



NSBB Treasurer's Report for the year 1/8/21 to 31/7/22

Well, financially it has been an excellent year, with the band's funds starting the year at around £400 and finishing at £912!.

The detailed accounts are attached but I wish to highlight the significant events.

The first was the scheme we introduced in October asking members to make a small donation every week towards the costs of hiring the rehearsal hall. At the time we certainly didn't have enough funds to hire the hall for the rest of the year, even though we had had two performances which had paid us £275. The results of this scheme were, quite frankly, amazing and the committee will be eternally grateful for your generous contributions which have so far brought over £600. Thank you. We were able to pause the scheme at the end of April as our finances had improved due to some well paid performances, although some members did set up a regular payment scheme and are still contributing.

Sadly George Connell, founder of the band (when it was known as the U3A Dance Orchestra) died in December. A large number of members attended his funeral and we donated £115 (which was increased by GiftAid) to his chosen charity HASAG Asbestos Disease Support.

In July the band performed at a joint event with TCOSS which raised over £2,800 for Alzheimers Society. The band gave their services without charge and were able to find a sponsor to fund the deps expenses. The constitution allows us to donate to charity but this is the first opportunity we have had for a number of years.

I have written off the value of the music. I do not believe we could sell it for anything (so it is not a realisable asset) and as it is held securely electronically our chances of having to go out and pay money to replace it are zero. We have not insured it for two years.

And now for the boring bits:

The band spent £180 on its running expenses (Making Music subscription, Public liability insurance, Muzodo software and Website costs). These costs will rise to around £300 next year because our super deal for the website has expired and in effect the costs for this year were nil. There may well be additional costs for software services next year as we currently take advantage of some members' personal subscriptions. This could be £120 per year.

Hire of the hall costs £17 a session and we are now the proud renters of a cupboard in this hall at £1 a week. We have been looking for somewhere to hold our excess music for a while and this is an ideal solution – we just haven't started using it yet. In the financial year 21/22 we spent £670 on hiring the hall and cupboard. Next year I expect that we will not cancel so many rehearsals (if Covid stays away) so we should be expecting to spend some £830 on hiring these facilities.

We did 7 gigs and received a grand total of £1,180 for them. However, as we have a policy of ensuring our deps are not out of pocket we spent £350 on dep fees. To my mind paying deps reasonable expenses is crucial – we increasingly rely on deps to make up our numbers and without them we would struggle to fulfil our commitments.

And in summary, we have had a good year by controlling costs, having well paid gigs and the awesome response to the voluntary contributions scheme.

Next year our costs will approach £1,250 (increased costs and fewer cancelled rehearsals) but I am confident that the band can remain solvent throughout 22/23, with well-paid gigs already booked for August and early September.

K G EMERSON
8/8/2022

North Swindon Big Band accounts Aug 2021 to July 31st 2022

Income and Expenditure

Brought Forward from 2021		£406.41				
Income			Expenses			
	Performance fees	£1,180.00	03/12/2021	Making Music fees, insurance	£141.00	
	Hall contributions	£624.61	24/01/2022	Donation for George Connell	£115.00	
			07/04/2022	Muzodo Annual fee	£38.25	
				Hall rental fee	£656.00	
				Payments to Deps	£348.50	
	Total Income	£1,804.61		Total expenses	£1,298.75	
	Less expenses	-£1,298.75				
	 Carried Forward to 22/2	 £912.27				
Reconciliation	Bank Account	£942.79				
	Cash in Hand	£13.48				
	Creditors					
	Hire of hall and cupboard	£44.00				
	Total	£912.27				

Assets

	Asset	Purchased	Cost New	Value as at 31/07/2021	Value as at 31/07/2022	Change
	PA System	2002	£440.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	Music Stands	2002	£265.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	Mutes for Brass section	2002	£660.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	Catering Urn	2008	£65.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	Music Stand Banners	2020	£180.00	£180.00	£180.00	£0.00
	Music Arrangements					
	68 Full Score		£1,320.00	£750.00	£0.00	-£750.00
	138 Score only		£194.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	300 Own arrangements		£1,500.00	£750.00	£0.00	-£750.00
	Totals		£4,624.00	£1,680.00	£180.00	-£1,500.00

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Treasurer