

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st January 2022

Macclesfield Brass

A charitable incorporated organisation, also known as MB.

Charity registration number 1167452

Principal address

30 Howey Lane
Congleton
CW12 4AE

Trustees

The following trustees were reappointed at the AGM on March 31st 2021 :

Elan Paton (Chair)
Elizabeth Hudson
Jenny Lyons (Health and Safety officer)

The following new trustees were appointed :

Amanda Moss (Treasurer)
Caroline Proudlove

Karen Allgood and Jenny Birtwistle both retired as trustees at the AGM.

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.

Summary of activities

This year has again been dominated by the response to the Covid-19 global pandemic. The band's strategy over this period continued, namely :

- Keeping players playing and in touch during lockdowns through sending out weekly music.
- Providing opportunity for social interaction during lockdowns through Zoom sessions every fortnight.
- Running rehearsals when possible

Rehearsals resumed in May 2021 with comprehensive mitigations in place against the risk of catching covid. In July statutory covid restrictions were lifted and instead became advisory. The band continued with considered Health and Safety measures encompassing all risks including that of covid.

Players returned in greater numbers in September and by January a consistent number of players attended rehearsals. However, with the emergence of the omicron variant of covid-19 in January the band reviewed its risk assessment and some mitigations were strengthened. Numbers of players attending remained stable.

The band looked for opportunities to perform outdoors in a covid-safe environment. Preparation for these events helped motivate players to return and attend rehearsals regularly. We played at four events. These included a return to playing at Gawsorth on Remembrance Sunday and to carolling locally. The band were delighted to include two new events to celebrate our return to performing, being on the bandstand at a local park in Macclesfield, and further afield at Tatton Park, Knutsford.

In January the decision was made to actively recruit up to 6 beginners to play the cornet. Lessons would be provided by the band with a view to integrating the new players into the band during 2022.

Finances remain healthy as we go forward into 2022.

We look forward to returning to a full programme of events during 2022.

Many thanks to the trustees for another year of hard and challenging work. Karen Allgood and Jenny Birtwistle both retired at the AGM. They were thanked for their valued contribution to the charity since its inception. Amanda Moss and Caroline Proudlove were elected as new trustees. They have both settled in well to their roles and made important contributions to the running of the band.

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



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Macclesfield Brass

No (if any)
1167452

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01-02-21

To

Period end date

31-01-22

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 £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions	1,513	-	-	1,513	1,226
Gift Aid	110	-	-	110	967
Performance	100	-	-	100	-
Donations	33	-	-	33	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,755	-	-	1,755	2,193
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,755	-	-	1,755	2,193
A3 Payments					
Rehearsal and meeting costs	1,423	-	-	1,423	1,346
Gifts, donations, misc	401	-	-	401	214
Subscriptions	144	-	-	144	125
Insurance	95	-	-	95	91
Muzodo	38	-	-	38	38
Harness	58	-	-	58	-
Travel Expenses	13	-	-	13	-
Training Day	-	-	-	-	400
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,171	-	-	2,171	2,214
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
Instruments and equipment	180	-	-	180	524
Music	188	-	-	188	106
Sub total	368	-	-	368	630
Total payments	2,539	-	-	2,539	2,844
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 784	-	-	- 784	- 651
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6,020	-	-	6,020	-
Cash funds this year end	5,236	-	-	5,236	651

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	Bank	5,236	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	5,236	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Instruments	Unrestricted	-	-
	Equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
	Music	Unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	None		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	