

Gresley Colliery Brass Band

(Registered Charity Number 1195666)

Annual Report of the Trustees and Financial Statement

for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

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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 2025.

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
Stephen Paul Brockwell

Achievements

The re-forming of the Youth Band as the Youth and Community Band has been a great success, attracting a number of additional players. Both the Senior and Community bands have performed in a number of concerts and local events during the reporting period. As from 1 January 2025 the senior band was relegated to the First section and will compete in the regional Brass Band Championships in that section in March 2026.

Musical Tuition

The conducting team of Craig Stevens and Matthew Pope are responsible for the Senior band and Community and Youth band 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 2025 the band had financial reserves of £13,831 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:

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Kenneth Martin Loukes

Treasurer

Date:

Gresley Colliery Bras Band**Summary of Income and Expenditure****For the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025**

	2025	2024
	£	
Income		
Sponsorship	5,000	4,500
Donations	350	300
Member subscriptions	3,034	3,185
Concerts/Events	2,004	1,355
Christmas Playing	2,772	3,020
Sale of instruments	0	3,900
Gift Aid	586	880
Bank Interest	143	0
Miscellaneous	17	35
Total Income	13,906	17,175
Expenditure		
Conductor Fees	4,635	4,700
Player Fees	835	870
Insurance	837	694
Purchase of music	1,146	952
Contest fees incl. Registration and Transport	665	1,015
Purchase and repair of instruments	264	2,222
Rehearsal room rental and electricity	3,416	1,865
Container Hire	1,680	
Uniforms	297	149
Van Hire	0	352
Bank charges	94	112
IT	204	
Outings	290	
Miscellaneous	637	1,183
Total Expenditure	15,000	14,114
(Deficit)/Excess of Income over Expenditure	(1,094)	3,061
 Financial Reserve at start of year	 14,925	 11,864
(Deficit)/Excess of Income over Expenditure	(1,094)	3,061
Financial Reserves at end of year	13,831	14,925