

West of England Bandsmen's Festival

2024 AGM 23rd October 2024

Treasurers Report

Our 98th brass band contest was held a little over 4 months ago on Saturday 15th June 2024. Although the day started with some rain, by the time things were underway on the field the sun was making its appearance and it was a fairly pleasant day.

It was pleasing to see all sections represented this year, and despite the withdrawal of two bands a couple of weeks before the contest day, the event was well supported.

Whilst donations from our Friends of the Festival remain at a similar level to the previous year, sponsorship income rose slightly as Gwella Contracting kindly increased their support of the event to £500 this year, up from £300 received in 2023.

The festival takings on the day itself have decreased, likely due to the two late withdrawals before the contest day and perhaps a small reduction in footfall. The SumUp card machines were fully verified and working correctly for this year's contest and it was pleasing to see the split of cash and card payments being approximately 50:50 on the day. I would expect usage of this payment method to increase year on year.

Donations this year includes contributions from our President Geraint Richards and our Chairman Graham Ball totalling £300 which has been put towards the cost of replacing the bunting used in the village. Brian Ball held his Carriage Driving show in the field and gave a donation of £75.00. Commission of £300 was again received from Kellys of Bodmin from Ice Cream sales on the day. We were also fortunate to receive £1,000 from the Barclays Charitable Trust. One of our volunteers, Joel Double, organised and ran our refreshment tent and as an employee of Barclays he has access to charitable funds for events such as ours. We were able to secure the maximum donation available following submission of income and expenses from the tea tent. Also included in this heading are the street collections from the morning and evening marches and these collections came to £130 this year.

Unexpectedly, we received a legacy of £2,500 from the estate of the late Dr Winslade, former GP to the village of Bugle. There were no specific details attached to the legacy payment so it has been treated as exceptional income for the year and as an unrestricted fund for us to use as we see fit.

As a result of the prevailing interest rates over the 12 months to 31st August 2024 we have seen a better return on our investment this year.

Moving towards the costs for the year, and in general, expenditure remains at a level consistent with the 2023 year, with some small inflationary increases in costs as expected.

Joel Double was extremely careful with what was ordered for the tea tent this year, as in the previous year some items hadn't sold and we had some waste. He spent considerable time over last winter reviewing the costs and sale prices of items which has proved invaluable. This year provisions expenditure is down slightly as a result of this and thankfully we made a profit on the tea tent and there wasn't so much left at the end of the day.

I have fixed our electricity prices for 2 years from July 2024. As most of our electricity costs come from the daily standing charge it is important that we keep this as low as we can, and we will continue to pay the same (60ppd) standing charge for the next 2 years. Unit charges have dropped slightly going forward, which is obviously favourable.

We were able to keep the costs of the marquees the same as what we paid in 2023.

Due to other bookings, PJI Security were unable to cover our event and recommended a different security firm to us this year. Fox Security from Redruth provided the cover for 2024 and overall we were extremely happy with their services. I received detailed notes after the contest regarding all the interventions they made during the day, every incident was recorded. Fox Security have already been booked for next year.

Trophies costs have decreased as this year the only expenditure was the cost of the special awards, last year this also included costs for plaques to commemorate the King's Coronation.

Room hire costs this year are monies paid to Bugle Silver Band for the use of their bandroom for committee meetings and the AGM. This is £25 per meeting and includes the costs of the three meetings held in the 2023 year and the three held in the current year.

Most of the street bunting was replaced this year as it was looking very weather beaten. We sought advice from Terry Butler regarding this purchase as there are many types of bunting available at lots of different qualities and price points. We went with the same bunting that Charlestown Regatta use and as I have already mentioned, included in donation income is £300 received from our President and Chairman as a contribution towards the cost.

Field groundworks includes costs from Walter Bailey for items relating to the stage – timber, screws etc. Keith Husband found cable covers for us to use this year to save having to dig the cables into the ground – this was both time and labour saving and we will use these again in the future. Also included here are costs for a crane (hi-ab) which was used to lift the canopy onto the roof frame of the stage. Again, both time and labour saving.

Miscellaneous expenses includes printer ink and paper, postage costs and the Cornwall Council road closure notice. Also posted here are thank you gifts purchased for our independent examiner and the staff from Griffiths Contractors who helped with putting up the street bunting.

It is worth noting that were it not for the exceptional income received this year in the form of the legacy and the donation from the Barclays Charitable Trust, our overall position for 2024 would have been comparable to 2023. Although it is encouraging to see an excess of income for the year, we must be mindful that the 'real' position for the festival is a small loss – if we deduct our exceptional income of £3,500 away from the 'profit' this year we would be left with a deficit of a little over £1,000.

As we start to look towards our 100th Contest in a little less than two year's time, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone on the committee for your hard work over the year. To our volunteers who give their time in the weeks and days leading up to our contest and on the day itself, we are truly grateful. Thanks goes to Dave White for his support on contest day. And finally thank you to Dave Stevens for giving your time to examine the accounts, books and records for the year.

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Unaudited Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 August 2024

Registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation No. 1192477

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General Information

Officers:

Chairman – Mr G R L Ball

Secretary – Mr I Powell

Treasurer – Miss E Husband

Promoter – Mr A Teague

Charity Trustees:

Mr T G Butler

Miss E Husband

Mr A Teague

Mr I Powell

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Mr D A Stevens

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Barclays Bank PLC

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Trustees Report

For the Year Ended 31st August 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2024.

Review of the Activities of the Charity

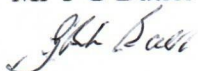
On 15th June 2024 the West of England Bandsmen's Festival held their annual brass band contest. As a result of late withdrawals from two entered bands the number of entries were reduced but despite this it was pleasing to see all sections represented and the event was a success.

Income Accumulation Account

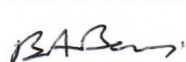
The excess for the year to 31st August 2024 of £2,441 was added to the Income Accumulation Account.

Trustees:

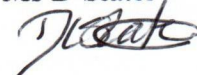
Mr T G Butler



Mrs B Barnes



Ms D Slater



Mr M Rowe



Dated: 10/02/25

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For the Year Ended 31st August 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the

Trustees of West of England Bandsmen's Festival

I report on the financial statements of the trust for the year ended 31st August 2024 set out on pages 4 and 5.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the trustees and comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the prepared accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mr D A Stevens
Independent Examiner

Dated: 30.09.2024

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Balance Sheet

For the Year Ended 31st August 2024

		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
		£	£
<u>Fixed Assets</u>			
Plant, Equipment and Trophies	<i>Note</i>	41,276	41,848
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Stock		134	218
Debtors and prepayments		489	1,060
Investment account		35,513	33,825
Cash at bank and in hand		11,165	10,167
		<u>47,301</u>	<u>45,270</u>
		88,577	87,118
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
Creditors		(100)	(1,082)
<u>Total Net Assets</u>		<u><u>88,477</u></u>	<u><u>86,036</u></u>
<u>Represented By</u>			
Balance at 1st September 2023		86,036	88,695
Earlier year adjustment re sale of mower		-	(1,440)
Excess/(Deficit) of income over expenditure		2,441	(1,219)
		<u><u>88,477</u></u>	<u><u>86,036</u></u>
<u>Fixed Asset Note</u>			
		£	
Cost at 01/09/2023		61,204	
Addition - Website		692	
Disposal - Previous website		(2,040)	
Cost at 01/08/2024		<u>59,856</u>	
Depreciation at 01/09/2023		19,356	
Charge for Year		1,022	
Depreciation written off on disposal of previous website		(1,798)	
Depreciation at 31/08/2024		<u>18,580</u>	
Net Book Value 31/08/2024		<u>41,276</u>	
Net Book Value 31/08/2023		<u>41,848</u>	

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Income and Expenditure Account for 2024 AGM

For the Year Ended 31st August 2024

	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Income</u>				
Friends of the Festival	2,386		2,275	
Band entry fees	1,915		1,755	
Sponsors	4,500		4,300	
Festival takings	9,719		10,444	
Donations	1,804		721	
Legacy received	2,500		-	
Investment income	1,688		1,035	
		24,512		20,530
<u>Expenses</u>				
Prize monies	3,765		3,465	
Refreshment marquee provisions	3,040		3,281	
Programmes	797		785	
Electricity	268		238	
Business rate	73		69	
Marquee hire	4,224		4,224	
Insurances	1,788		1,787	
Security guards	965		788	
St John Ambulance	497		517	
Adjudicators fees and accommodation	578		608	
Percussion hire	1,280		1,080	
Trophies	153		826	
Skip hire	348		348	
Hire of disabled toilet	146		181	
Hire of hot cupboard	168		168	
Room hire	150		-	
Amplification	575		575	
Street Bunting	564		-	
Brass Bands England membership	140		98	
Website maintenance	365		250	
Cleaning materials	20		315	
Sum up and PayPal fees	83		26	
Field groundworks	439		440	
Miscellaneous expenses	381		452	
Depreciation	1,022		1,228	
Loss on disposal of previous website	242		-	
		(22,071)		(21,749)
Excess/(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure		<u>2,441</u>		<u>(1,219)</u>