

Fishburn Academy Band

Annual Report for the period ended 31st October 2020

Chairman's report: The sixth year of Fishburn Academy Band

Coronavirus

In anticipation of the national lock down and with a number of people close to the band with health conditions, the Chairman and Bandmaster took the decision to suspend Fishburn Academy Band on the 16th March 2020. Later, (11th Oct 2020) the Chairman, Trustees and Bandmaster reviewed this decision via email and decided that the suspension would hold and that the band was not in a position, given the low numbers and limited resources, to move operations on line. The band remained suspended to the end of the year. Through this period some players formally resigned and others stopped paying subs until the future of the band became clear. The future of the band remains unclear moving into the next year.

The body of this report applies to the period up to this suspension only.

Teaching

Fishburn Academy Band is continuing with its prime objective of teaching brass instruments to young people in the village and surrounding areas. George Nicklin has taught a small group of children at Fishburn Primary School, a number of whom are playing with the band at rehearsals. George Nicklin's commitment to teaching at the school and in the evenings at the band room had underpinned the band.

Rehearsals

Despite low numbers, the band held 12 Monday night rehearsals with a few players in each section.

Links with the Senior Band

Malcolm Usher continues to support the cornet players at most rehearsals, ensures that FAB always has a space to rehearse and helps the organisation in other ways.

Committee

At the last AGM and subsequent committee meeting only four people attended and the Chairman and Treasurer were supported to continue in their roles. The continuing decline in volunteers to fill key roles or take on supporting tasks is limiting the bands ability to function at anything more than the most basic level.

Grants

None in this period

Performances

There was a successful series of 5 Christmas supermarket performances which raised £1331.31 and promoted the band to the public.

Acknowledgements

As well as a big thank you to all the players for attending each week and the parents contribution to get the younger players there on time, my thanks go to the following for their special contribution to the band.

George Nicklin for his tireless work as our teacher and bandmaster.

Fishburn Primary School for their support for brass lessons at school.

Fishburn Band for the use of the band room and other resources.

Malcolm Usher for supporting the back row cornets and ensuring that we have space to rehearse when the main bands need the band room.

The Future

Before Coronavirus Fishburn Academy Band was already at a point where it needed stronger support from the parents of the younger players to take the band forward for the next five years. With the suspension this position has only been weakened. Once all restrictions have been eased and schools returned, the Trustees and remaining members will have difficult decisions to take about the band's future.

Andrew T Wilson

FAB Chairman

August 2021

Fishburn Academy Band
 Receipts and Payments Account
 Period Ended 31st October 2020

	2020
Receipts	£
Voluntary Income	-
Subscriptions	1135.00
Grants Received	-
Band Fees - Concerts	-
Fundraising - Christmas Carol collections.	1331.31
Total Receipts	2466.31
Payments	
Charitable Activities	-
Bandmaster and Teacher Fees	1967.00
Room Hire	-
Instrument Hire	-
Instrument Repairs	20.00
Instruments Replacements	-
Event Costs	-
Website	90.88
Bank fees	12.50
Total Payments	2090.38
Net Surplus for period	375.93
Funds brought forward	2861.96
Funds carried forward	3237.89

Statement of Assets and liabilities as at 31st October 2020

Cash Funds

Bank Account	5262.78
Less Accruals	(2024.89)*
Net Funds	3237.89

*Bandmaster and Teacher Fees and part Website