

H S B Supporting document

Haverhill Silver Band is one of the oldest brass bands in the UK and has been a central part of the local community for more than 150 years. Although the band's performances across the country positively promotes the town, its core activity remains firmly rooted within the local community. The band performs on many occasions each year to raise money for charity. In the past year we have raised funds for East Anglia's Children's Hospices, The Poppy Appeal and the Haverhill Scouts. We have also performed at numerous local civic events and most recently performed for the High Sheriff of Suffolk at his annual charity awards event in Ipswich.

The band also operates a thriving Youth and Community Band which brings together over 30 players of differing abilities aged between 5 and 70+. For many this band provides people in the local community with the only opportunity to learn a musical instrument or to extend their enjoyment of making music. This band also performs in public with any funds reinvested to extend these opportunities to other young people in Haverhill and the surrounding area.

Brass instruments are very expensive and with the band being a self-funding organisation this represents a huge financial challenge. We currently need to purchase another Eb Bass. These instruments cost around £6,000-£7,000 new, but we are hoping to purchase second hand for £4,000.

We are hoping to raise £3,300 from the sale of old instruments, but this grant would allow us to invest in much needed new instruments.

Tom Walker (chairman)