

Fishburn Academy Band

Annual Report for the period ended 31st October 2022

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

Summary

As described in last year's report, Coronavirus, with the loss of most of the young players and the co-incident loss of George Nicklin, the Bandmaster and Teacher, who permanently retired in July 2021 and the resignation of Treasurer, Nigel James, both due to very poor health, left FAB in a very weak position when it restarted in September 2021.

The headings below describe the status of each area through this period.

Teaching

Given George's departure in July 2021 and the period of suspension, no lessons were given by FAB in this period. Although some members of the senior band had the skills to step into this role, no-one had the availability to rebuild the teaching from zero, especially with the number of voluntary hours needed to do this. In parallel there was a need to promote FAB and recruit new players through the local schools which no-one was able to do.

Rehearsals

FAB held around just 10 rehearsals in from Nov 2021 to Easter 2022, each with most of the remaining FAB members and various senior band musicians. Each rehearsal was led by an experienced member of the senior band, mainly with Dave holding the baton.

Rehearsals were cancelled for a number of reasons;

- Covid-19 cases and the Omicron Variant in Dec 2021
- School - holidays, exams and performances
- Senior Band competitions and performances, sectional rehearsals and travel
- Holidays and other personal commitments.

Although these rehearsals were enjoyable, they weren't regular enough to build any momentum and with the lack of teaching; motivation, ability and attendance all declined.

In Sept 2022, after the summer holiday, FAB did not resume with no-one able to step up and make any plans.

Committee

Given the suspension and the general decline, FAB did not hold and committee meetings, with essential business being conducted by email. This report and the accounts have been prepared by Andrew Wilson and reviewed by Tony Hood.

Grants

None in this period

Performances

None in this period

Acknowledgements

I thank my fellow trustee, Tony Hood for his ongoing support and Malcolm Usher, Dave Clough, Paul Brickle and other members of the senior band for their time and the use of the band-room and other resources.

The Future

Before Coronavirus, Fishburn Academy Band was already at a point where it needed stronger support to take the band forward for the next five years. With the suspension and only a few members remaining, this position has only been weakened. Given that FAB did not restart in Sept 2022, the Trustees are looking at all options for the future of FAB.

Andrew T Wilson
June 2023

**Fishburn Academy Band
Receipts and Payments Account
Period Ended 31st October 2022**

	2022
Receipts	£
Voluntary Income	-
Subscriptions	337.50
Grants Received	-
Band Fees - Concerts	-
Fundraising - Christmas Carol collections.	-
Total Receipts	337.50
Payments	
Charitable Activities	-
Bandmaster and Teacher Fees	-
Room Hire	-
Instrument Hire	-
Instrument Repairs	-
Instruments Replacements	-
Event Costs	-
Website	-*
Bank fees	-
Total Payments	-
Net Surplus for period	337.50
Funds brought forward	3699.32
Funds carried forward	4036.82

Statement of Assets and liabilities as at 31st October 2022

Cash Funds

Bank Account	4036.82
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Net Funds	4036.82
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* Note - web hosting fees paid by AT Wilson for the year but these expenses will be claimed in the next period