



Trustees Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

Charity registration number

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Trustees who acted during year

Derrick Witts (Chairman)

Christopher Jones (Band Manager)

David Gandy (Secretary/Data Protection Officer)

Peter Evans (Treasurer)

Stephen Tubb (Musical Director)

Beverley Godwin (Child Welfare Officer)

Structure and management

Chalford Band and its properties is administered and managed in accordance with the provisions of its Constitution which was adopted on 19 May 2008. It is an association of members which during the year totalled 26 seniors and 50 juniors. Trustees are appointed or re-appointed at the Annual General Meetings held in May.

Other governance issues

There is a Child Protection Policy in place.

During the year, the Band renewed its membership of Brass Bands England (BBE), which, through Band Safe, aims to support bands in the development of policies and procedures that are fit for purpose and in place to minimise risks to the members and integrity of the band. There has been an increased focus on Child Welfare and Safeguarding this year – the band have liaised with Brass Bands England and Gloucestershire County Council to ensure compliance to law and best practice. We continue to take advantage of other BBE membership benefits, such as free of charge DBS checks and discounted insurance premiums – in addition, we now have associate membership of Making Music.

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into force in May 2018. To remain compliant with this new regulation band documentation (including membership details) has been moved to a GDPR compliant cloud storage solution called Tresorit – as a not-for-profit organisation ten business licences have been acquired without charge. Dave Gandy is the band's Data Protection Officer.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.



The band continues to operate a website (<https://chalfordband.co.uk>), along with public Twitter (@ChalfordBand85) and private Facebook accounts.

Objectives and activities

The band is a community brass band providing members with tuition and the free loan of instruments, the presentation of public concerts and contesting, with an emphasis on the education and training of young people in the art of music making.

Achievements & performances

The activities during the year were in the form of contests and concerts.

Contesting resulted in excellent performances with:

- the youth band were placed 3rd (Silver Award) in the Intermediate Section National Youth Brass Band Contest held in Warwick in April 2018, as well as winning the best instrumentalist award
- the senior band were placed 7th in the first section national finals held in Cheltenham in September 2018
- the academy band were placed 11th (out of 17) in the fourth section of the West of England area contest held at Torquay in March 2018 (excluding one senior player, the average age was 15½)
- the senior band being placed 11th in the championship section of the West of England area contest, and hence retained championship section status for 2020

The usual concerts took place in July and December at the Subscription Rooms in Stroud, showcasing all the players in the organisation – both Summer and Christmas concerts were sell-outs.

The senior band performed several concerts throughout the year, at various venues – of particular note was the fund raising concert in Frampton for the Royal Legion Poppy appeal.

Volunteers

A great contribution is made by volunteers and parents of youth members and the trustees are very grateful for the many hours spent by them listening to and encouraging our young people and working with our youth tutors. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise, so much would not have been achieved.

Financial review

There continues to be a healthy financial position for the band.

The band intend to purchase new instruments (and waterfall existing ones), undertake some band room maintenance, and are considering designs to extend the library/storeroom. The band received a small grant from the Parish Council towards the storeroom extension.

The band have committed to the Parish Council that a new bench dedicated to Percy Stratford will be installed outside the band room, to replace an existing one in the Parish which had fallen into disrepair.