



REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1175298

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES & ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st October 2022

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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.
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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 13th, 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:

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Aaron Hayes
Secretary

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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.

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Signed:



Date:

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st October 2022

Receipts and Payments (Unrestricted Funds)

	Receipts		Payments
General Activity			
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
			£6,826.08
Total	£17,133.01 Total		
Equipment, Instruments & Music			
Grants	£1,996.64	Purchases	£1,332.65
Donations	£2,586.56	Repairs	£454.00
Sales	£0.00		
			£1,786.65
Total	£4,583.20 Total		
Management & Administration			
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
			£4,596.26
Total	£277.13 Total		
Fundraising			
Merchandise Sales	£79.00	Merchandise Purchasing	£0.00
Events	£0.00	Fundraising Costs	£50.00
Donations	£0.00		
			£50.00
Total	£79.00 Total		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£22,072.34 TOTAL PAYMENTS		£13,258.99

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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