

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st January 2021

Macclesfield Brass

A charitable incorporated organisation, also known as MB.

Charity registration number 1167452

Principal address

30 Howey Lane
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Trustees

The following trustees were reappointed at the AGM on 27 May 2020 :

Elan Paton (Chair)

Karen Allgood (Treasurer)

Jenny Birtwistle

Elizabeth Hudson

Jenny Lyons (Health and Safety officer)

Trustees are appointed by the members at the annual general meeting. Appointments of trustees at other times may be made by the members or trustees. All appointments are held until the next general meeting at which the trustees retire and are eligible for reappointment.

This year has been dominated by the response to the Covid-19 global pandemic. The positive outcome is that throughout this period Macclesfield Brass has demonstrated that the band has the collective skills, talents and enthusiasm to get through this difficult time and this report focuses on just how this has been achieved.

Strategy

The trustees' strategy was to nurture the band during this period of restrictions so that when they were over the return to band activities would be as comfortable as possible. We aimed to achieve this by :

- Keeping players playing and in touch
- Providing opportunity for social interaction
- Running rehearsals when possible

Keeping players playing and in touch

Music was sent out a weekly basis when rehearsals have not been possible, ensuring that every player had plenty of material to work on and feels part of the band team.

Two lockdown videos were created and news shared with all players by email.

Social interaction

Players met regularly over Zoom to take part in a range of different activities. These have included Bingo Bongo quizzes, versions of a whole range of TV and radio panel games and re-creations of 1970s TV favourites. They have been light-hearted sessions which have lifted spirits during some of the grimmest times.

Rehearsals

Throughout this year supporting the physical and mental health of our players has been a priority. It was clear from the start of the first lockdown in March 2020 that holding any form of band rehearsal would be impossible unless covid restrictions lifted considerably.

The trustees kept a close eye on guidance issued by the government via the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). We also kept abreast of updates sent by Brass Bands England (BBE). As lockdown restrictions eased we aimed to create as safe an environment as possible for band activities following DCMS guidelines. Thanks are due to the trustees for putting together detailed and comprehensive risk assessments for our rehearsals and guidance for players so that those who wanted to take part could do so. These became increasingly more important as the year went on and government guidance changed from being advisory to being statutory.

In July 2020 we offered rehearsals as groups of six in outdoor spaces and then in September as a full band outdoors.

The weather stepped in and thwarted some of these plans. Indoor rehearsals became an option later in September. We arranged to rehearse at a covid-secure venue which could offer the facilities required. About half of our band members took part in these in-person rehearsals. Tighter restrictions were imposed in December 2020 and rehearsals were stopped.

The trustees took the decision of whether or not to run rehearsals very seriously and it has been a credit to the players who have taken part that they have been conscientious in following the guidance and have always been willing to help keep things running smoothly. We fully understood that not everyone wanted to take part and look forward to when conditions are such that unrestricted rehearsals can resume and all players can be welcomed back.

Finances

Our running costs have been radically reduced this year and we continue to enjoy a healthy financial position.

Going forward

We are in a good position to adjust to changing covid restrictions and look forward to being able to play together again when it becomes possible.

Thanks

This has been the most challenging year we have experienced as trustees. We have had to assimilate a lot of new information very quickly and accurately and make informed decisions based on it. Our strategy has meant that we have kept several balls in the air. Fortunately, we have been up to the task and, as chair, I want to put on record my thanks to my fellow trustees for all they have done this year.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Elan Mair Paton	Elizabeth Hudson
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**Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)**

Chair	Trustee
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Date

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Macclesfield Brass

No (if any)
1167452

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 2/1/2020	To	Period end date 1/31/2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Subscriptions	1,226	-	-	1,226
Gift aid	967	-	-	967
Fundraising	-	-	-	-
Donations	-	-	-	-
Collections	-	-	-	-
Performance	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,193	-	-	2,193
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,193	-	-	2,193
A3 Payments				
Rehearsal and meeting costs	1,346	-	-	1,346
Training day and gen. training	400	-	-	400
Gifts, donations, misc	214	-	-	214
Subscriptions	125	-	-	125
Insurance	91	-	-	91
Muzodo	38	-	-	38
Whit Friday, Newcastle	-	-	-	-
Instrument rents and repairs	-	-	-	-
Harnesses, trolley, lyres etc	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,214	-	-	2,214
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
Instruments and equipment	524	-	-	524
Music	106	-	-	106
Sub total	630	-	-	630
Total payments	2,844	-	-	2,844
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 651	-	-	- 651
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6,672	-	-	6,672
Cash funds this year end	6,021	-	-	6,021

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	6,021	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total cash funds	6,021	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	None	-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B3 Investment assets	None		-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-
	Instruments	Unrestricted	-
	Equipment	Unrestricted	-
	Music	Unrestricted	-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	None		-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name

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Last year

to the nearest £

6,612
1,435
2,144
525
127
10
-
-
10,853

822
-
822

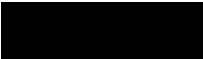
11,675

1,910
132
82
89
91
40
547
339
249
3,479

5,634
297
5,931

9,410

2,265
-
4,407
6,672



**Endowment
funds**

to nearest £

-
-
-
-

OK

**Endowment
funds**

to nearest £

-
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**Current value
(optional)**

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**Current value
(optional)**

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**When due
(optional)**

**Date of
approval**
