

The Woodfalls Band



Registered Charity Number 1179252

Annual Report

For The Year Ended 31 December 2023

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Trustees and Advisors

Trustees:

Paul Street
Remus Sawyerr
Rhys Dear
Paul Williams
Andrew Ashworth

Chair

Paul Street

Treasurer

Rhys Dear

Committee – non-trustee

Louise Franks
Nick Charlton

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Trustees' Responsibilities

The accounts are the responsibility of the Trustees.

The Trustees have supervised the preparation of the accounts and have agreed suitable accounting policies, to be applied consistently, making any estimates and judgements on a prudent and reasonable basis.

The Trustees also have a general responsibility for ensuring that adequate accounting records are kept and for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the scheme and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities, and are required to act in accordance with the constitution and rules of the charity, within the framework of the law; act prudently, conscientiously and honestly, and with the utmost good faith; act in the best interests of the members and beneficiaries of the charity and strike a fair balance between the interests of the different classes of beneficiary and take advice on technical matters and any other matters which are not understood.

The Woodfalls Band

Annual Report for the year to 31 December 2023

Structure, governance and management

The charity, which is a non-incorporated organisation, is governed by a constitution which was adopted 22 February 2015

The Trustees throughout the year were:

Chairman: Paul Street

Treasurer: Rhys Dear

Committee Members/Trustees:

Paul Williams & Remus Sawyerr

Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting usually held in the summer months.

They are elected from the charity's membership.

Committee Members/Non Trustees

Nick Charlton

Andrew Ashworth

Louise Franks

Objectives

The Objectives of The Woodfalls Band are:

Helping to continue the existence and development of the brass band movement through dedicated rehearsals, performances in concerts, competitions, recordings and other related activities

Musician development through teaching and mentoring, and the provision of facilities and instruments

Supporting the fundraising efforts of other charities through live performance.

Activities

The Band had succeeded in attracting players but not retaining new players; it was a frustrating period for the band. The number of regular members was an issue for the band but reflective of many bands nationally. Stephen Sykes was appointed as part of the rebuilding programme for the band, unfortunately the appointment did not work out as hoped. His tenure as MD finished with a plan in place to return to a resident musical director, plus professional for major competitions.

Approaches were made to potential conductors for 2024 with Russel Gray appointed for 2024 Area Contest and Ben Halstead appointed as Resident Musical Director.

The following year (2024) would be the band's 150th Anniversary for the band and planning was underway for a series of events including:

- 'Celebration Concert'
- Tour

Concerts/Engagements

The Band's engagement schedule was considerably busier than 2022. Events included playing for our sponsors celebration event at the Park Plaza Hotel, Westminster Bridge; Hosting The Nidaros Band from Norway as part of their May tour; sharing a concert with a local band Downton, to celebrate their 150th anniversary; a joint concert with the Salisbury Plain Military Wives Choir marking Remembrance Day; and many local events including our annual free concert 'Picnic in the Park'.

The Band continues to support local charitable events where possible, including a carolling event in a Tithe Barn in Tisbury for the second year and the local British Legion Remembrance Parade.

Contesting

The Band had a disappointing year on the contest stage. Results at both the Area Contest and at Blackpool were disappointing, with the Blackpool result seeing the band relegated to the lower section. In November, despite a good performance, the Band did not find favour with the adjudicator at the local Wessex Brass Band Association winter contest, although winning some individual trophies.

Musical Directors/Conductors

Ben Halstead took on the role of Resident Musical Director in the autumn, leading the band for all our concert commitments. Paul Holland conducted the band at The Wessex Contest.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Woodfalls Band are fortunate to have sponsorship that meets some of its ongoing costs, especially that of the professional Music Director. The Trustees are mindful that this may cease at any given moment and would, in the current climate, may be difficult to replace. The cost of maintenance and improvement of the Bandhall, purchase of new instruments, instrument repair and maintenance as well as the day to day running costs of The Band – including concert promotion – would be legitimate expenditure for the charity's reserves.

Reporting Serious Incidents

The trustees declare that there are no serious incidents or other matters relating to our charity over the financial period to 31 December 2023 that should have been brought to The Charity Commission's attention.

Declaration

The Band has approved the accounts at a meeting on 25th September 2024 and the Trustees this report 25th September 2024.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees.

R A Sawyerr (Trustee)



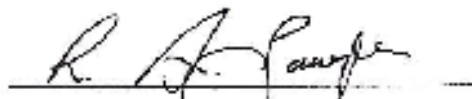
Date

25th September 2024

Acknowledgement by Trustees of receipt of report and adoption of Independent Examiners Report at Band EGM 25th September 2024.

I acknowledge the receipt of the Trustees Report for the year ending 31st December 2023. I confirm that it reflects an accurate account of The Woodfalls Band's activities.

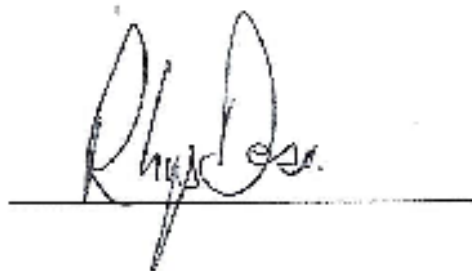
Signed.



23rd September 2024

Remus Sawyer Trustee preparing this report.

Signed.



25th September 2024

Rhys Dear Treasurer

Signed.



25th September 2024

Paul Street Chairman



Woodfalls Band EGM
Wednesday 25th September 2024 20.00 hrs
Woodfalls Band Hall

Draft Minutes

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from:

John Starkes, James Adcock, Paul Street, Tom Thorne, Harrison Marsh, Matthew Beazley, Nicky Reid, Remus Sawyerr

In attendance:

Louise Franks, Scott Stewart, Marcie Belfield, David Pearce, Tom Beddoes, Rhys Dear, Paul Holland (MD), Ben Bennett, Gemma Hall, Adrian Wallace, Sophie Stones, Andy Belfield, Philippa Stewart, Kelly Hart, Will Rayner, Verity Flood, Paul Kennett, Greg Allain, David Tutty, Andy Ashworth, James Foster

2. The Extraordinary General Meeting was called to accept or not, the auditor's report for the year ending 31st December 2023.
- The report was shared prior to and at the meeting
 - The auditor's report prepared by Amanda Garnett of Forest Edge Accountancy for Year Ending 31st December 2023 and dated 2nd February 2024 was unanimously adopted by the meeting after a brief discussion.
3. There being no other business the meeting closed after 10 minutes.

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Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Woodfalls Band

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 3 to 5.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- (a) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (b) to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act;
- (c) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner. 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 the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning 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 my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(I) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

(II) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Forest Edge Accountancy Ltd
Chartered Accountant
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Date 2nd February 2024

Woodfalls Band
Income and Expenditure Account
For the Period ended 31st December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
INCOME GENERATED:		
Concerts	4,077	2,012
Sponsorship	39,000	33,000
Donations	316	1,820
Flat 1	7,012	7,500
Bedsit	3,900	3,900
Flat 1 Electricity	1,910	1,002
Sales of CDs	24	80
Contests	-	480
Accommodation	1,845	-
Sale of Instruments	8,223	-
Government Grants	-	2,667
Total Income Generated	66,307	52,461
EXPENDITURE:		
Water	156	791
Light/Heat	5,037	2,145
Insurance	1,267	1,797
Band Hall Maintenance	639	369
Conductors	10,544	8,690
Music	664	1,206
Contests	1,503	1,917
Accommodation	5,001	-
Concerts	1,883	1,427
Instrument Repairs	-	628
Players Expenses	10,704	7,071
Instrument Purchases	1,853	-
Agency Fees	1,300	1,359
Misc Expenses	4,133	3,411
Accountancy Fees	65	205
HMRC VAT	6,072	4,381
Depreciation	1,159	379
Total Expenditure	51,980	35,776
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	14,327	16,685

Woodfalls Band
Balance Sheet
For the Period ended 31st December 2023

		2023	2022
		£	£
Fixed assets	1		
Instruments		3,478	1,137
		<u>3,478</u>	<u>1,137</u>
Current assets			
Trade Debtors		2,917	3,000
Jacket Deposits		200	200
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>100,638</u>	<u>89,383</u>
		103,755	92,583
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(721)	(1,535)
Net Current Assets		<u>103,034</u>	<u>91,048</u>
Net Assets		<u>106,512</u>	<u>92,185</u>
Funds	2		
Funds Brought Forward		92,185	75,500
Movement in year		<u>14,327</u>	<u>16,685</u>
Total Funds		<u>106,512</u>	<u>92,185</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on and signed by:

..... Rhys Dear, Treasurer

..... Paul Street, Chairman

Woodfalls Band
Fixed Assets
For the Period ended 31st December 2023

1 Tangible fixed assets

	Instruments £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 January 2023	3,595	3,595
Additions	3,500	3,500
Disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2023	<u>7,095</u>	<u>7,095</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2023	2,458	2,458
Charge in year	1,159	1,159
On disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2023	<u>3,617</u>	<u>3,617</u>
Net book value		
At 31 December 2023	<u>3,478</u>	<u>3,478</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,137</u>	<u>1,137</u>

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