
Annual Report 2024/2025

St Albans City Band Annual Report

April 2024 – March 2025

Introduction

The 2024–2025 season marked another vibrant chapter in the long history of St Albans City Band. With a legacy dating back to the late 19th century, the band continued to deliver high-quality brass music across Hertfordshire and beyond, while nurturing new talent and deepening its community roots.

Musical Engagements

Throughout the year, the band performed at a wide range of events, showcasing its versatility and commitment to public performance:

- **Clarence Park Bandstand (Summer 2024):** A highlight of the summer calendar, featuring both the City Band and Youth Band in a joyful outdoor concert.
 - **Community and School Events:** The band supported local fairs and school functions, including appearances at Sandridge School and other venues, reinforcing its role as a community cornerstone.
 - **Autumnal Concert in Brass (October 2024):** A collaborative performance with Hemel Hempstead Band and the Community Band at Dagnall Street Baptist Church, celebrating seasonal music and partnership.
 - **Christmas Performances (December 2024):** Festive engagements included carolling and concerts that brought holiday cheer to local audiences.
 - **Spring Concerts (Early 2025):** The band closed the financial year with a Spring Concert with Potters Bar Band and a Youth Band end of term concert.
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Band Development and Leadership

- **Musical Direction:** Under the baton of Musical Director Nicholas Garman, the band explored a diverse repertoire and occasionally welcomed guest conductors.
- **Membership Growth:** The band continued to welcome new players, encouraging brass and percussion musicians of all ages and abilities to join rehearsals and performances. Under the baton of Beth Pippen, the Community Band and adult beginner programme continued to grow.



- **Youth Band Expansion:** Under the baton of Simon Tong, The Youth Band thrived, offering weekly rehearsals and performance opportunities for players from Year 6 and above. Their appearance at Clarence Park Band Stand was a particular highlight, showcasing their talent and enthusiasm.

Community Impact

St Albans City Band remained deeply engaged with the local community, performing at public events, supporting schools, and offering a welcoming environment for musicians of all backgrounds. The band's inclusive ethos and commitment to musical education were evident throughout the year.

Looking Ahead

As the band moves into the 2025–2026 season, plans are already underway for new concerts, collaborations, and outreach initiatives. With strong leadership, growing membership, and a passion for performance, the future looks bright.

Conclusion

From April 2024 to March 2025, St Albans City Band upheld its mission to bring brass music to life in St Albans and beyond. We thank our trustees, players, supporters, and audiences for their continued enthusiasm and look forward to another year of musical excellence.

Richard Sved

Chair 2024/25, St Albans City Band

Section A Receipts and payments

Income and Expenditure 2024/25					
<u>Income</u>	£		<u>Expenditure</u>	£	
Subscriptions	£	6,012.00	Conducting Expenses	£	11,469.76
Concerts & engagements	£	1,967.22	Concerts & engagements	£	1,851.25
Rent income	£	18,000.00	Music Purchases	£	1,147.54
Miscellaneous	£	1,644.32	Business Rates	£	1,522.00
Zhoosh recharges (net off expenses)	£	-	Instruments & Equipment	£	4,738.41
			Insurance	£	1,713.03
			Service Charges net of recharge to tenant	£	4,283.91
			Website Management	£	228.82
			Miscellaneous/Solicitors	£	1,049.42
			Electricity net of recharge to tenant	£	496.59
Deficit for the year	£	877.19			
Total	£	28,500.73	Total	£	28,500.73

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	
Cash funds	Barclays account	£	39,786.20
	CCLA account	£	7,585.95
	Total cash funds	£	47,372.15
	Details	Cost	Current value
Assets	Property in AL3 (April 2014 purchase)	£ 350,000.00	£ 450,000.00
	Instruments (insurance value)	£ -	£ 64,150.00
	Sheet music (insurance value)	£ -	£ 20,000.00
	Uniforms (insurance value)	£ -	£ 15,000.00

Fund movements

Funds Movements during the year					
Opening Balance 1st April 2024	£	40,663.39	Balance of CCLA account	£	7,585.95
Deficit for year	-£	877.19	Bank account balance	£	39,786.20
Closing Balance 31st March 2025	£	39,786.20	Total cash	£	47,372.15



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
St Albans City Band	1199618

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/04/2024		31/03/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions	6,012	-	-	6,012	-
Concerts & engagements	1,967	-	-	1,967	-
Rent income	18,000	-	-	18,000	-
Miscellaneous	1,644	-	-	1,644	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	27,624	-	-	27,624	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	27,624	-	-	27,624	-
A3 Payments					
Conducting Expenses	11,470	-	-	11,470	-
Concerts & engagements	1,851	-	-	1,851	-
Music Purchases	1,148	-	-	1,148	-
Business Rates	1,522	-	-		-
Instruments & Equipment	4,738	-	-	4,738	-
Insurance	1,713	-	-	1,713	-
Service Charges net of recharge to tenant	4,284	-	-	4,284	-
Website Management	229	-	-	229	-
Miscellaneous/Solicitors	1,049	-	-	1,049	-
Electricity net of recharge to tenant	497	-	-	497	-
Sub total	28,501	-	-	28,501	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	28,501	-	-	28,501	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 877	-	-	- 877	-
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	48,249	-	-	48,249	-
Cash funds this year end	47,372	-	-	47,372	-

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Barclays account	39,786	-	-
	CCLA account	7,586	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	47,372	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Property in AL3 (April 2014 purchase)		350,000	450,000
	Instruments (insurance value)		-	64,150
	Sheet music (insurance value)		-	20,000
	Uniforms (insurance value)		-	15,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St Albans City Band

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **St Albans City Band** ("the Charity") for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity 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 all 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 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 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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 accounts to be reached.

Signed: *Jennifer Hill*

Name: Jennifer Hill

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (Membership number 8822724)

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Date: 6/10/2025