

West of England Bandsmen's Festival

Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 August 2025

Registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation No. 1192477

West of England Bandsmen's Festival

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General Information

For the Year Ended 31 August 2025

Officers and Trustees: President – P G Richards
Chairman – G Ball
Secretary – D Andrews
Treasurer – B A Barnes
Promoter – M Rowe
Vice Promoter - R Faro
Vice Treasurer - H Rowe

Principal Address: Clowance Barton Lodge
Praz-an-Beeble
Camborne
Cornwall
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Independent Examiner: D A Stevens

Bankers: Barclays Bank PLC
Lloyds Bank PLC

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Report of the Trustees For the Year Ended 31 August 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2025. All numbers in this report have been rounded to the nearest £.

Review of the Activities of the Charity

On 21st June 2025 the West of England Bandsmen's Festival held their annual brass band contest under the leadership of a new group of Trustees and with the support of stalwart volunteers and Committee Members. As this was the 99th Contest a number of new elements and a new layout were introduced to give us a dry run for the 100th Contest in 2026. These elements included an increase in prize money and the introduction of a new Festival Showcase section. The latter encourages unregistered, ungraded and scratch bands to enjoy taking part in the Festival in a more relaxed manner with a programme of their own choice. We also trialled activities for children and more refreshment concessions.

One thing we have realised as an organisation is that the passion for the continuation of this unique event is still strong and eighteen bands took part which was very welcome, the consensus on the day was that the new elements were appreciated and enjoyable. The day was a great success – helped by fine weather and it was encouraging to see how many people came to celebrate and support the festival.

To thank the outgoing trustees and members of the Committee presentations were made to Andrew Teague, Ian Powell, Terry Butler and Verlaine Jane. Their hard work and support over many years is not unrecognised and we hope to see them at future contests.

Officers and Trustees:

G Ball

D Andrews

B A Barnes

M Rowe



Dated:



27 October 2025

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For the Year Ended 31 August 2025

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 31 August 2025 set out on pages 4 and 5.

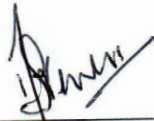
Basis of independent examiner's statement

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.



D A Stevens
Independent Examiner

Dated: 17. 10. 2025

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Income and Expenditure Account for 2025 AGM

For the Year ended 31st August 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Friends of the Festival	1,465		2,386	
Band entry fees	1,785		1,915	
Sponsors and advertisers	4,710		4,500	
Festival Takings	9,933		9,719	
Donations	472		1,804	
Legacy			2,500	
Investment income	1,503		1,688	
Petty cash and excess float paid into bank	764			
		20,633		24,512
Expenses				
Prize monies	5,875		3,765	
Refreshment marquee	3,307		3,040	
Programmes	1,289		797	
Electricity	218		268	
Business Rate	81		73	
Marquee Hire	5,124		4,224	
Insurances	1,832		1,788	
Security Guards	1,284		965	
St John Ambulance	572		497	
Adjudicator fees and accommodation	100		578	
Percussion Hire	1,946		1,280	
Trophies	219		153	
Skip Hire	378		348	
Hire disabled toilet			146	
Hire hot cupboard			168	
Room hire			150	
Amplification	575		575	
Street Bunting			564	
BBE Membership	140		140	
Website mtc	365		365	
Cleaning materials			20	
Sum up and PayPal fees	73		83	
Field	1,100		439	
Misc expenses	772		381	
Depreciation	1,018		1,022	
Loss on disposal of previous website			242	
Clothing	950			
Radios and Safety	1,186			
Sum Up machines	195			
Publicity	188			
		28,788		22,071
Excess/(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure		(8,155)		2,441

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Balance Sheet

For the Year ended 31st August 2025

	<u>2025</u>		<u>2024</u>	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Plant, Equipment and Trophies		41,020		41,276
Current Assets				
Stock	97		134	
Debtors and prepayments	635		489	
Investment Account	27,015		35,513	
Cash in bank and in hand	11,852		11,165	
		39,600		47,301
		80,620		88,577
Current Liabilities				
Creditors		(298)		(100)
Total Net Assets		<u>80,322</u>		<u>88,477</u>
Represented by				
Balance at 1st September 2024		88,477		86,036
Excess/(Deficit) of income over expenditure		<u>(8,155)</u>		<u>2,441</u>
		<u>80,322</u>		<u>88,477</u>