

St Mark's Silver Band

Northern Ireland Charity number: NIC **108277**



Chairman's Annual Report 2023/24

Introduction

St. Mark's Silver Band is a charitable organisation dedicated to promoting musical education and community engagement through brass band music. We are dedicated to fostering a love of music within the local community, providing opportunities for people of all ages to develop their musical skills.

St Mark's Silver Band has had a very successful year, with growing number of members and enthusiasm growing weekly with a great team of dedicated members.

Conductor

Bob Quick has agreed to continue as conductor and looks forward to enabling the band to compete in Brass Band League NI competitions and perform at engagements regionally.

Offices

A number of our officers were re-elected at our latest AGM and several new faces are joining the team to ensure the band continues to excel.

Position	Nominee
President	Rev. William Orr
Chair Person	Aaron Watson
Secretary	Jessie Weir
Assistant Secretary	Ian Withers
Treasurer	Maurice Heasty
Librarian	Alistair Andrews
Assistant Librarian	Rachel Gilpin
Instrument Attendant	Philip Simpson
Uniform Attendant	Jessie Weir and Lucy Sterritt
Band Master	Aaron Watson
Assistant Band Master	Nigel Woods
Junior Band Manager	Lucy Place
Junior Band Assistant	Emma Hewitt, Rachael Kerr, Alan Ruddell
PR & Media	Jessie Weir, Lucy Place
Charity & Fundraising Coordinator	Jessie Weir, Ian Withers, Chrissie

Events

Over the past year, St. Mark's Silver Band has attended many performances, including community concerts, church services, and participation in local events. We are pleased to see an increase of opportunities this year and will continue seeking out other opportunities.

We were delighted to play for the Portadown British Legion Remembrance Day Parade. We provided Christmas music for Georgian Day in Armagh and the Argory's annual Christmas events.

The band also attended 4 contents this year, with great results coming 1st and 2nd at the Brass Band Northern Ireland events.

Thanks

I would like to thank you all for your continued support and all the other people who have helped and supported us through what has been for many, really difficult times.

Special thanks to the church for the use of the hall and their invaluable support and guidance.

Our band relies heavily on the dedication of volunteers, from committee members to those helping with event logistics. We thank our volunteers for their continued support.

Aaron Watson – Chairperson