Silk Brass

Silk Brass Band
Charity No: 1207294
Trustees' Annual Report
For the Year Ended 31 December 2025

1. Structure, Governance & Management

- Independent registered charity based in Marton, Macclesfield.
- Governed by volunteer trustees, supported by officers and the Musical Director.
- Trustees: Ben Bradley, Sandra Birch, Bob Goodwin and Stephen Bridgehouse.
- Volunteer players and supporters contribute to the band's charitable activities.
- Twice-weekly rehearsals maintain musical standards and community engagement.

2. Objectives & Activities

- Objects: To promote and advance brass music, performance and education.
- Activities: Public concerts, contest participation, remembrance and civic events, and educational collaboration with youth bands.

3. Key Achievements in 2025

Contests

- North West Area (February): competed in the 1st Section at Blackpool.
- Whit Friday (June): participated in the Tameside and Saddleworth contests.

Concerts & Events

- Joint concerts with Magic Voices Choir in June and Macclesfield Youth Brass Band in July.
- VE Day 80th anniversary celebrations in Macclesfield and an appearance at Woodford Live.
- Remembrance Concert and Macclesfield Remembrance Day parade in November.
- Successful Christmas programme at St Michael's Church, Bosley Church, Daneside Theatre and Peak Cavern, Castleton.

4. Financial Review

- The band generated a surplus for the year and ended 2025 in a healthy financial position.
- Strong concert support, particularly at Christmas, helped fund the band's activities and investment in instrument servicing and music.
- Activities continued to be supported by volunteers.

5. Risk Management

- Key risks identified:
  - Reliance on volunteer membership and conductors.
  - Instrument maintenance and performance costs.
  - Fluctuations in concert income.
- Mitigations include strong community links, active recruitment, prudent budgeting, and maintaining reserves in line with policy.

6. Policies & Governance

- Internal financial controls in place.
- Policies on safeguarding, risk management, bullying & harassment, and social media are active.
- Reserves target: Trustees aim to maintain approximately £10,000 to meet unforeseen costs and support continuity of the band's activities.

7. Plans for 2026

- Tour of Lermoos, Austria
- Continued participation in Whit Friday and regional contests.
- Continue the concert programme and develop community collaborations.
- Agree spending priorities while maintaining an appropriate financial buffer.
- Support musical development and links with Macclesfield Youth Brass Band.

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8. Trustees' Statement

The trustees confirm this report is a fair reflection of Silk Brass Band's activities and finances for 2025. The charity has ended the year in a sound financial position and continues to serve its community through music.

Approval date: 16/10/2026

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Ben Bradley (Treasurer)

Stephen Bridgehouse (Chairman)

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

SILK BRASS BAND	1207294

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/12/2025	To	31/12/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Charitable Activities	18,336	-	-	18,336	-
Donations	2,752	-	-	2,752	-
Investments	150	-	-	150	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	21,238	-	-	21,238	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	21,238	-	-	21,238	-
A3 Payments					
Charitable Activities	19,490	-	-	19,490	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	19,490	-	-	19,490	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	19,490	-	-	19,490	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,748	-	-	1,748	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	22,353	-	-	22,353	-
Cash funds this year end	24,101	-	-	24,101	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Cash at bank and in hand	24,101	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	24,101	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Musical instruments and equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
Sheet Music	Unrestricted	-	-
Uniforms	Unrestricted	-	-
Van	Unrestricted	-	-
Other fixtures & fittings	Unrestricted	-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Benjamin Bradley	16-Mar-26