



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022

Charity name: West Midlands Fire Service Pipe Band

Charity registration number: 1188218

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance the education and appreciation of the public in music and music performance particularly Scottish Pipe Band music for residents of all ages and backgrounds within the West Midlands and surrounding areas by developing skills and competences, by the presentation of concerts and similar activities and by any means as the trustees in their discretion shall determine.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>We provide opportunities to learn to play the pipes and drums, gain a qualification and take part in competitions to improve skills and confidence.</p> <p>We provide opportunities to play and perform with other musicians in the band, other bands and other groups from a variety of music genres.</p> <p>We promote the music genre through playing at community and Fire Service events.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The trustees have read the guidance on public benefit and our activities remain open to anyone in the area of benefit.</p> <p>We specifically want those involved to benefit from improved skills and competence in playing pipes and drums as well as improved health and wellbeing from being a part of a band.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We have received no grants as yet. We will apply to funders for specific programmes of work as they are identified and developed. Our activities during the

		year were still restricted owing to the covid pandemic and our not being able to use our normal practice venue. We also use community events, when possible, as an opportunity for the band to play in public and occasionally there is a fee for this. Our annual Burns Night celebration is also an opportunity for the band to play in public and this will also raise some funds.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	None at present.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All Band members and Trustees are volunteers. Some band members act as tutors to other band members.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Our activities have still been restricted during the year especially as we were unable use our normal practice venue for some of the year. Some online meetings were arranged but these are limited in their impact as playing together using this medium is not satisfactory owing to time lapses on the internet.</p> <p>We currently have two learner pipers, one very new and one who has progressed onto playing the bagpipes with several tunes and will be ready for performances soon.</p> <p>Engagements have been limited this year due to the limited membership however this is starting to improve and we are looking forward to more bookings in the next year.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The year began with the balance of £7114.05. No income has been received. Expenditure during the year was £837.7 leaving a balance on 30 September 2022 of £6276.34.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We do not currently have a reserves policy. It has proved difficult to compile an annual budget to determine expenses owing to a lack of activity. It is envisaged that 50% of current reserves will be used for operational costs when we can begin operations again.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£6276.34
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document <i>(trust deed, royal charter)</i>	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? <i>(e.g. unincorporated association)</i>	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporation Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are appointed for a term of 3 years by a resolution passed at a properly-convened meeting of the charity trustees. West Midlands Fire Service may appoint 1 charity trustee for a period of 1 year.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	West Midlands Fire Service Pipe Band
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1188218

Charity's principal address	99 Vauxhall Road Birmingham B7 4HW

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Simon Nicholls	Chairperson		
2	Alastair Jackson	Secretary		
3	Edward Latimer	Treasurer		
4	Henry Cleaver	Trustee		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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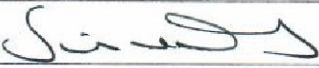
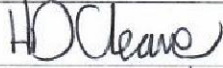
Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Simon Nicholls	Henry Cleaver
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Trustee
Date	18 th Oct 2022.	

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE SERVICE PIPE BAND

Registered Charity No. 1188218 Registered on 27/2/20

Annual Accounts 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022

INCOME

	2022	2021
Engagements	0.00	0.00
Burns Night	0.00	0.00
Competition	0.00	0.00
Donations in memory of Pipe Major	0.00	310.00
Sales	0.00	0.00
Total income	0.00	310.00

EXPENDITURE

RSPBA + Competitions	0.00	0.00
Uniform, instruments + consumables	481.28	0.00
Travel expenses	336.60	0.00
Burns Night	0.00	0.00
Donations to charity	0.00	0.00
Hospitality	0.00	0.00
Stationery and administration	19.83	19.32
Insurance	0.00	0.00
Gifts and tributes	0.00	0.00
Misc	0.00	0.00
Total expenditure	837.71	19.32
Surplus/deficit	-837.71	290.68
Opening balance	7114.05	6823.37
Closing balance	6276.34	7114.05

Represented by:

Current account 6276.34

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have examined the records, bank statements and invoices/receipts for West Midlands Fire Service Pipe Band for the financial year 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022. In my opinion, the figures above are a true representation of those transactions.

Signed



S BATEMAN
79 Witherford Way, Birmingham B29 4AN

Date

10 October 2022