



# Trustees' Annual Report 2024 – 2025

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## Rode Hall Silver Band Trustees Annual Report

For the year 6 April 2024 to 5 April 2025

### Administration Details

Charity Name: **Rode Hall Silver Band**

Charity Registration Number: **1188216**

Charity Address: **Scholar Green Village Hall, Church Lane, Scholar Green, Cheshire, ST7 3QQ**

## Charity Trustees:

Trustee Name	Office
Brian Rogers	Chairperson
Anna Whitehurst	Secretary
Michael Whitehurst to step down and Nicholas Wright to take over with transition taking place from August 2024 to the end of 2024-2025 financial year	Treasurer
Dave Giannasi	Band Manager
Steve Twemlow	Vice Chairperson
Nicholas Wright	Committee Member / Trustee
Simon Greasby	Committee Member / Trustee
Susan Howell	Committee Member / Trustee

## Structure, Governance & Management

Type of Governing Document: Constitution

Adopted: 9 January 2020

Amended: N/A\*

\*A Resolution Document (reference 0205\_01) has been produced to review and document how subscriptions should be handled in the accounts. This Document was recommended by the independent examiner of the accounts during the formal audit. In essence the Document details the following:

- how subscriptions should be handled in the accounts where individuals make quarterly or annual pre-payments. These will be recognised in the accounts in full at the time of payment but the monies paid in advance will be 'ring-fenced' and not be considered as working capital in the event of a change in circumstances for the Band such that the monies need to be refunded to an individual.
- how changes in financial or other circumstances of individuals should be handled and managed.
- when subscriptions will become due from individuals who are new to the Band.

How the Charity is Constituted: **Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Association Model)**

The Band is managed by an executive committee of Trustees appointed annually by the membership. The executive committee discharges some accountabilities as shown below to committee and non-committee members to support the running of the Band (individuals holding the positions, appointed at the 11 July 2024 AGM are shown in brackets).

- Librarian (Nicholas Wright)
- Instruments and Equipment Manager (Nicholas Wright)
- Media and Promotions Manager (Susan Howell)
- Fundraising Manager (Ed Gillespie)
- Contest Secretary (Katharine Slater)
- Deps Manager (position not formally allocated; Dave Giannasi, Band Manager will co-ordinate)
- Band Heritage Manager (position remains vacant)

## Objectives and Activities

### Summary of Objectives

The Band shall exist for the purpose of the promotion of, education in and appreciation of brass band music amongst persons of all ages. In furtherance of the primary charitable object, the Band shall exist to:

- Coordinate the skills and training of Band members.
- Provide opportunities and facilities for the performance and appreciation of music.
- Promote musical direction.

### Achievements and Performance

#### Achievements of the Management Team

The administration of the Charity is carried out by the Trustees and non-Trustee members with allocated management roles. Collectively the team manage:

- Band Financial Affairs
- HMRC Gift Aid
- Concert Bookings
- Contest Bookings
- Travel
- Band Instruments and Uniform
- Fundraising
- Insurance
- Band Safe / BOPAs / DBS Checks
- Player Registrations
- Memberships (BBE, Making Music, NWABBA)
- Health and Safety

### Impact and Achievements of Rode Hall Silver Band

#### *Rehearsals*

The Band was able this year to deliver a schedule of rehearsal, totalling ~193 hours of musical development time available for each of the members.

#### Supporting other Charitable Organisations & Community Events

The Band was active during the period supporting a range of community events as follows.

Date	Event
4 May 2024	Knutsford Royal May Day
18 May 2024	Astbury May Day
27 May 2024	St James' Church, Audlem on the occasion of Audlem Festival
1 June 2024	D-Day commemorative event in collaboration with Biddulph Male Voice Choir
6 June 2024	D-Day commemorative concert (own concert)
15 June 2024	Mobberley Rose Festival
29 June 2024	Goostrey Rose Festival

18 August 2024	Friends of Congleton Park Band Stand
7 September 2024	Friends of Hanley Park Band Stand
14 September 2024	Last Night of the Proms Rotary Charity Concert
10 November 2024	Biddulph Remembrance Parade
15 November 2024	Middleport Pottery Community Event / Christmas Lights Switch On
29 November 2024	Congleton Christmas Lights Switch On
1 December 2024	Scholar Green Village Hall Community Carols and Lights Switch On
1 December 2024	Goostrey Scouts Christmas Lights Switch On
7 December 2024	Rode Hall Christmas Market*
15 December 2024	Congleton Market Quarter Carols for Christmas Event
22 December 2024	Cross Street Church Candlelight Carol Service
22 December 2024	Community Carolling, The Unicorn Pub, Congleton

\*Event subsequently cancelled due to adverse weather

### **Contests**

The Band entered and competed in the following contests during the 2024-25 period:

Contest	Date	Piece	Place
Whit Friday Marches, playing at a number of venues across Saddleworth and Tameside	24 May 2024	Bramwyn	Various
NEMBBA Preview Contest	16 February 2025	Arkansas	1st
NW Area Regional Championships	23 February 2025	Arkansas	12th

## Finance

### Reserves Policy

The charity aims to keep sufficient funds in reserve to maintain operation for a minimum period of two years. The Band currently holds funds in line with this aim.

### Treasurer's Summary Notes

Expenditure exceeded income in this annual period and the year ended with a small deficit of £963.81. Income was sufficient to cover the basic running costs of the Band but discretionary spend on purchasing instruments and uniforms led to a managed deficit.

#### ***Comments on Income***

- Income from concert bookings remained stable vs the previous financial year.
- Donation and Grant income was significantly lower than the financial period 2023-2024.
- Public cash collection income increased from the previous year following successful carolling events.
- There was a small income from the NEMBBA contest prize money (£130.00).
- The Band organised a D-Day commemorative concert but did not hold its own Christmas Concert in 2024. The tickets sales for the D-Day event were significantly higher than historical Christmas concerts, due to increased ticket prices.
- Income was sufficient to fund the basic running costs of the Band.

#### ***Comments on Expenditure***

- Expenses associated with contesting decreased on the previous year as the Band did not participate in the Ironbridge Brass Band Festival or the Wychavon Entertainment Contest so did not hire vehicles (mini-bus or coach). Members travelled independently to the February NEMBBA contest.
- Whilst no individual brass instruments were purchased during this period, a set of granite blocks was purchased along with equipment items. The equipment comprised mutes (six), a mouthpiece, a tuba stand, and boxes to house music. In addition, a printer/scanner to support the role of the Librarian was purchased.
- Uniform costs incurred during this financial year reflect the purchase of five additional short stage jackets, beanie hats and branded ties.
- Five instruments were serviced/repared in 2023-2024 in support of new players joining the Band and to ensure instruments were kept in working order.
- Increase in contesting registration fees reflect the costs of 24-month validation of member registration cards (achieving a £30 reduction vs annual validation).

## End of year Balance Sheet as of 5th April 2025

### ASSETS

#### Current Assets

Trade Debtors (1100)	£	50.00
Treasurers Account (1200)	£	6,042.29
BB INST ONLINE (1220)	£	15,773.82
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>£21,866.11</b>

### LIABILITIES

#### Current Liabilities

Total Current Liabilities      £ -

#### Future Liabilities

Total Future Liabilities      £ -

**TOTAL LIABILITIES**      £ -

**TOTAL NET ASSETS**      **£21,866.11**

### EQUITY

Net Assets (current year)	£21,866.11
Net Assets (prior year)	£22,829.92
Net Profit / Loss (current year)	£ -963.81
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>£21,866.11</b>

## Receipts and Payments 6 April 2024 to 5 April 2025

Receipts	2023–2024	2024–2025
Concert Fees	£ 4,240.00	£ 4,770.00
Contest Prizes	£ -	£ 130.00
Donation	£ 293.93	£ 10.00
Grants	£ 1,000.00	£ -
Online Shopping Income	£ 18.41	£ 34.76
Instrument Sales	£ 799.79	£ 139.54

Interest	£ 164.37	£ 174.02
Public Collections	£ 140.78	£ 284.91
Subscriptions	£ 3,113.50	£ 2,825.00
Concert Ticket Sales	£ 455.00	£ 808.00
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Income Totals	£ 10,225.78	£ 9,176.23
<b>Payments</b>	<b>2023–2024</b>	<b>2024–2025</b>
Awards and Gifts	£ 470.50	£ 201.48
Band Social Events	£ -	£ 60.00
Coaches	£ 2,261.20	£ 917.60
Concert Expenses	£ 71.24	£ -
Conductor Expenses	£ 1,380.00	£ 1,485.00
Contest Expenses	£ 318.00	£ 313.42
Deps Expenses	£ 24.00	£ 101.43
Instrument & Band Equipment Purchase	£ 2,388.06	£ 995.97
Instrument Repairs	£ 372.85	£ 848.00
Insurance	£ 703.00	£ 718.00
Music	£ 39.48	£ 160.92
Postage & Carriage	£ 86.98	£ 34.90
Refreshments	£ 24.49	£ 16.35
Registrations & Memberships	£ 271.40	£ 459.40
Rehearsal Venue Hire	£ 1,694.50	£ 1,704.50
Stationery	£ 28.93	£ 58.59
Training	£ 130.00	£ -
Uniform	£ 644.76	£ 2,004.63
Web Site	£ 43.06	£ 59.85
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Expenditure Totals	£10,952.45	£10,140.04
Surplus / Deficit	£ -726.67	<b>£ -963.81</b>

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

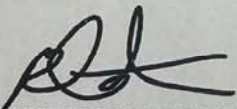
### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

  
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Name: R. Carter

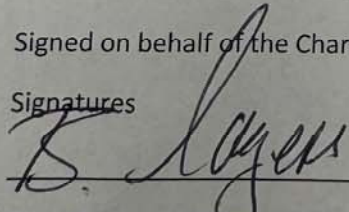
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### Declaration

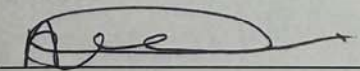
The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees.

Signatures

  
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Brian Rogers (Chairperson)

  
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Anna Whitehurst (Secretary)

Date:

11/01/2026