Milnthorpe Steel Band

Income and Expenditure for Year 5th February 2025 to 4th February 2026

INCOME	Amount	Amount	EXPENDITURE	Amount	Amount
Details	**Income Donations and Legacies**	**Income Charitable Activities (Gigs etc)**	**Details**	**Costs**	**Grant Spend**
Torchlight 2024 Late Payment		£350.00			
6 Gigs at £350		£2,100.00	Van Hire Cost for Gigs and Busks	£1,323.00	
8 Gigs at £375		£3,000.00	Fuel Cost for Gigs and Busks	£295.37	
Silverdale Busk		£159.74	Petty Cash	£150.00	
Hawkshead Busk		£121.40	Pan Insurance & Public Liability	£810.60	
Marshalls (Free Gig in return for free van hire)		£0.00	Equiphase Website Fee	£66.00	
Carnival (Knott End)		£400.00	Gig Chalkboard & Chalk Pens	£74.94	
Discounted Gig (Hartland House)		£250.00	6 New Bass Pans Overtones (Grant)		£1,740.00
Grange Gig Cancellation Fee		£100.00	Pan Tuning Overtones	£1,212.00	
CD Sales		£68.00	Equiphase Domain Renewal	£20.00	
Cash Donations	£66.48		50 Plastic Pan Covers from ITP	£125.00	
Donation in Memory of Anne Craig	£70.00		Drumsticks	£25.99	
			Pearl Drummers Multi Tool + P&P (Grant)		£31.87
			Pearl Drum Seat + P&P (Grant)		£88.90
			Pearl Hi-Hat Stand + P&P(Grant)		£166.99
			Expenses for visiting Drummer(2Gigs)	£89.17	
			Thank You Gift Leylands	£24.00	
Deposits for Christmas Meals		£230.00	Longlands (Deposit for Xmas Meal)	£230.00	
Payments for Christmas Meals		£490.90	Longlands Christmas Meal	£490.90	
Dumfries Carnival (£375 Outstanding)					
TOTAL INCOME	**£136.48**	**£7,270.04**	**TOTAL EXPENDITURE**	**£4,936.97**	**£2,027.76**

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Balance Sheet for Year 5th February 2025 to 4th February 2026

Bank Balance brought forward from 4th February 2025	£9,546.48			
Income	£7,406.52			
Sub Total	**£16,953.00**			
Expenditure	£6,964.73			
Bank Balance 4th February 2026	**£9,988.27**			
TOTAL OF BAND ASSETS ON 4TH FEBRUARY 2026				
Bank Balance	£9,988.27			
Petty Cash	£5.29			
Sub Total	**£9,993.56**			
Material Assets Approx Value	£46,000.00			
TOTAL	**£55,993.56**			

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Petty Cash for year 5th February 2025 to 4th February 2026

Details	Income	Details	Expenditure
Balance Brought Forward	£94.60		
Cash from MSB Bank Account	£150.00		
		10 Wing Nut Screws + p&P	£10.70
		2 Wing Screws + P&P	£7.68
		Grafton Lunch	£31.50
		Lorry Driver Presall Carnival	£50.00
		Bungee Cords	£19.96
		Blue Rolls x6	£10.00
		Drum Mat	£17.98
		Xmas Meal Gift Charlotte	£40.00
		Xmas Meal Gift Steven	£40.00
		WD40 x2	£6.00
		Xmas Gift Leylands Staff	£5.49
TOTAL	**£244.60**	**TOTAL**	**£239.31**
MINUS EXPENDITURE	**£239.31**		
Balance Carried Forward	**£5.29**		

Milnthorpe Steel Band Chairpersons Report February for the year 2025-2026

Hello and welcome everybody to our AGM.

Once again it is lovely to see our Band almost at maximum membership and I would like to formally welcome our newer players and hope you are happily settling into our little family and also thank Band members who have decided to leave for various reasons this year.

This year has had a full programme with plenty of gigs throughout.

In March we had a working party of helpers to tidy and clean the warehouse and organise our equipment in order to maximise the useful space we have. Pan cases are now easier to store and locate and we have named boxes for cleaning supplies, cd's, percussion instruments, carnival lorry hardware and spare uniforms. I think it is fair to say that we all looked like we'd done a shift down a coal mine when we had finished.

Our first gig in 2025 was in Penrith for their May Day celebrations, followed by the local Country Fest, a pub opening in Kellet, a very wet and windy wedding in a field, followed the day after by a glorious day busking in Silverdale (the weather was like chalk and cheese for those two days). One of the highlights was a performance on a carnival lorry in Knott End and Preesall which was great fun and very well received, then two gigs - one in Kendal and a party for Marshall's van hire on the same day, two days at Flookburgh Steam Gathering and car shows in Grange-over-Sands and at Leighton Hall. Next we played for the elderly residents of Hartland House in Milnthorpe and an evening Caribbean party in Brigsteer which was such a success they asked for us to do a workshop for them later in the year. One of our regular bookings, Kendal Torchlight Street Party, and Love Lancaster BID saw us playing alongside other performance artists, and our yearly visit to Hawkshead and another day in Lancaster during the run up to Christmas brought our year to a close. The only disappointment was our proposed gig in Grange over Sands bandstand which had to be cancelled due to bad weather.

We thankfully have our wonderful gazebos to thank for our versatility in most weather conditions.

Our first gig of 2026 was a slot at Dumfries for their Burns Supper weekend. We only played for half an hour but were well received and we have the prospect of more gigs there in the future,

May saw Grafton Yearwood come up from London to tune the pans -no mean feat due to the number which are now in regular use, but a visit which is necessary to enhance the sound of the Band. He brought with him Fran's long awaited new set of Bass pans, which were obtained with a grant, but even so the bank account was a little lighter when he left!

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Some great new tunes have replaced some of the older slightly tired ones and are certainly adding a bit of excitement to practices and a more varied playlist when we go out. Thank you Steven.

This has been a year of ups and downs but, as ever, we pull together and look after each other for whatever the reason and for whoever needs us.

The Committee have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of the Band so thank you Charlotte- we all appreciate all your extra hours arranging bookings, picking up and returning vans and driving our equipment round the countryside and all the extra admin on social media, Steven for your dedication and patience (and rude jokes) whilst teaching us the new tunes, Fran for grant searching, minute taking and compiling the agendas, Kathy our Treasurer for collating our financial accounts and for organising our Christmas meal and Lynn my right hand woman, for everything you do.

We also now have a full complement of Trustees who are there to help us run the Band and keep us in order and provide a safety net for the bigger decisions around finances and Constitution. A brief rundown of the Trustees - Andy Pinder is their Chairperson- a longtime supporter and office holder as well as being Charlotte's dad, we also have Lindsay Pinder – past band member, wife of Andy and mother of Charlotte and our other Trustees are Shelley and Sue, present band members, Graeme Armstrong, Aasha's dad, Andrew Wilson, another longtime supporter and Chris Whiteside, a previous band member. We hope they will enjoy working with us.

A short meeting with our Trustees in January saw a very slight change to the constitution to allow Committee Members to also be Trustees which will enable a more coherent continuity between Trustees and Band and allow us to fully use all our experience.

All in all another great year so thank you all for being here, being in the band and being so wonderful. Here's to 2026 which is the Band's 30th year, so be loud and proud folks and we will hopefully still be playing in another 30 years!

Lindy Brough,

Chairperson.

Attachments: