

Charity Number: 1199110

FRIENDS OF TOWCESTER STUDIO BAND

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

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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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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

The charity was established on 1 December 2015 and registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 27 May 2022.

Objects of the Charity

To promote brass band music for the benefit of the public by provision of raising money for and grant funding Towcester Studio Band

Grant-making Policy

Friends of Towcester Studio Band seeks to support the additional needs of Towcester Studio Band through the provision of grants.

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.



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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	-	
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
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	Details	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