

Towcester Studio Brass Band

What we have to offer





Who we are ... Band history ...

- At the turn of the century, Ada & Charlotte Phipps, daughters of the Towcester brewery owner, built and equipped "The Studio", a Club where young men could pursue art, woodcarving, sport and other activities. In 1910 Charlotte acquired a set of brass instruments and thus Towcester Studio Band was born. One of their first engagements was the Coronation celebrations for George V in 1911.
- In 1919, the studio closed after the Great War but the Band continued to flourish except during the war years. The Band continued under a new bandmaster, William J Bell, who had been a founder member. Contest success, including the annual Crystal Palace Championships, led to the Band's name changing to Towcester Studio Silver Prize Band.
- World War II came in 1939 and many members left for war service forcing the Band to cease activities in 1943. The instruments were loaned to RAF Silverstone for use by the Station Band. In 1958 the Band was able to move into its own custom built Band-room where it continues to be based today.
- In line with its original aims, the Band continues to encourage & support players from the local community but also welcomes players from further afield. In more recent years the Band has incorporated many younger players, and is pleased to have contributed to their musical development.
- The Band performs at regular concerts and competes in local and national Contests in the 3rd section under the musical direction of Neil Brownless. Neil is extremely active in the Brass Band movement as both player and conductor.
- With over a hundred years of experience we are committed to excel in our music and playing ability in a warm friendly, well organized and safe environment.



Our Mission ...

- Provide musical entertainment in Towcester & surrounding area
- Promote music in our community
- Maintain close links to NMPAT, Northants Music & Performing Arts
- Continue to have representation in the Northants County Youth Brass Band & National Youth Brass Band of Great Britain
- Improve our National Brass Band ranking through regular 'contesting'
- Provide opportunities for young and developing brass and percussion players to experience music making and to further develop their skills in a traditional Brass Band environment.

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What can we do for you?

- The Band performs at many different types of function including ...
 - Formal concerts
 - Garden parties
 - Corporate events
 - Private functions
 - Fetes & Festivals
 - Church services (happy & sad!)
 - Opening ceremonies



Fundraising initiatives to support the ...

- Need to buy new instruments & accessories to support a Training Band
- Need to upgrade the Bandroom to remove asbestos roof & single glazed windows
- Need to buy new sheet music
- **TSB** is a subscription Band with registered charity status (Friends of Towcester Studio or FrOTS). We raise funds through concert performances, special events, concert programme advertising and donations Any help that you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

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