

Gresley Colliery Brass Band

(Registered Charity Number 1195666)

Annual Report of the Trustees and Financial Statement

for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024

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Trustees' Report

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Objectives and Activities

The principal objective of the band is to promote, improve develop and maintain public education in and appreciation of brass band music through the presentation of public performances and training in brass band music.

Structure, Governance and Management

The band is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is governed by its Constitution dated 31 August 2022.

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Constitution and are actively engaged in the running of the band, having been selected for their professional experience and to add value to the organisation.

The day-to-day management of the band is carried on by the Management Committee, the duties of whose members have been approved by the Trustees.

The Trustees, who acted throughout the period are as follows:

Matthew Robert Pope – Chairman
Kenneth Martin Loukes – Treasurer and Secretary
Samantha Lucy Pope
Duncan Carl Jackson
Stephen William George Kirk
Simon Alexander Thomas – Resigned 12 September 2023
Stephen Paul Brockwell – Appointed 7 January 2024

Achievements

A number of adults expressed a wish to join the youth band and it was decided that it would be beneficial for that band to be re-formed as a community band. Both the senior and community bands have performed in a number of concerts during the reporting period. As from 1 January 2025 the senior band will be relegated to the First section and will compete in the regional Brass Band Championships in that section in March 2025.

Musical Tuition

The conducting team of Craig Stevens and Matthew Pope are responsible for the senior band and community and youth bands respectively.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have reviewed the statement of public benefit as follows:

a) Benefit as playing members

To attain the standards of competence to perform with a brass band takes dedication, personal practice and self development. Membership of one of the Gresley Colliery Bands may be the culmination of many years of study and the band provides the outlet to perform at the highest level to a wide cross section of audiences. The benefits to the individual may

be expressed as a vehicle to perform at the highest level, continue self development and become a role model for other brass musicians.

b) Benefits to non playing members

Persons who cannot commit to the dedication of playing membership will be encouraged to be actively involved in a 'Friends' organisation. These Friends will be encouraged to organise raffles, refreshments etc. Non playing members are integral to the long term growth of the organisation.

c) Benefits to the local community

Gresley Colliery Brass Band was founded in the 1850s and enjoys a high profile within the local community. The Trustees place great importance on the establishment of community links and strategic partnerships to encourage development of local brass band talent.

Financial Review

As at 30 June 2024 the band had financial reserves of £14,925 which are primarily held by the band's bankers.

We recognise and thank our sponsor D. S. K. Engineering Services (Midlands) Limited and our members for their continued support.

Reserves Policy

The band has no restricted funds. It is revenue based and has to operate within the confines of cash generation. Expenditure outside normal operating requirements is identified and funds allocated appropriately. The Trustees recognise the need to maintain reserves to fund unforeseen items however the payment of operating expenditure is of paramount importance.

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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Matthew Robert Pope

Chairman

Date: 21 October 2024

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Kenneth Martin Loukes

Treasurer

Date: 21 October 2024

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Summary of Income and Expenditure

For the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024

	2024 £	2023
Income		
Sponsorship	4,500	4,500
Donations	300	700
Member subscriptions	3,185	2,430
Concerts/Events	1,355	1,561
Christmas Playing	3,020	2,310
Sale of instruments	3,900	0
Gift Aid	880	
Miscellaneous	35	98
Total Income	17,175	11,599
Expenditure		
Conductor Fees	4,700	4,776
Player Fees	870	475
Insurance	694	694
Purchase of music	952	553
Contest fees incl. Registration and Transport	1,015	1,447
Purchase and repair of instruments	2,222	1,299
Rehearsal room rental and electricity	1,865	498
Uniforms	149	237
Stand banners	0	945
Purchase of chairs	0	689
Van Hire	352	0
Bank charges	112	79
Miscellaneous	1,183	1,080
Total Expenditure	14,114	12,984
(Deficit)/Excess of Income over Expenditure	3,061	(1,385)
 Financial Reserve at start of year	 11,864	 13,249
(Deficit)/Excess of Income over Expenditure	3,061	(1,385)
 Financial Reserve at end of year	 14,925	 11,864