

**VIRTUOSI GUS BAND**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

**CHARITY REGISTERED NUMBER: 1170993**

**VIRTUOSI GUS BAND  
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

**Reference and administration details**

<b>Registered Charity No.</b>	1170993
<b>Principal Address</b>	52 Pytchley Road Kettering NN15 6JA
<b>Trustees</b>	Jonathan Mott Nathan Waterman Mike Smith

**Structure, governance and management**

<b>Governing Document</b>	Constitution adopted December 2016
<b>Constitution</b>	Charitable Incorporated Organisation(CIO) registered 5th January 2017
<b>Trustee selection method</b>	Trustees are appointed at the annual general meeting

**Objectives and Activities**

<b>Objects</b>	The objects of the band are to entertain and educate the public in the musical arts and in particular the art of brass band playing and to further the development of public appreciation and taste by the performance of concerts and other activities.
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The objective of The GUS Band is to further the study, practice and encouragement of Brass Band Music in all forms in order to foster public knowledge and appreciation of such music by means of public performances or otherwise including training and education of brass players.

The Trustees are aware of the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 regarding the reporting of the public benefit of the charity. The Trustees recognize that, for the accounting year ending 31st December 2022, the trustees report is required to include such a report.

In setting the charity's objectives and planning activities, the trustees and management have given consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and believe that the charity meets the public benefit requirement.

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**Achievements and Performance**

Over the last year the band competed in the following competitions:

March 10 2024. The Midlands Area Championship Section Contest, Placed 2nd

May 11 2024. The British Open Grand Shield Contest, The Winter Gardens, Blackpool. Placed 10th

Sep 08 2024. Dr Martin Contest. Yarm. Placed 1st

Oct 05 2024. The National Brass Band Championships Finals, at The Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington. Placed 12th

Nov 16 2024. Brass In Concert, The Sage, Gateshead. Placed 9th

As well as competitions the Band have put on Concerts locally around Northamptonshire and have appeared across the country by invitation.

The band's playing personnel continue to change year in year out, but the playing standard of the band is still maintained at the highest level. The players are all committed and dedicated to the future of brass banding.

**FUTURE PLANS AND OBJECTIVES**

**Mission**

To recruit into the band the finest brass band players available.

To develop young players to ensure continuity of top-class musicians.

**Corporate aims**

To run the Band ethically and responsibly, organising income streams from performance and merchandise sales so that the long-term future of the band is secured.

To present the band at public concerts where the audiences hear music that thrills and entertains them.

To enter the band at brass band music competitions so that they can test their musical skills against other leading bands.

To organise workshops where the skills of the players are used to inspire and encourage young brass players.

To promote the band throughout the UK and Internationally so that the band is invited to perform at prestigious concert halls and arenas.

There is no reserves policy

**Declarations**

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

Signature(s)

Nathan Waterman

Print Name

N Waterman

Date

28/10/25

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF VIRTUOSI GUS BAND**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31st December 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
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

*A Parry*

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Angela Parry

For and on behalf of:

Tove Accountancy Ltd

Office 6, Town Hall, 86 Watling Street East, Towcester, Northants, NN12 6BS

Dated

*28/10/2025*  
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**VIRTUOSI GUS BAND**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>				
Donations	97,379	0	97,379	70,273
Gift aid	23,790	0	23,790	17,552
Concerts	20,263	0	20,263	24,607
Sponsorship	2,500	0	2,500	2,500
Events	0	0	0	2,660
FOH Sales	2,118	0	2,118	2,470
Prizes	5,025	0	5,025	5,490
100 Club	4,820	0	4,820	4,460
Miscellaneous	509	0	509	242
Easy Fundraising	17	0	17	0
Total incoming resources	<b>156,420</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>156,420</b>	<b>130,254</b>

	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Conductors Fees	27,268	0	27,268	22,772
Rehearsal Hall Hire	8,470	0	8,470	7,941
Hotels Costs	11,373	0	11,373	5,844
Deputy players	1,806	0	1,806	5,634
Van Hire	3,216	0	3,216	3,868
Insurance	572	0	572	669
Contest entry and registration	1,225	0	1,225	1,115
Venue Hire	1,511	0	1,511	1,625
Event costs	0	0	0	6,806
FOH Costs	705	0	705	798
Bank Charges	73	0	73	79
Instrument Costs	3,368	0	3,368	0
Registration Fees	220	0	220	200
Music	0	0	0	303
Advertising and Promotion	655	0	655	1,465
Miscellaneous	3,963	0	3,963	2,808
Joint Artists Fee	2,038	0	2,038	2,743
Examiners Fee	350	0	350	330
Uniforms	1,642	0	1,642	0
Members Travel	85,152	0	85,152	66,081
Depreciation	0	0	0	100
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>153,607</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>153,607</b>	<b>131,183</b>
<b>Net Movement</b>	<b>2,813</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,813</b>	<b>(929 )</b>
Brought Forward	12,296	0	12,296	13,225
Movement	2,813	0	2,813	(929 )
Carried Forward	<b>15,109</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15,109</b>	<b>12,296</b>

**VIRTUOSI GUS BAND**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	2024	2023
<b>Tangible Fixed Assets</b>	2		
Equipment, Fixtures and Fittings		-	-
		-	-
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Bank Accounts		7,224	10,321
Debtors		12,218	4,788
Prepayments		615	775
Other		-	-
		20,057	15,884
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Creditors		4,525	3,282
Deferred Income		71	(25 )
Accruals		350	330
		4,947	3,587
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		15,109	12,296
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>			
Amounts falling due within more than one year		-	-
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		15,109	12,296
<b>Capital funds</b>			
Restricted funds	4	-	-
Unrestricted funds	5	15,109	12,296
<b>Total Funds</b>		15,109	12,296

The annexed notes form part of these financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

**1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice:

Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011.

**2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

		Equipment £
Cost	01-Jan-24	25,800
Additions		0
Disposals		0
Cost at	31-Dec-24	<u>25,800</u>
Depreciation	01-Jan-24	25,800
Charge		0
Disposal		0
Depreciation at	31-Dec-24	<u>25,800</u>
Net Book Value	31-Dec-24	<u>0</u>
Net Book Value	31-Dec-23	<u>0</u>

**3. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES**

No trustees have been paid remuneration or have received other benefits from employment with the charity.

**4. RESTRICTED FUNDS**

There are no restricted funds currently held by the charity.

**5. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

	2024 £	2023 £
Opening balance	12,296	<u>13,225</u>
Net funds for the year	<u>2,813</u>	<u>(929 )</u>
Closing balance	<u>15,109</u>	<u>12,296</u>