

CHURCHILL SILVER BAND

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of Churchill Silver Band for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charities governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in January 2015.

The following Trustees held office during the year and remain in office:-

- Mr John Ferguson
- Mr Edward Rogers
- Mr Norman Donaldson
- Mr Andrew Gordon

The registered office of the band is:-

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BT93 6BL

Independent Examiner:-

Stephanie Stenson FCA
Patton Rainey Stenson Limited
Chartered Accountants
6 East Bridge Street
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Co Fermanagh
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Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

- The Band is registered as a charity and was set up by a constitution on 4 September 2007.
- The Band is also registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under number NIC 101522.

b. Method of appointment or election of Trustees

- The management of the Band is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the constitution.

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Objectives and Activities

The band's objectives are to advance the education of persons in the Churchill and surrounding areas in the skills, art and science of music performed by traditional brass bands. During the year these objectives were achieved by holding band practices, arranging for instruction and tuition of members in the playing of their instruments. In addition concerts and performances were given by the band to inform the wider public in order that they could obtain a better understanding and appreciation of traditional brass band music.

Financial review

Churchill Silver Band is a registered charity that promotes traditional silver band music in the Churchill area. Receipts are obtained from performances, hall rental and grants and amounted to £8,847 during the year. Expenditure related to the normal running costs of a band and mounted to £7,027 resulting in a surplus of Receipts over Expenditure of £1,820 for the year.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Charity that reserves, that have not been designated for a specific purpose should be maintained at a level equivalent to 12 months expenditure. The Charity considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue some activities however this would be on a reduced scale.

Plans for the future

Future developments

The charity intends to continue the work it performs in promoting traditional silver band music for the benefit of the public.

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charities legislation requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under Charities legislation the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the receipts and payments, of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:-

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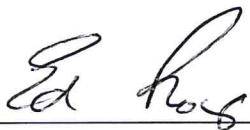
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities legislation.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 31 October 2024.

And signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ed Rogers', written over a horizontal line.

Mr Edward Rogers - Trustee