

The Marple Band – Annual Report for the year from 23/08/24 to 31/03/25

Organisation name

- The Marple Band

Charity Number

- 1209721

President

- Mrs Janice Jackson.

Charity Trustee

- Andy Liles
- Howard Groves
- Ruth Groves

Committee Members (as elected at AGM 22/04/24)

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| • Andy Liles | Chair/ Bandmaster |
| • Ruth Groves | Band and Engagements Secretary /Fundraising Co Ordinator |
| • Howard Groves | Treasurer/ Band logistics |
| • Paul Sanders | Band Sergeant |
| • Kim Flanagan | |
| • Helen Sutton | Contest Secretary/ Property Steward |
| Chris Hillman | Librarian (co-opted) |
| • Zeta Hillman | Publicity/Social media |
| • Sue Hocking | Deputy Chair/ Welfare officer and Safeguarding |

Musical Director

Nick Birch from May 2024.

Purpose

To advance, improve, develop and maintain public education in, and appreciation of, the art and science of brass band music in all its aspects by any means the trustees see fit, including through the presentation of public events in the Marple and surrounding area.

To preserve the culture of the traditional British Brass Band

To support the local community

Achievements and Performance

Activities

Rehearsals

The rehearsals have been continuing to take place at Arden Dies, Shepley Street, Marple. Many players were unhappy going back to a cramped and poorly ventilated band room and the new venue was a lot safer for players who were vulnerable. The band are staying there for the foreseeable future. No subscription/membership charge is made to members as they want to ensure anyone can access the band . Free instruments and uniforms are also provided or all members

Several Open rehearsals were made available for July and August rehearsal dates for anyone from the local area.

Rehearsal nights are on Tuesday and Friday evenings. However, a trial for a couple of months is taking place on Thursday evenings instead of Fridays.

Supporting other organisations

10th Nov 2024 Remembrance Service- Memorial Park

9th Dec 2024 Strines

18th Dec 2024 Carols at Firwood High School(children with learning difficulties school)

2nd Feb 2025 Film Concert- Marple Sports Club

22nd March 2025 St Pauls Church Compstall

Public performances

Marple Food Fest – 21st Sept 2024

Marple Band Autumn Concert –27th Oct 2024

Glossop Band Club 8th Dec 2024

St Christophers Xmas Concert – 6th Dec 2024

Marple Band Xmas Concert -14th Dec 2024

Tesco Stockport- Carols- 17th Dec 2024

Devonshire Arms- Carols- 22nd Dec 2024

Contests

Darley Dale Contest 3rd Nov 2024

NW Regionals Sunday 23rdth Feb 2025

Funding

We have continued to use Easyfundraising to raise funds for the band. No grants were applied for. See accounts summary- for more information.

Income	
Opening Balance 23 August 2024 (note 1)	13,550
Donations (Includes concerts and donated expenses)	13,629
Charitable Activities (Concerts and Prize Money)	1,126
Other Income (Includes Dinner Dance, Coach Contributions and Gift Aid)	3,799
Total	32,103
Expenditure	
Music Purchases	- 193
Contest Costs	- 2,440
Other Costs - includes dinner dance and sundry expenses	- 3,557
IT and Stationery Costs	- 676
MD Remuneration	- 2,877
Travel Costs	- 11,511
Total	- 21,254.79
Closing Bank Balance 31 March 2025	10,849

Note 1

The Marple Band was registered as a CIO with the Charity Commission 23 August 2024, the band having previously operated as part of another charity, The Brass Bands of Marple. The 'opening balance' at 23 August was a donation from the Brass Bands of Marple of the sums earned by the band when it was still a part of that charity.

Opening Bank Balance 23 August 2024	13,550
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Date	Description	£
23-Aug	Kim Flanagan Gift Aid Payment	-876.06
23-Aug	Andy Axcell Gift Aid Payment	-229.52
23-Aug	C Hillman Reimbursement fo purchse of Folders/Paper	-54
23-Aug	TROPHYSTORE Purchase of trophies	-52.49
23-Aug	Nick Birch MD Fee for 23/8	-50
24-Aug	Sue Hocking Return of Gift Aid Payment	450.18
24-Aug	Andy Axcell Return of Gift Aid Payment	229.52
24-Aug	Sue Hocking Gift Aid Payment	-450.18
26-Aug	Kim Flanagan Return of Gift Aid Payment	676.06
27-Aug	Kim Flanagan Return of Gift Aid Payment	200.00
27-Aug	Cash withdrawal for Gift Aid Payments to Band Member	-500
27-Aug	Cash withdrawal for Gift Aid Payments to Band Member	-500
27-Aug	C Hillman Reimbursement fo purchse of Toner Cartrage	-135.98
28-Aug	Cash withdrawal for Gift Aid Payments to Band Member	-500
28-Aug	Cash withdrawal for Gift Aid Payments to Band Member	-500
28-Aug	Nick Birch MD Fees For 10/9 13/9 17/9	-150
28-Aug	Nick Biech MD Fees For 27/8 3/9 6/9	-150
29-Aug	Cash withdrawal for Gift Aid Payments to Band Member	-246.45
30-Aug	Donations of travel expences back to Band	2,246.45
30-Aug	Malcolm Harper Dinner Dance Tickets x 2	45.00
2-Sep	Janice Jackson Dinner Dance Ticketsx 2	45.00
2-Sep	Entry fee for Darley Dale Contest	-130
5-Sep	N. Steels Dinner Dance Tickets x 2	60.00
9-Sep	Stephen Barrow Dinner Dance Tickets x 2	30.00
9-Sep	Alison Parker Dinner Dance Ticket	15.00
9-Sep	JF Reeson Dinner Dance Ticket	15.00
10-Sep	C Storah Dinner Dance Tickets x 2	45.00
10-Sep	Kim Flanagan Dinner Dance Ticket	15.00
13-Sep	Paul Sanders Dinner Dance Tickets	135.00
13-Sep	Sarah Jackson Dinner Dance Ticket	15.00
16-Sep	Helen Sutton Dinner Dance Tickets	150.00
17-Sep	Ruth Groves Dinner Dance Tickets x 2	30.00
18-Sep	Jane Hope Disco for dinner dance	-150
23-Sep	Nick Birch MD Fees For 10, 13, 17, 20, 21/9	-250
23-Sep	Nick Birch Reimbursement for purchase of Test Piece	-89.24
23-Sep	C Storah Dinner Dance Ticket refund	-30
25-Sep	Fee for Marple Food Fest	295.00
25-Sep	Crowd donations from Food Fest	45.75
27-Sep	Reimbursement for Engraving of Trophies for DinDan	-26
30-Sep	Phil Woodhouse Dance Ticket	15.00
30-Sep	Ca Hillman Reimburse cost of Business Cards	-27.81
2-Oct	M & C Kitchen Dinner Dance Tickets	60.00
3-Oct	Andy Liles Dinner Dance Tickets	45.00
3-Oct	Peruga Ltd Catering for Dinner Dance on 12/9 24	-1350
4-Oct	C. Hillman Dinner Dance Ticket (Zeta)	15.00
7-Oct	S Kitchen Dinner Dance Ticket	60.00
14-Oct	Money from Raffle/Heads & Tails at Dinner Dance	226.00

14-Oct	Nick Birch MD Fees for 27/9 1,4,8,11/10	-250
14-Oct	Reimburse H. Groves Corkage Fee for Dinner Dance	-60
14-Oct	Deps registration for Darley Dale Contest	-30
14-Oct	Reimburse R. Groves Engraving Trophies & Balloons etc	-24.35
15-Oct	Hyde Trophies Refund	7.00
24-Oct	C. Hillman Reimbursement for purchase of Monitor	-121.99
25-Oct	Nick Birch MD Fees for 15,18,22,25,27/10	-250
25-Oct	Marple Cricket & Squash Club Room Hire For 2/2/25	-65
29-Oct	SumUp income from Autumn Concert	20.66
31-Oct	VP cheques Autumn concert	255.00
31-Oct	Crowd donations autumn concert	175.76
31-Oct	Raffle autumn concert	172.00
31-Oct	Autumn Concert Raffle takings	0
4-Nov	Reimburse R groves for card & flowers for Helen Sutton	-20
4-Nov	Postage for Charles Gibsons trophy	-3.75
7-Nov	Reimburse H. Groves for cost of wreath for 11/11 service	-25
11-Nov	Arden Dies Bandroom contents insurance	-660.42
11-Nov	Reimburse H. Groves for cost of sample music stand	-14.96
12-Nov	EASY FUNDRAISING	57.34
22-Nov	Forever Manchester. Grant towards Xmas Concert	125.00
22-Nov	Forever Manchester. Grant towards Xmas Concert	0
25-Nov	Gift Aid income	2,241.18
27-Nov	Compensation payment from Lloyds Bank	35.00
28-Nov	Closing Balance £0 Account Closed	0
28-Nov	Tony Wyatt. MD fee for Marple Food Fest 21/9	-50
28-Nov	CA Hillman. Ink & Toner Cartridges	-163.95
28-Nov	R Groves. Reimbursement for 4BarsRest Subs	-60
28-Nov	Nick Birch MD Fees For 29/10 to 29/11 inclusive	-450
2-Dec	R Bullock & Co Coach for Regionals 23/2/25	-925
2-Dec	H Groves Reimburse cost of Music Stands {Band Room}	-428.52
2-Dec	R Bullock & Co Coach for Whit Friday Contest 13/6/25	-825
2-Dec	Ashford War Memorial Centre D Dale Contest R Room	-36
4-Dec	NWRBBC Entry Fee for Regionals 23/2/25	-150
9-Dec	Fee for Concert at St Christophers Church Romley 6/12	400.00
9-Dec	Takings from Glossop Bandroom Concert 8/12/24	331.00
12-Dec	SMBC Room Hire for Autumn Concert 27/10/24	-37.38
13-Dec	Fee for Concert at St Pauls Church Strines	100.00
16-Dec	Raffle takings Christmas Concert 14/12	273.00
16-Dec	Crowd donations Christmas concert 14/12	252.25
16-Dec	Christmas Concert SUMUP Payments Donations	29.52
16-Dec	R Groves Reimburse sundry expences Xmas Conc 14/12	-83.31
16-Dec	H Groves Reimburse cost of Christmas Gift Nick Birch	-27
18-Dec	Crowd Donations Carolling TESCO Stockport 17/12	243.79
18-Dec	Nick Birch MD Fees for 3/12, 6/12, 8/12, 13/12, 14/12	-250
23-Dec	Devonshire Arms 22/12 Raffle Takings	125.00
23-Dec	Devonshire Arms 22/12 Crowd Donations	33.72
23-Dec	Devonshire Arms 22/12 Crowd Donations SUMUP	26.57
2-Jan	Annual Subscription to BBE	-140.4
16-Jan	Donation from The Devonshire Arms	150.00
17-Jan	Nick Birch MD Fee for 7th, 10th, and 14th Jan	-150

17-Jan	CA Hillman. Ink & Toner Cartridges	-156.46
20-Jan	CA Hillman. Subscription to Google Commerce	-15.99
3-Feb	Takings from Marple Sports Club, Raffle	150.00
3-Feb	Takings from Marple Sports Club, Crowd Collection	136.20
3-Feb	Marple Sports Club Crowd Donations SUMUP	16.72
3-Feb	Making Music, Performing Rights Fees	-78.79
3-Feb	County Car and Van Hire for Marple Sports Club	-322.94
4-Feb	Tesco Hattersley Fuel for Van Hire	-7.79
6-Feb	County Car and Van Hire, Return of Deposit	250.00
11-Feb	Easy Fundraising	116.10
11-Feb	Nick Birch MD fees 17th Jan to 7th Feb inclusive	-400
13-Feb	Brass Band Players Registry Deps for Regional Finals	-30
19-Feb	Brass Band Players Registry Deps for Regional Finals	-10
24-Feb	Collection towards Coach Cost for Regional Finals	240.00
24-Feb	Julia Robinson Bus Money for Regionals	5.00
24-Feb	Blackpool North SH CD. For Rehearsal Room {Regionals}	-150
3-Mar	Muzudo Subscription	-55.75
3-Mar	Non GBP Trans Fee	-1.53
14-Mar	Reimburse Nick Birch for purchase of Music	-193.2
14-Mar	Nick Birch MD Fees for 11th Feb to 4th Mar as per invoice	-450
14-Mar	Thomann UK for purchase of MD,s Conductors Stand	-154
20-Mar	Cash withdrawal for Band Members travel expences	-2989.55
21-Mar	Reimburse R Groves for deposit paid to Disley Golf Club	-100
24-Mar	Players Travel exp[ences donated back to Band	2,989.55
24-Mar	H Sutton	1,256.08
24-Mar	H Groves Donation of Travel Expenses	816.55
24-Mar	Flanagan KJ Donation of Travel Expenses	700.00
24-Mar	Hocking Susan Donation of Travel Expenses	490.32
24-Mar	Andrew Liles Donation of Travel Expences	342.81
24-Mar	Haunton Donation of Travel Expenses	295.36
24-Mar	R Groves Donation of Travel Expenses	201.33
24-Mar	Axcel Donation of Travel Expenses	197.65
24-Mar	L Beetham Donation of Travel Expenses	88.11
24-Mar	St Pauls Compstall Raffle takings	44.25
24-Mar	Andre Axell Travel expences	-197.65
24-Mar	Ruth Groves Travel expences	-201.33
24-Mar	H Groves Travel Expences	-816.55
24-Mar	S Hocking Travel Expences	-490.32
24-Mar	Andrew Liles Travel Expences	-342.81
24-Mar	Kathleen Haunton	-295.36
24-Mar	Kim Flanagan Travel Expences	-700.47
24-Mar	Helen Sutton Travel Expenses	-1256.08
24-Mar	Linda Beetham Travel Expenses	-88.11
Closing Bank Balance 31 March 2025		10,849

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Marple Band

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Marple Band (the Charity) for the period 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 Charity'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:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Greaves', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rob Greaves FCA

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25 June 2025