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**Ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017**

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### **Chairman's report: The third year of Fishburn Academy Band**

FAB is making great progress against its prime objective to teach brass instruments to young people in the village and surrounding areas. George Nicklin is now teaching 10 children at Fishburn Primary School, three of whom are already playing at Monday night rehearsals. There is now an momentum at the school, with 10 more children on a waiting list. This progress is down to the commitment of George Nicklin and the support of the school, which I am grateful of. With funds for more instruments and teaching we could do even more and meet this growing need at the school.

With the new players coming into the band and some of the more experienced players moving on to senior bands, the balance of the band has changed, a natural consequence of an academy band.

I was delighted with the support at the AAP grant 'It's up to you' public vote that put FAB's application first place, with FAB being awarded a capital grant of £7,158 from Durham County Council on the 13th December. The following months were taken up with getting the most that we could for this money. Support from the local instrument supplier, Geneva secured a new Euphonium and EEb Tuba which are now played in the band room each week. Discounts from Just Music and Bernaerts delivered 32 new music scores, completely changing the bands repertoire, and 8 new Hercules stands from JG windows replace the broken second hand stands currently in use.

The focus on spending this money well has meant that it has not been possible to apply for any new grants this year. The band is in need of both revenue grants to pay for tuition and further capital grants for instruments for the new junior players.

John Chapman (secretary and EEb tuba) left the band at the end of the summer term. I thank John for years of service to FAB (and to SYB before that) as secretary, acting treasurer and tuba player. I know that we will all miss him on all fronts and wish him the very best for the future. I look forward to welcoming him as a guest player to some of our Christmas concerts.

FAB held the minimum three committee meetings this year. A small core of players attend the meetings but there is limited ability to progress all the actions quickly. The secretary's role has remained vacant and these responsibilities have been assumed by the Chairman. For the band to thrive the key committee roles (Chair, Treasurer and Secretary) all need to be filled and executed well, along with support from other members. I hope to be able to welcome more parents to future meetings.

With the changes in the band the concert schedule has been light this year, with the exception of a busy Christmas season, including the final concert on Christmas Eve at Spennymoor ASDA that raised nearly £500. FAB also performed on 26th May at Aycliffe Village Hall for a joint fundraiser with the Church.

In June, John Chapman organised a fund raising and social Ceilidh at Spennymoor Town Hall with music from the Steam Radio Band. This was a great opportunity for us all to socialise and dance and get to know everyone better.

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 band master.

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.

Alan Mowle for adding to the bass row and conducting at several rehearsals.

John Chapman, as already mentioned

Barbara Smith for her work as treasurer

Fishburn Academy Band has developed well in the first three years, but there is a lot to do to realise the potential in the next three and beyond.

*Archie*  
*FAB chairman*  
*10th Dec 2017*



**Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts  
Report to the trustees/members of Fishburn Academy Band  
On accounts for the period ended 31 October 2017**

**Respective responsibilities of trustees  
and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's  
statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below..

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed J D Holloway BA FCA DChA  
Ribchesters, Chartered Accountants  
Finchale House  
Belmont Business Park  
Durham DH1 1TW

Date:- 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017

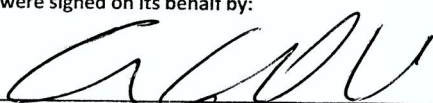
**Fishburn Academy Band**  
**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**Period Ended 31st October 2017**


	2017	2016
	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
<b>Receipts</b>		
<b>Voluntary Income</b>		
Subscriptions	2,116	2,058
<b>Grants received</b>	7,608	-
<b>Income from Generated Funds</b>		
Band Fees - Concerts	690	300
Fundraising - Christmas Collections	1,500	1,999
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>11,914</b>	<b>4,357</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
<b>Charitable Activities</b>		
Bandmaster fees - Fishburn Academy Band	2,864	3,650
Room Hire	100	-
Instrument hire	-	219
Instrument Repairs	1,355	-
Instrument Replacements	6,000	-
Event costs	312	-
Website	36	59
<b>Governance</b>		
Independent Examiners Fees	100	100
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>10,767</b>	<b>4,028</b>
<b>Net Surplus for the period</b>	<b>1,147</b>	<b>328</b>
<b>Funds brought forward</b>	<b>1,666</b>	<b>1,338</b>
<b>Funds Carried Forward</b>	<b>2,813</b>	<b>1,666</b>

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st October 2017**

	2017	2016
	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
<b>Cash Funds</b>		
Bank Account	2,913	1,666
Less accruals	(100)	-
<b>Net Funds</b>	<b>2,813</b>	<b>1,666</b>

The Financial Statements were approved by the Trustees on 13th December 2017  
and were signed on its behalf by:

 Andrew Wilson

 Barbara Smith