



Trustees and charity information

Name of Charity: Ireland Colliery Chesterfield Band

Charity Registration Number: 501879

Address: 8 Silver Well Drive, Staveley, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S43 3LR

Year covered by report: 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Governance:

Charity Trustees:

Simone Smith (Chairperson)

Julie Oldale

Joe Roberts

Beverley Smith

Jean Spencer

Paul Trucsott

Management Team:

Name (Chair) Faith Whatley

Name : (Secretary) Anthony Fawbert

Name: (Treasurer) Bronwen Buttery

Name: (Website/Media) Tobias Bradley

Aims, objects and activities:

To educate the public in the arts and sciences of music with particular reference to music presented by brass bands by means of concerts and other activities to which members of the public shall have access. To provide opportunities for those persons wishing to learn to play a brass band instrument.

To promote the education of brass band music to any interested person, regardless of age, gender, ethnic origin or physical ability, to maintain the tradition of brass banding into the future. We take our organisation out to perform to the public as often as practical to entertain and keep them aware of our existence.

The band is run by a team of dedicated unpaid volunteer members, except for the musical director who receives expenses. Each playing member pays a subscription each month to contribute to the running costs of the band but they are provided with instruments free of charge.

The trustees recognise the contribution of all these volunteers, without whom the charity would not function

Band Activities

Competitions

Shortly before the 2024 contest season the band lost their musical director and as a result of the Regionals Contest were unfortunately relegated to the 4th section for the 2025 contest season.

With a new Musical Director appointed the band have turned a corner and were awarded 1st place at the NEMBBA own choice contest in November of 2024 and were credited with other placements throughout the year.

Concerts and Rehearsals

Practices have continued to be well attended with almost all seats filled but we are still on the lookout for an additional Bb Bass player.

The band have a series of regular concerts throughout the year with the highlight being Festive Brass at the Crooked Spire in Chesterfield.

Support and Fundraising

The band suffered a devastating loss as a result of Storm Babet back in October of 2023 when the bandroom was flooded causing severe damage to instruments and the destruction of the majority of the music library. Some of the cost of this has been recovered through insurance which is documented in the accounts along with fundraising efforts with additional concerts and donations from supporters of the band.

Development Activities

Three members of the band have undergone safeguard training by attendance at an online training session run by Brass Bands England.

Summary and Plans 2025

Fortunately, the band were able to recover enough to be able to continue in the aftermath of Storm Babet, we are now back in our band room and continue to build on our performances for both contests and concerts throughout the year in 2025.

Accounts: please see next page

IRELAND COLLIERY CHESTERFIELD BAND	
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT	
12 MONTH PERIOD 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2024	
	2024
RECEIPTS	
Subscriptions	1,721.00
Grants and Donations	1,750.00
Concerts & Ticket Sales	6,866.43
Contest winnings	0.00
Accommodation Receipts (Use of Band Room)	50.00
Insurance Claim	34,595.13
Sale of CDs	10.00
Interest on Deposit Account	63.11
Easy Fundrasing (Amazon Smile)/Crowdfunder	0.00
Receipts from cash	2,160.00
	47,215.67
PAYMENTS	
Contests Entry Fees	550.00
Subscriptions & Registrations	360.60
Accommodation/Entry Passes	0.00
Music	330.77
Room Hire	625.00
Equipment Repairs	9,714.98
New Equipment	21,689.52
Conductors' expenses	4,161.50
Advertising/website	12.00
Bank Charges	66.40
PRS Charges (Crooked Spire)	1,920.86
Deps Expenses	46.00
Uniform	4,927.50
Transport	1,455.00
Printing	144.53
Insurance	649.53
Gifts	80.00
Transfer to Deposit account/cash into bank	2,160.00
Room Hire from Flood	338.15
	0.00
	49,232.34
Balance Sheet	
Surplus B/f from previous year	
Surplus/ (-) Deficit in Year	10,224.98
Surplus carried forward	-2,016.67
	8,208.31
Bank Balance 31.12.2024	6,163.55
Cash In hand 31.12.2024	2,044.66
	8,208.31

Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees of Ireland Colliery Chesterfield Brass Band

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of **Ireland Colliery Chesterfield Brass Band** for the year ended **31.12.2024**, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities

In my opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31.12.2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended.
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the **Charities Act 2011**.

Basis for Opinion

I conducted the audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. The responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities section of our report. I am independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements relevant to our audit and have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

Conclusions Relating to Going Concern

In auditing the financial statements, I have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate. Based on the work I have performed; I have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Other Information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees' Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.

A full description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities

Use of Our Report

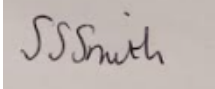
This report is made solely to the charity's trustees as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011. My audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose.

Signed: *Libby Davis* . 31/10/25

Libby Davis BSc Finance ,CIMA.
Auditor

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in dark ink. The signature appears to be "J.S. Smith" written in a cursive, slightly stylized hand.

30th December 2025

Chair of Trustees:

Date: