

Bradwell Silver Band Trustees Annual Report 2022-2023

Registered Charity number 1200333

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Bradwell Silver Brass Band is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation was created in Sept 2022 reflecting the role that Bradwell Silver Band plays in the local community. This marks the first Trustees Annual report summarising the period 30th September 2022 to September 30th 2023.

Introduction to Bradwell Silver Band

Bradwell Silver has a long history in the area stretching back to 1901. It is a traditional brass band performing public and private engagements for the enjoyment of both players and audiences alike. The band also embraces the challenge offered by the regional brass band competitions and strives to improve their position in the national rankings and is currently at the top of the 3rd section rankings, looking towards possible promotion to the 2nd section in the National Brass Band rankings.

The band offers brass band tuition and performances for the local community, supporting individuals new to banding and established musicians through individual tuition, group band rehearsals as well as performing at a wide range of community events.

Aims

During the period New Bradwell Silver Brass has kept to its commitments and acted responsibly in carrying out its charitable purposes for public benefit, as set out in the Charity Commission guidance. The Band's aims are to advance, improve, develop and maintain public education in Brass Band music. It does this by giving performance to the general public and by offering training and tuition to all age groups promoting appreciation of the art of the Brass Band.

Management

Both the main band and Development band of Bradwell Silver Brass are managed by a committee of volunteers made up from members. The committee was elected at the Nov 2022 AGM and the following were in post at the end of the year:-

Chair: Stephanie Chappell, **Secretary:** Robin Allen, **Treasurer:** Karen Wilson.

Other members of committee:

Lucy Davies, Sam Lawrie, David Sanderson and Cheyenne Wilson

The Trustees of the Bradwell Silver Brass Band Charitable Incorporated Organisation at the year end were:

Stephanie Chappell, Robin Allen, Cheyenne Wilson, Graham Crisp, Karen Wilson, Sam Lawrie, David Sanderson, Brin Carstens, Lucy Davies.

Review of the year

During the period up to the end of September 2022 the main band performed a number of public concerts, park performances and Christmas carolling jobs in and around Milton Keynes and the surrounding area. Most of these are paid events raising funds to support the band throughout the year. However some of these were non funded for the benefit of the New Bradwell Community (May Day at the Mill & St James Summer Churchyard Concert) so that they were free for the general public to enjoy.

The Band was thrilled to be invited to perform at the Proclamation Service for King Charles and a small group of players were honoured to take part in this prestigious event.

As well as our regular attendance at the New Bradwell Remembrance Parade and Service, many of our players take part and play the Last Post and Reveille at many of the Remembrance services throughout the area.

In March 2023 the band managed to achieve 5th place at the Regional Brass Band Championships, placing us joint top of our section in the gradings. Unfortunately only 2 bands went up to the 2nd section but this means we are now in a very strong position to gain promotion if we perform well next year. This is testament to the hard work put in by members and musical director and a demonstration of the band's commitment to deliver a high standard of musicianship.

Development band

Every year the band performs at St James's Church 3 times throughout the year and the Development band play a big part in these concerts, performing in their own right under the baton of Keith Jones (Solo horn of the main band).

Currently the Development Band consists of 30 players and boasts a wealth of progressing talent. With experienced players from the main band assisting in the teaching and development of new recruits, we offer tuition, instruments and music to those taking their first steps in learning how to play a brass instrument, with the aim of progressing and joining the Development Band. In fact, many of our senior band have started their musical journey through the Development Band.

Financial summary

For the period of 30th Sept 2022 – 1st Oct 2023 the income was £11,312 and the expenditure was £16,631 (of which £11,095 was on purchase of new instruments and bass cases so investing in the band moving forward). Overall deficit of -£5,318. The finances reflect core operations that are financially sustainable made possible by the support of the New Bradwell School allowing us rehearsal and storage space, along with the generous services of our Musical Director.

We are very fortunate to have a full diary of events and much support from our local community. This has enabled us to build up our reserves and this year we have been able to replace, repair and maintain many of the Band's instruments enabling us to follow a program of reinvesting in the instruments many of which are now over 30 years old.

Looking forward to 2023/2024

2023 will start with the run up into our Christmas Season with many concerts, events and carolling sessions. We will then continue into contesting season, making our regular journey to Stevenage for the Regional Brass Band Championships to see if we can manage to gain promotion to the Second section – the first time in our history.

We also have exciting news - The Kings Award for Voluntary Service is a honours system which recognises groups and organisations run by volunteers. Periodically they invite nominations by the public and Bradwell Band has been nominated! It is an incredible honour to have been picked out in front of 100's of other community groups in MK and so the nomination alone is impressive. We look forward to hearing if we have been successful.

The band are also looking forward to the 125th Anniversary in 2026 and are looking into a program of events and occasions to commemorate this.

Bradwell Silver Band 122nd Balance Sheet

Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ending 30 September 2023

<u>Income</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Concerts	£3,335.04	£2,011.68	640.00	Instrument purchase/Maintenance	£11,094.92	£1,148.33	208.38
Christmas concerts & collections	£4,459.06	£3,145.64					
Donations	£504.00	£603.50	780.00	General/Covid Expenses			141.83
Total Interest	£124.24	£11.77	1.85	Trailer, lock-up & PA	£70.41	£508.88	30.63
Easy Fundraising.org	£113.09	£121.12	100.66	Uniform	£9.30	£676.64	72.85
CD sales	£40.00	£5.00		Music	£428.57	£1,069.50	290.58
Raffle	£311.00	£432.01		Fees	£159.88	£257.52	
Sum-up test	£0.98	£3.92		Insurance	£994.16	£829.59	854.59
Social				Contest Expenses	£1,105.60	£2,007.04	77.14
Insurance refund	£52.99	£37.03	37.03	Chelsea Pensioners concert coach		£705.00	
Contest		£200.00		Zoom subscription			50.36
Patron Scheme			25.00	Website	£47.99	£47.99	47.99
				Musical Director Expenses			
Programmes & Flags				Finals Poloshirts		£505.00	
Magic Little stars Lottery award - for							
Dev band		£500.00		Tickets for Finals		£203.00	
Instrument sales		£400.00		Band Gifts	£275.74	£177.35	92.75
Local giving	£823.84	£1,791.56		Stationery/coin sorter		£20.00	17.24
National Finals Tickets		£164.00		Soloist Competition Trophies & Medals			
National Finals Poloshirts		£490.00		Donations & wreaths	£100.00	£80.00	30.00
Expanding music folder refund		£26.23		Raffle & Props	£20.49	£3.00	
HMRC Charities	£1,547.98			Patron Scheme refund			50.00
				Proceeds to St James	£1,068.03	£1,116.78	
				Brass Bands England	£210.60	£146.25	326.25
				Muzodo	£40.63	£41.14	35.71
				Sum-up card reader		£118.80	
				Engraving	£51.95	£42.00	
				HMRC Charities repayment	£771.99		
				Local Giving subscription	£180.00		
Total	£11,312.22	£9,943.46	1,584.54	Total	£16,630.26	9,703.81	2,326.30
				Deficit for the year ended 30.09.2023	£5,318.04	239.65	-741.76

Clive Keech 7th October 2023

I have examined the accounts laid out above and find all entries to be in order.

<u>Bank and Cash in Hand</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Cash	160.00	£110.00	110.00
NatWest High Interest Account	14,247.10	£18,372.86	18,361.09
NatWest Current Account	1,676.90	£2,919.18	2,691.30
Total Cash	16,084.00	£21,402.04	21,162.39
Represented by :			
Balance previous year	21,402.04	£21,162.39	21,904.15
Profit/Deficit for year	-5,318.04	£239.65	-741.76
Total	16,084.00	£21,402.04	21,162.39