Abergavenny Borough Band

Annual Trustees Report 2025

1. Reference and Administrative Details

- **Charity Name:** The Abergavenny Borough Band
- **Registered Charity Number:** 512871
- **Principal Address:** Forest Lodge, Pendarren Road, Aberbeeg, Abertillery NP13 2DA
- **The Trustees:** The trustees who served during the financial year and up to the date of signing were:
    - Andrew Richards, Chair
    - Fiona Evans, Treasurer
    - Joanna Smith, Secretary
    - Lucinda Boyland, Committee Member
    - Jonathan Tingay, Committee Member
    - Lewis Rigley, Committee Member
    - Richard Shorey, Committee Member
    - Lana Tingay, Committee Member
    - Rhys Scotford, Committee Member

- **Bankers:** Lloyds Bank

2. Structure, Governance, and Management

- **Governing Document:** The charity is controlled by its governing document, a **Constitution**, and constitutes an unincorporated association.
- **Trustee Selection Methods:** The trustees are elected annually by the members of the band at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The committee has the power to co-opt additional trustees during the year to fill casual vacancies.

- **Structure and Decision Making:** The trustees meet monthly to manage the operational and financial running of the brass band. This includes coordinating rehearsal schedules, concert bookings, membership of youth and senior band positions.
- **Risk Management:** The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Key risks managed include player safeguarding (adhering to our updated safeguarding policy), public liability during community concerts, and the physical security of the band's instruments and uniform assets.

3. Objectives and Activities

- **Charitable Objects:** The object of the charity as stated in the constitution is To educate the public in the Arts and Sciences, and in particular, the art and science of music, by the presentation of concerts and other activities, specifically within the community of Abergavenny and the wider region of Wales.
- **Main Activities:** To achieve these objects, the charity focuses on:
    - Holding regular twice-weekly rehearsals to develop and maintain high musical performance standards.
    - Staging formal concerts, seasonal performances (such as Christmas carolling), and community event appearances.
    - Providing structured, affordable instrument loans and musical tuition to beginners and youth players via our youth training band.
- **Public Benefit Statement:** The trustees have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. The band delivers public benefit by offering heavily subsidised or free access to live music events, keeping membership subscriptions low, and reducing financial barriers to music education by providing free instrument hire to learners.

4. Achievements and Performance

- **Musical and Concert Highlights:** During the period, the main band successfully staged several public concerts and participated in key events, including the Welsh Regional Championships, Band Stand performances and our Christmas Concert.
- **Community Outreach:** The band proudly supported local causes by performing at Abergavenny Remembrance Sunday parades, Picnic in the Park alongside local charity choirs and attending the local Christmas Lights ceremony. In total, we reached an estimated audience of 800 people this year.

- **Growth and Training:** Our training program supported 8 active learners this year. The charity also invested in a Brass n Beats workshop to expand the opportunities available to local players.

5. Financial Review

- **Financial Overview:** The total income for the financial year was **£25,061**. The primary sources of funding were generated through concert ticket receipts, player subscriptions, community performance fees, fundraising performances and advance player instalments for a 2026 planned visit to the Whit Friday Marches.
- **Expenditure:** Total expenditure for the period was £18,832. Funds were principally spent on essential operations including bandroom costs, professional fees for our Musical Director, contest entry fees, purchasing sheet music, and instrument / band room insurance. We also invested in uniform updates and paid the deposit for the planned 2026 Whit Friday visit.
- **Reserves Policy:** The trustees aim to hold a general unrestricted reserve equivalent to [e.g., 3 to 6 months] of routine running costs (approximately £6,000. This reserve ensures the financial sustainability of the band, protecting against sudden increases, instrument emergencies, or unexpected drops in seasonal performance income.

6. Plans for Future Periods

- **Musical Development:** The band aims to expand its repertoire, target a higher placement at the next Welsh Regional Championships, and perform at least two concert bookings for the upcoming season.
- **Sustainability & Recruitment:** In the next year, the trustees plan to launch a fresh player recruitment drive in local schools and continue our fund raising to support upgrades to our instruments.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature: 

Name: Fiona Evans
Position: Treasurer
Date: 21 Oct 2026

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Income & Expenditure Account
Year ending 31/12/2025

	Note	Dr	Cr
		£	£
Income			
Senior Band Subscriptions			4,197.00
Junior Band Subscriptiosn			1,193.00
Concerts			1,196.84
Donations & Grants	1		3,675.00
Engagement Fees			2,290.00
Band Room Hire			50.00
Fund Raising	2		5,327.67
Dinner Ticket Sales			775.00
Whit Friday Trip			5,578.67
Uniforms			168.00
Interest			609.74
Restricted Income			
Charitable Trust Donations			
Expenditure			
Concerts		132.07	
Contests		425.00	
Miscellaneous	3	430.99	
Membership Fees		484.62	
MD Fees		4,737.35	
Bandroom Expense	4	3,654.99	
Music		486.88	
Engagement Fees hire		300.00	
Player Expense - Tuition		70.00	
Instrument / Equipment Purchases		1,108.93	
Insurance		1,658.67	
Band Dinner		1,322.08	
Secretary Expenses		362.13	
Uniforms		1,209.00	
Whit Friday Trip Deposit		2,450.00	
Surplus for Year 2025		6,228.21	
		25,060.92	**25,060.92**

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Income		Dr	Cr
(1) Donations & Grants	Maureen Powell		1,000.00
	Monmouthshire Housing		500.00
	A Griffiths		1,000.00
	A Richards		25.00
	Abergavenny RBL		150.00
	Rotary Club Parking Permit		1,000.00
			3,675.00
(2) Fundraising			
	Abergavenny Town		5,006.35
	Town Library		297.90
	School Concert		23.42
			5,327.67

Ependiture			
(3) Miscellaneous			
	Daykins Accountants	£	372.00
	Zettle Fees	£	9.49
	Easter Eggs	£	29.50
	British Legion (Poppy Wreath)	£	20.00
		£	430.99
(4) Bandroom Expenses			
	EDF	£	369.03
	British Gas	£	600.86
	Siemans	£	415.76
	Konica Minolta	£	12.79
	Stationery	£	101.14
	Monmouth CC Tax	£	266.96
	Kitchen tiling	£	60.79
	Padlock	£	5.99
	Fire	£	90.92
	LED tube	£	13.63
	Clock	£	15.00
	Batteries and Plasters	£	21.15
	Air Conditioning Unit	£	1,650.00
	Drum mat	£	9.00
	Paint	£	21.97
		£	3,654.99

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Balance Sheet as at 31/12/2025

Accumulated Fund

Fixed Assets

Premises	£	43,755.94
Fixtures & Fittings	£	132.47
Instruments & Equipment	£	11,497.70
Uniforms	£	1,904.28
Music	£	1,503.80
CD's	£	136.73
	£	58,930.92

NET FIXED ASSETS

Current Assets

Lloyds TSB Current Acc	£	15,656.98
Lloyds TSB Deposit Acc	£	2,327.47
Monmouthshire B/Soc	£	23,006.91
	£	40,991.36

NET CURRENT ASSETS

	£	99,922.28

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Accumulated Fund 2025

	Dr	Cr
Accumulated Fund B/Fwd - 31/12/24		£ 98,752.42
Surplus - Year Ending 31/12/24		£ 6,228.21
Additions		
Disposals		
Appreciate		
Depreciation	£ 5,058.35	
ACCUMULATED FUND C/Fwd - 31/12/2025	£ 99,922.28	
	£ 104,980.63	£ 104,980.63

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FIXED ASSET SCHEDULE

	TOTAL	Premises	Instruments	Music	Uniform	Fixtures & Fittings	CD's
COST							
Balance @ 1.1.2025	£ 94,339.37	£ 43,755.94	£ 38,325.69	£ 5,012.63	£ 6,347.67	£ 441.59	£ 455.85
Additions							
Disposals							
Balance @ 31.12.2025	£ 94,339.37	£ 43,755.94	£ 38,325.69	£ 5,012.63	£ 6,347.67	£ 441.59	£ 455.85
DEPRECIATION							
Balance @ 1.1.25	£ 30,350.10	£ -	£ 22,995.42	£ 3,007.57	£ 3,808.62	£ 264.96	£ 273.53
Charge for Year	£ 5,058.35	£ -	£ 3,832.57	£ 501.26	£ 634.77	£ 44.16	£ 45.59
Balance @ 31.12.2025	£ 35,408.45	£ -	£ 26,827.99	£ 3,508.83	£ 4,443.39	£ 309.12	£ 319.12
NET BOOK VALUE							
2025	£ 58,930.92	£ 43,755.94	£ 11,497.70	£ 1,503.80	£ 1,904.28	£ 132.47	£ 136.73
2024	£ 63,989.27	£ 43,755.94	£ 15,330.27	£ 2,005.06	£ 2,539.05	£ 176.63	£ 182.32

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11 March 2026

Dear Fiona

ABERGAVENNY BOROUGH BAND
CHARITY ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

I am pleased to enclose two copies of the charity accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025, after conducting an independent scrutiny of the accounts, to enable you to file the appropriate income and expenditure figures with the Charity Commission.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries relating to any figures in the accounts.

I now take this opportunity of enclosing my fee note for your kind attention in due course.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

Phil Daykin