



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date			
From	01	January	2025	To	31	December	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Amersham Band

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1162520

Charity's principal address Amersham Band

Rectory Hill

Amersham, Bucks.

Postcode

HP7 0BU

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Fred Harrison			
2	Philip Sweetman	Co-Chair		
3	Caroline Perkins			
4	Marion Mayhew	Co-Chair		
5	Alex Smith			
6	Andrew Kelly	Treasurer	w.e.f. 01/05/2025	
7	Sokho Fujimoto		w.e.f. 12/06/2025	

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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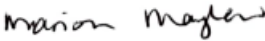
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Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Philip Alan Sweetman	Marion Elisabeth Mayhew
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Co-Chair	Co-Chair
Date	12 th April 2026	



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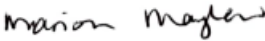
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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Amersham Band

1162520

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2025	To	31/12/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership subscriptions	31,561	-	-	31,561	28,684
Concert receipts	28,304	-	-	28,304	24,495
3rd party bandroom income	9,918	-	-	9,918	9,019
Summer School income	12,572	-	-	12,572	9,269
Donations	31,495	-	-	31,495	10,909
Instrument rental	235	-	-	235	1,010
Bank interest	99	-	-	99	95
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	645
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	114,184	-	-	114,184	84,126
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	114,184	-	-	114,184	84,126
A3 Payments					
Musical Director expenses	32,171	-	-	32,171	24,662
Direct concert/contest costs	15,888	-	-	15,888	6,792
Other band costs	11,787	-	-	11,787	13,725
Band Uniforms	11,188	-	-	11,188	-
Summer School costs	10,885	-	-	10,885	7,553
Paid Admin support	8,358	-	-	8,358	-
Insurance	2,433	-	-	2,433	1,974
Light and Heating	2,683	-	-	2,683	3,056
Other Bandroom costs	3,495	-	-	3,495	5,592
Sub total	98,889	-	-	98,889	63,354
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	98,889	-	-	98,889	63,354
Net of receipts/(payments)	15,295	-	-	15,295	20,771
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	57,345	-	-	57,345	36,574
Cash funds this year end	72,640	-	-	72,640	57,345

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Band bank account	46,559	-	-
	Bandroom bank account	26,081	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	72,640	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Instruments	Unrestricted	-	-
	Uniforms	Unrestricted	-	-
	Music	Unrestricted	-	-
	Bandhall	Restricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Amersham Band

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1162520

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

8/5/26

Name:

David Marsh

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ACA (retired)

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Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None