

Novice B:

Although the band were upgraded by the RSPBA following a successful 2024 season, it was felt that the band needed to rebuild their ranks as some players left and joined the Grade 3A band. This season, the band competed in Grade Novice B again and managed a top 6 at the UK championships, as well as two 7th places at the Scottish and British Championships. The young band qualified again for the World final, which was another huge achievement. With new competing players already to join, the 2026 season is looking very exciting.

Drum Majors:

This year saw the Drum Major team expanded to now have competitors competing across all the Drum Major grades. The highlights from this season include, Graeme Wyse getting two top 6 finishes at the Major Championships, Catherine Spears winning the World Title and having 5 Drum Majors leading the band at the same time. The season 2026 is going to be special for this team!

Learners:

The tutor team are currently creating a plan to get back into schools and expanding our tutoring programme. This is only possible as we now have a huge number of world class tutors the band has across all areas of the band. None of this would be possible without the continued support of Briggs Marine, and the support from the enormous amount of volunteer supporters we have behind the scenes.

Trustees Remuneration and Expenses

Lee Innes	Drum Tutor	Tutor fees	£ 2,120
Lauren MacDonald	Tenor Drum Tutor	Travel Expenses	£ 1,200

Reserves

As a result of the surplus of £-2,042.67 pence for the year, the band held unrestricted funds of £52,278.48 pence at the end of the year. The committee consider the general funds of cash in-hand, subscription and working accounts will allow us to run the band.

There was significant spend in the year for new Uniforms and Equipment and it was important the Inventory was updated to reflect the actual amounts held. An Audit was undertaken and items held have been valued at a market replacement value, this has resulted in an increase in valuation of the £25,249.20 from 2024 to the 2025 balance, this also takes account of purchases made in the year. This process should be maintained going forward and adjusted for any Inventory disposed of and purchased throughout the year.

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Approved by the Trustees and Signed on Their Behalf

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Treasurer 30th November 2025