



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

Charity name: **Martlesham Brass**

Charity registration number: **1100922**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Martlesham Brass was set up with the aim of promoting the education and training of people of all ages in the playing of brass instruments and the appreciation of music both composed for or arranged for brass instruments.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Martlesham Brass continues to promote its aims with regular public concerts and engagements. See Achievements and Performance.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees confirm that they have due regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by The Charity Commission.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The charity continues to be run by the Trustees and volunteers. All share the charities aims and objectives. They all work together to provide both administrative and fundraising support. This enables the bandleaders to train and encourage all the playing members.

Other		
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The band operates four sections, main, intermediate, preliminary and beginners. Beginners off all ages are recruited during the year.</p> <p>As members grow in ability and knowledge they move up into the next band.</p> <p>The band held public concerts in May, June, September and December.</p> <p>Individual bands performed at Martlesham Village Fete, Ipswich Music Day, Brass on the Grass in Christchurch Park, Ipswich, a Coronation event at Rushmere, a concert in St Andrews Church, Melton, Suffolk Remembers, part of Suffolk Day and with Ipswich Choral Society at Ipswich Corn Exchange.</p> <p>The band also provides bands for Remembrance parades in Martlesham and Woodbridge.</p> <p>In December band members play carols in various locations including in The Square, Martlesham Heath collecting funds to be divided between three charities nominated by band members.</p> <p>The highlight of the year was a workshop and concert with the renowned tuba player Les Neish. Les has created a career as a soloist, chamber musician and educator with a world-wide reputation. Known for his musicianship, artistry and high level of communication, Les dazzled audience and members with fabulous technique and stunning musicianship.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The financial position of the charity as at 31/12/2023 is sound.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Trustees consider that the sum of £3000 is sufficient to cover the basic cost of running the charity in the absence of any sources of income.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Not less than £3000.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Subscriptions from playing members paid Weekly/Monthly/Annually. Gift Aid tax claims are made twice a year in respect of subscriptions for which a valid gift aid declaration is held. Other income from public concerts, engagement fees and fundraising events.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	N/A
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		Constitution first adopted on 19th September 2003 and as subsequently amended. The constitution is reviewed by the Trustees each year alongside the operating policies.
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	Association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The Trustees are elected by the charity membership at the annual general meeting or co-opted as required by the Trustees during the year.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Martlesham Brass
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1100922
Charity's principal address	3 Park Close, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich IP5 3UJ

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	M C Aldous	C D Howard
Full name(s)	Matthew Colin Aldous	Christopher Derek Howard
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	5-1-2024	