

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

Teaching

Fishburn Academy Band is continuing to work on its prime objective of teaching brass instruments to young people in the village and surrounding areas. Through the year George Nicklin has continued to teach a group of children at Fishburn Primary School, a few of whom have progressed enough to play with the band at rehearsals. Initial uptake from the pupils at the school is good but there is an inevitable early drop off, that limits the number who progress to a good level. George Nicklin's commitment to teaching at the school and in the evenings at the band room continues to be vital for the future of the band.

Rehearsals

With a number of experienced players leaving the band to play in senior bands elsewhere and only a few new players moving into rehearsals, the numbers at Monday night rehearsals have been a little low through the year. Despite this, each section has players and the band has been building its repertoire from the music bought early in the previous year.

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. FAB were also supported by a number of the senior band players at the performance in June. There is an intention for FAB and the senior band to build on these links in the future.

Committee

The committee has not been at full strength this year with the post of secretary un-filled and effectively taken on by the Chairman and the Treasurer moving on at the end of the summer term with the role not handed over. There have been few meetings and limited progress with actions. This needs to change for the band to be able to progress. The Chairman applied for a second AAP Grant for the 'It's up 2 U' vote on the 3rd November.

Post reporting period note - the FAB application was the last grant to be funded at the vote, securing £3406 which was spend on 6 new instruments.

Performances

There have been few concerts this year with all of them supermarket fundraisers, which included a busy Christmas schedule that raised nearly £1000 and a summer performance on the 9th June. With more support running FAB we should be able to arrange more performances each year.

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 band master.

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

Fishburn Academy Band is at a point where it needs stronger support from the parents of the younger players who will be able to take the band forward for the next four years.

Andrew T Wilson

FAB Chairman

4th Feb 2019

**Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts
Report to the trustees/members of Fishburn Academy Band
On accounts for the period ended 31 October 2018**

**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:-

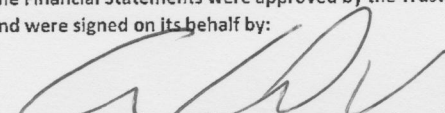
**Fishburn Academy Band
Receipts and Payments Account
Period Ended 31st October 2018**

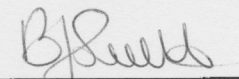
	2018	2017
	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
Receipts		
Voluntary Income		
Subscriptions	2,725	2,116
Grants received		7,608
Income from Generated Funds		
Band Fees - Concerts	50	690
Fundraising - Christmas Collections	1,540	1,500
Total Receipts	4,315	11,914
Payments		
Charitable Activities		
Bandmaster fees - Fishburn Academy Band	3,547	2,864
Room Hire	-	100
Instrument hire	-	-
Instrument Repairs	886	1,355
Instrument Replacements	-	6,000
Event costs	-	312
Website	70	36
Governance		
Independent Examiners Fees	100	100
Total Payments	4,603	10,767
Net Surplus for the period	(288)	1,147
Funds brought forward	2,813	1,666
Funds Carried Forward	2,525	2,813

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st October 2018

	2018	2017
	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
Cash Funds		
Bank Account	2,625	2,913
Less accruals	(100)	(100)
Net Funds	2,525	2,813

The Financial Statements were approved by the Trustees on
and were signed on its behalf by:

 Andrew Wilson

 Barbara Smith

7th Feb 2019