

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 2025 to 31 December 2025

Governance:

Charity Trustees:

Simone Smith (Chairperson)

Julie Oldale

Joe Roberts

Beverley Smith

Jean Spencer

Paul Truscott

Jude Ashmore

Management Team:

Faith Whatley (Chair)

Anthony Fawbert (Secretary)

Bronwen Buttery (Treasurer)

Tobias Bradley (Website/Media)

Aims, objectives 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

After being relegated to the 4th section in 2024 the band were determined to build on their contest experience with an aim to secure their place back in the 3rd section. March 2025 saw the band do just that, they were awarded 2nd place in the Midlands Area 4th section contest and with it a place at the 4th Section National finals in September of 2025 and promotion back to the 3rd section for the 2026 contest season.

Concerts and Rehearsals

Practices continue to be well attended with almost all seats filled but we are still looking for a couple of additional players to complete our line-up.

The band have a series of regular concerts throughout the year with the highlight being Festive Brass at the Crooked Spire in Chesterfield. It is worth noting that alongside these regular concerts the band have picked up and built relationships with a couple of new concerts added to the season this year.

Support and Fundraising

The band set up a fundraising scheme during the year in support of their trip to the National Finals. We added some additional concerts, for example an afternoon in Queen's park where we received donations from members of the public who were able to come out to listen to us.

The cost of the Nationals entry and some transport was covered thanks to the generosity of those who helped with donations etc. with the hotel costs being covered by band members themselves.

Summary and Plans for 2026

The band have enjoyed a successful year on both the concert and contest stage and are working hard to build on performances for both contests and concerts throughout the year in 2026.

Accounts and Independent Audit Comments

Please see below stat accounts signed by our independent auditor E L Davis showing that they give a true and fair reflection of the bands financial position as at 31.12.2025

IRELAND COLLIERY CHESTERFIELD BAND

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
12 MONTH PERIOD 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025
RECEIPTS	
Subscriptions	2,904.00
Grants and Donations	8.00
Concerts & Ticket Sales	7,543.88
Insurance Claim	37,900.00
Instrument Deposits - refundable	53.78
Nationals Fundraising	4,104.86
	52,514.52
PAYMENTS	
Contests Entry Fees	910.00
Subscriptions & Registrations	653.15
Music	461.55
Room Hire	1,167.50
Equipment Repairs	595.00
New Equipment	23,016.95
Conductors' expenses	3,610.00
Bank Charges	44.44
Deps Expenses	131.40
Uniform	210.00
Transport	1,280.00
Gifts	65.30
Nationals Expenditure	4,467.93
	36,613.22

Balance Sheet

Surplus B/f from previous year	8,208.31
Surplus/ (-) Deficit in Year	15,901.30
Surplus carried forward	24,109.61
Bank Balance 31.12.2025	21,745.72
Cash In hand 31.12.2025	2,363.79
	24,109.61

I have reviewed the above accounts and done a sample check of the transactions.
I confirm that they are a true reflection of the Bands Financial position at 31 Dec 25
1 OCT 2026
E Davis
(E.C. DAVIS) ACMA.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above

SS Smith 28 October 2026

Chair of Trustees: **Date:**