

Tiverton Town Band

Registered Charity No. 1196473

Trustees Annual Report

20th January 2025

This report comments on the activities of Tiverton Town Band during 2024 and our plans for 2025.

The objectives of Tiverton Town Band as set out in the constitution are to;

- *Provide amenities for promotion of brass band music.*
- *Educate the public in the art of brass band music.*
- *Enable musicians of all ages, abilities and ethnic backgrounds to make music together.*

We are delighted to report that we have successfully continued to fulfil our Charitable Objectives and are well placed to continue to do so in 2025.

In providing amenities for the promotion of brass band music

Thanks to the cooperation and generosity of Tiverton Rugby Club, we've held weekly rehearsals throughout the year. As we have welcomed new members, we have been able to draw from our instrument stock to provide opportunities for new players. We have also supported other ensembles by loaning out from our extensive music library.

A major item of expenditure for which we have been planning for a number of years, has been the purchase of fitted waistcoats for the band. These have already proved to be of use in a number of settings and give a more contemporary image for the band.

Entertaining the general public in the art of brass band music

Over the last year, we have provided an engaging and inclusive programme at a variety of events throughout the county. Particular high and low lights have been:

- A joint concert with the Tiverton Concert Band
- A concert based around the theme and Narrative of "Tiverton Remembers" as a different take on the run up the Poppy Appeal which was well received.
- The disappointment of having to cancel a Christmas concert at TCAT due adverse weather, although the band fulfilled 18 other opportunities to play seasonal music in a variety of venues.
- Playing at a number of new venues: including Hemyock Church and Sampford Peverell Village Hall

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Enabling musicians of all ages, abilities and ethnic backgrounds to make music together

We have maintained a regular weekly programme of rehearsals at the Tiverton Rugby Club and have welcomed four new players, with more expressions of interest for 2025. In June our Musical Director – Brian Kelloway felt the time had come to move on. We are grateful for the insights he shared and the encouragement to focus on “finding the music” has stayed with us and enhanced our performances. Our Bandmaster, Graham Pillivant and Guest Conductor, Andrew Harris have since ably led the Band enabling us to fulfil our concert commitments.

Despite much discussion and we have not made significant progress in developing learning formalising learning and developing opportunities. However, we are in touch with several initiatives that are likely to be started in 2025 and intend to give these our full support.

Our ethos and culture continue to be welcoming to players of all abilities and experiences and this can be evidenced by the positive feedback of players and guests.

How we approach 2025

Our financial situation is set out in the attached report and shows us to be in a satisfactory position. At this early stage in 2025 we have welcomed further new members and for the first time for many years have all instrumental positions in a traditional band occupied.

We have made a temporary arrangement for an external conductor to lead us towards the first concert of the year.

We aim by the year end to:

- To be confident and proficient in playing our refreshed repertoire
- To bring stability to the role of conductor/musical director
- To improve our social media presence and make it an integral part of our public relations
- To be an active supporter and participant in musical training and development initiatives in the region

Roger Stickland - On behalf of the Trustees

Financial Report

The accounts for Tiverton Town Band for the year ended 31st December 2024 have been prepared on a receipts and payments i.e. cash basis.

Summary

	2024 £
Receipts	9313.60
Payments	9886.37
Surplus (Deficit)	(572.77)
Balance Carried forward	10368.90
Closing Balance	
Barclays	9,994.46
Petty Cash	374.44
	10,368.90

Note Brought forward balance from 2023 report adjusted to correct recording of uniform expenditure in prior year ahead of actual payment.

The same principle “recognising receipts and payments” when cash changes hand means that the accounts for this year appear over optimistic as they recognise the earlier payment of a £500 grant from Tiverton Town Council, and the outstanding payments and uncashed cheques of £1,380. If recognised these would reduce the balance carried forward to £8,488.

Even at this adjusted level the balance carried forward is more than the widely regarded policy for charities of holding a reserve equivalent to 6 months expenditure.

The recommendation from the Treasurer, which has the support of the committee is that this year we leave the membership subscriptions unchanged i.e. £80 for full membership, an optional concessionary rate of £60, in full time education £40 and an instrument only rate of £25.

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Total Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended 31st Dec 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Receipts			
Members Subscriptions	1,843.00	-	1,843.00
Engagements	1,289.32	-	1,289.32
Event fundraising	3,294.48	-	3,294.48
Members Fundrasing	396.18	-	396.18
Grants	1,534.98	-	1,534.98
Sponsorships	-	-	-
Gift Aid	799.14	-	799.14
Easyfundraising	126.52	-	126.52
Misc Income	29.98	-	29.98
Total receipts	9,313.60	-	9,313.60
Payments			
MD and Conductor exp	2,790.00	-	2,790.00
Music	295.15	-	295.15
Instruments	10.00	-	10.00
Uniforms	3,844.91	-	3,844.91
Engagement Expenses	764.80	-	764.80
Insurance and Subscriptions (org)	1,023.36	-	1,023.36
Donations	120.00	-	120.00
Gifts and Tributes	38.50	-	38.50
Band socials	-	-	-
Accommodation	39.28	-	39.28
Publicity	43.20	-	43.20
Phone & Internet	396.86	-	396.86
Total payments	9,886.37	-	9,886.37
Net receipts / (payments)	(572.77)	-	(572.77)
Transfer	2,492.00	-	2,492.00
Balance brought forward	8,299.67	150.00	8,449.67
Balance carried forward	10,218.90	150.00	10,368.90
Made up of:			
Barclays Current	9,994.46		
Petty Cash	374.44		
	<u>10,368.90</u>		