



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Aldbourn Band

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2025

**Charity no
(if any)** **1209663**

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

**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 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.

Signed:

Date:

Name:

Kerry Hawkins on behalf of UHY Ross Brooke

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

FCCA

Address:

31a Charnham Street, Hungerford, Berkshire

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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.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Aldbourn Band

No (if any)
1209663

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

Period start date
1st April 2024

To

Period end date
31st March 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					
Donations	27,161	-	-	27,161	23,811
Contests	15,100	-	-	15,100	14,765
Concerts	12,173	-	-	12,173	6,082
Subscriptions	8,520	-	-	8,520	7,710
Subscriptions - Youth and Junior Band	200	-	-	200	570
Fund Raising	3,987	-	-	3,987	991
Functions	1,845	-	-	1,845	-
CD Sales	70	-	-	70	1,314
Interest Received	12	-	-	12	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	69,068	-	-	69,068	55,244
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	69,068	-	-	69,068	55,244
A3 Payments					
Contests	34,269	-	-	34,269	29,289
Rehearsal	22,568	-	-	22,568	21,515
Concerts	3,542	-	-	3,542	1,324
Functions	2,035	-	-	2,035	-
Annual Operating Costs	1,683	-	-	1,683	2,037
Youth and Junior Band	1,166	-	-	1,166	1,186
Fundraising	938	-	-	938	-
Music	498	-	-	498	662
Instruments	100	-	-	100	84
Card Reader	100	-	-	100	-
Donations	-	-	-	-	20
CD	-	-	-	-	5,003
Sub total	66,899	-	-	66,899	61,120
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	66,899	-	-	66,899	61,120
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,168	-	-	2,168	5,877
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,380	-	-	3,380	9,256
Cash funds this year end	5,548	-	-	5,548	3,380

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	Lloyds Bank - Community Account	1,336	-	-
	Lloyds Bank - BB Inst Online	2,082		
	Nationwide	1,941		
	Cash	189	-	-
	Total cash funds	5,548	-	-
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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)
	Brass Instruments	Unrestricted	-	-
	Uniforms	Unrestricted		
	Music	Unrestricted		
	Auxiliary Equipment	Unrestricted		
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Independent Exam Fee (incl VAT)	Unrestricted	600	
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Charlty Merger

On 20th August 2024 Aldbourne Band was registered with the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The charity is governed by its Constitution, dated 20th August 2024. Prior to 20th August 2024, Aldbourne Band existed as an unincorporated association that was not registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. The assets and unrestricted funds of the unincorporated association have been transferred to the CIO. This reconstruction has been treated as a merger in accordance with paragraph 27 of the Charities SORP (FRS 102). The accounts prepared for the year ended 31 March 2025 include the results of the unincorporated association, and the CIO as if they were one entity. 2024 comparatives from the unincorporated association have been used.

No Guarantees have been given as at 31st March 2025.

No debt is outstanding as at 31st March 2025 which is secured by an express charge on the CIO assets.

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Matthew Richardson	
	Jane Tilley	

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	1 st	April	2024		31 st	March	2025

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Aldbourne Band

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1209663

Charity's principal address

Aldbourne Memorial Hall, Oxford Street, Aldbourne,

Marlborough

Postcode

SN8 2DQ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Jane Tilley	Trustee	20 th August 2024	
2	Richard Hughes	Trustee	20 th August 2024	
3	Matthew Richardson	Chair	20 th August 2024	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by the members at the annual general meeting, or by the members or the charity trustees at any time, subject to the provisions in clause 13 of the governing document.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, TO PROMOTE, MAINTAIN AND ADVANCE EDUCATION AND APPRECIATION OF THE ART OF BRASS BAND MUSIC IN WILTSHIRE, PRIMARILY THROUGH A) THE PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC PERFORMANCES B) FACILITATING AND PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MUSICAL EDUCATION OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS OF ALL ABILITIES TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Here's a summary of Aldbourne Band's notable achievements in 2024–2025 that would be of interest and benefit to the public, especially the local community and supporters:

Aldbourne Youth Band and Local Community Projects Activities.

Local Schools and promotion of Teaching Music to Children.

Teaching at St Michaels School Aldbourne and St Johns Marlborough through Aldbourne Bands Support brass ensembles. This gives children at the local school's opportunity to experience learning a musical instrument where previously this would not be available. This has resulted in 11 of those players being involved in the Youth Band of Aldbourne Band. These players took part in Fetes and Concerts through 2025 and the total cohort of the Band numbers more than 20. Example Concerts through the year are

1. Regular participation in School Assemblies through membership of Brass Ensembles
2. Playing at Aldbourne Village Fete
3. Playing at Local Christmas Markets

Aldbourne Band Activities

Major Competitive Successes

West of England Regional Champions 2025

Aldbourne Band won the Championship Section at the West of England Brass Band Championships, a prestigious regional contest held in Torquay.

Their performance of Diversions by Derek Bourgeois was highly praised by adjudicators for being "musical, masterful, and breath-taking".

This victory means the band will go on to compete at the National Finals at the Royal Albert Hall later in the year.

Strong Finish at the 2025 British Open Championship

At one of the UK's elite brass band contests, Aldbourne achieved an impressive 5th place, finishing ahead of many other leading bands.

The performance was highlighted by adjudicators as "a fine performance by an excellent band", underlining the band's elevated competitive standard.

Performances & Musical Highlights

World Premiere & Special Performances of The Armed Man

In 2025 Aldbourne Band was selected to take part in major performances of Sir Karl Jenkins' The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace, arranged for brass band, choir, and soloists for the work's 25th anniversary. They performed at the Regent's Park Music Festival in London, with outstanding audience and composer praise, and are also scheduled for a Welsh premiere in Brangwyn Hall, Swansea.

The band's rendition, alongside chorus and soloists, attracted standing ovations and was described as a remarkable and memorable event.

Leadership and Recognition

Continued Artistic Development

Musical Director Glyn Williams has been a key figure leading the band

through successful contest seasons and major concert appearances in 2024–2025.

Community Engagement & Performances

Concerts & Local Events

Beyond contests, Aldbourne Band has actively engaged its audience through seasonal and themed concerts — including festive performances like “The Snowman in Concert” and open rehearsals tied to their 2025 Brass in Concert programme.

Regular summer concerts and community concerts continue to strengthen the band’s role in local culture

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Competition Highlights

🏆 **West of England Regional Champions (2025)**
Aldbourne Band was crowned the West of England Brass Band Championship (Championship Section) winner in March 2025 at Torquay. This is one of the major qualifying competitions for the National Finals at the Royal Albert Hall.

🏆 **British Open Brass Band Championships (2025)**
At the British Open in September 2025, Aldbourne delivered a strong performance, finishing 5th in the championship section — a significant result in one of the UK's most prestigious contest events.

🎺 **National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain (2025)**
Aldbourne qualified for and competed in the National Finals at the Royal Albert Hall in October 2025, placing 14th in the Championship Section.

🎵 Major Invitations & Events

🌟 **Brass in Concert Championship (2025)**
The band was invited to take part in the 2025 Brass in Concert Championship at The Glasshouse International Centre for Music — an entertainment-focused national contest that showcases high-profile brass bands.

🎵 Performance Premieres

In August 2025, Aldbourne Band performed in the world premiere brass band version of The Armed Man alongside the Crouch End Festival Chorus at Regents Park Music Festival — a highlight in their concert calendar.

🇬🇧 Other 2025 Engagements

The band also appeared in regional photograph line-ups for the 2025 National Finals qualification list, confirming their ongoing status as one of the UK's competitive Championship-section bands.
Commissioned new musical Compositions from Dan Hall which were premiered at Brass in Concert and other Aldbourne Concerts.

Supported the teaching of Children at local Infants and Primary School of Aldbourne and Marlborough running various brass groups and providing teacher and instruments.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees have considered the level of reserves required to ensure the ongoing financial stability of the charity.

The trustees consider it prudent to maintain at least £5,000 of unrestricted reserves for fixed commitments such as insurance and hall hire.

The trustees review the reserves position annually as part of the budgeting and financial planning process and will adjust the target level if the charity's activities or risk profile change.

At the year end, unrestricted reserves stood at £5,548. The trustees are always aware of the target and continually seek to ensure reserves are maintained during the year wherever possible through careful cost control and income generation, subject to the charity's primary objective of delivering musical activities.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

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Section F	Other optional information
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Section G	Declaration
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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair,
etc)

Date

Jane Tilley	
Secretary	