

FRIENDS OF TOWCESTER STUDIO BAND

England & Wales - Charity number 1199110

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-05-27

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

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE BRASS BAND MUSIC FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC BY THE PROVISION OF RAISING MONEY FOR AND GRANT FUNDING TOWCESTER STUDIO BAND.

Activities: This is a Friends charity which exists to fundraise for and make grants to Towcester Studio Band, a traditional brass band which was founded in Towcester in 1910.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Northamptonshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£7,413	£12,199	-	-
2024-04-05	£6,931	£6,073	-	-
2023-04-05	£30,083	£1,392	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Gail Teresa Devlin-Jones		2022-05-27
MARTIN JOHNS		2023-09-28
Pauline Stevens		2022-05-27

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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

FRIENDS OF TOWCESTER STUDIO BAND

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY AND ITS TRUSTEES

For the year ended 5 April 2025

Trustees The following are the Trustees who served during the year:

Martin Johns (Chair)

Pauline Stevens (Treasurer)

Gail Devlin-Jones (Secretary)

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c/o 1 Briary Close
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity Commission guidance.

Constitution

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Objects of the Charity

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Grant-making Policy

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Requests for Revenue and Capital grants will be considered and areas of support will include but are not limited to:

Sheet music, Equipment, Instrument purchase/hire, Instrument repair, Uniforms, Professional fees, Training, Bursaries, Building maintenance

Review of Activities and Future Plans

During 2024/25 income from individual donations totalled £4,373 (2023/24 – £4,817). Other donations totalled £600, including a grant of £500 received from Tesco Stronger Starts, specifically to support instruments for the Beginners' Band, a new initiative launched in September 2024.

Additionally, Gift Aid of £1,140 (2023/24 – 1,084) was recovered.

During 2024/25 total grants paid amounted to £12,199 (2023/24: £6,073).

The breakdown of the grants made is as follows:

	£
Bb bass (used) and carrying case	4,780
Marching snare/harness and marching bass drum/harness	271
New music	500
Beginners' Band – tutor fees	1,000
Beginners' Band – instruments	2,000
Beginners' Band – branded polo shirts (uniform)	330
Stage jacket covers	150
Exceptional maintenance for Bandhall and Car Park	2,500
Portable defibrillator	668
TOTAL	12,199

The Charity congratulates Towcester Studio Band on a successful year, during which the band qualified for the National Brass Band Championships (Section 3) representing the Midlands Region and its promotion to Section 2 from January 2025.

The launch of the Beginners' Band in September 2024 is the fulfilment of the band's long held intention to support children in the local community learn to play brass and read music.

Public Benefit

The objects of the Charity are set out above under 'Objects of the Charity. Trustees have considered the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when setting its grant making policy.

The Trustees thank the individuals and organisations who have made donations to the Charity during 2024/25.



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

4/6/24

To

4/5/25

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Individual donations	4,373	-	-	4,373	3,098
Other donations	600	-	-	600	1,310
Ticket sales	1	-	-	1	30
Gift Aid	1,140	-	-	1,140	1,084
Xmas collections	1,298	-	-	1,298	1,409
Donation from previous non registered charity	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	7,413	-	-	7,413	6,931
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	-
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total receipts	7,413	- 0	- 0		6,931
A3 Payments					
Grants to Towcester Studio Band	12,199	-	-	12,199	6,073
Ticket income received in error	- 0	-	-	-	- 0
	- 0	-	-	-	- 0
	- 0	-	-	-	- 0
	- 0	-	-	-	- 0
	- 0	-	-	-	- 0
	- 0	-	-	-	- 0
	- 0	-	-	-	- 0
Sub total	12,199	-	-	12,199	6,073
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	-
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total payments	12,199	- 0	- 0	12,199	6,073
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 4,786	-	-	- 4,786	858
A5 Transfers between funds	- 0	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	29,549	-	-	29,549	28,691
Cash funds this year end	24,763	-	-	24,763	29,549

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Amount brought forward at 6 April 2024	29,549	-	-
	Income over expenditure at 5 April 2025	- 4,786	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	24,763	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
		Martin Johns		9 October 2025
		Gail Devlin-Jones		9 October 2025

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- Sheet music
- Equipment
- Instrument purchase/hire
- Instrument repair
- Uniforms
- Professional fees
- Training
- Bursaries
- Building maintenance

Review of Activities and Future Plans

During 2023/24 income was received totalling £6,931.12 (2022/23 - £8,369.23). individual donations totalled £4,847 (2022/23 – £7,152) and a grant of £1,000 (2022/23 - £0) was awarded by Towcester Town Council, specifically to purchase a replacement Eb bass for the band.

Additionally, Gift aid of £1,084 (2022/23 – 1,083) was recovered.

During 2023/24 total grants paid amounted to £6,073 (2022/23: £1,393).

The breakdown of the grants made in 2023/24 is as follows:

	£
Drum kit	375
Uniforms	3,588
Percussion equipment	2,110
TOTAL	6,073

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Public Benefit

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

4/6/23

To

4/5/24

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Individual donations	3,098	-	-	3,098	2,090
Other donations	310	-	-	310	2,860
Ticket sales	30	-	-	30	133
Gift Aid	1,084	-	-	1,084	1,083
Xmas collections	1,409	-	-	1,409	2,203
Donation from previous non registered charity	-	-	-	-	21,714
Grants to Towcester Studio Band	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	6,931	-	-	6,931	30,083
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total receipts	6,931	- 0	- 0	6,931	30,083
A3 Payments					
Grants to Towcester Studio Band	6,073	-	-	6,073	1,259
Ticket income received in error	- 0	-	-	-	133
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
Sub total	6,073	-	-	6,073	1,392
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total payments	6,073	- 0	- 0	6,073	1,392
Net of receipts/(payments)	858	-	-	858	28,691
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	28,691	-	-	28,691	-
Cash funds this year end	29,549	-	-	29,549	28,691

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Amount brought forward at 6 April 2024	28691	-	-
	Income over expenditure at 5 April 2024	858	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	29,549	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
	Details			

B2 Other monetary assets			-	-
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			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
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B3 Investment assets			-	-
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			-	-
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			-	
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		Gail Devlin-Jones		

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Friends of Towcester Studio Band (FrOTS)

Charity Registration Number: 1199110

Objectives and Activities

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Grantmaking Policy

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Requests for Revenue and Capital Grants will be considered and areas of support will include but is not limited to:

- Sheet Music
- Equipment
- Instrument purchase/hire
- Instrument repair
- Uniforms
- Professional fees
- Training
- Bursaries
- Building maintenance (exceptional need)

Achievements and Performance

During 2022/23, its first year of operation, the charity has been successful in raising donations sufficient to make grants to Towcester Studio Band in accordance with its grant making policy, towards the costs of items which would not constitute everyday activity.

Two donations have been made totalling £1,259.31 covering the costs of replacing percussion equipment, and provision of concert music folders. Note: in addition, a payment of £133 was made in error to the charity and forwarded to Towcester Studio Band to rectify this.

Snare drum - a donation was made to cover the purchase of a new snare drum to replace one that had broken.

Concert folders - a donation enabled the purchase of a full set of concert folders to give a more professional presence on stage for formal concerts

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have not adopted a specific reserves policy since the demand for grants will be dependent on Towcester Studio Band's needs and request for support.

Fundraising Activities

The charity is supported by generous monthly donations from its membership and from donations received from other sources. The charity will seek to increase its income through approaches to charitable trusts and foundations, the corporate sector and lottery funds, as appropriate.

Risk Management

The Trustees have considered the risks the charity may be subject to and are working on a Risk Register to be reviewed annually.

Financial Review

The charity brought forward a balance of £21,714 from a previous non-registered charity, also named Friends of Towcester Studio Band.

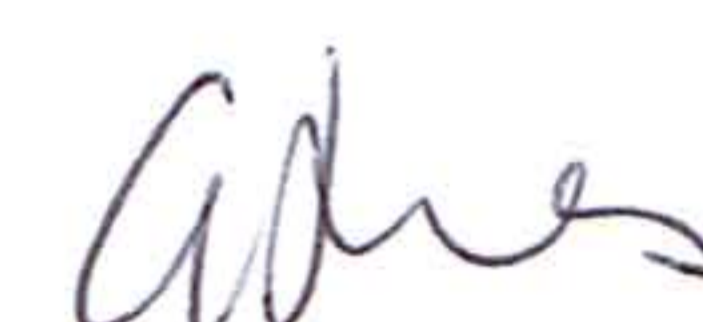
The Trust's income is entirely derived from donations and totalled £8,369.

Expenditure totalled £1,393 and the Trustees awarded grants totalling £1,259 to support applications received from Towcester Studio Band. There were no admin costs.

At the year end, the charity held funds of £28,691, which are represented by cash held in its bank account.

During 2023/24 the charity hopes to make applications to a range of possible supporters in order to support Towcester Studio Band's increased training needs, community work and, replacement equipment, if required.

The Trustees thank our generous individual donors and Parias Commercial Interiors for their financial support during this first year of operation.

Signed: 
G. Devlin-Jones
Trustee

Date: 28/9/23



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name

Friends of Towcester Studio Band

No (if any)

1199110

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date

6/4/22

To

Period end date

5/4/23

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Individual donations	2,090	-	-	2,090	-
Other donations	2,860	-	-	2,860	-
Ticket sales	133	-	-	133	-
Gift Aid	1,083	-	-	1,083	-
Xmas collections	2,203	-	-	2,203	-
Donation from previous non registered charity	21,714	-	-	21,714	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	30,083	-	-	30,083	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-0	-0	-0	-	-
	-0	-0	-0	-	-0
Sub total	-0	-0	-0	-	-0
Total receipts	30,083	-0	-0	30,083	-0
A3 Payments					
Grants to TSB	1,269	-	-	1,269	-
Ticket income to TSB (received in error)	133	-	-	133	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,392	-	-	1,392	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-0	-0	-0	-	-
	-0	-0	-0	-	-
Sub total	-0	-0	-0	-	-0
Total payments	1,392	-0	-0	1,392	-0
Net of receipts/(payments)	28,691	-	-	28,691	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-0	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-0	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	28,691	-	-	28,691	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Income over expenditure at 5 April 2023	28,691	-	-
			-	-
		-	-	-

FROTS ACCOUNTS

	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
Income								
Members Donations	55.00	1705.00	1872.50	2562.50	2582.50	2062.50	2199.00	2090.00
Other Donations	20.00	835.77	150.00	320.00	1090.00	3030.92	3135.00	2860.00
Patrons	0.00	370.00	315.00	305.00	265.00	400.00	0.00	0.00
Jackets	0.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ticket Sales	0.00	138.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	133.56
Gift Aid	0.00	0.00	310.01	413.15	613.38	580.63	498.13	1082.85
Grants	0.00	0.00	750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Xmas collections							2233.86	2202.82

75.00 3448.77 3397.51 3600.65 4550.88 6074.05 8065.99 8369.23

Expenses

Donated to TSB			625.00	6449.42	125.00	0.00	299.00	1392.87
Net Total	75.00	3448.77	2772.51	-2848.77	4425.88	6074.05	7766.99	6976.36
Running Total	75.00	3523.77	6296.28	3447.51	7873.39	13947.44	21714.43	28690.79

Signature 11-5-23

Notes- details of expenses stands car park tour dep Rev Atwell music
stand lights cymbals bench folders
snare drum tickets

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applicable a true likeness of
the client
by _____ telephone _____



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Friends of Towcester Studio Band

**On accounts for the year
ended**

05/04/23

**Charity no
(if any)**

1199110

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 05/04/23.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

* *Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

19/01/24

Name:

Andrew Rigby

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)

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Towcester

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.