

Silk Brass

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Charity No: 1207294

Trustees' Annual Report

For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

1. Structure, Governance & Management

- Independent registered charity based in Marton, Macclesfield.
- Governed by volunteer trustees, supported by officers and the Musical Director.
- Approximately 30 volunteers (players and supporters) contribute to charitable activities.
- Twice-weekly rehearsals maintain musical standards and community engagement.

2. Objectives & Activities

- Objects: To promote and advance brass music, performance and education.
- Activities: Public concerts, contest participation, remembrance and civic events, and educational collaboration with youth bands.

3. Key Achievements in 2024

- Contests

- North West Area (February): competed in the 1st Section achieving 12th place overall on High Peak.
- Whit Friday (June): won Best 1st Section at Grotton, Scouthead, Heyrod and Carrbrook.
- NEMBBA Contest (November): 2nd place with Diadem of Gold; Adrian Horn (soprano cornet) awarded Best Instrumentalist.

- Concerts & Events

- Joint concert with Magic Voices and Chordiality Choirs in May and September respectively
- Joint concert with Macclesfield Youth Brass Band in June.
- Remembrance Concert and Macclesfield parade leadership in November.
- Busy Christmas period with sell out concert at St Michaels Church, Macclesfield and regular concerts at Bosley Church, Daneside Theatre and Devil's Arse, Castleton.

- Touring

- Belgium tour (August), including Last Post Ceremony at Menin Gate and memorial concerts.

- People

- New players featured at major concerts.
- Annual awards celebrated musical and volunteer contributions.
- First aid training day organised with Cheshire First Aid for volunteers and other local participants.

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4. Financial Review

- Income: £23,048
 - Charitable activities (concerts & contests): £19,899
 - Donations & legacies: £2,867
 - Investments: £282
- Expenditure: £20,165
 - Result: Net surplus of £2,883, strengthening reserves.
 - Reserves: The trustees operate a financial reserves policy set at approximately £10,000. At the year end, reserves were in line with this policy, ensuring the band can withstand unforeseen costs (e.g. instrument repairs & replacements, venue cancellations, or reduced income).
- Government contracts/grants: None received.
- Employment: No employees; activities delivered entirely by volunteers.

5. Risk Management

- Key risks identified:
 - Reliance on volunteer membership and conductors.
 - Costs of instruments and travel for contests and tours.
 - Audience engagement post-pandemic.
- Mitigations include strong community links, active recruitment, prudent budgeting, and maintaining reserves in line with policy.

6. Policies & Governance

- Internal financial controls in place.
 - Policies on safeguarding, risk management, bullying & harassment, and social media are active.
- Reserves policy: Trustees have set a target of £10k, which was achieved at year end, providing a stable buffer for future operations.

7. Plans for 2025

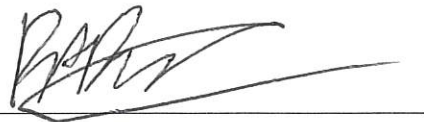
- Continued participation in Whit Friday and regional contests.
- Expanded concert programme and further collaborations.
- Maintain reserves in line with policy while exploring new income streams.
- Develop outreach to young players and in partnership with Macclesfield Youth to ensure future sustainability.

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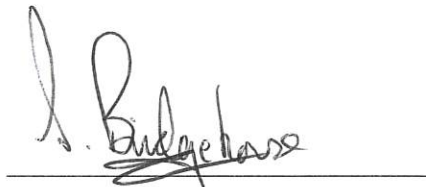
8. Trustees' Statement

The trustees confirm this report is a fair reflection of Silk Brass Band's activities and finances for 2024. The charity has ended the year in a sound financial position and continues to serve its community through music.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

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Ben Bradley (Treasurer)

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Stephen Bridgehouse (Chairman)



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

04/03/2024

To

31/12/2024

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					
Charitable Activities	19,899	-	-	19,899	-
Donations	2,867	-	-	2,867	-
Investments	282	-	-	282	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	23,048	-	-	23,048	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	23,048	-	-	23,048	-
A3 Payments					
Charitable Activities	20,165	-	-	20,165	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	20,165	-	-	20,165	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	20,165	-	-	20,165	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,883	-	-	2,883	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	19,470	-	-	19,470	-
Cash funds this year end	22,353	-	-	22,353	-

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	Cash at bank and in hand	22,353	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	22,353	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
	Musical instruments and equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
	Sheet Music	Unrestricted	-	-
	Uniforms	Unrestricted	-	-
	Van	Unrestricted	-	-
	Other fixtures & fittings	Unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Benjamin Bradley	28-May-25	