

Charity number: 1211112

Company registration number: CE038339

DERWENT BRASS

Trustees' report and financial statements

for the period ended 31 December 2025

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Charity number	1211112
Business address	The Hub Highfield Farm Heage Lane Etwall DE65 6LS
Trustees	Graham Johnson - Chairman Christopher Leonard - Band Manager Beverley Leonard - Treasurer Dai Roberts - Contest Secretary Jennifer Marsden – Minutes Secretary/Librarian Neville Eden - President Steve Bottomley (resigned 28 th October 2025) Stephen Hargreaves (resigned 3 rd February 2025)
Independent examiner	William Oates BA FCA 12 Bridgford Road West Bridgford Nottinghamshire NG2 6AB
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Report of the trustees

for the year period 31 December 2025

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the period from incorporation on 26th November 2024 to 31 December 2025. The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Structure, governance, and management

Derwent Brass is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, (Charity number 1211112) which was registered with the Charity Commission on 26th November 2024. It is governed by its constitution.

New Trustees will also be appointed officials of the band as agreed and approved through the Annual General Meeting. These positions will be appointed from playing and non-playing members of the band. Individual skills and expertise will be considered for these roles and agreed in line with the Constitution of the band.

Objectives and activities

Derwent Brass (the Band) exists to advance and encourage the study and performance of playing brass band instruments whilst educating the public in the appreciation of brass band music by the presentation of concerts and performances in this sphere of the musical arts. In addition, to support other charitable institutions by organising concerts with a view to raising funds for their cause. The Band is a member of Brass Bands England.

Brass players who are members of the Band come from a wide range of ages and backgrounds and normally attend regular rehearsals to strive to maintain and improve the standards of musical performance. The focus of the Bands' activities remains the performance of a wide range of traditional and modern concerts performed to the general public with a view to encouraging the appreciation of this form of music. The Band strives to be innovative and to reach new audiences that may not previously have considered this form of music.

Additionally, the band performs at the request of other charities to raise money for their particular causes. Having regard to the activities and achievements of the Band the trustees are of the opinion that Derwent Brass has fulfilled its charitable purposes and complied with the duty in the Charities Act with regard to public benefit.

Derwent Brass relies on the contributions made by volunteers in two main areas; those band members who freely give of their time in order to attend rehearsals and perform in concerts and contests, and the volunteers who willingly help to sell concert tickets, programmes and raffle tickets and serve refreshments. Without the valuable time given by all these people the charity would not be able to function effectively.

Achievements and performance

During this period the full band competed in three contests, performed seven full band concerts and also performed two ensemble concerts.

The three contests were our Area Contest which is for our national grading as a Championship section band and in which we came 3rd placing us 3rd overall in the grading tables going into 2026; the Spring Festival at Blackpool where we were placed 10th and the Leicestershire Brass Band Association contest which we were placed 1st and also won the prizes for Best Instrumentalist and Best Trombone.

The full band concerts were a 'Friends' concert, a concert of 'Stage and Screen' at Derby Theatre, a 'Larks in the Park' concert in Belper River Gardens, a remembrance concert (raising money for the Poppy Appeal), a concert at Southwell Minster, a concert with Derby Salvation Army at Derby Cathedral and Christmas concerts (matinee and evening) at St. Peters Church in Belper. Whilst the ensemble group played for the Christmas lights switch on in Derby City Centre and for Christmas carols at the famous 17th century Holly Bush Inn at Makeney near Belper.

The band has a 'Friends Scheme' which regular supporters of the band can join. We invite the friends to a free annual concert and they also receive newsletters from the band normally produced around three times a year. This keeps the Friends informed of news, events and general 'goings on' in the band. We are proud of our Friends Scheme, which is totally free to join and is a very good example of our commitment to public benefit.

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As an organisation Derwent Brass attempts to mitigate the impact on its members lives by striving for one fully attended rehearsal per week, except for any additional rehearsals required prior to an important event. We continue wherever possible to accommodate members' work and family commitments and it is these factors, which have been the reasons behind the relative stability of the band membership over time. The band intends to remain true to this ethos and endeavour to accommodate its members in this way going forward.

The website at www.derwentbrass.com is a good source of more detailed information about the band.

Financial review

Total income for the period was £56,280 and total expenditure was £63,168.

Monies were transferred from the unincorporated charity Derwent Brass (Charity number 1146146) of £39,663 and equipment (including music library and instruments) were transferred totalling £77,486.

Total cash balances of £32,775 were on hand at the 31st December 2025.

The Band maintains a reasonable amount of liquid funds in order to replace equipment or instruments as necessary (which can be very expensive as the larger instruments cost in excess of £7,000) but also as a 'safety net' when putting on self-promoted concerts in the unlikely event that they are not successful due to unforeseen circumstances.

The Trustees plan to continue to reinforce the quality of equipment and instruments that the band owns. In this way we aim to maintain the level of musical performance and the standards of Derwent Brass in the Championship section of British Brass Banding.

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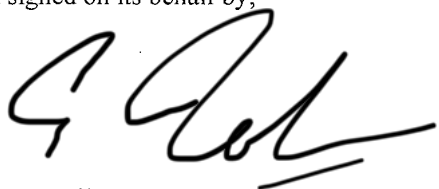
Loss of Grant Income

Grant income is applied for in order to support specific projects. This form of income is unpredictable by nature and so the charity does not rely on it for its basic operations and has other sources of income.

Diminishing Audiences

The Trustees have seen, in recent years, that audience figures are generally dropping for arts organisations. Particularly with brass bands, the average age of the audience is a concern as it is generally a more elderly audience. The Trustees are trying to address this with increasing educational work and innovating with concerts that appeal to a more youthful dynamic.

The trustee's report was approved by the board of trustees on10/4/26.....
and signed on its behalf by;



Graham Johnson
Chairman



Beverley Leonard
Treasurer

Derwent Brass

Independent examiner's unqualified report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Derwent Brass.

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 5 to 6.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

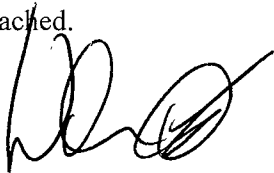
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.



William Oates FCA

Independent examiner

12 Bridgford Road

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Statement of financial activities

For the period ended 31 December 2025

	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	2025 Total £
Incoming resources			
Band subscriptions	0	2,860	2,860
Bank interest	0	328	328
Band dinner	0	1,400	1,400
Blackpool Hotel	0	2,170	2,170
Merchandising sales	0	62	62
Concert income	0	14,410	14,410
Contest prize money	0	400	400
Donations	0	27,400	27,400
Grants	0	4,000	4,000
Equipment sold	0	3,250	3,250
Total incoming resources	<u>0</u>	<u>56,280</u>	<u>56,280</u>
Resources expended			
Band dinner and socials	0	2,293	2,293
Band room hire	0	4,810	4,810
Blackpool Hotel	0	1,930	1,930
Charity donations	0	250	250
Concert costs	0	7,387	7,387
Contest costs	0	390	390
Bandsmen and volunteer expenses	0	36,927	36,927
New equipment purchased	0	4,963	4,963
Music	0	330	330
Instrument repairs	0	247	247
Insurance	0	599	599
Membership fees	0	415	415
Training	0	170	170
Miscellaneous	0	1	1
Printing, postage and stationery	0	201	201
Bank Charges	0	15	15
Switchboard costs	0	277	277
Transport costs	0	1,333	1,333
Carbon Offsetting	0	0	0
Website costs	0	630	630
Total resources expended	<u>0</u>	<u>63,168</u>	<u>63,168</u>
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources	0	(6,888)	(6,888)
Funds transferred from unincorporated Charity	0	39,663	39,663
Total funds carried forward	<u>0</u>	<u>32,775</u>	<u>32,775</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2025

2025

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Assets

Retained for the charity's own use:

- Brass instruments and percussion equipment
- Music library
- Furniture and music stands
- Stocks of CD's and merchandise

Cash funds - restricted instrument fund

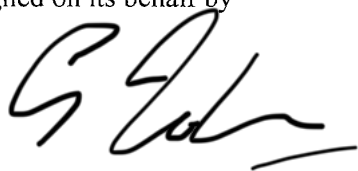
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Cash funds - unrestricted

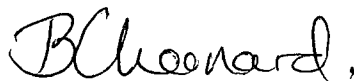
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The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 10/4/26 and signed on its behalf by



Graham Johnson
Chairman/Trustee



Beverley Leonard
Treasurer/Trustee