Tiverton Town Band

Trustees' Annual Report Year Ended: 31st December 2025

1. Charity Details

Registered Charity Name: Tiverton Town Band **Charity Number:** [Insert] **Principal Address:**Warren Lodge, Canal Hill, Tiverton **Correspondence Email:** tivvybandchair@gmail.com

Trustees during the year

- Roger Stickland (Chair)
- Graham Pillivant
- Adam Barnett
- Les Affleck

Key Volunteers

- Musical Director – Roger Carter (Appointed July 25)
- Bandmaster: Graham Pillivant
- Treasurer: Les Affleck
- Secretary: Essie Attwood
- Safeguarding Lead – Kate Smith
- Other Committee Members appointed by AGM – Ash Monahan-Waters, Kate Smith, Tina Pillivant, Royston Potter, Jo Hughes, Phillipa Smith (seconded)

2. Objectives and Activities

Charitable Purpose To advance the education of the public in the art of brass band music and promote community participation in music-making.

Main Activities

- Weekly rehearsals (Senior Band & Training Band)
- Public performances
- Beginner tuition and instrument loans
- Community and civic events
- Workshops and sectional rehearsals

How Activities Further Our Purpose

- Accessible music education
- Social inclusion and wellbeing
- Cultural enrichment for the community

3. Public Benefit Statement

The trustees confirm compliance with Charity Commission public benefit guidance.

The band provides:

- Open membership with low-cost subscriptions
- Civic and remembrance performances
- Instrument loans
- Fund raising charities and support at a range of fundraising events

4. Achievements and Performance

Musical Achievements

- We were pleased to appoint Roger Carter as our MD in the middle of the year. He has brought an emphasis on ensemble playing and players taking responsibility for a balanced overall sound. He has maintained the band ethos of being a welcoming supportive environment for players off all standards
- Thanks are expressed to a number of visiting MDs who supported us during the period prior to Roger's appointment.
- A very successful charity concert for CHAT resulted in donations of £1100. A trip to Bude was a much appreciated fundraiser for the local church associated with band members.
- The Christmas concert at TCAT with East Devon Rock Choir was a great success and received very positive feedback
- The Band also performed at around 15 other engagements.

Operational Improvements

- This has been a year of stabilisation after having to appoint a permanent MD. The trustees are encouraged by the ongoing support of the members and are looking forward to developments in 2026.
- Major expenditure was made on purchasing a BFlat bass and refurbishing an existing one.

5. Financial Review - see attached summary of accounts

- The Band position is financially strong as funds have been built in anticipation of major expenditure in 2026.
- Current Balances are in excess of the reserves policy
- When these balances are reduced that Band will be very dependent on fundraising traditionally during the run up to Christmas. This allows it to maintain a low subscription rate equivalent to around £1.50 per week

Reserves Policy

The trustees aim to maintain reserves sufficient to:

- Cover six months of core costs
- Support instrument repairs
- Enable long-term development

7. Plans for the Future

Following a survey of members the following objectives have been set for 2026:

- Deliver a strong programme of performances.
- Continue ethos of supporting members.
- Integrate and support volunteers more effectively.
- Create development pathways for players young and older.
- Attract, welcome and integrate new members.
- Be well run as an organisation.

9. Approval and Signature

This report was approved by the trustees and committee in Feb 26

Signed: Chair of Trustees Tiverton Town Band

R M Stickland

Tiverton Town Band - Accounts for 2025					
Receipts and Payments		**2024**	**2025**	**Budget for 2026**	
	Receipts				
	Members Subscriptions	1,843.00	2,110.00	2,100.00	Unchanged for 2026
	Engagements	1,289.32	2,950.81	2,500.00	
	Event Fundraising	3,294.48	4,461.84	3,000.00	
	Members Fundraising	396.18	608.60	500.00	
	Grants	1,534.98			
	Sponsorships		1,300.00	1,000.00	
	Gift Aid	799.14	909.04	900.00	
	Easy Fundraising	126.52	94.88	700.00	
	Misc income	29.98	310.00	250.00	
	Total Receipts	9,313.60	12,745.17	10,950.00	
	Payments				
	Musical Leadership	2,790.00	2,338.89	2,430.00	50 rehearsals, 4 concerts 54 *£45
	Music	295.15	438.32	700.00	10 new pieces £400 plus new hymn book set £300
	Instruments	530.31	784.00	3,000.00	Bass refurbish £2500 plus £500
	Uniforms	3,844.91	391.77	2,000.00	30 * £50 for new outside jackets plus routine £500
	Engagement Expenses	764.80	508.73	750.00	
	Insurance & Subscriptions	1,023.36	838.27	900.00	
	Donations	120.00	1,703.42	1,200.00	Two charity concerts
	Gifts and Tributes	38.50	190.28	300.00	
	Training		170.00	200.00	
	Band Socials			200.00	
	Accommodation	39.28	1,410.00	1,200.00	
	Publicity	43.20	420.00	500.00	
	Phone & Internet	396.86	610.38	400.00	
	Stationery		192.19	200.00	
	Development			2,500.00	Research and feasibility study into
	Total Payments	9,886.37	9,996.25	16,480.00	
	Surplus (Deficit)	-572.77	2,748.92	-5,530.00	
	Funds				
	Opening Balance	10,941.67	10,368.90	13,117.82	
	Surplus (Deficit)	-572.77	2,748.92	-5,530.00	
	Closing Balance	10,368.90	13,117.82	7,587.82	
		Bank	12,699.53		
		Cash	418.29		
			13,117.82		