

# MIDDLETON BAND

England & Wales · Charity number 1175298

## Details

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Other names	MIDDLETON BEGINNERS BAND, MIDDLETON YOUTH BAND, THE MIDDLETON BAND
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2017-10-23
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE THE STUDY, PRACTICE AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF BRASS BAND MUSIC IN ALL OF ITS FORMS IN ORDER TO FOSTER PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATION OF SUCH MUSIC BY PUBLIC PERFORMANCE OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING THE TRAINING AND EDUCATION OF BRASS PLAYERS.

**Activities:** The study, practice and encouragement of brass band music in all of its forms in order to foster public knowledge and appreciation of such music by public performance or otherwise, including the training and education of brass players.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-10-31	£30,772	£36,063	-	-
2024-10-31	£20,610	£21,068	-	-
2023-10-31	£24,695	£35,830	-	-
2022-10-31	£22,072	£13,259	-	-
2021-10-31	£3,342	£2,712	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>David Barker</b>	Chair	2024-04-13
Alex Smith		2026-03-12
Andrew Duncan		2021-04-15
David Aspinall		2026-03-12
IAN HARLOW		2017-10-23
JAMES KERR		2017-10-23
Louise Crane		2018-11-01
Paul Whitehead		2026-03-12
Peter Reynoldson		2026-03-12
Philip Eardley		2026-03-12
Phillip Arthur Tonge		2021-04-15
Stacey Bown		2026-03-12

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Charity Name: Middleton Band

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Principal Address: The Works  
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Ex Officio Trustees: James Kerr (Chairman)  
Stephanie Coward (Treasurer)  
Aaron Hayes

Trustees: Louise Crane  
Andrew Duncan  
Ian Harlow  
Andrew Harrison  
Phillip Tonge  
David Barker  
Christine Chalk-Smith

**2. Structure, Governance and Management**

Governing Document: Constitution Dated 25th October 2018

Financial Review: The Charity has no reserves policy  
Details of the income and expenditure for the year are disclosed on pages 3 to 5 of the accounts.

**3. Objectives and Activities**

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The 2024-2025 year has been a particularly active year for Middleton Band, with the organisation delivering an extensive and varied programme of musical activity across the borough and the wider region.

- We continue to meet our charitable aims and objectives
- We continue to maintain a level of income that is suitable for our aims.
- We continue to manage our finances effectively.

Over the course of the year, the band supported a wide range of engagements, including civic events, community concerts, contest appearances, fundraising activities, and seasonal performances. These included participation in local remembrance services, community celebrations such as the Middleton Christmas Lights Switch-On, regular performances supporting local charity the East Lancashire Railway, and a full programme of concerts and fundraising events delivered in community venues and public spaces.

Contest participation formed a significant part of the organisation's activity during the year. The band achieved notable success by winning the Regional Finals, which resulted in qualification for and participation in the National Finals held in Cheltenham. Representing the region at a national level marked an important milestone for the organisation and contributed positively to its standing within the wider brass band movement.

Alongside the senior band's activity, the Youth, Training, and Beginner bands remained active throughout the year, supporting concerts and fundraising events and providing regular opportunities for musical development and public performance. This work continues to underpin the long-term sustainability of the organisation and its ability to support progression for young musicians.

As the organisation moves into its 150th year, the Trustees are looking forward to marking this significant milestone through a varied programme of events and performances. These celebrations will reflect the charity's long-standing role within the community and its continued commitment to promoting brass band music to a wide and diverse audience.

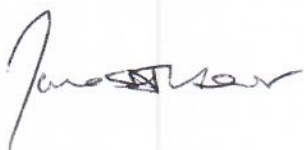
The Trustees are satisfied that the charity has continued to operate effectively throughout the year. The scale and range of activity delivered has been appropriate for the organisation, with income from concerts, engagements, and fundraising activities supporting the delivery of its programme.

Over the coming year, the Trustees will continue to focus on:

- Delivering a varied programme of concerts, contests, and community engagements
- Supporting participation and progression across senior, youth, and beginner sections
- Marking the organisation's 150th year through a range of celebratory events and performances
- Maintaining musical standards while delivering an accessible and inclusive programme of activity

The Trustees would like to thank all players, volunteers, supporters, venues, and partner organisations for their continued commitment and support, which has enabled the charity to deliver a full and successful year of activity.

Signed on Behalf of the Board of Trustees:



James Kerr  
Chairman

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**Independent Examiner's Report**

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- Follow procedures laid down on the general directions given by the Charities Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
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**Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

Our examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charities Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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Laura Bolton

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BB5 1HD

Signed:

*D.P. O'X*

Date:

*16/02/2026*

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES & ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st October 2025**

**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st October 2025**

**Receipts and Payments (Unrestricted Funds)**

	<b>Receipts</b>		<b>Payments</b>
<b>General Activity</b>			
General Activity			
Donations	£1,553.97	MD & Tutor Expenses	£9,700.00
Concert Income	£18,338.80	Players Expenses	£1,625.00
Contest Prizes	£1,535.00	Contest/Concert Costs	£4,129.35
Grants	£0.00	Travel & Accommodation	£11,240.00
Bank Interest Received	£321.10		
<b>Total</b>	<b>£21,748.87</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£26,694.35</b>
<b>Equipment, Instruments &amp; Music</b>			
Grants	£0.00	Purchases / Investments - Music	£469.62
Donations	£0.00	Purchases / Investments- Instruments	£2,394.00
Sales	£0.00	Purchases / Investments - Other	£1,211.70
		Repairs	£568.95
<b>Total</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£4,644.27</b>
<b>Management &amp; Administration</b>			
FOMB Subscriptions	£10.00	Advertising	£0.00
Grants	£0.00	Insurance	£599.20
Misc	£0.00	Rent	£2,420.00
Gift Aid	£0.00	Telephone / Internet	£154.00
		Postage & Stationery	£136.99
		Professional Fees	£919.54
		Donations / Gifts / Socials	£371.84
		Memberships & Subscriptions	£0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£10.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£4,601.57</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>			
Merchandise Sales	£0.00	Merchandise Purchasing	£0.00
Events	£6,162.30	Fundraising Costs	£122.74
Donations	£2,850.83		
<b>Total</b>	<b>£9,013.13</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£122.74</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£30,772.00</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>£36,062.93</b>

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**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

**Assets**

Current Account	4,206.71
Grant Account	750.00
Savings Account	0.00
Business Reserve	359.27
Liquidity Manager	10,686.32
Petty Cash	2,109.25
Paypal	1,644.11

**Total** **19,755.66**

**Liabilities**

On the 31st October 2025 the charity did not have any liabilities

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The 2023-2024 year has been a successful year for the charity.

- We continue to meet our charitable aims and objectives
- We continue to maintain a level of income that is suitable for our aims.
- We continue to manage our finances effectively.

Under the musical leadership of Jamie Cooper, our Musical Director, the organisation continues to develop. Jamie's dedication and hard work are enhancing the ability and musicality of players across the band. His leadership remains integral to our progress, ensuring ongoing improvement and high standards in our performances.

Recruitment remains a challenge, reflecting broader difficulties within the brass band movement in attracting skilled musicians. However, our commitment to maintaining a high standard of musicianship means that any vacancies are carefully filled to support the band's long-term development.

We have successfully fulfilled our schedule of events and charitable activities over the past year and foresee no obstacles to continuing as a going concern. Our financial stability allows us to plan with confidence, ensuring that we can continue to operate effectively in the coming years.

A key focus remains the support and growth of young musicians. A significant proportion of our expenditure is dedicated to the running of our Youth, Training, and Beginner bands. By investing in the next generation of musicians, we help to secure the future of the band and the wider brass band community.

We are also making progress towards the goals outlined in the 'Middleton Band Roadmap,' which provides a clear strategic direction for the next five years. This framework guides our efforts to enhance musical quality, strengthen engagement, and ensure the long-term success of the charity.

To further support our charitable aims, the organisation will focus on the following objectives over the next year:

- Enhancing our playing style by refining attention to detail and strengthening teamwork.
- Expanding our youth organisation through targeted recruitment initiatives.
- Introducing new concert formats to engage wider audiences and increase outreach.
- Promoting longevity within the band by retaining beginners and youth members.
- Strengthening collaboration between our senior and youth bands to foster mentorship and development.

Signed on Behalf of the Board of Trustees:



James Kerr  
Chairman

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Date:

*19/02/2025*

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<b>Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st October 2024</b>			
<b>Receipts and Payments (Unrestricted Funds)</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>		<b>Payments</b>	
<b>General Activity</b>			
General Activity			
Donations	£1,449.11	MD & Tutor Expenses	£9,230.00
Concert Income	£17,329.46	Players Expenses	£664.50
Contest Prizes	£475.00	Contest/Concert Costs	£3,249.76
Grants	£0.00	Travel & Accommodation	£1,460.00
Bank Interest Received	£467.61		
<b>Total</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	<b>£19,721.18</b>		<b>£14,604.26</b>
<b>Equipment, Instruments &amp; Music</b>			
Grants	£0.00	Purchases / Investments - Music	£551.04
Donations	£0.00	Purchases / Investments- Instruments	-£990.00
Sales	£35.00	Purchases / Investments - Other	£0.00
		Repairs	£550.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	<b>£35.00</b>		<b>£111.04</b>
<b>Management &amp; Administration</b>			
FOMB Subscriptions	£10.00	Advertising	£0.00
Grants	£0.00	Insurance	£624.75
Misc	£0.00	Rent	£2,400.00
Gift Aid	£0.00	Telephone / Internet	£294.00
		Postage & Stationery	£139.05
		Professional Fees	£1,022.76
		Donations / Gifts / Socials	£1,871.85
		Memberships & Subscriptions	£0.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	<b>£10.00</b>		<b>£6,352.41</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>			
Merchandise Sales	£8.00	Merchandise Purchasing	£0.00
Events	£776.00	Fundraising Costs	£0.00
Donations	£60.00		
<b>Total</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	<b>£844.00</b>		<b>£0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£20,610.18</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>£21,067.71</b>

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<b>Statement of Assets and Liabilities</b>	
<b>Assets</b>	
Current Account	6,062.85
Grant Account	750.00
Savings Account	0.00
Business Reserve	5,308.94
Liquidity Manager	10,415.55
Petty Cash	1,274.95
Paypal	1,234.30
<b>Liabilities</b>	
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The 2022-2023 year has been the first normal year since the COVID pandemic. It has been enjoyable to re-engage with pre-Covid activities, but also challenging to navigate the changing priorities of volunteers and players.

This has been the first full year under Musical Director: Jamie Cooper. Jamie has worked hard for the organisation, and is working to improve the ability and musicality of players around the stand. Unfortunately we have been unable to permanently fill the vacancy left by the retirement of our percussion player, but we have been able to secure ongoing support to ensure the band can take part in all of our planned activities. This year has also seen one of our Eb bass players leave the organisation, meaning that the organisation has a brass player vacancy as well, again we have struggled to fill the vacant position and have relied on the support of friends and colleagues to fill this for performances.

The organisation have also made several key investments this year, including the purchase of new instruments and the hiring of a tutor for the youth band. Whilst costly, these are important investments for the organisation and will support us in achieving our charitable aims.

Last year the organisation set several key objectives to work on, below I have summarised the progress made toward them:

The re-introduction of the 'Middleton Band Roadmap' with a focus on objectives for the next 5 years - whilst the old visual has not been re-introduced, the organisation has put considerable thought into plans for the next few years. This includes different types of concerts to take place in the next year, new contests to attend, the re-introduction of internal events such as awards evenings and solo contests and starting to discuss plans for the organisation's 150th anniversary in 2026.

A focus on developing our readiness for contesting and our attention to detail - the band have attended new contests in the last year, including Buxton contest- where we gained 2nd place. Other contests we have entered include, Hebden Bridge march contest and Bolsover entertainments contest.

Arranging new, and different concert events - we will be trying out new formats of concerts starting in the next year.

Focus on longevity, increasing the membership of 'Archer Brass' - it was hoped that the re-brand to 'Archer Brass' would help to encourage new and retired players of all ages to join, effectively creating a community band. Unfortunately this has not been the case, and the decision has been made to return to the 'Youth band' branding. A recruitment drive with local primary schools has been planned for early in the next financial year.

Christmas 2022 saw a full return to The ELR, the band returned to playing on the trains, with some help from players from another organisation.

Over the next year the organisation will set the following objectives to support us in the fulfilment of our charitable aims and objectives:

- Developing our playing style, increasing our attention to detail and playing as a team
- Increasing the number of beginners in our youth organisation through recruitment drives
- Launching new concert formats
- Focusing on longevity by retaining beginners and youth band members
- Increasing the collaboration between our senior and youth bands

Signed on Behalf of the Board of Trustees:

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Aaron Hayes  
Secretary

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Signed: P.P. 

Date: 06/02/2024

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**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st October 2023**  
**Receipts and Payments (Unrestricted Funds)**

<b>Receipts</b>		<b>Payments</b>	
<b>General Activity</b>			
General Activity Donations	£1,032.02	MD & Tutor Expenses	£7,750.00
Concert Income	£18,353.99	Players Expenses	£350.00
Contest Prizes	£400.00	Contest/Concert Costs	£4,675.61
Grants	£750.00	Travel & Accommodation	£1,580.00
Bank Interest Received	£128.46		
<b>Total</b>	<b>£20,664.47</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£14,355.61</b>
<b>Equipment, Instruments &amp; Music</b>			
Grants	£0.00	Purchases / Investments - Music	£372.30
Donations	£500.00	Purchases / Investments- Instruments	£8,081.63
Sales	£0.00	Purchases / Investments - Other	£6,218.62
		Repairs	£1,023.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£500.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£15,695.55</b>
<b>Management &amp; Administration</b>			
FOMB Subscriptions	£0.00	Advertising	£0.00
Grants	£0.00	Insurance	£669.00
Misc	£0.00	Rent	£2,250.00
Gift Aid	£142.10	Telephone / Internet	£221.60
		Postage & Stationery	£283.93
		Professional Fees	£854.33
		Donations / Gifts / Socials	£1,430.84
		Memberships & Subscriptions	£34.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£142.10</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£5,743.70</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>			
Merchandise Sales	£102.80	Merchandise Purchasing	£0.00
Events	£211.99	Fundraising Costs	£35.00
Donations	£3,073.47		
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,388.26</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£35.00</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£24,694.83</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>£35,829.86</b>

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**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

**Assets**

Current Account	2,900.04
Grant Account	750.00
Savings Account	0.00
Business Reserve	10,168.83
Liquidity Manager	10,088.05
Petty Cash	879.28
Paypal	717.92

**Liabilities**

On the 31st October 2023 the charity did not have any liabilities

**MIDDLETON BAND**

England & Wales - Charity number 1175298

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1175298

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**Report of the Trustees**

**1. Reference and administration, trustees and advisors**

Charity Name: Middleton Band

Registration Number: 1175298

Principal Address: Unit 2b  
Clarendon Industrial Estate  
HYDE  
SK14 2EW

Ex Officio Trustees: James Kerr (Chairman)  
Aaron Hayes (Secretary)  
Stephanie Coward (Treasurer)

Trustees: Louise Crane  
Andrew Duncan  
Frank Keith Farrington  
Ian Harlow  
Julie Haywood  
Andrew Harrison  
Fred Houghton  
Phillip Tonge

**2. Structure, Governance and Management**

Governing Document: Constitution Dated 25th October 2018

Financial Review: The Charity has no reserves policy  
Details of the income and expenditure for the year are disclosed on pages 3 to 5 of the accounts.

**3. Objectives and Activities**

Charitable Objects: The study, practice and encouragement of brass band music in all of its forms in order to foster public knowledge and appreciation of such music by public performance or otherwise, including the training and education of brass players.

**MIDDLETON BAND - REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1175298**  
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This last year has seen our continued recovery from the COVID 19 pandemic. We have continued to fulfil our set Objectives and Activities and have continued with a renewed focus on bringing new people into the organisation.

As a board we chose to focus on the following internal objectives to aid us in completing our charitable objects:

- Build longevity into the organisation
- Maintain a clear Management Structure with clear responsibilities
- Have a clear funding structure and ensure forward planning
- Hold our own in the 1st section
- Maintain and build the Youth aspect of our organisation

Christmas 2021 saw a return to The ELR, although in a limited capacity, the band weren't able to play on the trains due to the ongoing COVID risk, however we were able to play on the platform, entertaining passengers as they embarked on their event.

We still have a full complement of players, although our percussionist is looking to retire and we will need to advertise for this vacancy in advance. This year has seen our Musical Director Kevin Gibbs, resign from his post, the band went through a lengthy audition process and have appointed a new Musical Director: Jamie Cooper. Jamie is a great addition to the team and the organisation are looking forward to working with him.

The youth band has been successfully rebranded to 'Archer Brass' with the support of Louise Crane, the members are continuing to develop their skills and are starting to improve. There has been some interest in the newly branded band, but as of yet no new members have joined.

For the first time since COVID19, the North West Area Competition at the Winter Gardens in Blackpool took place. The band was able to compete and did attend. The impact of the pandemic did have a negative effect on our ability to prepare and it was only in the last couple of weeks before the contest that the band properly started to focus. The band placed 13<sup>th</sup>, this was lower than we would have wanted, but means we will remain in the section in the 2023 contesting season.

The increase in activities and a return to an almost normal calendar year, means the number of bookings has increased and our fundraising has improved.

To aid us with our return to normal and to fulfil our charitable aims and objectives we are once again setting the following internal objectives:

- The re-introduction of the 'Middleton Band Roadmap' with a focus on objectives for the next 5 years
- A focus on developing our readiness for contesting and our attention to detail
- Arranging new, and different concert events
- Focus on longevity, increasing the membership of 'Archer Brass'

Signed on Behalf of the Board of Trustees:

*AHAYES*

Aaron Hayes  
Secretary

**MIDDLETON BAND - REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1175298**  
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**Independent Examiner's Report**

Report to the Trustees of Middleton Band.  
Registered Charity Number 1175298  
On the Accounts of the year ended 31st October 2022.

**Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiners**

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (The Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- Follow procedures laid down on the general directions given by the Charities Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- State whether particular matters have come to our attention

**Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

Our examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charities Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

1. Which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - a. To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - b. To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. To which in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name of Examiner:  
Laura Bolton

Address:  
Simple Accounting NW Limited  
4 Blackburn Road  
Accrington  
BB5 1HD

Signed:



Date:

21/10/23

**MIDDLETON BAND - REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1175298**  
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**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st October 2022**

**Receipts and Payments (Unrestricted Funds)**

	<b>Receipts</b>		<b>Payments</b>
<b>General Activity</b>			
General Activity Donations	£1,384.39	MD & Tutor Expenses	£5,040.00
Concert Income	£14,528.62	Players Expenses	£90.00
Contest Prizes	£220.00	Contest/Concert Costs	£284.85
Grants	£1,000.00	Travel & Accommodation	£1,411.23
<b>Total</b>	<b>£17,133.01 Total</b>		<b>£6,826.08</b>
<b>Equipment, Instruments &amp; Music</b>			
Grants	£1,996.64	Purchases	£1,332.65
Donations	£2,586.56	Repairs	£454.00
Sales	£0.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>£4,583.20 Total</b>		<b>£1,786.65</b>
<b>Management &amp; Administration</b>			
FOMB Subscriptions	£19.41	Advertising	£0.00
Grants	£0.00	Insurance	£629.00
Misc	£0.00	Rent	£2,040.00
Gift Aid	£257.72	Telephone / Internet	£276.00
		Postage & Stationery	£159.82
		Professional Fees	£917.62
		Donations / Gifts / Socials	£444.33
		Memberships & Subscriptions	£129.49
<b>Total</b>	<b>£277.13 Total</b>		<b>£4,596.26</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>			
Merchandise Sales	£79.00	Merchandise Purchasing	£0.00
Events	£0.00	Fundraising Costs	£50.00
Donations	£0.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>£79.00 Total</b>		<b>£50.00</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£22,072.34</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>£13,258.99</b>

**MIDDLETON BAND - REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1175298**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES & ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st October 2022**

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

**Assets**

Current Account	6,269.66
Grant Account	4,676.26
Savings Account	23,628.42
Petty Cash	894.09
Paypal	1,170.72

**Liabilities**

On the 31st October 2022 the charity did not have any liabilities

**MIDDLETON BAND**

England & Wales - Charity number 1175298

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Throughout our recovery from the COVID period we have continued to fulfil our set Objectives and Activities and have started rebuilding our organisation.

As a board we chose to focus on the following internal objectives to aid us in completing our charitable objects:

- Assess the risk of COVID19 to our members and the public on an ongoing basis
- Bring our members back together safely as soon as possible to enjoy making music
- Re-engage all members and reignite the enjoyment of home practise
- Start our Youth Band provision back up at a smaller scale to assess engagement from the current members
- Keep our members and the members of the public safe.

With the initial lockdown over the Christmas period and into 2021 these were difficult but thankfully the organisation has slowly started settling back into a rhythm.

We have had one member retire from active service to the organisation, Fred Houghton who we thank for his service and are thankful that he has chosen to remain as a trustee but have otherwise retained a full complement of players within our Senior Band.

Louise, Our Youth Band Manager also successfully restarted our Youth activities but at substantially lower numbers, which we are confident will grow over time, but probably over a longer period than we previously assumed.

Unfortunately due to COVID19, our standard engagements with the public were reduced, as well as our usual contesting calendar being cancelled. Including the 2021 North West Area Competition at the Winter Gardens in Blackpool.

This has meant we have had a substantial decrease in fundraising over the period but in the same regards a reduce in spend.

To aid us with our return to normal and to fulfill our charitable aims and objectives we are once again setting the following internal objectives:

- Build longevity into the organisation
- Maintain a clear Management Structure with clear responsibilities
- Have a clear funding structure and ensure forward planning
- Hold our own in the 1st section
- Maintain and build the Youth aspect of our organisation.

Signed on Behalf of the Board of Trustees:



James Kerr  
Chairman

**MIDDLETON BAND - REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1175298**  
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**Independent Examiner's Report**

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Name of Examiner:  
Laura Bolton

Address:  
Simple Accounting NW Limited  
4 Blackburn Road  
Accrington  
BB5 1HD

Signed:

P.P. 

Date:

14 / 07 / 2022

**MIDDLETON BAND - REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1175298**  
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**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st October 2021**

**Receipts and Payments (Unrestricted Funds)**

	<b>Receipts</b>		<b>Payments</b>
<b>General Activity</b>			
General Activity			
Donations	£849.83	MD & Tutor Expenses	£650.00
Concert Income	£732.95	Players Expenses	£0.00
Contest Prizes	£0.00	Contest Costs	£0.00
Grants	£1,179.62	Travel & Accommodation	£0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,762.40</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£650.00</b>
<b>Equipment, Instruments &amp; Music</b>			
Grants	£0.00	Purchases	£289.90
Donations		Repairs	£160.00
Sales			
<b>Total</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£449.90</b>
<b>Management &amp; Administration</b>			
FOMB Subscriptions	£19.41	Advertising	£0.00
Grants	£0.00	Insurance	£620.00
Misc	£0.00	Rent	£0.00
		Telephone / Internet	£302.36
		Postage & Stationery	£10.14
		Professional Fees	£372.00
		Donations / Gifts / Socials	£25.50
		Memberships & Subscriptions	£229.64
<b>Total</b>	<b>£19.41</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,559.64</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>			
Merchandise Sales	£44.14	Merchandise Purchasing	£0.00
Events	£0.00	Fundraising Costs	£52.15
Donations	£516.42		
<b>Total</b>	<b>£560.56</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£52.15</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£3,342.37</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>£2,711.69</b>

**MIDDLETON BAND - REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1175298**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES & ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st October 2021**

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

**Assets**

Current Account	7,986.56
Grant Account	1,679.62
Savings Account	16,628.42
Petty Cash	596.01
Paypal	935.19

**Liabilities**

On the 31st October 2021 the charity did not have any liabilities