

HITCHIN BAND

England & Wales · Charity number 1188221

Details

Other names HITCHIN BRASS BAND, HITCHIN TOWN BAND

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-02-27

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE ART OF MUSIC, IN PARTICULAR BRASS BAND MUSIC, IN HITCHIN AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY:(A) OFFERING TRAINING AND COACHING TO MUSICIANS OF ALL AGES TO ENABLE THEM TO PLAY TO A STANDARD READY FOR PUBLIC PERFORMANCE AND TO DEVELOP THEIR MUSICAL ABILITIES;(B) PERFORMING PUBLIC CONCERTS OF VARIED AND INFORMATIVE PROGRAMMES;(C) COLLABORATING WITH OTHER GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS TO ENHANCE THE OFFERING TO AUDIENCES.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Germany
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£26,164	£30,518	-	-
2024-03-31	£25,007	£30,740	-	-
2023-03-31	£34,131	£36,567	-	-
2022-03-31	£20,384	£25,213	-	-
2021-03-31	£59,204	£13,821	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dinah Margaret Birch	Chair	2021-04-29
Adam Illott		2021-04-29
Allan Paul Hooker		2021-04-29
Andrew Richard Grady		2020-02-27
Hannah Landsman		2021-04-29
Keith Andrew Birch		2021-04-29
Robert Bush		2021-04-29

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Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: CEO20891 (England and Wales)
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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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Significant activities

The organization comprises three bands (Hitchin Band, Hitchin Community Brass and Hitchin Youth Brass Band), all of which maintained a full schedule of rehearsals and performances throughout the FY.

The main band undertook five paid engagements, three self-promoted concerts and, once again, staged eight sold-out performances of The Snowman over the Christmas period to audiences in Hitchin, Letchworth, and Bedford, involving collaboration with other local musicians, Hitchin Film, Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation and local children who had auditioned to sing a solo as part of each performance. The band also staged its first performance of "Wallace & Gromit - The Wrong Trousers", which was extremely well received and will be repeated twice in 2025.

The Youth Band continued to attract new members, including beginners with no previous experience. It remains supported entirely by volunteer tutors including several members of the main band, and caters to three levels of students, from complete beginners to intermediate players.

Hitchin Community Brass continued to serve a wide range of ages and abilities, including learners of all ages who wish to gain experience and enjoyment from playing in a brass band, supported by members from the main band. The band performed several engagements throughout the year, including the joint Christmas concert with the main and youth bands.

The organisation's AGM was held on 15.5.24 at Holwell Village Hall.

Public benefit

At all times, the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. Public performances by all three of our bands have been strongly supported and warmly welcomed by the public. Many of the bands' performances throughout the year have been free to the public - for example, outdoor events in Shefford, Letchworth and multiple performances in Hitchin town square. The Youth Band also put on several demo events for schools in the local area.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The band has continued its relationship with Richmond Hill School for children with complex needs. Members of the main band once again performed at the school free of charge, and we are working on a one-off additional performance of The Snowman which we will perform for the school in a relaxed environment.

Around Christmas 2024, the Youth Band once again performed carols in Hitchin to raise money for homelessness charity Shelter.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Our subscription rates for members of the senior band have been maintained (at £25/month and £10/month for those not in full employment). This continues to provide a solid foundation, covering much of the core overheads of the organisation. We have invested in additional instruments and equipment for the Youth Band which will support its continuing expansion.

The Statement of Financial Activities shows a deficit, pre-revaluation of instruments, for the year of £5,733 (2023 deficit £2,436).

The balance of funds carried forward was £57,225 compared to £57,519 last year - these include the revalued instrument values.

Principal funding sources

Principle source of income in this financial year has been:

- Income from concerts and events;
- Member subscriptions;
- Paid engagements;
- Donations and public collections.

Reserves policy

The CIO currently has no formal policy on holding minimum reserves, however, we would expect to maintain a working balance not less than £5,000. This ensures the ability of the CIO to pay running costs in the event that numbers of members paying subscriptions were to reduce or paid events need to be cancelled.

Balance over past five FYs has not been below £5,000. Current cash balance exceeds £16,000.

Going concern

There are no concerns about the future of Hitchin Band continuing as a going concern.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a charitable incorporated organisation.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Charity constitution

In 2020, the inaugural year of the CIO, the members of the committee elected at the AGM on 9 May 19 became the trustees for the CIO. Their names were included in the draft CIO constitution which was formally proposed and unanimously accepted at that meeting. Induction and training of new trustees

(1) Elected charity trustees:

(a) At every annual general meeting of the members of the CIO, one-third of the elected charity trustees shall retire from office. If the number of elected charity trustees is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to one-third shall retire from office, but if there is only one charity trustee, he or she shall retire;

(b) The charity trustees to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or reappointment. If any trustees were last appointed or reappointed on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot;

(c) The vacancies so arising may be filled by the decision of the members at the annual general meeting; any vacancies not filled at the annual general meeting may be filled as provided in sub-clause

(d) of this clause; (d) The members or the charity trustees may at any time decide to appoint a new charity trustee, whether in place of a charity trustee who has retired or been, or as an additional charity trustee, provided that the limit specified in clause [12(3)] on the number of charity trustees would not as a result be exceeded;

(e) A person so appointed by the members of the CIO shall retire in accordance with the provisions of sub-clauses

(a) and (b) of this clause. A person so appointed by the charity trustees shall retire at the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of his appointment, and shall not be counted for the purpose of determining which of the charity trustees is to retire by rotation at that meeting.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

CEO20891 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1188221

Registered office

33 Crowland Road
Luton
Beds
LU2 8EH

Trustees

K A Birch
A P Hooker Secretary
Mrs D M Birch Chair
R Bush
Mrs H Landsman
A Ilott Treasurer
A Birring – resigned December 2024
A R Grady

Independent Examiner

Bradshaw Johnson
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Croft Chambers
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 27/11/25 and signed on its behalf by:

HITCHIN BAND

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025


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A P Hooker - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
HITCHIN BAND**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hitchin Band ('the CIO')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the CIO (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

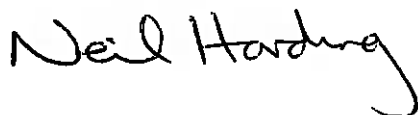
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the CIO are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your CIO's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.



Neil Harding FCA

Bradshaw Johnson
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Date: 1-12-25

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	31.3.25 Unrestricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		8,446	8,539
Other trading activities	2	15,993	13,423
Other income		<u>1,725</u>	<u>3,045</u>
Total		<u>26,164</u>	<u>25,007</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charity activities		<u>30,518</u>	<u>30,740</u>
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)			
Other recognised gains/(losses)		(4,354)	(5,733)
Gains on revaluation of fixed assets		<u>5,487</u>	<u>5,439</u>
Net movement in funds		1,133	(294)
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		<u>57,225</u>	<u>57,519</u>
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>58,358</u>	<u>57,225</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	31.3.25 Unrestricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	6	42,497	41,834
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	1,433	1,604
Cash at bank		<u>15,358</u>	<u>16,257</u>
		16,791	17,861
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(930)	(2,470)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>15,861</u>	<u>15,391</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>58,358</u>	<u>57,225</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>58,358</u>	<u>57,225</u>
FUNDS	9		
Unrestricted funds		<u>58,358</u>	<u>57,225</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>58,358</u>	<u>57,225</u>

The CIO is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

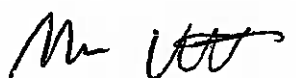
The members have not required the CIO to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the CIO keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the CIO as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 27/11/25 and were signed on its behalf by:



A Hott - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements for the CIO, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Hitchin Band meets the definition of public entity under FRS 102.

The financial statements are presented in sterling (£).

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the CIO to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Instruments - 20% on reducing balance

Instruments and equipment were revalued by the Trustees as at 31 March 2025. This will be revisited on an annual basis.

Taxation

The CIO is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the CIO. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Concert income	<u>15,993</u>	<u>13,423</u>

3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>5,487</u>	<u>5,439</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

5. 2024 COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	8,539
Other trading activities	13,423
Other income	<u>3,045</u>
Total	<u>25,007</u>
EXPENDITURE ON	
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NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(5,733)
Other recognised gains/(losses)	
Gains on revaluation of fixed assets	<u>5,439</u>
Net movement in funds	(294)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	57,519
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>57,225</u>

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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Instruments £
COST OR VALUATION	
At 1 April 2024	41,834
Additions	<u>663</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>42,497</u>
DEPRECIATION	
Charge for year	5,487
Revaluation adjustments	<u>(5,487)</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2025	<u>42,497</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>41,834</u>

Cost or valuation at 31 March 2025 is represented by:

	Instruments £
Valuation in 2025	<u>42,497</u>

If instruments and equipment had not been revalued they would have been included at the following historical cost:

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Cost	<u>42,497</u>	<u>41,834</u>
Aggregate depreciation	<u>30,620</u>	<u>25,133</u>

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Other debtors	<u>1,433</u>	<u>1,604</u>

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8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Other creditors	-	230
Accrued expenses	<u>930</u>	<u>2,240</u>
	<u>930</u>	<u>2,470</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	32,385	(4,354)	(293)	27,738
Revaluation reserve	<u>24,840</u>	<u>5,487</u>	<u>293</u>	<u>30,620</u>
	<u>57,225</u>	<u>1,133</u>	-	<u>58,358</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>57,225</u>	<u>1,133</u>	-	<u>58,358</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	26,164	(30,518)	-	(4,354)
Revaluation reserve	-	-	<u>5,487</u>	<u>5,487</u>
	<u>26,164</u>	<u>(30,518)</u>	<u>5,487</u>	<u>1,133</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>26,164</u>	<u>(30,518)</u>	<u>5,487</u>	<u>1,133</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	38,118	(5,733)	32,385
Revaluation reserve	<u>19,401</u>	<u>5,439</u>	<u>24,840</u>
	<u>57,519</u>	<u>(294)</u>	<u>57,225</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>57,519</u>	<u>(294)</u>	<u>57,225</u>

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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	25,007	(30,740)	-	(5,733)
Revaluation reserve	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,439</u>	<u>5,439</u>
	<u>25,007</u>	<u>(30,740)</u>	<u>5,439</u>	<u>(294)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>25,007</u>	<u>(30,740)</u>	<u>5,439</u>	<u>(294)</u>

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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The organisation's AGM was held on 09.5.24 at Holwell Village Hall.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public benefit

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Twice during the year, members of the main band performed free of charge at Richmond Hill School for children with complex needs. The band is developing a ongoing relationship with the school, in partnership with Brass Bands England, and we intend to continue exploring how the band can benefit this and other specialist schools.

Around Christmas 2023, the Youth Band performed free of charge at care homes in the Hitchin area, and also played carols in Hitchin to raise money for homelessness charity Shelter.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Our subscription rates for members of the senior band have been maintained (at £25/month and £10/month for those not in full employment). This continues to provide a solid foundation, covering much of the core overheads of the organisation. We have invested in additional instruments and equipment for the Youth Band which will support its continuing expansion.

The Statement of Financial Activities shows a deficit, pre-revaluation of instruments, for the year of £5,733 (2023 deficit £2,436).

The balance of funds carried forward was £57,225 compared to £57,519 last year - these include the revalued instrument values.

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

Principle source of income in this financial year has been:

- Income from concerts and events;
- Member subscriptions;
- Paid engagements;
- Donations and public collections.

Reserves policy

The CIO currently has no formal policy on holding minimum reserves, however, we would expect to maintain a working balance not less than £5,000. This ensures the ability of the CIO to pay running costs in the event that numbers of members paying subscriptions were to reduce or paid events need to be cancelled.

Balance over past five FYs has not been below £5,000. Current cash balance exceeds £16,000.

Going concern

There are no concerns about the future of Hitchin Band continuing as a going concern.

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The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a charitable incorporated organisation.

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In 2020, the inaugural year of the CIO, the members of the committee elected at the AGM on 9 May 19 became the trustees for the CIO. Their names were included in the draft CIO constitution which was formally proposed and unanimously accepted at that meeting. Induction and training of new trustees

(1) Elected charity trustees:

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(c) The vacancies so arising may be filled by the decision of the members at the annual general meeting; any vacancies not filled at the annual general meeting may be filled as provided in sub-clause

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

CEO20891 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1188221

HITCHIN BAND (REGISTERED NUMBER: CEO20891)

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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A Birring
A R Grady

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 2 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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A P Hooker - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
HITCHIN BAND**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hitchin Band ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

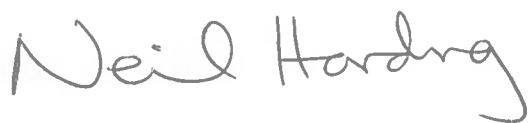
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.



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Date:13-11-24.....

HITCHIN BAND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	31.3.24 Unrestricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		8,539	6,482
Other trading activities	2	13,423	25,064
Other income		3,045	2,585
Total		<u>25,007</u>	<u>34,131</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charity activities		<u>30,740</u>	<u>36,567</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)			
Other recognised gains/(losses)		(5,733)	(2,436)
Gains on revaluation of fixed assets		<u>5,439</u>	<u>5,064</u>
Net movement in funds		(294)	2,628
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		57,519	54,891
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>57,225</u></u>	<u><u>57,519</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	31.3.24 Unrestricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	6	41,834	41,520
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	1,604	200
Cash at bank		16,257	16,881
		<u>17,861</u>	<u>17,081</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(2,470)	(1,082)
		<u>15,391</u>	<u>15,999</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>57,225</u>	<u>57,519</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		<u>57,225</u>	<u>57,519</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>57,225</u>	<u>57,519</u>
FUNDS	9		
Unrestricted funds		<u>57,225</u>	<u>57,519</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>57,225</u>	<u>57,519</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

HITCHIN BAND (REGISTERED NUMBER: CEO20891)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - continued
31 MARCH 2024

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 2 October 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

A Ilott - Trustee



HITCHIN BAND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements for the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Hitchin Band meets the definition of public entity under FRS 102.

The financial statements are presented in sterling (£).

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Instruments - 20% on reducing balance

Instruments and equipment were revalued by the Trustees as at 31 March 2024. This will be revisited on an annual basis.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

HITCHIN BAND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Concert income	13,423	25,064
	<u>13,423</u>	<u>25,064</u>

3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	5,439	5,456
	<u>5,439</u>	<u>5,456</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

5. 2023 COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	6,482
Other trading activities	25,064
Other income	2,585
Total	<u>34,131</u>
EXPENDITURE ON	
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Charity activities	36,567
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(2,436)
Other recognised gains/(losses)	
Gains on revaluation of fixed assets	5,064
Net movement in funds	<u>2,628</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	54,891
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>57,519</u>

HITCHIN BAND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Instruments £
COST OR VALUATION	
At 1 April 2023	41,520
Additions	314
At 31 March 2024	41,834
DEPRECIATION	
Charge for year	5,439
Revaluation adjustments	(5,439)
At 31 March 2024	-
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2024	41,834
At 31 March 2023	41,520

Cost or valuation at 31 March 2024 is represented by:

	Instruments £
Cost	41,834

If instruments and equipment had not been revalued they would have been included at the following historical cost:

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Cost	41,834	41,520
Aggregate depreciation	25,133	19,694

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Other debtors	1,604	200

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Other creditors	230	242
Accrued expenses	2,240	840
	<u>2,470</u>	<u>1,082</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	38,118	(5,733)	32,385
Revaluation reserve	19,401	5,439	24,840
	<u>57,519</u>	<u>(294)</u>	<u>57,225</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>57,519</u>	<u>(294)</u>	<u>57,225</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	25,007	(30,740)	-	(5,733)
Revaluation reserve	-	-	5,439	5,439
	<u>25,007</u>	<u>(30,740)</u>	<u>5,439</u>	<u>(294)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>25,007</u>	<u>(30,740)</u>	<u>5,439</u>	<u>(294)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	40,554	(2,436)	38,118
Revaluation reserve	14,337	5,064	19,401
	<u>54,891</u>	<u>2,628</u>	<u>57,519</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>54,891</u>	<u>2,628</u>	<u>57,519</u>

HITCHIN BAND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	34,131	(36,567)	-	(2,436)
Revaluation reserve	-	-	5,064	5,064
	<u>34,131</u>	<u>(36,567)</u>	<u>5,064</u>	<u>2,628</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>34,131</u>	<u>(36,567)</u>	<u>5,064</u>	<u>2,628</u>

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

HITCHIN BAND

England & Wales - Charity number 1188221

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The object of the CIO is the advancement of the art of music, in particular brass band music, in Hitchin and the surrounding area, for the public benefit by:

- (a) Offering training and coaching to musicians of all ages to enable them to play to a standard ready for public performance and to develop their musical abilities;
- (b) Performing public concerts of varied and informative programmes;
- (c) Collaborating with other groups and individuals to enhance the offering to audiences.

Significant activities

This FY, with Covid continuing to reduce, the bands returned to full schedules of performances. Following agreement at the 2022 AGM, the main band elected to continue with one rehearsal per week, with additional rehearsals scheduled in the run up to contests and major concerts. The main band undertook seven paid engagements, three self-promoted concerts and, once again, staged seven sold-out performances of The Snowman over the Christmas period to audiences in Hitchin, Letchworth, and Bedford, involving collaboration with other local musicians, Hitchin Film, Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation and local children who had auditioned to sing a solo as part of each performance. A very significant event was our concert on 7 May 23, which featured Hitchin Band and Hitchin Youth Brass Band performing alongside the Fodens Band. This was part of a project sponsored by the Arts Council, which involved collaboration with local schools and performers, multimedia presentation, commissioning of an original piece performed by all three bands, performance workshops for the bands and other local musicians, and audio/video recording of the concert.

The Youth Band continued to thrive with numbers growing steadily over the year, particularly new starters with no experience. The Fodens concert was a major focus for the youngsters, who also performed at a joint rehearsal and concert event with the main band and Hitchin Community Brass in October, and at the Christmas concert.

Hitchin Community Brass also continued to progress, with charity concert performances in Hitchin as well as the Christmas concert.

The organisations AGM was held on 11.5.23 at Holwell Village Hall.

Public benefit

At all times, the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. Public performances by all three of our bands have been strongly supported and warmly welcomed by the public. In particular, the band performed for large public events around the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. Our concert with Fodens Band and other self-promoted concerts offered free entry to under 16s. Events associated with the Fodens concert project extended to local schools and other local performers. Our Youth Band and Community Band are open to anyone who wishes to join, without audition, and we offer free loan of instruments, tuition and coaching, and the chance to perform as a group for a very low subscription (£1/rehearsal for Youth Band, £2.50/rehearsal for Community Brass).

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public performances by the senior band resumed in June 21 and every performance was strongly supported and warmly welcomed by the public.

Our Youth Band and Community Band resumed regular rehearsals, offering loan of instruments, tuition and coaching, and the chance to perform as a group for a very low subscription (£1/rehearsal for Youth Band, £2.50/rehearsal for Community Brass).

We staged seven performances of The Snowman over the Christmas period to audiences in Hitchin, Letchworth and Bedford. These were multimedia experiences involving collaboration with other local musicians, Hitchin Film, Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation and local children who had auditioned to sing a solo as part of each performance. All performances were sold out and feedback has been tremendous.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The main band performed free of charge for a fundraising concert for Holy Saviour's Church in Hitchin and for the Garden House Hospice in Letchworth. Community Brass performed as part of a fundraising event for Ukraine.

Our Youth Band and Community Band are open to anyone who wishes to join, without audition, and we offer free loan of instruments, tuition and coaching, and the chance to perform as a group for a very low subscription (£1/rehearsal for Youth Band, £2.50/rehearsal for Community Brass).

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Our subscription rates for members of the senior band have been maintained (at £25/month and £10/month for those not in full employment). This continues to provide a solid foundation, covering much of the core overheads of the organisation. We have invested in additional instruments and equipment for the Youth Band which will support its continuing expansion.

The Statement of Financial Activities shows a deficit, pre-revaluation of instruments, for the year of £2,436 (2022 £4,829). This is due, in part, to increased concert activity in the year.

The balance of funds carried forward was £57,519 compared to £54,891 last year - these include the increased instrument values.

Principal funding sources

Principle source of income in this financial year has been:

- Income from concerts and events;
- A grant from the Arts Council relating to the project with Fodens Band;
- Member subscriptions;
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Reserves policy

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Balance over past five FYs has not been below £5,000. Current cash balance exceeds £16,800.

Going concern

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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M J Thorn (resigned 19.5.22)
C N Ankers (resigned 19.5.22)
A R Grady

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

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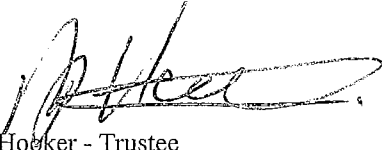
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 11 November 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

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A P Hooker - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
HITCHIN BAND

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hitchin Band ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

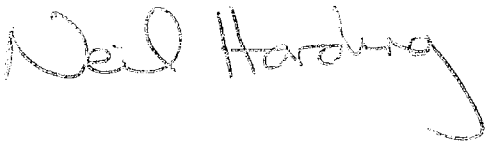
I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act') and in carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO as required by the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or

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.



Neil Harding FCA

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Date: 14-11-23

HITCHIN BAND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

		31.3.23 Unrestricted fund £	31.3.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Donations and legacies		6,482	6,967
Other trading activities	2	25,064	11,582
Other income		<u>2,585</u>	<u>1,835</u>
Total		<u>34,131</u>	<u>20,384</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds		-	458
Charitable activities			
Charity activities		<u>36,567</u>	<u>24,755</u>
Total		<u>36,567</u>	<u>25,213</u>
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(2,436)	(4,829)
Other recognised gains/(losses)			
Gains on revaluation of fixed assets		<u>5,064</u>	<u>14,337</u>
Net movement in funds		2,628	9,508
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		54,891	45,383
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>57,519</u>	<u>54,891</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
31 MARCH 2023

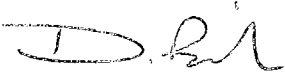
	Notes	31.3.23 Unrestricted fund £	31.3.22 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	6	41,520	40,247
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	200	200
Cash at bank		<u>16,881</u>	<u>15,819</u>
		17,081	16,019
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(1,082)	(1,375)
		<u>15,999</u>	<u>14,644</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>15,999</u>	<u>14,644</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		57,519	54,891
NET ASSETS		<u>57,519</u>	<u>54,891</u>
FUNDS	9		
Unrestricted funds		<u>57,519</u>	<u>54,891</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>57,519</u>	<u>54,891</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

HITCHIN BAND (REGISTERED NUMBER: CEO20891)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - continued
31 MARCH 2023

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 11 November 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D M Birch', written over a horizontal line.

D M Birch - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

HITCHIN BAND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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Hitchin Band meets the definition of public entity under FRS 102.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Instruments - 20% on reducing balance

Instruments and equipment were revalued by the Trustees as at 31 March 2023. This will be revisited on an annual basis.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

HITCHIN BAND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Concert income	<u>25,064</u>	<u>11,582</u>

3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>5,456</u>	<u>6,478</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

5. 2022 COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	6,967
Other trading activities	11,582
Other income	<u>1,835</u>
Total	<u>20,384</u>
EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	458
Charitable activities	
Charity activities	<u>24,755</u>
Total	<u>25,213</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(4,829)
Other recognised gains/(losses)	
Gains on revaluation of fixed assets	<u>14,337</u>
Net movement in funds	9,508
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	45,383

HITCHIN BAND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

5. 2022 COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

Unrestricted
fund
£

TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD

54,891

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Instruments
£

COST OR VALUATION

At 1 April 2022

40,247

Additions

1,665

Revaluations

(392)

At 31 March 2023

41,520

DEPRECIATION

Charge for year

5,456

Revaluation adjustments

(5,456)

At 31 March 2023

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NET BOOK VALUE

At 31 March 2023

41,520

At 31 March 2022

40,247

Cost or valuation at 31 March 2023 is represented by:

Instruments
£

Valuation in 2022

99

Valuation in 2023

(392)

Cost

41,813

41,520

If instruments and equipment had not been revalued they would have been included at the following historical cost:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Cost	<u>41,813</u>	<u>40,148</u>
Aggregate depreciation	<u>19,694</u>	<u>14,238</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Other debtors	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Other creditors	242	535
Accrued expenses	<u>840</u>	<u>840</u>
	<u>1,082</u>	<u>1,375</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	54,891	2,628	57,519
	<u>54,891</u>	<u>2,628</u>	<u>57,519</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>54,891</u>	<u>2,628</u>	<u>57,519</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	34,131	(36,567)	5,064	2,628
	<u>34,131</u>	<u>(36,567)</u>	<u>5,064</u>	<u>2,628</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>34,131</u>	<u>(36,567)</u>	<u>5,064</u>	<u>2,628</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	45,383	9,508	54,891
	<u>45,383</u>	<u>9,508</u>	<u>54,891</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>45,383</u>	<u>9,508</u>	<u>54,891</u>

HITCHIN BAND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

9. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	20,384	(25,213)	14,337	9,508
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>20,384</u>	<u>(25,213)</u>	<u>14,337</u>	<u>9,508</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	45,383	12,136	57,519
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>45,383</u>	<u>12,136</u>	<u>57,519</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	54,515	(61,780)	19,401	12,136
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>54,515</u>	<u>(61,780)</u>	<u>19,401</u>	<u>12,136</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

HITCHIN BAND

England & Wales - Charity number 1188221

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: CEO20891 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1188221

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022
FOR
HITCHIN BAND

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HITCHIN BAND (REGISTERED NUMBER: CEO20891)

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The object of the CIO is the advancement of the art of music, in particular brass band music, in Hitchin and the surrounding area, for the public benefit by:

- (a) Offering training and coaching to musicians of all ages to enable them to play to a standard ready for public performance and to develop their musical abilities;
- (b) Performing public concerts of varied and informative programmes;
- (c) Collaborating with other groups and individuals to enhance the offering to audiences.

Significant activities

Covid and Covid restrictions were still a significant factor during this FY, in the early part of the year indoor rehearsal was not permitted and most of our activity took place online, with some small group rehearsals outdoors. From late June, the senior band and Community Brass were able to resume rehearsals and the senior band was able to resume performances. For the time being, we have reduced senior band rehearsals to one rehearsal per week.

In September, we were extremely pleased to be able to resume rehearsals with our Youth Band, albeit with just six youngsters returning. However, on 10th December 21, supported by Brass Bands England and Herts Music Service, members of the band performed in an assembly at Oughton School, Hitchin. The response of the pupils was tremendous and over the next few weeks numbers in our Youth Band grew. Through further visits to schools and word of mouth, by end of year, numbers were up to 20 each week. Of these, seven had never played a brass instrument.

Volunteers teaching and coaching the Youth Band all took a day-long course in training techniques, run by Brass Bands England with Herts Music Service, as well as separate courses on Safeguarding.

Covid has had an enduring effect, requiring us to seek larger rehearsal facilities and this has resulted in our three bands being spread across three different rehearsal venues. This has been a driver for the Trustees and Committee to begin investigating options for a permanent home for the organisation and we continue to pursue those options.

In September we began planning for a major collaboration with the Foden's Band, for which we are seeking significant funding from the Arts Council. This event will take place in May 22.

Public benefit

At all times, the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Public performances by the senior band resumed in June 21 and every performance was strongly supported and warmly welcomed by the public.

Our Youth Band and Community Band resumed regular rehearsals, offering loan of instruments, tuition and coaching, and the chance to perform as a group for a very low subscription (£1/rehearsal for Youth Band, £2.50/rehearsal for Community Brass).

We staged seven performances of The Snowman over the Christmas period to audiences in Hitchin, Letchworth and Bedford. These were multimedia experiences involving collaboration with other local musicians, Hitchin Film, Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation and local children who had auditioned to sing a solo as part of each performance. All performances were sold out and feedback has been tremendous.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

In the first three months of the FY, amid changing Covid regulations, when face to face rehearsal was not possible, we continued to on-line coaching seminars and participation in on-line events for all members.

In late June 21 members of the senior band were able to take part in an Armed Forces Day event at Letchworth. Thereafter, the band performed at seven different events plus seven performances of The Snowman.

Our Youth Band has been up and running again since September and is open throughout the school year to anyone under 16 who wishes to join. All volunteers have undergone training in coaching and Safeguarding and all have been DBS checked.

Our Community Band is open to anyone of any standard who wishes to come along to join the group. It offers a supportive atmosphere with no pressure and no commitment. Attendance is regularly 20 to 30 players at each rehearsal.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Throughout the year our subscription rates for members of the senior band have been maintained (at £25/month and £10/month for those not in full employment). This has provided a solid foundation, covering much of the core overheads of the organisation.

In addition to capital purchases of instruments, music and equipment amounting to £1,348, the organisation has been able to invest in the servicing and repairs of instruments and the training of volunteers.

The Statement of Financial Activities shows a deficit for the year of £4,829 compared to a surplus in the last period of £45,383 which arose in part due to the introduction of funds and instruments.

The balance of funds carried forward as at 31 March 2022 was £40,554 compared to £45,383 last year due to the above deficit.

Principal funding sources

Principal source of income in this financial year has been:

- Members subscriptions.
- Income from concerts and events.
- Paid engagements.
- Donations and public collections.

Reserves policy

The CIO currently has no formal policy on holding minimum reserves, however, we would expect to maintain a working balance not less than £5,000. This ensures the ability of the CIO to pay running costs in the event that numbers of members paying subscriptions were to reduce or paid events need to be cancelled.

Balance over past five FYs has not been below £5,000. Current balance exceeds £15,000.

Going concern

There are no concerns about the future of Hitchin Band continuing as a going concern.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a charitable incorporated organisation.

HITCHIN BAND (REGISTERED NUMBER: CEO20891)

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Charity constitution

In 2020, the inaugural year of the CIO, the members of the committee elected at the AGM on 9 May 19 became the trustees for the CIO. Their names were included in the draft CIO constitution which was formally proposed and unanimously accepted at that meeting.

Induction and training of new trustees

(1) Elected charity trustees:

(a) At every annual general meeting of the members of the CIO, one-third of the elected charity trustees shall retire from office. If the number of elected charity trustees is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to one-third shall retire from office, but if there is only one charity trustee, he or she shall retire;

(b) The charity trustees to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or reappointment. If any trustees were last appointed or reappointed on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot;

(c) The vacancies so arising may be filled by the decision of the members at the annual general meeting; any vacancies not filled at the annual general meeting may be filled as provided in sub-clause (d) of this clause;

(d) The members or the charity trustees may at any time decide to appoint a new charity trustee, whether in place of a charity trustee who has retired or been, or as an additional charity trustee, provided that the limit specified in clause [12(3)] on the number of charity trustees would not as a result be exceeded;

(e) A person so appointed by the members of the CIO shall retire in accordance with the provisions of sub-clauses (a) and (b) of this clause. A person so appointed by the charity trustees shall retire at the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of his appointment, and shall not be counted for the purpose of determining which of the charity trustees is to retire by rotation at that meeting.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

CEO20891 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1188221

Registered office

33 Crowland Road

Luton

Beds

LU2 8EH

Trustees

K A Birch

A P Hooker Secretary

Mrs D M Birch Chair (appointed 29.4.21)

R Bush (appointed 29.4.21)

Mrs H Landsman (appointed 29.4.21)

A Ilott Treasurer (appointed 29.4.21)

A Birring (appointed 29.4.21)

M J Thorn (resigned 19.5.22)

C N Ankers (resigned 19.5.22)

A R Grady

HITCHIN BAND (REGISTERED NUMBER: CEO20891)

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

Bradshaw Johnson
Chartered Accountants
Croft Chambers
11 Bancroft
Hitchin
Hertfordshire
SG5 1JQ

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 20 October 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

A P Hooker - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
HITCHIN BAND

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hitchin Band

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Hitchin Band for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trustee'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 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Neil Harding FCA
Bradshaw Johnson
Chartered Accountants
Croft Chambers
11 Bancroft
Hitchin
Hertfordshire
SG5 1JQ

Date: 21 October 2022

HITCHIN BAND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

				Year Ended 31.3.22	Period 27.2.20 to 31.3.21
	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		6,967	-	6,967	6,058
Other trading activities	2	11,582	-	11,582	38
Other income		<u>1,835</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,835</u>	<u>53,107</u>
Total		<u>20,384</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,384</u>	<u>59,203</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		458	-	458	50
Charitable activities					
Charity activities		<u>24,755</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,755</u>	<u>13,770</u>
Total		<u>25,213</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,213</u>	<u>13,820</u>
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		 (4,829)	 -	 (4,829)	 45,383
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		45,383	-	45,383	-
Revaluation adjustment		14,337	-	14,337	-
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>54,891</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>54,891</u></u>	<u><u>45,383</u></u>

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HITCHIN BAND (REGISTERED NUMBER: CEO20891)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6	40,247	-	40,247	31,040
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	200	-	200	200
Cash at bank		<u>15,819</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,819</u>	<u>15,465</u>
		16,019	-	16,019	15,665
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(1,375)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,375)</u>	<u>(1,322)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>14,644</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,644</u>	<u>14,343</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>54,891</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,891</u>	<u>45,383</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>54,891</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,891</u>	<u>45,383</u>
FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds				<u>54,891</u>	<u>45,383</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>54,891</u>	<u>45,383</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 20 October 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

D M Birch – Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

HITCHIN BAND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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Hitchin Band meets the definition of public entity under FRS 102.

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Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Instruments - 20% on reducing balance

Instruments and equipment were revalued by the Trustees as at 31 March 2022. This will be revisited on an annual basis.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Year Ended 31.3.22 £	Period 27.2.20 to 31.3.21 £
Concert income	<u>11,582</u>	<u>38</u>

3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	Year Ended 31.3.22 £	Period 27.2.20 to 31.3.21 £
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>6,478</u>	<u>7,760</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the period ended 31 March 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the period ended 31 March 2021.

5. 2021 COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	6,058	-	6,058
Other trading activities	38	-	38
Other income	<u>53,107</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,107</u>
Total	<u>59,203</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>59,203</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	50	-	50
 Charitable activities			
Charity activities	<u>13,770</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,770</u>
Total	<u>13,820</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,820</u>
 NET INCOME	45,383	-	45,383

HITCHIN BAND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

5. 2021 COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>45,383</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,383</u>

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Instruments £
COST OR VALUATION	
At 1 April 2021	38,800
Additions	1,348
Revaluations	<u>99</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>40,247</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2021	7,760
Charge for year	6,478
Revaluation adjustments	<u>(14,238)</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>-</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2022	<u>40,247</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>31,040</u>

Cost or valuation at 31 March 2022 is represented by:

	Instruments £
Valuation in 2022	99
Cost	<u>40,148</u>
	<u>40,247</u>

If instruments and equipment had not been revalued they would have been included at the following historical cost:

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Cost	<u>40,148</u>	<u>-</u>
Aggregate depreciation	<u>14,238</u>	<u>-</u>

HITCHIN BAND

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7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Other debtors	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Other creditors	535	482
Accrued expenses	<u>840</u>	<u>840</u>
	<u>1,375</u>	<u>1,322</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.21	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	59,720	(4,829)	54,891
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>59,720</u>	<u>(4,829)</u>	<u>54,891</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	20,384	(25,213)	(4,829)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>20,384</u>	<u>(25,213)</u>	<u>(4,829)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.21
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
General fund	45,383	45,383
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>45,383</u>	<u>45,383</u>

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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	59,203	(13,820)	45,383
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>59,203</u></u>	<u><u>(13,820)</u></u>	<u><u>45,383</u></u>

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2022.

HITCHIN BAND

England & Wales - Charity number 1188221

Accounts

REGISTERED CIO NUMBER: CEO20891 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1188221

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD 27 FEBRUARY 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021
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HITCHIN BAND
TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD 27 FEBRUARY 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

INCORPORATION

The CIO was incorporated on 27 February 2020.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The object of the CIO is the advancement of the art of music, in particular brass band music, in Hitchin and the surrounding area, for the public benefit by:

- (a) Offering training and coaching to musicians of all ages to enable them to play to a standard ready for public performance and to develop their musical abilities;
- (b) Performing public concerts of varied and informative programmes;
- (c) Collaborating with other groups and individuals to enhance the offering to audiences.

Significant activities

With the onset of Covid restrictions from 23 Mar 20, all planned activities had to be postponed. Rehearsals for all three bands were suspended and all planned concerts and contesting activities had to be cancelled.

Those who had bought advance tickets for concerts were offered refunds. At the end of this period, £481.50 of refunds had not been claimed but these have subsequently been refunded.

Focus switched to on-line activities. All members were invited to take part in weekly activities, including 32 quizzes and social events, and nine coaching sessions / discussion forums with top players, composers, and musical directors. To keep players and our supporters engaged, and to maintain the profile of the band, we created on-line performances. Players recorded their parts individually at home, and their performances were then mixed into a band performance. Three performances were entered into on-line international competitions with good results. Whilst all of the mixing was carried out by volunteers at no cost, we paid £420 with respect to video services undertaken by a member of the band who is a professional videographer. This amount was significantly below the true cost of work undertaken and was the minimum required to cover their costs.

The Youth band was kept engaged using on-line challenges and exercises.

During periods where reduced restrictions allowed, the contest band and community band were able to resume some rehearsals in smaller groups outside of using bigger indoor venues.

Public benefit

At all times, the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

With the onset of Covid restrictions, members who pay monthly subscriptions were offered the option to suspend or reduce their subscriptions. No-one opted to suspend payment and most have continued at the full rate.

We agreed a retention rate of £50/month for our Musical Director and £50/month for our normal rehearsal and storage venue.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Despite the difficulties caused by Covid restrictions, we have been able to maintain the membership and cohesion of all three bands within the CIO.

Through on-line coaching seminars and participation in on-line recorded performances, we have been able to maintain interest in playing and improving individuals' musical abilities.

These performances have been seen by our supporters and, through participation in well-publicised contests, by a worldwide online audience.

We have set challenges to keep young players involved and maintaining their practising.

HITCHIN BAND

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD 27 FEBRUARY 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

By maintaining income from subscriptions whilst reducing outgoings, we were able to achieve a modest surplus of £36. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the funds and instruments introduced on incorporation and depreciation on those instruments giving an overall surplus of £45,383. Taking into account debits and credits outstanding (principally refunds outstanding on tickets) this leaves an effective balance at end of year of £15,458.71. This is a comfortable position going forward but, since new instruments cost up to £10K each, not excessive.

Principal funding sources

Principle source of income in this FY has been member subscriptions. Income from concerts and events has been zero this year but would normally be expected to contribute approx. 75% of income.

Reserves policy

The CIO currently has no formal policy on holding minimum reserves, however, we would expect to maintain a working balance not less than £5,000. This ensures the ability of the CIO to pay running costs in the event that numbers of members paying subscriptions were to reduce or paid events need to be cancelled.

Balance over past five FYs has not been below £5,000. Current balance exceeds £15,000.

Going concern

There are no concerns about the future of Hitchin Band continuing as a going concern. Any continuing restrictions on live music events would have a significant effect on future income but this should not affect the viability of the organisation unless restrictions were to continue into late 2022.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a charitable incorporated organisation.

Charity constitution

This having been the inaugural year of the CIO, the members of the committee elected at the AGM on 9 May 19 became the trustees for the CIO. Their names were included in the draft CIO constitution which was formally proposed and unanimously accepted at that meeting.

Induction and training of new trustees

(1) Elected charity trustees:

(a) At every annual general meeting of the members of the CIO, one-third of the elected charity trustees shall retire from office. If the number of elected charity trustees is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to one-third shall retire from office, but if there is only one charity trustee, he or she shall retire; (b) The charity trustees to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or reappointment. If any trustees were last appointed or reappointed on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot;

(c) The vacancies so arising may be filled by the decision of the members at the annual general meeting; any vacancies not filled at the annual general meeting may be filled as provided in sub-clause (d) of this clause;

(d) The members or the charity trustees may at any time decide to appoint a new charity trustee, whether in place of a charity trustee who has retired or been, or as an additional charity trustee, provided that the limit specified in clause [12(3)] on the number of charity trustees would not as a result be exceeded;

(e) A person so appointed by the members of the CIO shall retire in accordance with the provisions of sub-clauses (a) and (b) of this clause. A person so appointed by the charity trustees shall retire at the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of his appointment, and shall not be counted for the purpose of determining which of the charity trustees is to retire by rotation at that meeting.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered CIO number

CEO20891 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1188221

HITCHIN BAND

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD 27 FEBRUARY 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021

Registered office

33 Crowland Road
Luton
Beds
LU2 8EH

Trustees

K A Birch Trustee Treasurer (appointed 27.2.20)
A P Hooker Chair (appointed 27.2.20)

Independent Examiner

Bradshaw Johnson
Chartered Accountants
Croft Chambers
11 Bancroft
Hitchin
Hertfordshire
SG5 1JQ

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 1st September 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

A P Hooker - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
HITCHIN BAND**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hitchin Band

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hitchin Band for the period 27 February 2020 to 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the CIO 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 Trustee'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 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO as required by section 130 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Neil Harding FCA
Bradshaw Johnson
Chartered Accountants
Croft Chambers
11 Bancroft
Hitchin
Hertfordshire
SG5 1JQ

Date: 27th September 2021

HITCHIN BAND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD 27 FEBRUARY 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and legacies		6,059	-	6,059
Other trading activities	2	38	-	38
Other income		<u>53,107</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,107</u>
Total		59,204	-	59,204
 EXPENDITURE ON				
Raising funds		50	-	50
 Charitable activities				
Charity activities		13,771	-	13,771
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total		13,821	-	13,821
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
 NET INCOME		45,383	-	45,383
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>45,383</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>45,383</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

HITCHIN BAND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets	5	31,040	-	31,040
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	6	200	-	200
Cash at bank		<u>15,465</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,465</u>
		15,665	-	15,665
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(1,322)	-	(1,322)
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>14,343</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,343</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		45,383	-	45,383
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>45,383</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,383</u>
FUNDS	8			
Unrestricted funds				<u>45,383</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>45,383</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 1st September 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

A P Hooker - Trustee

HITCHIN BAND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 27 FEBRUARY 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements for the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Instruments - 20% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

Concert income	£
	<u>38</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE PERIOD 27 FEBRUARY 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021

3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>7,760</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 31 March 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the period ended 31 March 2021.

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery £
COST	
Additions	<u>38,800</u>
DEPRECIATION	
Charge for year	<u>7,760</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2021	<u>31,040</u>

6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	£
Other debtors	<u>200</u>

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	£
Other creditors	482
Accrued expenses	<u>840</u>
	<u>1,322</u>

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds		
General fund	45,383	45,383
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>45,383</u>	<u>45,383</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	59,204	(13,821)	45,383
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>59,204</u>	<u>(13,821)</u>	<u>45,383</u>

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the period ended 31 March 2021.

HITCHIN BAND

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD 27 FEBRUARY 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021

£

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

Donations and legacies

Donations	185
Subscriptions	<u>5,874</u>

6,059

Other trading activities

Concert income	38
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Other income

Fixed assets introduced	38,800
Funds introduced	<u>14,307</u>

53,107

Total incoming resources

59,204

EXPENDITURE

Other trading activities

Refunds	50
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Support costs

Other

Insurance	841
Postage and stationery	8
Sundries	513
Music Director fees and Deputies expenses	1,400
Accommodation costs	1,378
Music costs	65
Subscription - Zoom	43
Missionary and other gifts	58
Skype session	180
Website hosting costs	85
Event costs	600
Independent examiners fees	840
Plant and machinery	<u>7,760</u>

13,771

Total resources expended

13,821

Net income

45,383