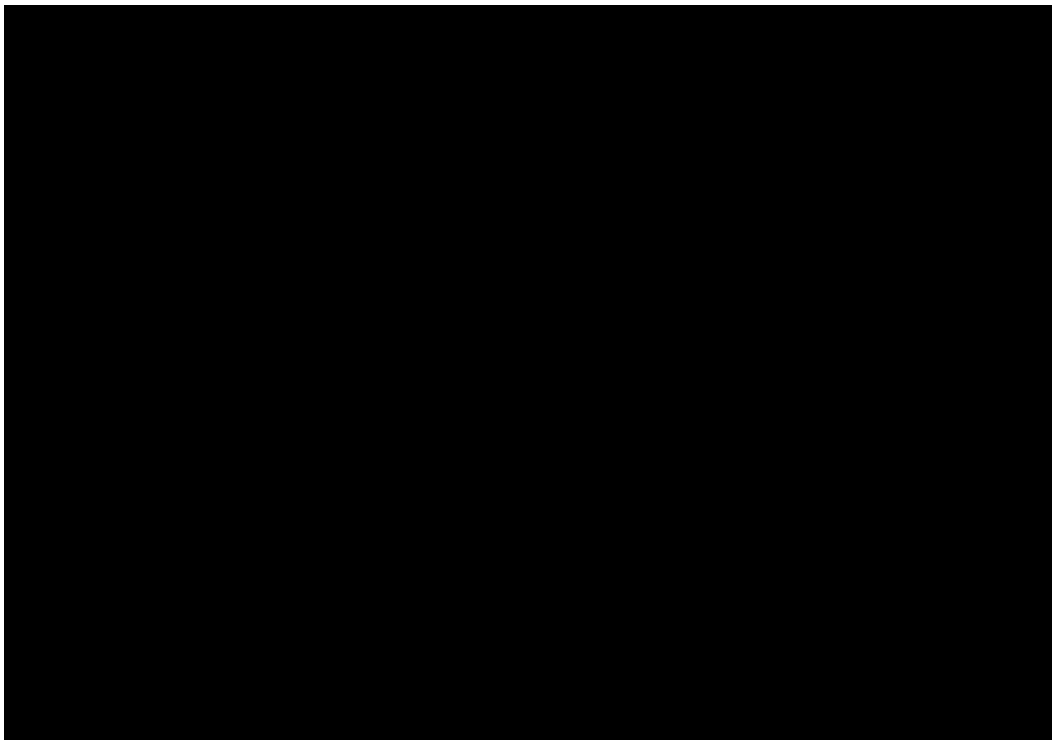




Dysart Colliery Silver Band
Trustees' Annual Report
Period 01/04/23 to Period 31/3/24



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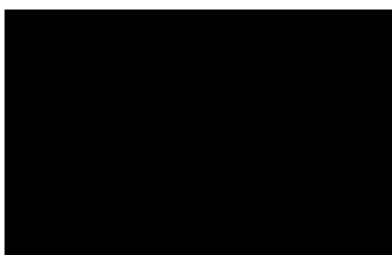
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Objectives and activities

Our band charity was set up to meet the core objectives in brief as follows:

- To advance the education of members of the Community in brass band music.
- Provide instruments, facilities and tuition to support playing music.
- The advancement of the arts, heritage and culture through the provision of rehearsal, recording and public performance of brass band music.

Each year our management committee set out the specific engagements and goals for the band in support of these objectives and to meet the requirements of our 5-year strategic plan.

In 2023/24 our primary goal has continued to be to consolidate funds to enable us to secure a bandhall as and when a suitable property becomes available. Having our own property will enable us to grow our operation particularly to enable building on our youth pathway to create a youth initiative which is logistically not possible in the current hall we rehearse in.

Musically we also continue to develop our players individually and as an ensemble, performing on the concert and contest stage. Our senior band performing goal was to get a placing at the Scottish Championships to enable a return to the National Championships and to build a relationship with our new Musical 

Our development band is growing into a full community band with a number of new joiners and go from strength to strength performing in their own concert engagements and for the first time taking to the Adam Smith stage in the Fife Festival of Music.

We take pride to be active out in our local community with a programme of care home concerts and at local fundraiser events.

Some specifics of the band activities during the period of this report can be found in further sections

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Dysart Colliery Silver band is governed by a constitution which outlines how we manage our membership, the powers and activities of the management committee, how our finances are controlled and the roles of our trustees. In addition, this document outlines our charitable purpose and objectives which underpin the daily operations of the band as well as guiding our strategic direction.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

During the period of this report there have been no changes to the trustees. We continue to have 4 trustees (2 male, 2 female) who represent the interests of all members current and future. We have a broad range of skills within our trustees and maintain good links with other stakeholder groups within our local community including local schools, Music In Kirkcaldy, Dysart Community Council, care homes and other local charity and community groups. Members work with the management committee to deliver specific activities e.g. fundraising & music organisation with an aim to develop skills and experience to support them as potential future trustees.

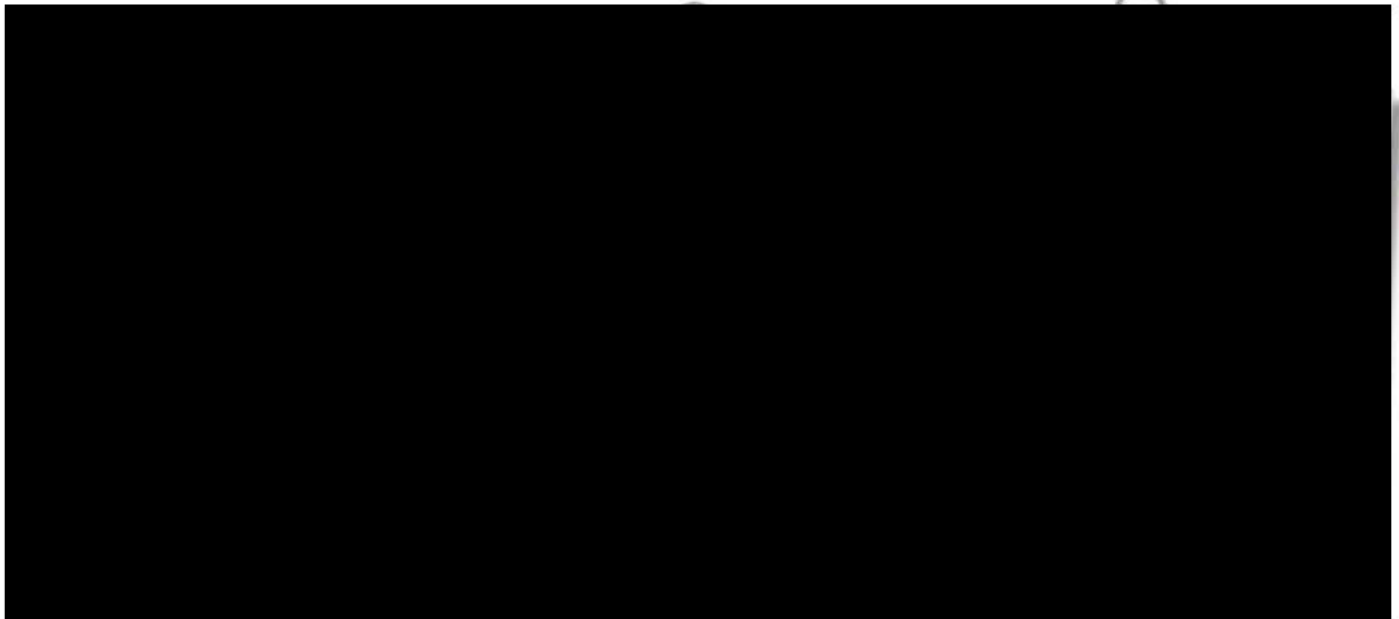
Achievements and performance

This report covers the period from the 1st April 2023 which is the second full 12 month period the band has been a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO).

The start of 2023 was an unsettling time for the band as we had to engage a temporary MD to take the band to the Scottish Championships in March 2023 as we sadly had to part ways with our regular conductor just after our Christmas concert of 2022. This meant for the first time in recent banding history we started a recruitment process following our AGM.

During this period of recruitment we successfully supported our local community playing at the Dysart Sailing Club open day, Dunfermline children's Gala and at the Ostlers Care Home fete.

Band members were all involved with the MD selection process including having prospective conductors take an audition rehearsal, providing feedback and completing a rating survey. [REDACTED] happily accepted our offer as Musical Director of our senior band in August and immediately stood into conduct us on the bandstand in a successful concert at St Andrews



A highlight of 2023 came when a group from the Senior band were the first performers to take to the newly refurbished stage of the Adam Smith Theatre in Kirkcaldy in Sept. We were honoured to be a part of a day of gala concerts hosted by [REDACTED] alongside other amateur musical groups showcasing the great musical heritage and talent we have in our home town.

We were also happy to be back at the Adam Smith later in Sept to take part in the Fife Charities Band Association contest and finished our 2023 contests with a performance at Perth Concert Hall in Nov at the Scottish Challenge.

Our Christmas concert is always a celebration to close out the year with both of our bands entertaining the audience and raising funds to support the bands operating costs.

The senior band prepared and performed well at the Scottish Championships in March 2024 under [REDACTED] direction but it did not yield a result for us this time.

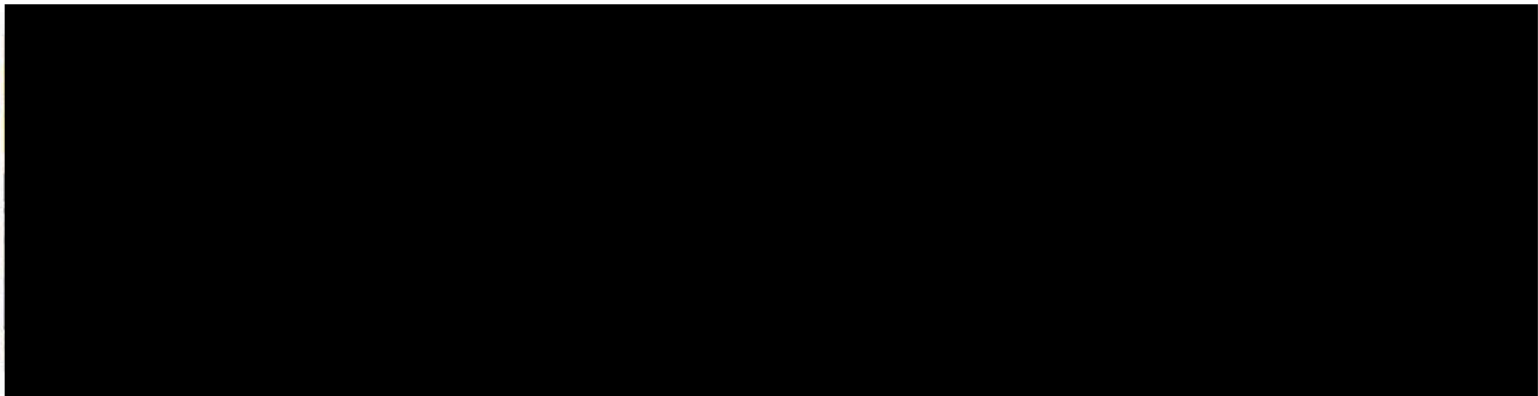
During 2023 our development band have been growing in both numbers and confidence, performing in some small local engagements and the Christmas concert alongside the senior band but also for the first time performing on the Adam Smith stage as part of the community music class in the Fife Festival. All of our band really enjoyed the experience and getting feedback from the adjudicator and are already looking forward to next years festival along with a number of other concerts they have lined up during the remaining months of 2024.



We are very proud to continue with the programme of small group concerts we complete on a regular basis at all of our local Care Homes. Players from both our bands take part in these events and the band really enjoy the engagement with the residents. It cannot be under estimated the value music plays to enrich the lives of these residents as testified from some of the feedback we have received from the organisers:

“Our residents and staff from Bennoch Lodge care home always look forward to the Dysart Brass band visiting us. They always manage to open up the emotions of our residents singing, laughing, feet and finger tapping and even tears on occasion. Their music and interaction always seems to awaken some sort of emotion within all life stages of our residents which is absolutely beautiful to hear and see. Thank you so much from us all at Bennoch Lodge Care Home.”

“It is always a great pleasure for us to host the Dysart Colliery Silver Band at Ostlers House. These meetings are always full of joy, singing and interesting conversations. These visits bring a good mood among the residents. They are always full of optimism waiting for the next meeting, where they can sing together to the accompaniment of the bands. The band members introduce cheerful conversations, musical riddles, and interesting facts about the songs they perform, this means a lot to the residents of Ostlers House because they do not feel lost in their dementia. The most important message that the Dysart Colliery Silver Band gives to the residents is a sense of unity with them during the music, when they play because they open their hearts to us, and this is the most important message of humanity.”



At Dunnikier Primary Sept 23 to Mar 24 the STAMP (St Andrews Music Participation) project team tutor worked with a P5 and P5/6 class to teach them how to play natural trumpets. Members of the Dysart band attended these classes to do a little concert, show them the range of instruments they could move on to and then accompanied them at both a Christmas Fayre and an open day for parents. Two of the senior band played in the end of year STAMP project concert performance at Rothes Halls.

[StAMP | St Andrews Music Participation – Providing opportunities for joyful music-making \(st-andrews.ac.uk\)](https://st-andrews.ac.uk/stamp/)

Subsequently we met with the keenest players and let them try out different brass instruments so we could plan an after school club to introduce them to valves/slides and get them playing in a small group. This after school group will form the pathway to getting primary kids interested and engaged with brass music and will allow for a transition period as part of their school experience before moving into our development band to enable us to coach and encourage the players of the future.

Some of the young players from our development band also played in the National Youth Brass Bands of Scotland and enjoyed a successful summer week residential course culminating in an evening of concerts in the Perth Concert Hall in Aug 2023.



Financial review

Dysart Colliery Silver Band

Accounts for the Year Ended

March 31st 2024

INCOME	2023/2024	2022/23	EXPENDITURE	2023/2024	2022/23
Band members Subs	£6,075.00	£6,010.00	Hall Hire	£1,920.00	£1,908.00
Sumer engagements	£1,500.00	£1,300.00	Conductor fees	£6,666.00	£7,552.00
Concerts	£3,534.00	£3,068.81	Concerts	£1,150.00	£509.30
100 club	£60.00	£1,140.00	100 club	£100.00	£575.00
Christmas engag	£110.00	£0.00	Travelling exp	£0.00	£0.00
Donations	£458.51	£5,561.51	General exp	£2,153.05	£3,815.91
Grants	£0.00	£4,792.92	Contests	£1,053.00	£7,570.50
Contests	£0.00	£3,932.00	SBBA fees	£325.00	£310.00
Other Income	£262.16	£26.37			
Fundraising Events	£0.00	£0.00	Insurance	£552.10	£552.10
Total income	£11,999.67	£25,831.51	Total expenditure	£13,919.15	£22,792.81
Year Income	£11,999.67	£25,831.51	<div> <div></div> <div>Date: 08/06/2024</div> <div>Treasurer Dysart Band</div> <div>Date:</div> <div>Auditor FVA</div> </div>		
Year Expenditure	£13,919.15	£22,792.81			
Surplus/deficit	-£1,919.48	£3,038.30			
Opening balance	£11,328.32	£8,260.02			
Closing Balance	£9,408.84	£11,328.32			
Closing balance at Bank	£9,408.84	£11,328.32			
Represented by:	TSB	1780.19			
	BOS	£7,545.65			
Cash in hand		£83.00			
		<u>£9,408.84</u>			

Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The management committee are holding reserves of £7K which are ring fenced for the purchase of a band hall to enable us to react when a suitable property becomes available.

Details of any deficit

There is no deficit to report in this period.

Donated facilities and services

The band are currently in receipt of instruments donated by the Scottish Brass Band Association to be used to support our development band particularly to support young players who may not have access to an instrument at school.

Future plans

Our major focus for this coming year continues to be securing our own rehearsal space. Having a facility of our own is such an important part of enabling the band to continue to be successful and have our own identity.

We are currently operating from St Bryce Kirk in Kirkcaldy which while being a central facility with good transport links and the space for us to rehearse it is not without some major logistics challenges for the band. We don't have the ability to store assets not currently in weekly use so we have uniforms, instruments and music in various storage locations including individual's homes which is not ideal to be able to access easily or to maintain instruments and asset track efficiently. It also means each week we have to set up and move equipment around which is currently damaging to expensive percussion instruments but also relies on members to complete this activity before and after rehearsals cutting into personal time. Most importantly it means we don't have the ability to grow our development band, offer to support learners with individual tuition needs and have limited opportunities to have additional rehearsals, workshops and recording all of which are part of our core operating needs.

As referenced earlier in the report our senior band will be working hard to gain a placing at the regional championships in the 3rd section again which are held in March 2025 with a view to repeat our Cheltenham trip to the Nationals. That means we will be focussed on building up the confidence and ability of our players during 2024, working with [REDACTED] and guest conductors and getting experience on the contest and concert stage in readiness.

We also plan to enable new playing experiences for our development band to get them used to performing in front of different audiences and will be continuing to recruit players of all ages and abilities to join this community band.

Working with Dunnikier Primary, the brass instrumental tutors and [REDACTED] the Music Development Officer for Fife Council we'll also be exploring ways we can put together a plan in 2024 to build on the Dysart Youth pathway and the after school club to encourage a new generation of DCSB brass and percussion players alongside the supports offered through our engagement with the [StAMP](#) initiative which is likely to cease in 2025 as their funding period comes to an end.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

	<div></div>
Print name	<div></div>
Designation	<div>Trustee</div>
Date	<div>06/08/2024</div>

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Date: 08/06/2024

Treasurer Dysart Band

Date: 11/6/24

Auditor FVA

APPENDIX 3



		Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2					
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name	DYSART COLLIERY SILVER BAND					
Registered charity number		SC051296					
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date	Day	Month	Year		Period end date	
		27	09	23	to	Day	Month
						31	03
							Year
							24
Set out on pages							(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.						
Basis of independent examiner's statement	My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.						
Independent examiner's statement	In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]						
	1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and • to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations 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:				Date:	17.08.24		
Name:							
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):							
Address:	Fife Voluntary Action Caledonia House Pentland Park Glenrothes KY6 2AL						

*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.