

FOREST OF DEAN BRASS

England & Wales · Charity number 1197059

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-12-13

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE BANDS OBJECTS ("THE OBJECTS") ARE: IN ALL CASES FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT TO PROVIDE, ADVANCE, DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN PUBLIC EDUCATION AND APPRECIATION OF THE ART OF MUSIC, IN PARTICULAR BRASS BAND MUSIC, IN ALL ITS ASPECTS BY PROVISION OF TRAINING IN AND PLAYING OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, PRACTICE, PREPARATION AND PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC PERFORMANCES AND SIMILAR ACTIVITIES AND IN SUCH OTHER WAYS AS THE CHARITY TRUSTEES SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE. NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE BAND FOR PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Gloucestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£20,836	£66,604	-	-
2024-03-31	£20,431	£22,943	-	-
2023-03-31	£18,882	£20,127	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Paul Overton Berrow	Chair	2021-12-13
Dr Roger Ernest Deeks PhD DL		2021-12-13
Dr Sushi Roy Sharma MBBCHMRCP		2021-12-13
Francis Ruck MSci Hons		2021-12-13
Marion Elizabeth Nash		2021-12-13
Roger Godfrey Stratford		2021-12-13
Suzanne Sexton		2021-12-13
Trudy Ann Whittard		2021-12-13

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Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Trustees

P Berrow (Chair)

R Deeks

S Sexton

R Stratford

S Sharma

M Nash

F Ruck

T Whittard

Charity Number 1197059

Principal Address

Onward Hall

Stag Hill

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Forest of Dean Brass Final Trustees' Report

Year Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102).

1. Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (registered 13 December 2021).

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

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3 Achievement and Performance

Under our Musical Director Martyn Patterson's support and commitment, the band continues on a positive journey, in terms of musical standard. Martyn engages well with the individuals in the band and he is very much respected in what he wants to achieve. Where he is a little inexperienced as a Musical Director, there have been a few communication issues, which the committee are working with him to support, to make sure that he verbally communicates more before taking action. This will lead to less confusion when dealing with any changes. Feedback to us from varying sources tell us that our standard is now high and Martyn believes that we still have a way to go to get the standard that he feels we are capable of. Martyn has engaged other musicians to support him and in so doing support the band to improve standards. He will always find a replacement for himself if he cannot commit to a rehearsal or concert. Concerts are now seen as professional engagements, regardless of venue, ensuring that the band gives an excellent musical experience each time.

3.1 Rehearsals

Rehearsals are attended by all playing members with little absence apart from holidays and illness. The commitment shown from all playing members is a credit to the band, committee and trustees and one to be applauded. As with any band we have a few gaps in our structure which ebb and flow as people come and go.

3.2 Performances, Competitions and Fundraising events

Items Extracted from Muzudo App

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Sun 10 Nov 2024 13:30-14:30	Remembrance Service Yorkley
Sun 24 Nov 2024 12:15-13:40	GBBA Own Choice March & Test Piece Contest
Sun 01 Dec 2024 10:00-11:30	Coleford Baptist Christmas Tree Service
Fri 06 Dec 2024 18:00-20:30	Carols Across the Valley, The Pludds
Sat 07 Dec 2024 16:45-18:00	Yorkley Christmas Tree Lights Switch on
Wed 11 Dec 2024 18:00-19:30	Aylburton Christmas Carol Singing Event

Fri 13 Dec 2024 14:00-17:00	Christmas Carolling - Morrisons Abbeydale
Sat 14 Dec 2024 11:00-16:00	Christmas Carolling - Morrisons Abbeydale
Thu 19 Dec 2024 14:15-15:00	Yorkley School carolling
Thu 19 Dec 2024 19:00-21:30	Christmas Concert with Yorkley School Choir
Fri 20 Dec 2024 10:15-11:45	Parkend School - carols
Fri 20 Dec 2024 17:30-20:00	Carol Playing - Wetherspoons, Chepstow
Sat 21 Dec 2024 09:30-15:00	Christmas Carolling - Chepstow Tesco
Sun 22 Dec 2024 09:30-15:00	Christmas Carolling - Chepstow Tesco
Tue 24 Dec 2024 17:30-19:15	Coleford Baptist Church
Wed 25 Dec 2024 09:45-11:00	Christmas Morning Carolling - Yorkley
Sat 15 Feb 2025 13:00-14:30	Welsh Open Brass Band Entertainment Championship
Sun 23 Feb 2025	FULL BAND
Sat 01 Mar 2025 17:45	Concert in Filton testpiece and own choice piece
Sat 08 Mar 2025	West of England Regional Championships 2025
Tue 11 Mar 2025	Not Playing - Bag2school - Fundraiser.

3.3 The Onward Hall - Refurbishment

Refurbishment has taken a huge step forward in the last 12 months with the new roof being completed. The wall along the left side of the building has now been rebuilt, which has pleased our neighbours greatly. The hall has been decluttered and work continues to clear the stone piles in the carpark. The bad news is that the roof replacement cost was way above what was estimated due to scaffolding and labour costs. We no longer have any reserves for refurbishment and will have to seek new ways to finance the rest of the work through grants etc.

We are at least waterproof and although no insulation has been added, we already know that the band room is warmer in colder weather.

3.4 Online Activity

The Band have an ongoing Website www.forestofdeanbrass.com coinciding with twitter and facebook.

Monthly Committee meetings are still being run on Zoom and we use Whatsapp for communications and Muzudo for band members attendance and engagements which has proved successful.

3.5 Charity Registration

The Band successfully registered as a charity in December 2021. Charity Number 1197059

3.6 Musical Director – Martyn Patterson

Report not available at this time but will be for the meeting. **See Page 12 Report was read out at Trustees Meeting.**

3.7 Fund Raising

We continue our regular collections to bags for schools and we have reinstated our coffee morning/book sales, which are advertised and being held monthly

4. Financial Review

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to one year's expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

5. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

P Berrow Chair of Trustees 31/03/25

6. Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Forest of Dean Brass

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Forest of Dean Brass for the year ended 31 March 2025.

6.1 Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

6.2 Independent Examiner's Statement

FOREST OF DEAN BRASS	
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2025	
Independent Examiner's Report	
My examination was carried out in accordance with Charity Commission directions under the Charities Act of 1995, it included a review of accounting records maintained by the Forest of Dean Brass and a comparison of the accounts with these records.	
The accounts have been prepared from information and explanations given to me and I hereby certified them as correct.	
..... <i>M. Tuckey</i>25/03/25.....
	Date

8. Statement of Financial Activities

FOREST OF DEAN BRASS INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2025

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Carol Playing	£3,667.17	MD Expenses	£ 5,305.00
Concerts	£3,610.95	Water Rates	£ 373.94
Subscriptions	£2,750.00	Insurance	£ 1,118.53
		Rates	£ 299.40
Donations	£110.00	Heat and Light	£ 2,316.52
Bag To School	£48.00	Registration Fees	£ 60.00
Imjin Donations	£300.00	Imjin Donation	£ 400.00
Percussion Hire	£216.64	Percussion Hire	£ 50.40
Carnival Catering	£1,050.00	Subscriptions	£ 180.40
Harvest Auction	£822.00	Lottery Lic	£ 20.00
		Contest Expenses	£ 820.00
Hall Hire	£35.00	Post & Adverts	£ 78.00
Meat Raffle	£264.00	Repairs & Maint	£ 40.00
		Uniform	£ 541.00
Bingo M/c Hire	£20.00	Hall Hire	£ 152.50
Uniform	£69.00	PRS	£ 94.19
Reinshaw Grant	£500.00	Gifts	£ 125.24
Torquay Hotel	£3,252.00	Torquay Hotel	£ 3,428.00
		Muzodo	£ 42.00
Sale of Baritone	£963.00	Music Stands	£ 568.72
	<u>£17,677.76</u>	Stage & Fixings	£ 120.20
			<u>£ 16,134.05</u>
<u>Onward Hall</u>		<u>Onward Hall</u>	
FoD Lottery	£687.50	Scaffold	£ 9,500.00
Donation	£206.98	Windows	£ 1,020.00
Just Giving	£163.55	Tin	£ 4,871.59
WDPC Grant	£2,000.00	Building Regs	£ 358.50
Sale of Tin	£100.00	Architect Fees	£ 1,080.00
	<u>£3,158.03</u>	Materials	£ 14,194.60
		Skip Hire	£ 710.00
TOTAL	£20,835.79	Grab Hire	£ 260.00
		Labour	£ 18,475.00
LOSS FOR YEAR	£45,767.95		<u>£ 50,469.69</u>
			<u>£ 66,603.74</u>
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FOREST OF DEAN BRASS
BANK BALANCES @ 31ST MARCH, 2025

MONMOUTHSHIRE BUILDING SOCIETY

Balance B/fwd. 1st April, 2024	£ 28,865.04	To: Lloyds Bank	£ 18,000.00
Interest	£ 671.82	Balance @ 31st March, 2025	£ 11,536.86
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LLOYDS

Balance B/fwd. 1st April, 2025	£ 30,757.75	Balance@ 31st March, 2025	£ 2,989.80
From Mon. Building Society	£ 18,000.00	LOSS as per accounts	£ 45,767.95
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LLOYDS DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Balance B/fwd. 1st April, 2025	£ 1,672.37		Balance @ 31st March, 2025	£ 1,861.15
Interest	£ 45.89			
Subs	£ 142.89			
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	£ 80,155.76			£ 80,155.76
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ALLOCATED BALANCES, 31ST MARCH, 2024

Building Account	£ 11,536.86
Lloyds Current Account	£ 2,989.80
Instrument Account	£ 1,861.15
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	£ 16,387.81
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30th April, 2025

Treasurer Sharon Stratford
S. Stratford
 Auditor Mark Turley
M. Turley

Onward hall figures were provided at the trustees meeting for perusal - see Page 13

Musical Directors Report – read out at Trustees Final Meeting.

The band have continued to develop during this year.
We managed to recruit 4 excellent additions to the band
Chris Higgs - 2nd euphonium
Louise Wall - 2nd baritone
Aidan Howgate - Eb bass
Mike Sallis- 3rd cornet
However we said goodbye (for now) to
Izzy Marriott - 3rd cornet
Aidan Howgate - Eb bass
Zach Rusling - Percussion

We have had some good achievements this year having brought home some silverware. Most notably being awarded 3rd place at SWBBA Contest at Torquay in November playing the dark, mysterious work, "Salome". This piece was a test for the band musically, but one that was relished. Generally the band have performed very well on the contest stage, however not always coming away with a result that reflects this, but that is contesting!

The band have also done well in our themed concerts throughout the year. I have chosen to adopt this method as a trial and has been popular with players and audience alike. This does however involve the band performing to a higher standard than of previously in order to access the demands of the repertoire. Our themed concerts for the 2025 concert season has been "Magnificent Creatures", which was initiated at the Welsh Open contest in February in which the band were placed higher than some notable bands.

The band have also carried out our "usual" concerts such as Welland, Chepstow and Christmas at Viney Hill, as well as new affiliations with choirs in and out of the forest, which were exciting projects to be involved in, especially at our 30th Anniversary concert.

I feel^{it} is important for the band to venture out of the Forest more to gain more recognition.

ONWARD HALL - TO DATE

INCOME

2022

Grants	
WDPC - Solar Farm	10000.00
GCC	1500.00
WDPC	3000.00
Mid Counties Co-op	2000.00

Donations.	2225.00
Sales of Books	174.65
Just Giving	302.00
Forest Lottery	598.50
Lottery Prize Donated.	25.00
Bag 2 School	129.00
Sale of Cakes	67.50
Book & Cake Sales	449.60
Birthday Party	41.93
Car Boot Sale.	115.70
Don. In Lieu - Rona	186.50
Christmas Concert Don.	158.00

2023

Donations	2150.00
Forest Lottery	745.50
Book Sales	679.00
Books	29.04
Don. In Lieu - R Fennell	151.00

2024

Forest Lottery	706.00
Donations	1000.00

2025

Forest Lottery	687.50
Donation	206.98
Just Giving	163.55
WDPC - Grant	2000.00
Sale of Tin	100.00

29588.95
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EXPENDITURE

2022

Structural Engineer	393.12
Insulation	4515.87
Materials	3474.50
Western Power	1339.63
Electrics	440.00

Electric Box Keys	17.50
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2023

Scaffolding	900.00
Materials	1023.57
Solicitors Fees	380.00
Wall	5188.00

2024

Wall	3995.00
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2025

Scaffolding	9500.00
Windows	1020.00
Tin	4871.59
Building Regs	358.50
Architect Fees	1080.00
Materials	14194.60
Skip Hire	710.00
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3 Achievement and Performance

With the appointment of Martyn Patterson in March 2023, the band has turned a significant corner. Where as the band was on a potential downward trajectory, in terms of it's musical standard, this trend has reversed and pleasing results have been seen in contests and feedback from external sources. Also Martyn has engaged other experts in brass bands to support him and in so doing support the band to improve standards. All concerts are now seen as professional engagements, regardless of venue, ensuring that the band gives an excellent musical experience each time.

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3.2 Performances and Competitions

The band have performed at various events and occasions during the financial year.

06/05/2023	Coronation Event, Coleford
07/05/2023	Coronation Event, Yorkley
12/05/2023	Street naming event, Twinned Town St Hilaire de Riez, in Coleford with HRH Princess Royal
03/06/2023	Concert, Newnham on Severn F W Harvey society
10/06/2023	Beechenhurst Sculpture Trail unveiling
17/06/2023	Bugle Contest

07/07/2023	Community Heroes Awards event, Lydney Town Hall
08/07/2023	Aylburton Carnival
16/06/2023	Ross on Wye Bandstand Proms day
29-30/07/2023	Welland Steam Rally
05/08/2023	Garden City community event, Chepstow
17/09/2023	Stratford Park, Stroud
26/10/2023	Concert with Musical Show Choir Chepstow
04/11/2023	Wychavon entertainments Contest (USA)
12/11/2023	Remembrance Parade, Yorkley
19/11/2023	GBBA – Own choice March and Test Piece
05/12/2023	Carolling around Yorkley
08/12/2023	Carols across the valley, The Pludds
16/12/2023	Carolling Tesco Lydney
17/12/2023	Carolling Tesco Chepstow
19/12/2023	Carolling Tesco Lydney, The Nags Head and around Yorkley
21/12/2023	Santa's Band carolling at Yorkley School
21/12/2023	Christmas Concert, Viney Hill Church with Ukrainian choir
23/12/2023	Carolling Tesco, Chepstow
24/12/2023	Carol Service, Coleford Baptist Church
25/12/2023	Christmas Morning carolling in Yorkley
17/02/2024	Welsh Open Contest - Newport
09/03/2024	Regional Contest WEBBA – Torquay

Other Band Activities

23/06/2023	Roger and Bekki presentation to Yorkley School
14/07/2023	The Wesley, Cinderford. Coffee, tea and cake catering
02/07/2023	Band Hall clean up stone day
August 2023	Community band rehearsals every Thursday
28/08/2023	Parkend Carnival Burger/hotdogs
24/09/2023	Mexican Social Evening
30/09/2023	Harvest Festival Auction at Bailey Inn, Yorkley
06/10/2023	Bags2school collection (Fundraiser)

3.3 The Onward Hall - Refurbishment

The Onward Hall is the home of Forest of Dean Brass. It is a traditional iron building erected in 1914 by the Yorkley Onward Band, now Forest of Dean Brass in following the merger with Coleford Town Band in 1994. The Hall has had various improvements over the years but is no longer sustainable without major refurbishment. In 2020 the Band launched a campaign to raise funds to bring the Hall up to modern standards and ensure its future as rehearsal venue and community asset.

Contractors have been found to continue the strengthening and insulation of the building. They are local and in the village and are keen to see the hall preserved. We

have received three quotes with regarding the recladding of the hall. They range from £38k - £42k.

A couple of grant applications have been made towards this from Forest of Dean District Council Community Space project and The Solar Farm scheme. If successful this will go towards cladding and fencing.

3.4 Online Activity

The Band have an ongoing Website coinciding with other social media platforms, X (Twitter) and Facebook.

Monthly committee meetings are still being run on Zoom. Whatsapp is perfect for group communications alongside Muzudo for the diary and band members attendance has proved successful.

3.5 Charity Registration

The Band successfully registered as a charity in December 2021.

3.6 Musical Director – Martyn Patterson

The band has only performed three times this year so far. The highlight being the area contest in March, receiving a 7th position, strengthening the band's competition ranking withing the West of England and nationally. This will get busier as we head into summer engagements.

3.7 Fund Raising

The Band has put fund raising activities in the band room and carpark on hold as they felt the car park was not a safe environment for members of the public due to large amounts of earth and stone, Also the weather has been atrocious.

4. Financial Review

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to one year's expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while

consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees has assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

5. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

P Berrow,

Chair of Trustees 31/03/24

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Forest of Dean Brass

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Forest of Dean Brass for the year ended 31 March 2024.

1 Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

2 Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act;
or
- 2) the financial statements do not accord with those records;
or
- 3) the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Mark Turley 16/07/2024

Statement of Financial Activities Including the Income and Expenditure Account

Accounts shown are as at Year Ended 31 March 2024

FOREST OF DEAN BRASS
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2024

INCOME

Carol Playing	£2,772.66
Concerts	£3,985.57
Subscriptions	£2,548.00

Easy Fundraising	£17.46
Bag To School	£85.00

Wesley Catering	£225.00
Carnival Catering	£1,000.12
Harvest Auction	£837.50
Prize Money	£250.00
Lloyds Grant	£500.00
Meat Raffle	£320.00
Donations	£1,993.50
Bingo M/c Hire	£90.00

Sale of Euphonium	£4,100.00
	<u>£18,724.81</u>

Onward Hall

FoD Lottery	£706.00
Donation	£1,000.00
	<u>£20,430.81</u>

LOSS per Year	£2,512.48
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£ 22,943.29

EXPENSES

MD Expenses	£ 5,280.00
Water Rates	£ 299.75
Insurance	£ 1,099.62
Rates	£ 307.20
Heat and Light	£ 2,289.47
Registration Fees	£ 180.00
Web Hosting	£ 364.26
Sundries	£ 14.25
Subscriptions	£ 180.40
Lottery Lic	£ 20.00
Contest Expenses	£ 754.00
Advertising	£ 79.01
Repairs & Maint	£ 170.95
Uniform	£ 851.81
Players Expenses	£ 20.00
PRS	£ 85.62
Gifts	£ 60.62
Trophy Engraving	£ 37.23
First Aid Kit	£ 13.21
Music	£ 29.99
Clean Materials	£ 19.74
Donations	£ 310.00
Concert Expenses	£ 181.50
Muzodo	£ 39.66

Euphonium	£ 5,000.00
Baritone Repairs	£ 1,260.00
	<u>£ 18,948.29</u>

Onward Hall

Wall	£ 3,995.00
	<u>£ 22,943.29</u>

FOREST OF DEAN BRASS
BANK BALANCES AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2024

MONMOUTHSHIRE BUILDING SOCIETY

Balance B/fwd 1st April, 2023	£ 28,116.06	
Interest	£ 746.98	
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		Balance 31 1st March, 2023 £ 28,865.04

LLOYDS

Balance B/fwd 1st April, 2023	£ 31,110.23	Balance 31st March, 2024	£ 30,757.75
	<hr/>	LOSS as per accounts	<u>£ 2,512.48</u>

LLOYDS DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Balance B/fwd 1st April, 2023	£ 3,636.89		
Interest	£ 39.60		
Subs	£ 155.88		
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		Balance 31st March, 2024	£ 1,672.37
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	£ 63,807.54		£ 63,807.54
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ALLOCATED BALANCES 31st March, 2023

Building Account	£ 46,098.50
Lloyds Current Account	£ 13,524.29
Instrument Account	<u>£ 1,672.37</u>
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	£ 61,295.16
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18th April, 2024

Treasurer
S. Stratford
 Auditor
M. Turley

Sharon Stratford
 Mark Turley

FOREST OF DEAN BRASS

England & Wales - Charity number 1197059

Accounts

Forest Of Dean Brass

Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements

13 December 2021 to 31 March 2023

Charity Registration Number 1197059

Forest of Dean Brass

Legal and Administrative Information

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Trustees' Report

Year Ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the period 13 December 2021 to 31 March 2023.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102).

1. Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (registered 13 December 2021).

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

P Berrow (Chair)

R Deeks

S Sexton

R Stratford

S Sharma

M Dobbs

F Ruck

T Hannaford

The Trustees are elected annually at the AGM.

2. Objectives and Activities

The objects of the charity are in all cases for public benefit to provide, advance, develop and maintain public education and appreciation of the art of music, in particular Brass Band music, in all its aspects by provision of training in and playing of musical instruments, practice, preparation and presentation of public performances and similar activities and in such other ways as the Charity Trustees shall from time to time determine.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake, and have complied with their duty to have regard to guidance on Public Benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties.

3 Achievement and Performance

This was a year without formal Covid restrictions, but ongoing safety and health was a key consideration when running the Forest of Dean Brass Band. This was a year for returning to normal operation and consolidation for the band itself. There was a focus on retaining and recruiting new players, continuing rehearsals in a safe and enjoyable environment and getting out and playing and re-engaging with the public.

The band have worked collaboratively with other bands, training bands, choirs and community organisations to provide opportunities for local people to gather together again and enjoy and learn about music.

3.1 Performances and Competitions

The Band has had a busy year of public performances. The Band attended 3 prestigious competitions.

Bugle Brass Band Competition in Cornwall

Gloucestershire Brass Band Association Competition

West of England Brass Band Association Regional Championships in Torquay

The Band held public concerts in the Onward Hall at Halloween and two at Christmas.

A busy summer programme:

Aylburton Carnival

Scarr Bandstand, Coleford in aid of local Hospital Charities

Ross Bandstand

Welland Steam Fair

Stroud Cainscross Community Event

A wedding and a funeral.

Remembrance Sunday performance

Christmas Carols:

Blackfriars Abbey in Gloucester

Brockweir Village Shop

Tescos

Carol Service at Coleford Baptist Church

Traditional Carolling around the village of Yorkley

3.2 The Onward Hall - Refurbishment

The Onward Hall is the home of Forest of Dean Brass. It is a traditional iron building erected in 1914 by the Yorkley Onward Band, now Forest of Dean Brass, following the merger with Coleford Town Band in 1994. In 2020 the Band launched a campaign to raise funds to bring the Hall up to modern standards and ensure its future as rehearsal venue and community asset.

Work has continued this year, with further stabilisation of the building fabric and the application of modern insulation. Work has commenced to rebuild the

boundary wall, which had become dangerous and collapsed in places, threatening to damage or undo the repairs to the main building.

3.3 Online Activity

The Band continues to be active online, through our website, Facebook and Twitter. Our online community are kept up to date of Band changes, performances, social engagements and progress of the Onward Hall renovations.

Committee meetings continue to be held predominantly online, but we welcome the opportunity to now be able to meet face to face for key meetings, such as the mid-year Trustees meeting.

We have a number of WhatsApp channels, so that we can communicate formally as the Operating Committee, broadcast to the Band members and also allow everyone involved to communicate socially.

3.4 Musical Director - Appointment

Our Musical Director, Thomas Dunne resigned due to increasing work commitments and left at the end of 2022. The Band would like to thank Tom for all his hard work and contribution during his time with the Band.

The Band are delighted to welcome a new Musical Director, Martyn Patterson, who joined just before the Area Championship in February 2023. Martyn works as a school teacher in Wales and his philosophy is closely aligned to the Band's objectives of giving to the community and musical education.

3.5 Fund Raising

No grants were received in this financial year. Fundraising events were held throughout the year. Generous donations were received for the Band and for the renovation of the Onward Hall. Donations were also made to the MND, Motor Neuron Disease charity at Christmas.

4. Financial Review

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to one year's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees has assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

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The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

P Berrow

Chair of Trustees 21/05/2023

6. Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Forest of Dean Brass

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Forest of Dean Brass for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Mark Turley 20/09/2023

7. Statement of Financial Activities Including the Income and Expenditure Account

Year Ended 31 March 2023

FOREST OF DEAN BRASS
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD 13TH DECEMBER, 2021 TO 31ST MARCH 2023

INCOME

Carol Playing	£2,406.90
Concerts	£3,260.74
Subscriptions	£3,240.00
Ins Refund	£57.13
Easy Fundraising	£102.48
Bag To School	£90.00
Hall Hire Refund	£50.00
GBBA Catering	£261.74
Carnival Catering	£670.00
Harvest Auction	£1,000.00
Prize Money	£150.00
Choir	£30.00
Meat Raffle	£240.00
Hire of Percussion	£50.00
Donation	£30.00

£11,638.99

Onward Hall £7,243.01

£18,882.00

LOSS per Year **£1,244.66**

£ 20,126.66

EXPENSES

MD Expenses	£ 5,250.00
Water Rates	£ 288.71
Insurance	£ 1,163.40
Rates	£ 202.42
Heat and Light	£ 1,600.00
Registration Fees	£ 330.00
Web Hosting	£ 369.47

Subscriptions	£ 177.50
Lottery Lic	£ 40.00
Contest Expenses	£ 844.00
Advertising	£ 180.00
Repairs & Maint	£ 565.96
Postage	£ 4.05
Players Expenses	£ 482.00
PRS	£ 206.51
Equipment	£ 58.00
Trophy Engraving	£ 10.88
Photograph	£ 25.00
Music	£ 189.61
BBQ Social	£ 262.29
Sundries	£ 43.89
Concert Expenses	£ 41.40
MND Donation	£ 300.00

£ 12,635.09

Onward Hall £ 7,491.57

£ 20,126.66

FOREST OF DEAN BRASS
BANK BALANCES @ 31ST MARCH, 2023

MONMOUTHSHIRE BUILDING SOCIETY

Balance B/Fwd 13th Dec. 2021	£	27,710.88		
Interest 2022	£	124.70		
Interest 2023	£	282.48		
			Balance 31 1st March, 2023	£ 28,118.06

LLOYDS

Balance B/fwd 13th Dec. 21	£	32,354.89	Balance 31st March, 2023	£ 31,110.23
			LOSS as per accounts	£ 1,244.66
				£ 32,354.89

LLOYDS DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Balance B/fwd 13th Dec. 21	£	2,856.18		
Interet	£	6.86		
Subs	£	233.85		
Choir	£	540.00	Balance 31st March, 2023	£ 3,636.89
	£	64,109.84		£ 64,109.84

ALLOCATED BALANCES 31st March, 2023

Building Account	£	44,381.00
Lloyds Current Account	£	16,091.95
Instrument Account	£	3,636.89
	£	64,109.84

28th September, 2023

Treasurer
S. Stratford
 Auditor
M. Turley

Sharon Stratford
 Mark Turley