



Brass Bands
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BandSafe



BandSafe 1: Welcome Information

Introduction to the Band

Durham Miners' Association Brass Band was formed in 2009 by the merger of two local bands, Broughton's Brass and Hetton Silver band. Broughton's Brass was formed from the original Blackhall Youth Band and Hetton Silver was formed in 1817.

We are a 2nd Section contesting band who take part in a variety of engagements throughout the year and take part in approximately 5 contests during the year. We have also travelled to France, Belgium and Germany in recent years.

There is a large age range within the players and we are active in Youth Development.

We are proud to be supported by Durham Miners' Association and Hercules stands.

Domestic Arrangements

Band room

Robin Todd Centre, South Hetton DH6 2TH

Rehearsal Times

Thursday 7.30-9.30pm

Sunday 5.30-7.30pm

Additional rehearsals may be required before Contests.

We inform players about engagements via newsletters and through the Private Facebook group.

If players cannot attend a rehearsal and if they know in advance, then they mark this on a calendar which is on the notice board in the band room.

If players cannot attend a concert or contest then there is a sheet on the notice board for players to mark this information on. We ask for a minimum of 3 weeks in advance so that Deps can be found.

If a player cannot attend a rehearsal at the last minute then we ask them to inform the Band Secretary by phone or text or via Facebook Messenger. Alternatively this information can be posted on the private Facebook page but please be aware that this may not be the speediest way of getting the information to the band in time for rehearsal.

Band Chairman – Tommy Burns Tel 07515 125140

Band Secretary – Heather Ward Tel 07803 084070 email Heather@durhamminersband.co.uk

Band Welfare Officer – Heather Ward

Band Sergeant – Glenis Smith
Treasurer – Julie Carmichael

Other Committee members - Philippa Smith, Kath Price, Bill McDonald

First Aiders – Philippa Smith, Jillian Wardle, Steven Wardle

Safeguarding and young people in the band

The band has an up to date safeguarding policy.

Parents/Guardians have the responsibility to transport their children to and from band practices and events unless transport for the whole band has been arranged (e.g. coach). In the event that another member of the band is asked to transport a young person then the parent/guardian should give written permission for this to take place (this can be done in email format or by text/message) and the band member transporting that young person should be DBS checked.

During band activities outside concerts/contests, under normal circumstances a parent/guardian will be responsible for supervising their child/children. If this is not possible then one of the band chaperones will be responsible.

These people are Tommy Burns, Heather Ward and Glenis Smith.

Codes and Policies

These can be found as a pdf download in the files section of the private Facebook page or from the website.