Capital Concert Band

Trustees' Annual Report

Jan 2025 to Dec 2025



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Scottish Charity Number: SC035673

Capital Concert Band rehearses at

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Charity Trustees / Office bearers

Office bearers for 2024 were.

1. Colin Bellett, Chair
2. Jean Aldred, Treasurer
3. Maili Konczak, Secretary

Objectives and activities

The objects of the Capital Concert Band shall be to promote, improve, develop, and maintain public education in, and appreciation of, the art and science of music in all its aspects, by the presentation of public concerts and recitals. In furtherance thereof but not otherwise shall seek:

a) To provide an opportunity for instrumentalists of all standards to enjoy the musical and social life of the band.
b) To establish a profile around Edinburgh and beyond, through a number of public concerts, open rehearsals, and master classes to be presented by the band each year.
c) To promote a positive equal opportunities policy and practise programme, which, is documented as Appendix 1 of the Constitution.
d) To further objects a) and b) by providing musical development opportunities to members of the Association.

Structure, governance, and management.

Constitution, version 3, adopted 27-9-19.

Capital Concert Bands (CCB) constitution was adopted on 3rd June 2004 and reviewed and revised on 27th September 2019 following OSCR approval. The constitution outlines the organisation's objectives, a committee structure, roles, term, and rules for the administration of its affairs. A committee of nine is drawn from the paid-up membership. Members relinquish office each year, and a new committee is elected at the AGM – usually in March. The constitution and equal opportunities policy is published on the CCB website: www.capitalconcertband.co.uk

Trustee / office bearer recruitment and appointment

Trustees are Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. These are elected each year, together with other committee posts at the AGM.

Achievements and performance

As usual we had our four annual concerts in Edinburgh, and we performed in various shops over Christmas to raise funds for charity.

The Band also played in the City Chambers in Edinburgh for the Riding of the Marches which is becoming an annual event.

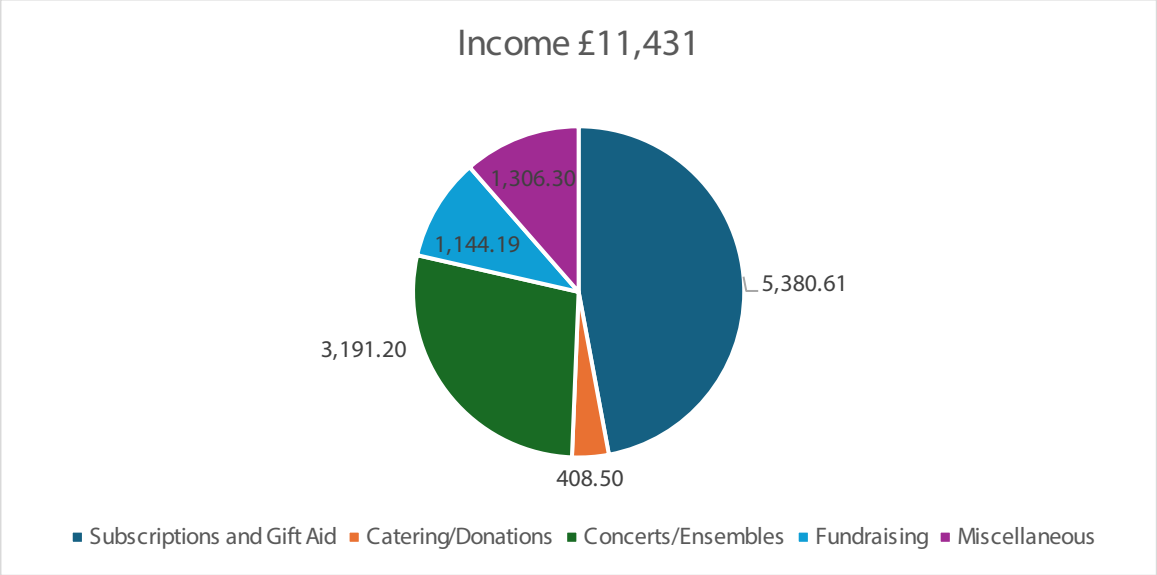
On the social side, we had our Christmas dinner enjoyed by the members and their partners.

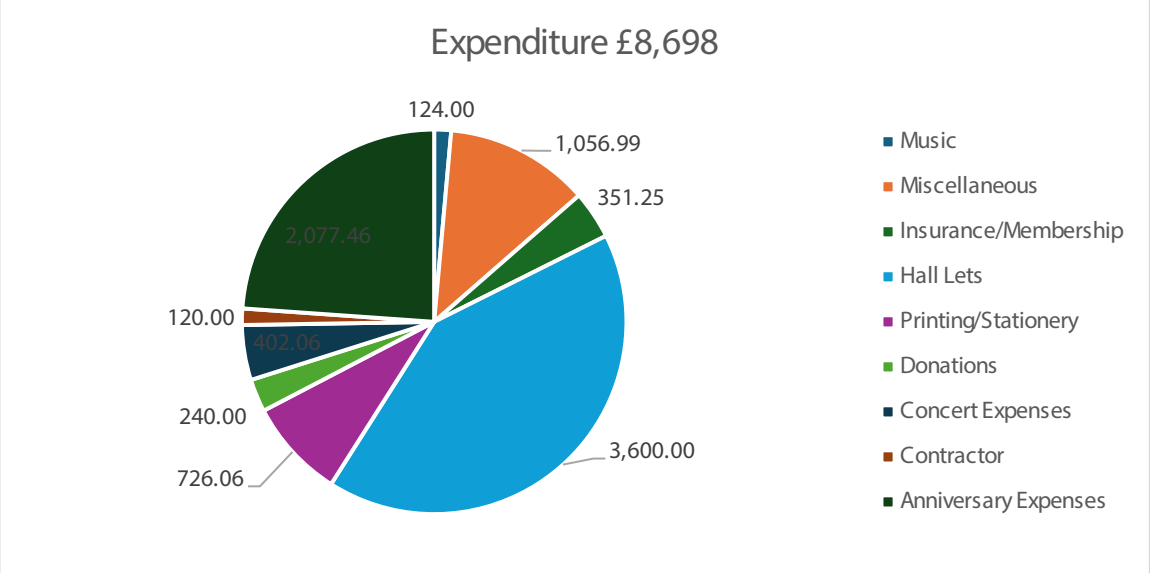
Membership numbers have staying constant and now remain at just under sixty.

In addition to the Band Charter in 2022, which endeavours to develop both the expectations and obligations of members to ensure the Band works efficiently and maintains a high standard of performance, Rules of Membership have now been introduced covering attendance, subscriptions, and conduct. These rules are designed to ensure the successful running of the Band and to enable planning ahead for concerts and engagements. They are issued to all new members

Financial review

2025's income and expenditure is healthy. We were unsure how this years finances would go as this was the first year since the band was created that we had to pay for a conductor, so our expenditure was cautious. We also did not donate to a charity but decided at our 2026 AGM that due to the profit in 2025 we could donate £1,000 to a charity of the bands choosing.





Detailed accounts are presented in our separate accounts for the year.

Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The CCB committee decided in 2019 that a base reserve of £6K was a reasonable hedge to ensure financial sustainability. Whilst this reserve would cover major items (e.g., large instrument repair or procurement), unforeseen charges and potential liabilities such as venue costs or event losses.

Donated facilities and services

Through targeted charitable performances the Band has raised, over the past year, £1,360 and it will be decided at our 026 AGM where this will be doated to.

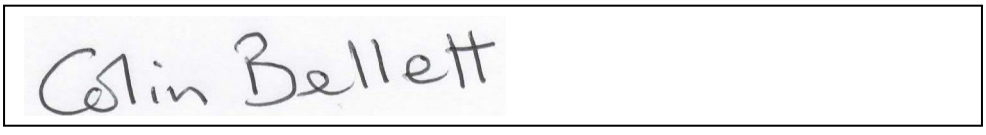
Future Plans

Our main priority is still the provision of suitable rehearsal accommodation to meet the growing size of the Band.
There is a promising situation developing as our current rehearsal and concert venue St Andrews Church, Leith is being sold by the Church of Scotland and a local Community Trust is in the process of purchasing the property and converting it into a new activity centre focusing on physical and mental wellbeing.
As a sitting tenant, the Trust is keen to enable us to remain, and we have indicated our wish to stay as a move away from church use will enable a more flexible and suitable venue for our rehearsal requirements.
If this goes ahead it will not be without its challenges as we will have to seriously consider its impact on affordability if moving to a commercial rent and service charge and the interaction of other organisations using the premises.

It is also proposed to introduce a Band Newsletter to enhance Band communication and keep members fully informed.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:



Print name.	Colin Bellett
Designation	CCB Chair 2025
Date	29th September 2026