

Bathgate Band

Scottish Charity No SC035364



Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2024

Trustees Annual Report

For the year ended 31st December 2024

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name

Bathgate Band

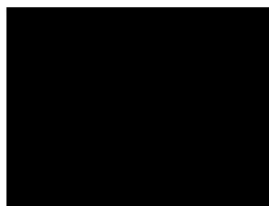
Charity No

SC035364

Address

100 Hope Park Gardens, Bathgate, West Lothian, EH48 2QX

Current Trustees



	Appointed	Resigned
President	30/04/15	
Vice President	14/09/23	
Secretary	13/04/23	
Treasurer	12/05/14	

Structure, Governance and management

Constitution

The band is a registered Scottish charity. It was registered in its current legal form on 8 October 2003. It has a single tier structure and, as such, the trustees are the members of the charity.

Appointment of Trustees

The trustees are elected at the AGM and fulfil the roles of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other office bearers (if any) as they consider appropriate.

The committee consists of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer as the trustees as well as eight other elected members.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable purposes

The main purpose is to promote and foster the appreciation of music and the playing of brass instruments for the benefit of the community, as well as the individual, through social and formal engagements, and to develop the public appreciation of the art of brass band playing.

Activities

The band is currently a Championship Section brass band and meets twice a week for rehearsals. These are mostly directed by the Musical Director [REDACTED]. It's often the main focal point for community events in Bathgate and the surrounding area and regularly takes part in events such as concerts, gala days, Christmas parades, fundraising events and the Armistice Day parade/services.

Achievements and Performance

2024 Engagements/Performances were as follows:

March 10th Scottish Championships, Perth Concert Hall
April 4th AGM was held in Bathgate Partnership Centre
April 20th Bathgate High Bowling Club Season Opening event
April 27th Fife Brass Band Festival (Open Entertainment) Contest
May 18th & 19th April – Russell Gray Conductors Workshop weekend, which concluded with a concert at Howden Park Centre, Livingston (& included Bathgate Youth Band)
May 31st & June 1st Bathgate Procession events
June 8th East Calder Gala Day
June 18th Linlithgow Marches
June 22nd Linlithgow & Linlithgow Bridge Childrens Gala
June 28th Bo'ness Childrens Fair
July 27th Service at Korean War Memorial, Bathgate Hills
September 28th Fife Charities Contest, Kirkcaldy
October 4th Oktoberfest, Livingston Football Club
October 26th Joint Concert with Linlithgow String Orchestra, Linlithgow
November 10th Remembrance parade and service, Bathgate
November 23rd Scottish Open Contest, Perth
November 30th Private event (wedding)
December 1st East Calder Torchlight Procession
December 7th Christmas switch on Bathgate Town Centre, with Kirkton Brass and Bathgate Together
December 14th – Carols at Tesco, Bathgate
December 16th Christmas Concert, St Marys, Bathgate
December 19th – Carols at McArthur Glen Designer Outlet
December 22nd – Carols Morrisons, Bathgate

In addition to the above engagements/performances a number of the senior band assisted our Youth Band in their many events throughout the year in care homes and supermarkets

The band also did some filming with BBC Scotland for their programme called 'My kind of town', which aired in September 2024

2024 Achievements:

On the contest stage, the band were placed 7th in the Championship section of the Scottish Championships in March

April saw the band compete at the Fife Brass Band Festival (Open Entertainment Contest) where the band were placed 5th, and we followed this with a 4th place at the Fife Charities Brass Band Association contest in September.

The Scottish Open held at Perth Concert Hall in November saw the band placed 16th

amongst a field of some of the best bands from Scotland, Wales, England and also a band from the USA.

Our Christmas concert at St. Mary's RC Church in Bathgate attracted an audience of over 300. This year, we were delighted to welcome the Boghall and Bathgate Pipe Band juniors as our special guests, alongside a fantastic performance from our own youth band.

The year was rounded off with a social event at the Glenmavis Tavern.

The main non-playing fundraisers this year were fantasy football, table-top escape room evening, quiz night and virtual balloon races.

When the World Rankings were updated on 31st December 2024, Bathgate Band were 62nd (8th in Scotland)

Financial review

The Band started 2024 with £42,377 in the Bank account. We received funds of £12,005 (restricted) and £29,098 (unrestricted), of which we spent £11,180 (restricted) and £27,933 (unrestricted), leaving a balance of £44,366 at the year end.

Our main sources of income are from fundraising, grants and donations.

Fundraising:

We continued with the fundraising initiatives such as textile collections and Easyfundraising.com which alongside our now annual fantasy football league, virtual balloon races and scratch cards collectively raised £1,965.

From concerts and collections when playing Christmas carols at Morrisons, Tesco and McArthur Glen we raised a further £4,171

The band continues to run its bonus ball, which is currently fully subscribed and brings in a regular income.

Grants:

During 2024, the band received grant funding for instruments from Edinburgh Airport and the WM Foundation, as well as contributions from local councillors disbursement funds towards projects in early 2025.

Donations:

In 2024, the band received several generous donations that helped cover our general running costs, fund two new Player of the Year trophies, and support our National Youth Brass Band of Scotland (NYBBS) fund. The contributions to this fund ensured that our young musicians could attend NYBBS courses without facing financial barriers.

At the end of 2014, The Bathgate Band registered with HMRC as a charity for tax purposes in line with Paragraph 1 of Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010, and during 2023 we continued to claim back the basic rate Income tax that had been paid on certain donations from individuals through their gift aid scheme.

Reserves Policy

£10,000 is held in reserve for the purposes of covering any expenses incurred in the eventuality that the Band should be wound up.

Plans for future

The trustees continue to make progress looking for a permanent home, preferably in Bathgate, and are currently holding £25,000 in a RBS savings account for this purpose.

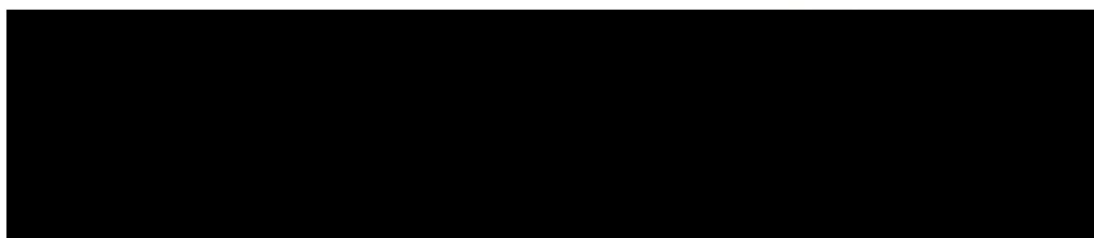
The band are preparing for several contests during 2025:

The Scottish Championships (March), Fife Brass Band Festival (April), Beamish (June), Fife Charities (Sept) and the Scottish Open (Nov)

Other events for 2025 include an awards ceremony and workshop (Feb), several civic events and concerts within West Lothian and Glasgow.

We will also host [REDACTED] and his delegates for a conducting Workshop in May, which will be our 9th year of hosting this event.

This report was approved on behalf of the Trustees on 31st March 2025.



Independent Examiner's Report to the Board of Trustees of the Bathgate Band

To the Trustees

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 8 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charity's and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and the comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulationshave not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attentions should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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2 April 2025

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 December 2024

		2024 £ Unrestricted Funds	2024 £ Restricted Funds	2024 £ Total Funds	2023 £ Total Funds
Receipts					
Donations	4	6,017	5,602	11,619	6,882
Grants	5	0	3,950	3,950	2,100
Fundraising					
Bonus Ball		1,605	1,302	2,907	2,941
Race & Quiz Nights		502		502	1,090
Other fundraising initiatives		1,966		1,966	1,852
Raffles & Auction		677		677	1,735
Merchandise		44		44	64
		<u>10,810</u>	<u>10,854</u>	<u>21,664</u>	<u>16,664</u>
Charitable Activities					
Concerts		2,618		2,618	2,153
Civic Events		6,105		6,105	6,165
Collections		1,554		1,554	1,078
Band Dues		7,145		7,145	6,439
Prize Money		0		0	575
		<u>17,422</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>17,422</u>	<u>16,410</u>
Other					
Bank Interest		826		826	461
Contributions		40	903	942	7,410
Insurance Payout			248	248	0
Pay back incorrect payment					800
		<u>866</u>	<u>1,151</u>	<u>2,017</u>	<u>8,671</u>
Total Receipts		<u>29,098</u>	<u>12,005</u>	<u>41,103</u>	<u>41,744</u>

Statement of Receipts and Payments continued...

	2024 £ Unrestricted Funds	2024 £ Restricted Funds	2024 £ Total Funds	2023 £ Total Funds
Payments				
Fundraising Costs				
Bonus Ball winnings		1,377	1,377	1,227
Concert/Raffle/Quiz expenses	1,036		1,036	528
	<u>1,036</u>	<u>1,377</u>	<u>2,413</u>	<u>1,755</u>
Cost of Charitable Activities				
Musical Directors Fees	8,280		8,280	9,414
Instrument Repairs	403	248	651	70
Music	571		571	1,254
Utilities (& phone)	2,349		2,349	3,055
Band Hall SC & maintenance	3,836		3,836	3,251
Hall rent & storage	594		594	384
Website Domain	16		16	16
Transport	2,530		2,530	6,001
Insurance	843		843	813
Contest Fees	768		768	895
SBBA & Registry	600		600	325
Uniforms	177	455	632	273
Player expenses	3,622	4,990	8,612	9,450
	<u>24,589</u>	<u>5,693</u>	<u>30,282</u>	<u>35,202</u>
Other				
Bank Charges	37		37	3
Donations		100	100	0
Miscellaneous	1,213		1,213	2,361
	<u>1,250</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>1,350</u>	<u>2,364</u>
Purchase of Instruments	1,058	4,010	5,068	161
Total Payments	<u>27,933</u>	<u>11,180</u>	<u>39,113</u>	<u>39,481</u>
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	<u>1,165</u>	<u>825</u>	<u>1,990</u>	<u>(2,262)</u>
Balance brought forward	42,377		42,377	40,115
Surplus / (deficit) for year	1,165	825	1,990	2,262
Closing cash at bank and in hand	<u>43,542</u>	<u>825</u>	<u>44,366</u>	<u>42,377</u>

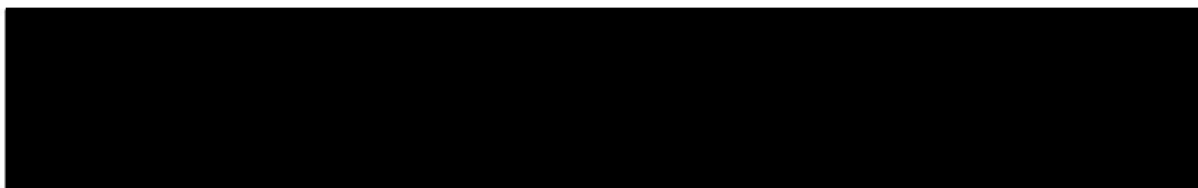
Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	Total	Total
Instruments		
Estimated values		
1980's 3x Cornets	500	900
1980's 1x Flugel horn	250	250
1980's 2x Tenor horns	200	200
4x Basses	7,000	7,000
2014 2 x Baritones	3,000	3,000
2000's 1 x Euphonium	1,800	1,800
2015 2x Cornets	2,800	2,800
2 x Sovereign Tenor horns (2015 + 2019)	3,200	3,200
Prestige Tenor Horn (2019)	2,500	2,500
2016 1 x Bass trombone	2,000	2,000
2016 1 x Tenor trombone	1,000	1,000
Flugel (Yamaha)	675	675
Wessex EEb bass	2,750	2,750
Various mutes, Percussion, stands etc	3,450	3,461
Marching bass drum (2017)	300	300
Tam Tam	550	550
Player of the year trophies	200	200
Costs (in 2024)		
2 x Sovereign cornets	3,890	
Glockenspiel	725	
Mutes	453	
Total	36,693	32,036

Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ended 31 December 2024 (cont'd)

	2024	2023
	Total	Total
Bank and Cash Balances		
RBS Current Account		
Restricted	25	
Unrestricted	2,240	1,348
RBS Reserve Account		
Restricted	800	444
Unrestricted	30,967	40,582
RBS 95 Day Account		
Restricted	10,000	0
Unrestricted	332	0
Paypal Account	2	2
Total	<u>44,366</u>	<u>42,377</u>
	2024	2023
	Total	Total
Liabilities		
Funds collected for NYBBS		344
Unpaid prior year Bonus Ball winnings	25	100
Total	<u>25</u>	<u>444</u>

These accounts were approved on behalf of the Trustees on 31st March 2025.



Notes to the accounts for the year ended December 2024

1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities and Trustee investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2 Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the band.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

3 Related party transactions

No remuneration was paid to the trustees during the year.

4 Donations

	2024 Unrestricted Funds	2024 Restricted Funds	2024 Total Funds	2023 Total Funds
Towards Band Hall & Utilities	1,987		1,987	1,742
Findlay & Co	500		500	500
Clarus Networks		4,000	4,000	0
Bathgate Community Centre Mgt Team		1,200	1,200	1,000
Other Donations	3,530	402	3,932	3,640
Total Donations	6,017	5,602	11,619	6,882

5 Grants received

	2024 Unrestricted Funds	2024 Restricted Funds	2024 Total Funds	2023 Total Funds
WM Mann Foundation		400	400	0
Councillors Disbursement Funds		800	800	1,100
Edinburgh Airport Grant		2,750	2,750	0
Bathgate Community Centre Mgt Team				1,000
Total Grants	0	3,950	3,950	2,100