

2022 – 2023

ST. HELENS  
YOUTH  
BRASS BAND

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# St Helens Youth Brass Band



**Saturdays in term time at**

Ormskirk Street URC

St Helens

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# A Flavour..... of our year

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# Up to Christmas 2022

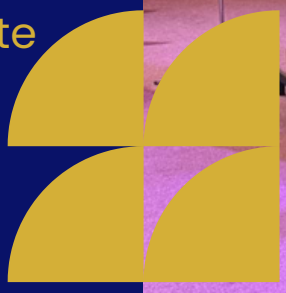


This year has been our first full year of finally returning to most of our normal activities. In our first term we enjoyed getting all of our bands back playing together in standard formations, learning to listen carefully and play together. All of our bands have made incredible progress and we were delighted with a huge beginner band growing to 25 and more young learners



# 01

We enjoyed rehearsals, getting to know new families, and of course culminating in our Christmas concert in the parish church with a busy schedule of busking right up to Christmas Eve! We were wowed by Lily's beautiful solo of Away in a Manger that we waited a year for due to a last minute covid illness!



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## Youth Champs

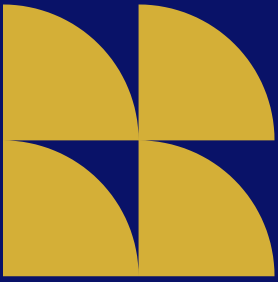
After the disappointment of not being able to attend the Youth Champs in 2022, we went big for 2023 and took 60 young people in two bands to the Championships with the vast majority never having played in a contest. What an achievement it was – hours of organisation, practice, rehearsals, support from external professional tutors and... we needed a lot more waistcoats!



See some of our favourite moments on the next page...

# Youth Champs





# Eurobrass!

Some of our members played for King Charles and Queen Camilla's visit to Liverpool



When we started the year we had no idea what was coming! - A once in a lifetime opportunity to joining with Youth bands across the city region, 50 of our members were part of this 100 strong youth band playing to a crowd of 15,000 on the Liverpool Eurovision stage with Blue Peter presenters.

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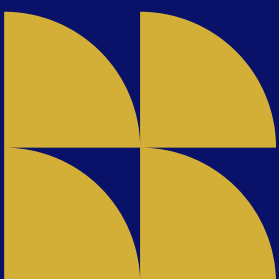


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## Development & Volunteers

Our friendly organisation works only because of volunteers who make all kinds of things happen from administration, helping in groups, running the cafe, accounting, tuck shop selling, music organising, waistcoat making, general tidying, cleaning and moving furniture. This year we needed more than 200 hours of contact time with young people to have enough volunteers to do everything we have - a huge thank you to everyone who has helped with those hours and the many more at home (especially to those who have single handedly contributed 200 hours individually!

This year we've been joined by volunteer Molly, a secondary school teacher who is volunteering to help create development and social opportunities for our young people - more to come this year.





## Partnerships

This year its been great to work with professional tutors but also to strengthen our partnerships working with Lancashire Youth Brass Band, hosting a trombone day and at Brass at the Seaside followed by a joint concert. We also enjoyed an end of year concert with the Eurobrass team hosted by Resonate Music Hub alongwith Liverpool Philharmonic Youth Company and other local youth bands. We will continue to develop wider oppotunities for our young people in the region



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# Partnerships



Not forgetting busking, playing for church services, carol services, Crosby Hall Open Gardens, community fund days and more. We remain grateful to Ormskirk Street URC for their hospitality and generosity to the band - it is a great venue, but more than that, is our home. We look forward to joining with the church members sharing in their Advent Praise service again this year.



## National Youth & Children's Brass Band



This year Dan and Will played for the last time in the NYBBGB and left us for university. Esther joins the NCBBGB again this summer in Norfolk. Next year the bands will come to Clitheroe and the Childrens band will be conducted by our founder and Life President Lynda Nicholson. For anyone interested in auditioning for next year visit [www.nybbgb.org.uk](http://www.nybbgb.org.uk) and apply for an audition by 31 July. For younger members do get along to Clitheroe next summer to be inspired.



Thank you for making our year great, at SHYBB, everyone plays a part. We enjoyed our last session hearing from our pBand and having a go at conducting. We say goodbye to some school leavers this summer - good luck with all that you do, don't forget to come back and visit us! We hope you all have a restful and safe summer and we will see everyone back on Saturday 2nd September - spread the word we have space for more in every band!



**Have a great summer!**

