165173	CC17a
	Annual accounts for the period						
	Period start date		1-4-24	To	Period end date	31-3-25	
Section A Statement of financial activities							
Recommended categories by activity	Details of own analysis	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowme nt funds	Total this year	Total last year
			£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources (Note 3)			F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Incoming resources from generated funds			-	-	-	-	-
Voluntary income		S01	38,196	-	-	38,196	19,377
Activities for generating funds		S02	13,842	-	-	13,842	7,925
Investment income		S03	1	-	-	1	1
Incoming resources from charitable activities		S04	8,433	-	-	8,433	10,034
Other incoming resources		S05	2,825	-	-	2,825	782
Total incoming resources		S06	63,297	-	-	63,297	38,119
Resources expended (Notes 4-8)							
Costs of Generating Funds			-	-	-	-	-
Costs of generating voluntary income		S07	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising trading costs		S08	21,955	-	-	21,955	26,576
Investment management costs		S09	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		S10	41,376	-	-	41,376	14,138
Governance costs		S11	-	-	-	-	-
Other resources expended		S12	-	-	-	-	-
Total resources expended		S13	63,331	-	-	63,331	40,714
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		S14	- 34	-	-	- 34	- 2,595
Gross transfers between funds		S15	-	-	-	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)		S16	- 34	-	-	- 34	- 2,595
Other recognised gains/(losses)							
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		S17	-	-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on investment assets		S18	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		S19	- 34	-	-	- 34	- 2,595
Total funds brought forward		S20	-	-	-	11,119	13,714
Total funds carried forward		S21	- 34	-	-	11,085	11,119



Section B Balance sheet						
	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total this year	Total last year
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets		F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Tangible assets (Note 9)	B01	-	-	-	-	-
	B02	-	-	-	-	-
Investments (Note 10)	B03	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets	B04	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets						
Stock and work in progress	B05	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors (Note 11)	B06	-	-	-	-	-
(Short term) investments	B07	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	B08	11,085	-	-	11,085	11,119
Total current assets	B09	11,085	-	-	11,085	11,119
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 12)	B10	-	-	-	-	-
Net current assets/(liabilities)	B11	11,085	-	-	11,085	11,119
Total assets less current liabilities	B12	11,085	-	-	11,085	11,119
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year (Note 12)	B13	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges	B14	-	-	-	-	-
Net assets	B15	11,085	-	-	11,085	11,119
Funds of the Charity						
Unrestricted funds	B16	11,085			11,085	11,119
	B17	-			-	-
Restricted income funds (Note 13)	B18		-		-	-
Endowment funds (Note 13)	B19			-	-	-
Total funds	B20	11,085	-	-	11,085	11,119
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature			Print Name		Date of approval
				Robert Speakman		25/1/26
				Susan Speakman		25/1/26
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Section C		Notes to the accounts	
Note 1	<b>Basis of preparation</b>		
<i>This section should be completed by all charities.</i>			
<b>1.1 Basis of accounting</b>			
These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:			
• Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005);			
• and with*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accounting Standards;	
or	<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE);	
• and with the Charities Act.			
[** except for the following].			
<b>Give details in this box if a different standard has been followed.</b>			
<p>* -Tick as appropriate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>if all relevant disclosures shown in the pack have been given then please tick "Accounting Standards";</li> <li>if disclosures completed in these accounts have been restricted to those required by the FRSSE, then please tick "Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE)".</li> </ul> <p>** - If no departures from the chosen standards have been made then delete these words; otherwise give details of any changes in the boxes.</p>			
<b>1.2 Change in basis of accounting</b>			
There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year (§ except for the following).			
<b>Give details in this box of any material changes that have been made.</b>			
§ if no changes have been made to accounting policies then delete these words.			
<b>1.3 Changes to previous accounts</b>			
No changes have been made to accounts for previous years (§§ except for the following).			
<b>Give details in this box of any material changes that have been made.</b>			
§§ if no changes have been made to accounts for previous periods then delete these words.			

Section C		Notes to the accounts		(cont)
Note 2		Accounting policies		
<i>This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those deleted. Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.</i>				
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Recognition of incoming resources		These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>the charity becomes entitled to the resources;</li></ul>		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and</li></ul>		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.</li></ul>		
Incoming resources with related expenditure		Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.		
Grants and donations		Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.		
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts		Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.		
Contractual income and performance related grants		This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.		
Gifts in kind		Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.		
		Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity.		
		Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.		
Donated services and facilities		These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.		
Volunteer help		The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.		
Investment income		This is included in the accounts when receivable.		
Investment gains and losses		This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.		
EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES				
Liability recognition		Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.		
Governance costs		Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.		
Grants with performance conditions		Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.		
Grants payable without performance conditions		These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.		
Support Costs		Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.		
ASSETS				
Tangible fixed assets for use by charity		These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.		
Investments		Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.		
Stocks and work in progress		These are valued at the lower of cost or market value.		
POLICIES ADOPTED ADDITIONAL TO OR DIFFERENT FROM THOSE ABOVE				





Section C		Notes to the accounts		(cont)	
Note 3		Analysis of incoming resources			
Incoming resources may be further analysed if this would help the reader of the accounts.					
	Analysis	This year	Last year		
		£	£		
Voluntary income	Donations and Sponsorship	38,196	19,378		
	Merchandise/Prizemoney	2,825	782		
		-	-		
		-	-		
		-	-		
	Total	41,021	20,160		
Activities for generating funds	Fundraising	1,645	329		
	March Contest / Festival of Brass	6,788	7,594		
		-	-		
		-	-		
		-	-		
	Total	8,433	7,923		
Investment income	Bank Interest	1	1		
		-	-		
		-	-		
		-	-		
		-	-		
	Total	1	1		
Incoming resources from charitable activities	Concerts (including The Snowman screening)	13,842	10,034		
		-	-		
		-	-		
		-	-		
		-	-		
	Total	13,842	10,034		



Section C	Notes to the accounts		(cont)	
Note 4	Analysis of resources expended			
Resources expended may be further analysed if this would help the reader of the accounts.				
	Analysis	This year	Last year	
		£	£	
Costs of generating voluntary income		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
	Total	-	-	
Fundraising trading costs	Concert Expenses (including The Snowman)	5,136	5,220	
	March Contest/Festival of Brass	3,526	3,246	
	Contest Expenses	13,293	5,673	
	Travel Expenses	22,443	6,152	
	Band room renovation/Tour Expenses	822	7,794	
	Total	45,220	28,085	
Investment management costs		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
	Total	-	-	
Charitable activities	M.D.'s Fees	7,370	6,500	
	Instrument Purchase and Repair	4,960	841	
	Website, Muzodo and Postage	409	290	
	Music, Insurance, Sundries	2,836	2,608	
	Uniforms, Rent, Merchandise, Bonus Ball	2,536	2,391	
	Total	18,111	12,630	
Governance costs		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
	Total	-	-	



Section C		Notes to the accounts			(cont)
Note 5		Support Costs			
Please complete this note if the charity has analysed its expenses using activity categories and has support costs.					
Support cost type	Fundraising activity £	Charitable Activity £	Governance Activity £	Total Cost £	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Total	-	-	-	-	
Note 6		Details of certain items of expenditure			
6.1 Trustee expenses					
Please provide details of the amount of any payment or reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses made to trustees or to third parties for expenses incurred by trustees. If no expenses were paid, please enter 'None' in the appropriate box(es).					
		This year	Last year		
Number of trustees who were paid expenses					
Nature of the expenses					
Total amount paid		Nil	Nil		
6.2 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts					
Please provide details of the amount paid for any statutory external scrutiny of accounts and other services provided by your independent examiner or auditor. If nothing was paid please enter NONE in the appropriate box(es).					
		This year	Last year		
		£	£		
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts		Nil	Nil		
Other fees (for example: advice, consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor		Nil	Nil		

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Section C		Notes to the accounts		(cont)	
Note 7		Paid employees			
Please complete this note if the charity has any employees.					
7.1 Staff Costs					
		This year	Last year		
		£	£		
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind		-	-		
Employer's National Insurance costs		-	-		
Pension costs		-	-		
Total staff costs		NIL	NIL		
7.2 Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year		This year	Last year		
		Number	Number		
The parts of the charity in which the employees work	Fundraising	-	-		
	Charitable Activities	-	-		
	Governance	-	-		
	Other	-	-		
Total		NONE	NONE		
7.3 Defined contribution pension scheme					
Please complete if a defined contribution pension scheme is operated.					
Brief details of the scheme					
		This year	Last year		
		£	£		
The costs of the scheme to the charity for the year		NIL	NIL		
The amount of any contributions outstanding at the year end		NIL	NIL		
The amount of any contributions prepaid at the year end		NIL	NIL		





Section C		Notes to the accounts		(cont)	
Note 8		Grantmaking			
Please complete this note if the charity made any grants or donations which in aggregate form a material part of the charitable activities undertaken.					
8.1 Total value of grants					
Purpose for which grants made		Grants to institutions		Grants to individuals	
		Total amount £		Total amount £	
		-		-	
		-		-	
		-		-	
		-		-	
		-		-	
		-		-	
Total		NIL		NIL	
8.1 Grantmaking costs					
If the charity's accounts are prepared on the "activity basis" please give details of any support cost associated with grantmaking. Please enter "Nil" if the charity does not identify and/or allocate support costs.					
Support costs of grantmaking				NIL	
8.3 Grants made to institutions					
If the charity has made grants to particular institutions that are material in the context of its grantmaking please give details of the institution supported, purpose of the grant and total paid to each institution listed. Sufficient information should be given to provide a reasonable understanding of the range of institutions supported.					
Names of institutions		Purpose		Total amount of grants paid £	
				-	
				-	
				-	
				-	
				-	
				-	
				-	
				-	
				-	
				-	
Total grants to institutions				NIL	



Section C		Notes to the accounts					(cont)
<b>Note 9</b>		<b>Tangible fixed assets</b>					
<i>Please complete this note if the charity has any tangible fixed assets</i>							
<b>9.1 Cost or valuation</b>							
	Freehold land & buildings	Other land & buildings	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Balance brought forward	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Transfers *	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Balance carried forward	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>9.2 Accumulated depreciation and impairment provisions</b>							
<b>**Basis</b>	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB		
<b>** Rate</b>	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL		
Balance brought forward	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Depreciation charge for year	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Impairment provisions	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Transfers*	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Balance carried forward	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>9.3 Net book value</b>							
Brought forward	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Carried forward	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>9.4 Revaluation</b>							
<i>If any fixed assets have been revalued please give details of the valuer and method of valuation</i>							
<p>* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.</p> <p>** Please indicate the method of depreciation by deleting the method not applicable (SL = straight line; RB = reducing balance). Also please indicate the rate of depreciation: for straight line, what is the anticipated life of the asset (in years); for reducing balance, what is the percentage annual deduction.</p>							

Section C		Notes to the accounts		(cont)	
Note 10		Investment assets			
Please complete this note if the charity has any investment assets.					
10.1 Fixed assets investments					
			£		
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year			-		
Add: additions to investments at cost			-		
Less: disposals at carrying value			-		
Add/(deduct): net gain/(loss) on revaluation			-		
Carrying (market) value at end of year			-		
Please provide below:					
10.2 A breakdown of the market values of investments shown above agreeing with the balance sheet row B03.					
10.3 A breakdown of the income from investments agreeing with SOFA row S03.					
Analysis of investments			10.2		10.3
			Market value at year end		Income from investments for the year
			£		£
Investment properties			-		-
Investments listed on a recognised stock exchange or held in common investment funds, open ended investment companies, unit trusts or other collective investment schemes			-		-
Investments in subsidiary or connected undertakings and companies			-		-
Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange			-		-
Cash held as part of the investment portfolio			-		-
Other investments			-		-
Total			-		-
10.4 Material investment holdings					
If any single investment is material in terms of its value (for example represents more than 5 per cent of the value of the charity's total investments) please provide details.					
Investment held					
Market Value					



Section C		Notes to the accounts		(cont)	
<b>Note 11 Debtors and prepayments</b>					
<i>Please complete this note if the charity has any debtors or prepayments.</i>					
Analysis of debtors	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year		
	This year	Last year	This year	Last year	
	£	£	£	£	
Trade debtors	-	-	-	-	
Amounts due from subsidiary and associated undertakings	-	-	-	-	
Other debtors	-	-	-	-	
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-	-	-	
Total	-	-	-	-	
<b>Note 12 Creditors and accruals</b>					
<i>Please complete this note if the charity has any creditors or accruals.</i>					
<b>12.1 Analysis of creditors</b>					
	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year		
	This year	Last year	This year	Last year	
	£	£	£	£	
Loans and overdrafts	-	-	-	-	
Trade creditors	-	-	-	-	
Amounts due to subsidiary and associated undertakings	-	-	-	-	
Other creditors	-	-	-	-	
Accruals and deferred income	-	-	-	-	
Total	-	-	-	-	
<b>12.2 Security over assets</b>					
<i>If any loan, overdraft or other creditor holds a charge or other security over any assets of the charity please provide details.</i>					



Section C		Notes to the accounts			(cont)	
Note 13		Endowment and restricted income funds				
Please complete this section if the charity has any endowment or restricted income funds.						
13.1 Funds held						
Please give a brief description of any of the following type of funds held by the charity:						
<div><div>• permanent endowment funds (PE);</div><div>• expendable endowment funds (EE); and</div><div>• restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity (R).</div></div>						
Fund Name	Type PE, EE or R	Purpose and Restrictions				
13.2 Movements of major funds						
Please give details of the movements of the major funds summarised in the restricted and endowment columns of the Statement of Financial Activities.						
	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Gains and losses	Fund balances carried forward
Fund names	£	£	£	£	£	£
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
13.3 Transfers between funds						
Please give details of any transfers between funds.						
From Fund (Name)	To Fund (Name)	Reason			Amount	





Note 14

Transactions with related parties

*If the charity has any transactions with related parties (other than the trustee expenses explained in note 6) details of such transactions should be provided in this note. If there are no transactions to report, please enter “None” in the relevant boxes.*

14.1 Remuneration and benefits

*Please give the amount of, and legal authority for, any remuneration or other benefits paid to a trustee or other related parties by the charity or any institution or company connected with it.*

Name of trustee or connected party	Legal authority (eg order, governing document)	Amounts paid or benefit value	
		This year	Last year
		£	£

14.2 Loans

*Please give details of and amounts owing to or from the charity’s trustees or other related parties by the charity at the year end.*

	Name of trustee or connected party	Legal authority	Amount owing	
			This year	Last year
			£	£
Due to trustees and related parties				
Due from trustees and related parties				

14.3 Other transaction(s) with trustees or related parties

*Please give details of any transaction undertaken by (or on behalf of) the charity in which a trustee or related party has a material interest.*

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	This year	Last year
			£	£



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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of Blackburn & Darwen Band

On accounts for the year ended	31-Mar-25	Charity no (if any)	1165173
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Set out on pages SOFA B SHEET N1-N9

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

**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: V Hodgson

Date: 25.1.26

Name: Valeria Hodgson

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

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## Section B

## Disclosure

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.**