



REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1175298

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES & ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st October 2023

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Report of the Trustees

1. Reference and administration, trustees and advisors

Charity Name:	Middleton Band
Registration Number:	1175298
Principal Address:	The Works Clarence Street Stalybridge SK15 1ST
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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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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Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the Trustees of Middleton Band.
Registered Charity Number 1175298
On the Accounts of the year ended 31st October 2023.

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: 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)

Receipts		Payments	
General Activity			
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		
Total	£20,664.47	Total	£14,355.61
Equipment, Instruments & Music			
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
Total	£500.00	Total	£15,695.55
Management & Administration			
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
Total	£142.10	Total	£5,743.70
Fundraising			
Merchandise Sales	£102.80	Merchandise Purchasing	£0.00
Events	£211.99	Fundraising Costs	£35.00
Donations	£3,073.47		
Total	£3,388.26	Total	£35.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£24,694.83	TOTAL PAYMENTS	£35,829.86

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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