



REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1175298

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

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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) 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

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 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.

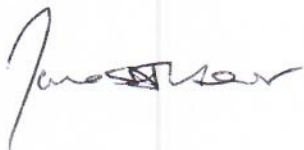
The Trustees are satisfied that the charity has continued to operate effectively throughout the year. The scale and range of activity delivered has been appropriate for the organisation, with income from concerts, engagements, and fundraising activities supporting the delivery of its programme.

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

Report to the Trustees of Middleton Band.
Registered Charity Number 1175298
On the Accounts of the year ended 31st October 2025.

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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Laura Bolton

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Signed:

D.P. OX

Date:

16/02/2026

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

Receipts and Payments (Unrestricted Funds)

Receipts		Payments	
General Activity			
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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		
Total	£21,748.87	Total	£26,694.35
Equipment, Instruments & Music			
Grants	£0.00	Purchases / Investments - Music	£469.62
		Purchases / Investments-	
Donations	£0.00	Instruments	£2,394.00
Sales	£0.00	Purchases / Investments - Other	£1,211.70
		Repairs	£568.95
Total	£0.00	Total	£4,644.27
Management & Administration			
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
Total	£10.00	Total	£4,601.57
Fundraising			
Merchandise Sales	£0.00	Merchandise Purchasing	£0.00
Events	£6,162.30	Fundraising Costs	£122.74
Donations	£2,850.83		
Total	£9,013.13	Total	£122.74
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£30,772.00	TOTAL PAYMENTS	£36,062.93

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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
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Liabilities

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