

# THE HEATH BAND

England & Wales · Charity number 1191053

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2020-08-27

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, TO PROMOTE, IMPROVE, DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN PUBLIC EDUCATION IN, AND APPRECIATION OF THE ART OF MUSIC, PARTICULARLY BRASS BAND MUSIC, THROUGH THE OPERATION OF AN AMATEUR BRASS BAND, FACILITATING THE MUSICAL EDUCATION OF BAND MEMBERS AND BY THE PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC PERFORMANCES.

**Activities:** The Heath Band is a community, non-contesting brass band which provides musical entertainment at concerts and local events. As well as the main band we also have a training band for all ages and abilities.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Bedford
- Central Bedfordshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£7,821	£6,075	-	-
2024-12-31	£7,616	£6,122	-	-
2023-12-31	£7,210	£6,029	-	-
2022-12-31	£5,354	£5,904	-	-
2021-12-31	£5,419	£6,775	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David John Mowbray		2020-04-27
Katherine Belinda Mary Mowbray		2020-04-27
Linda Christine Johnson		2020-08-27

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# Accounts

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## **Annual Report for the Heath Band 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2025**

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### **Aims and Purposes**

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To promote, develop and maintain people's enjoyment, appreciation and understanding of brass band music.

To facilitate the musical education of band members, people learning to play and the public via rehearsals, performances and our training band.

### **Activities**

2025 was another successful year. Our engagement schedule went ahead as planned and this included summer bandstand events, fetes, remembrance services and Christmas engagements. Particular highlights were our spring concert, at which our thriving training band gave a spirited rendition of favourite pieces, our summer performances at the bandstand and at a local picnic in the park (a new community initiative), and our busy Christmas season.

We have been delighted to welcome new members to both the main and training bands, and we're about to welcome a new member to our committee.

### **For 2026**

As always, we would like to recruit more members to the band. We will be continuing to advertise for more players, particularly in our front-row cornet and low brass sections, and percussion.

Our diary is already very full; we are looking forward to our spring concert and summer events, and continuing to support the development of new players.

### **Finance summary** (please see attached report for details)

We have been able to make a small surplus again this year largely due to our concerts and Christmas events. We are also very grateful to our MD who gives his time for free.

A grant from Leighton-Linslade Arts Forum allowed us to purchase some new music for which we are very thankful.

### **Administrative Information**

The Trustees and Committee met regularly throughout the year. We welcomed Christopher Cox as our new chairman and Marie Brown as a member of the committee. Three committee members are also Trustees (denoted by \* on the list overleaf)

- Chris Cox; Chairman
- Linda Johnson\*; Treasurer
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- Marie Brown; training band coordinator
- Steve Allen; Musical Director.

### **Chairman's report**

This is the second annual report I have prepared for Heath Band and I am delighted to report that we have had another excellent year and that the band continues to be in an extremely strong position. We are financially sound, we have a brilliant core of regular players in the main band and the training band is doing a fantastic job of developing the next generation of Heath Band players. You can see the details of our financial position in the treasurer's report, but I would like to thank all of you for your support in maintaining our financial security through your subscriptions and by turning out for the jobs which we need to do to boost our income.

There are three key events which underpin the band's calendar, our Spring Concert, the Bandstand Concert in Leighton Buzzard and our Christmas visit to Brooklands Club. We aim to give everyone as much notice as possible for these events (next year's Spring Concert will soon be in the diary!) so that we can get maximum support from each of you and minimise the number of deps we need to bring in. We also have frequent requests for the band to play at local events. To ensure that we are meeting the financial needs of the band whilst not making too many calls upon your time, we have established three criteria which we are now using to assess these additional requests:

1. Community involvement: does the job meet our aims and objectives for supporting the local community
2. Profile: does the job enhance the profile of the band
3. Financial: is the payment too good to refuse!

Hopefully by matching all the requests which we receive against these criteria we will maintain the financial security of the band and provide good playing opportunities for you without making excessive demands upon your support and time!

I would like to thank Steve, our Music Director and Kathy, our Bandmaster for their commitment and all the time they dedicate to helping the band achieve its excellent musical standards. I would also like to thank all the members of the committee for the hard work they put in behind the scenes to keep the band running smoothly, helping us maintain our strong financial position and making the band a supportive community. where everyone feels welcome and we can enjoy making music together. Finally I would like to thank each one of you for your hard work, support and enthusiasm over the year. Without you we wouldn't have a band. I also want to encourage each of you to put forward your ideas and suggestions for how we can improve the band both musically and socially so that together we can make the band community even stronger.

## **Musical Director's Report**

I want to start by thanking all our regular members who show every week and put in huge effort for both the training and main band we now have a steady cover of 23 members and that is really impressive.

I want to thank all members of the committee who ably back me and have made the end of last year when I was poorly nice and easy for the band members.

The spring concert was a huge success and raised an astonishing amount of funds for the band and was really well attended by an enthusiastic audience.

We now move into our Summer Season and I implore you to use Muzodo, so we know what if any deps we might need for the upcoming jobs”.

## **Heath Band Accounts: 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2026**

### **Income**

Subscriptions £3111. Concerts. £591.09, other engagements, £2136.07, grants and donations. £1982.92.

**Total income £7821**

### **Expenditure**

Running expenses; Venue costs £2061.50, Brass Bands England, £140.40, Performing rights license, £181.14, Insurance, £729.29, Christmas dinner, £150, Muzodo, £57.43, training band conductor £500, Website/fasthosts, £244.8, Stationery, £22.50, Band member recognition costs £52.48

Equipment; Music, Uniform, £210.35, Instruments, £136.35, £Storage/removal van, £1589.22

**Total expenditure £6075.46**

**Bank balance £13058.74**

# Treasurer's Report 2025

## Financial Overview

For the year ended 31st December 2025, the band maintained a satisfactory financial position, with total incoming resources exceeding total expenditure, resulting in a surplus for the year. Full details are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

## Income

The band's income continued to be derived from member subscriptions, concert and engagement fees, together with grants and voluntary income.

The band gratefully acknowledges receipt of a legacy from the estate of Freda Hill in the sum of **£1,582.92**, which has made a valuable contribution to the band's financial position during the year.

## Expenditure

Expenditure during the year comprised the usual costs associated with the operation of the band, including rehearsal and performance facilities, insurance, training, transport, and administrative expenses. All expenditure was applied in furtherance of the charity's objectives.

## Reserves Policy

The trustees aim to maintain an appropriate level of reserves to ensure the continued operation of the band and to meet anticipated future expenditure, including the maintenance and replacement of instruments and equipment.

## Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. The band continues to advance education and promote the arts through public performances and by providing opportunities for musical participation and development within the community.

## Conclusion

The trustees consider that the band remains in a sound financial position and are satisfied that its resources are being managed effectively in support of its charitable purposes.

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### **Activities**

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Our two training band leaders 'retired' from this role in the summer after twelve years, and have handed over the baton to an experienced band member and the Main Band's Musical Director. The training band gave an outstanding performance at the spring concert.

### **For 2025**

We would like to recruit more members to the band. We will be continuing to advertise for more players, particularly in our front-row cornet and low brass sections, and percussion. We would also like to recruit more people to the committee.

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### **Finance summary** (please see attached report for details)

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### **Administrative Information**

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### **Chairman's report**

It's been a positive and productive year for Heath Band. We welcomed several new members into the ensemble, bringing fresh energy and talent. While we were sad to see some long-standing members move on, their contributions remain appreciated and lasting.

The Training Band continues to thrive, providing a supportive environment for developing musicians and helping secure the future of the band.

Musically, the band has delivered a series of excellent performances, including memorable appearances in the park, at our concerts, and during the Remembrance Day service. Each event has highlighted the band's musical development and strong community spirit.

We're also pleased to report that the band remains in a strong financial position, providing a solid foundation for the year ahead.

A heartfelt thank you goes to our Music Director for his dedication and for taking on the additional responsibility of leading the Training Band. Thanks also to our hard-working committee for everything they've done behind the scenes, and to our Band Master for ensuring we've had the players we've needed at every performance.

### **Musical Director's Report**

As we move through Spring/Summer, I'm filled with pride and gratitude for the dedication, energy, and musicianship which everyone continues to bring to our ensemble, and for the band's commitment to our musical community. This season has been marked by growth, strong rehearsals, and inspiring performances.

Recent highlights include our performance at the Spring Concert, which was a resounding success, and a very positive Christmas season.

Looking ahead; we are now preparing for our Summer Season. The program will feature a dynamic mix of repertoire, for our upcoming fete, bandstand and summer festival performances.

Our Training Band is the band's future, and it continues to thrive. We will be welcoming more of the training band members to 'sit in' at main band in the near future.

# Heath Band Accounts: 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

## INCOME

Subscriptions            3108.00

Concerts                1579.21

Engagements            2018.32

**£6705.53**

### Grants and Donations

Leighton Linslade

Arts Forum              846.15

Donation                50.00

Donations              14.90

£911.05

**£ 7616.58**

Bank balance@31.12.23    £9818.79

Cash in hand@31.12.23    £ -

**£ 17435.37**

## EXPENDITURE

### Running Expenses

Rehearsal/concert venue costs    2147.00

Insurance                1666.23

Brass Bands England            140.40

Performing Rights Licence        175.86

Muzodo                    55.17

Training Band Conductor        120.00

**£ 4304.66**

### Equipment

Music                    600.12

Uniform                 81.60

Instruments etc            576.31

**£1258.03**

### Other

Website                 244.80

Fasthosts                28.87

Safeguarding training        65.00

Stationery              65.89

Deps                    80.00

Cup Engraving            15.00

Morrison's Charity        60.00

£ 559.56

**£6122.25**

Bank balance@ 31.12.24        £11313.12

Cash in hand@ 31.12.24        £ -

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### **Activities**

This year the Heath Band celebrated its 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with a bring-and-share party for band members and their families.

Our engagement schedule went ahead as planned. This included summer bandstand events, fetes, remembrance services and seven Christmas engagements. Particular highlights were our spring concert for which we teamed up with a local community choir. Our 'Poppy Prom' (another joint band and choir event) marked remembrance and was attended by our town mayor, and we were delighted to play at the town mayor's Christmas charity concert.

We welcomed 3 new players to the Heath Band, and 6 new training band members.

### **For 2024**

We would like to recruit more members to the band. We will be continuing to advertise for more players, particularly in our front-row cornet and low brass sections, and percussion. We would also like to recruit more people to the committee and to appoint a conductor to our training band.

Our diary is already very full; we are looking forward to our spring concert and summer events, and will be supporting the new 'pop-up' bandstand for Linslade organised by the local council.

### **Finance summary** (please see attached report for details)

We have been able to make a small surplus this year largely due to two joint concerts held with the Grand Union Community Choir. We are also very grateful to our MD who gives his time for free.

A grant from Leighton-Linslade Arts Forum allowed us to purchase summer uniforms for which we are very thankful.

### **Administrative Information**

The trustees met regularly throughout the year.

Two of our trustees changed roles in 2023. The Chair role is currently shared amongst the Trustees.

Trustees and roles at end of 2023

- Kathryn Faulkner (Librarian)
- Kath Mowbray (Secretary, Training Band)
- Dave Mowbray (Stores, assets, membership)
- Linda Johnson (Treasurer)

Adviser to Trustees – Kathy Gifford

### **Musical Director's Report**

This has been a really fruitful and enjoyable year including some excellent concerts and jobs, with great enthusiasm and playing.

Highlights for me included the Poppy Prom where I conducted the largest band ever, along with the Grand Union Community Choir; this made for an exceptional and sell-out performance.

Huge thanks again to all those involved with the training band which has gone from strength to strength and is now feeding some great players into the main band.

We now need to press on into another year of jobs and our Spring Concert.

Thanks to all the helpers and volunteers who continue to support this wonderful organisation.

# Heath Band Accounts

## 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

### INCOME

### EXPENDITURE

<b>Subscriptions</b>		<b>£2592</b>	<b>Running Expenses</b>
venue costs	2088.73		Rehearsal/concert
<b>Concerts</b>	1490.79		Other concert costs
260.64			Insurance
1666.23			Brass Bands England
<b>Engagements</b>	2591.98		Performing Rights
140.40		<b>£4082.77</b>	Muzodo
Licence	159.88		
<b>Grants and Donations</b>			
41.33			
Leighton Linslade			
Arts Forum	500.00		
<b>£ 4357.21</b>		<b>£534.55</b>	<b>Equipment</b>
Amazon Smile	32.97		Music
Stripe	1.58	<b>£ 7209.32</b>	Uniform
			Mute
<b>£1235.25</b>			<b>Other</b>
			Website
216.00			Safeguarding
training	65.00		Stationery
55.94			

Refreshments

birthday celebration 100.00

£ **436.94**

**£6029.40**

Bank balance@31.12.22 £8638.87

£9818.79

Cash in hand@31.12.22 £ -

£ -

**£15848.19**

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Bank balance@ 31.12.23

Cash in hand@31.12.23

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### **Activities**

We were pleased to welcome Steve Allen back as our Musical Director. He is bringing stability and consistency to the band and will move us forward. We were also delighted to welcome several new members .

This year our normal engagement schedule went ahead as planned. This included summer bandstand events, fetes and other outdoor and indoor events. At Christmas we enjoyed playing for two council Christmas events as well as at a club and outside a shop.

### **For 2023**

We would like to recruit more members to the band particularly in some positions. We will be continuing to market our need for more players. We would also like to recruit more people to the committee.

2023 will be our 90<sup>th</sup> birthday so we will be holding an event to celebrate.

### **Finances**

Our main income streams are membership fees and payment for playing at events such as fetes. This year for the first time since the pandemic we will break even.

Our income for 2022 was £ 5,353.74 with expenditure of £5,903.54. We finished the year with a reduced deficit from the last two years and we are hopeful that we will break even next year.

### **Administrative Information**

The trustees met regularly throughout the year.

Two of our trustees moved during 2022. The Chair role is currently shared amongst the Trustees.

Trustees and roles at end of 2022

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- Kath Mowbray (Training Band/Safeguarding)
- Dave Mowbray (Treasurer)
- Linda Johnson (Secretary)

Adviser to Trustees – Kathy Gifford

### **Musical Director's Report**

I am delighted with the progress of the band since taking over the Musical Director role and the continued growth over the last few months. The Spring Concert was a huge triumph for the band and showed that we can perform to a high standard and work with other groups very successfully, producing a rounded program with something for everyone. The Band also enjoyed their performance at the Bandstand in the summer and to have played at a couple of new events - at Dunstable bandstand, and at Bedford's Christmas Market. The growth of the training band is a credit to all concerned and needs a special mention as this is the future of Heath Band. Overall I feel the band has a great future and with commitment from all members we will have fun and give professional-sounding performances at all our events.

**Heath Band Annual Accounts**  
**January to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2022**

Income			Expenditure		
<b>Subscriptions</b>	£2,512.25	<b>£ 2,512.25</b>	<b>Running Expenses</b>		
<b>Concerts</b>	£ 380.75	<b>£ 380.75</b>	Concert costs	<b>£ 360.00</b>	
<b>Engagements</b>	£2,297.17	<b>£ 2,297.17</b>	Rehearsal Venue Hire	£ 1,907.00	
			Musical Director	£ 1,005.00	
			Insurance	£ 1,483.57	
			BBE	£ 97.50	
			PRS License	£ 285.05	
					<b>£ 5,138.12</b>
<b>Grants and Donations</b>			<b>Equipment</b>		
Simon Farmer -John			Training Band	£ 32.50	
Farmer memorial	£ 100.00		Uniforms	£ 271.80	
Sumup	£ 0.98		SumUp machine	£ 46.80	<b>£ 351.10</b>
Amazon Smile	£ 32.59	<b>£ 133.57</b>	<b>Other Expenses</b>		
			Gift	£ 25.00	
<b>Other -</b>	£ 30.00	<b>£ 30.00</b>	Training	£ 60.00	
		<b>£ 5,353.74</b>	Domian	£ -	
			Website	£ 216.00	
			Deps	£ 20.70	
			Donations	£ 92.62	
					<b>£ 414.32</b>
					<b>£ 5,903.54</b>
Bank Balance@31/12/2021		£ 9,188.67	Bank Balance @ 31/21/2022		£ 8,638.87
Cash in Hand @31/12/2021		£ -	Cash in Hand @31/12/2022		£ -
		<b>£ 14,542.41</b>			<b>£ 14,542.41</b>

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### **Activities**

The continuing CoVid pandemic disrupted our normal engagement and concert schedule for a second year. However we were able to continue weekly playing and practising via Zoom for the first term and then when it was safe to be able to meet in person we continued weekly rehearsals face to face.

We played at some outdoor events and also in the Christmas period played in the streets and outside a shop for people's enjoyment as well as fundraising.

### **Finances**

The loss of income from our normal engagements such as fetes has had an impact on our financial status. However we have enough reserves to be able to cover this loss and were also able to gain two significant grants of £500 each. The first has been used to improve our website to attract new players and also audiences.

The second was used to cover some of the extra expenses caused by the pandemic such as a larger more costly venue space.

We will be increasing membership fees next year in order to cover the expected deficit and have a planned recruitment drive to encourage new players to join our training band and experienced players to join our main band.

### **Administrative Information**

The trustees met regularly throughout the year.

Trustees and roles during 2021

Chair

Treasurer

Secretary

Bandmaster

Greg Tubby

Dave Mowbray

Linda Johnson

John Ravenor

Librarian  
Training Band/Events Co-ordinator  
Training Band/Safeguarding  
Publicity

Kathryn Faulkner  
Kath Mowbray  
Amy Pezet  
Justin Brown

# Heath Band Accounts

1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021

## INCOME

Subscriptions **2817.2**  
**5**

### Performances

Concerts 300.00  
Fetes 213.00  
Remembrance 40.00  
Christmas events 874.31  
**1427.3**  
**1**

### Grants & Donations

Arts Council  
- website dev 500.00  
- Covid grant 500.00  
Amazon Smile 31.74  
Online donations 92.47  
**1124.2**  
**1**

**Other** **50.00**  

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**5418.7**  
**7**

Bank balance @ 10481.4  
31/12/20 9  
Cash in hand @ 63.70  
31/12/20  

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**15963.**  
**96**

## EXPENDITURE

### Running Expenses

Musical director 2775.0  
0  
Rehearsal venue hire 811.00  
Insurance 1383.1  
1  
Subscriptions 391.69  
Performing rights  
license 122.22  
**5483.0**  
**2**

### Equipment

Music 255.19  
Uniforms 99.60  
Percussion bench 34.00  
**388.79**

### Other

Sundries 43.48  
Website 500.00  
**543.48**

### Charitable donations

**360.00**  

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**6775.2**  
**9**

Bank balance @ 9188.67  
31/12/20  
Cash in hand @ 0.00  
31/12/20  

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**15963.**  
**96**

## **Summary**

2021 was not a good year for the band, Covid and lockdowns meant income was less than previous years. Our bank balance was down by nearly £1300.00 at year end. We lost our fetes revenue and had members retire or leave which meant our subscription income also fell. Christmas was our best period and that was where the majority of our job's revenue came from. Pubs were not so good this year, we had the Black Lion cancel their Christmas tree light up and our only other pub job raised less than £30. Our big earning jobs were Carols on the green and Waitrose. Street playing turned out to be a good earner too!

The band received 2 Arts council grants of £500 each, these were for our website development and cost of Covid measures. Our thanks to Linda for gaining this much needed money. This has enabled us to move to a new webspace and create a more up to date website. On a positive note, we have survived the pandemic! Other bands have not been as resilient.

## **Forecast for 2022**

Looking forward this year we are out of restrictions, people and organisations are beginning to plan events for the summer and we have a decent number of enquiries coming in. With the financial pressures on the band, we have reviewed our charges and have raised them to a more reasonable level (they had not changed for a number of years. Our running expenses need to be covered for us to survive and as well as reviewing our charges for jobs we have reviewed the subscription charges, and these will be voted on during the AGM. If we are successful at getting jobs and importantly getting enough players to make a tune or two, then summer is likely to bring in revenue to a pre pandemic level and if we perform during the Christmas period like we did last year then the band could see a significant reduction in deficit.

