



Adult Newbies, Welcome to the Lydney Town Band Organisation.

We are a friendly band and hope that you will enjoy yourself learning to play music of all kinds with us. We love welcoming new players, irrespective of age.

Our 'Development programme' is going strong, aiming to train and support all new members in a safe and encouraging environment. We are glad that you want to be part of the team and are already looking forward to you joining in our performances.

How does it work?

We have three groups

1. Starter Group
2. Training Band
3. Lydney Town Band



*If you are a **new 'starter'** it will be 5.30 – 6.15pm on Monday evenings, or you will receive separate tuition, depending on the circumstances.*

Whether 1:1 or in a small group, you will be taught by one of our four experienced players from the Town Band.

As you improve, you will start to develop some 'small ensemble' skills until you are ready to join the Training Band. We will help you along the way and provide support when needed.

*The Lydney **Training Band** meet on Monday evenings, 6.30-7.45pm (except bank holidays) at the Lydney Band Hall, Swan Lane, GL15 5RU.*

*Final progression is to the **Town Band** who meet on Friday evenings, 7.30-9.30pm.*

Band Ethos

We ask our learners to grow their skills by practicing at home and there is an expectancy to be involved in performances. The Band always tries to maintain a good performance standard and asks that whilst performing you represent the band professionally.

Training Band uniform (t-shirt) is provided but you will need to supply your own black trousers and shoes so we can all look smart in public.



Initially the music you play will be chosen to develop your playing skills. Once you are in the Training Band, the music is chosen to entertain our customers. We play a wide variety of styles and hope you will enjoy our choices. You can always suggest music you would like to play, and we will try and find it. Our repertoire is expanding all the time.

What does it cost?

There is a subscription of £1 a week. This will include tuition and some music to start you off. All the tutors are volunteers from the Town Band, so they provide their time free of charge. You may be asked to buy a tuition book of your own as you progress, which will then belong to you. Please feel free to get some music of your own though, as additional practice makes perfect.

Instruments

We are usually able to provide you with an instrument or you can bring your own. If you borrow an instrument, you are responsible for looking after it and keeping it safe and clean. Your instrument will be insured while you are using it in the bandroom or on a band job. You will be responsible for it when it is not in use.

If you are borrowing a band instrument, we will keep details on the registration form and the instrument will need to be returned in good working order if you choose to stop playing with us.

Keeping your instrument clean



The instrument will have been cleaned before you receive it. But Instruments only work properly if they are kept clean. This is easy to do and should be done every 3-6 months. They can be washed outside and inside with warm soapy water (with a small amount of fairy liquid), then rinsed with clean water and dried with a soft cloth or towel. You may need to remove slides to remove all the water.

We recommend that you don't share your instrument with other family members for hygiene reasons. You may wish to clean your mouthpiece more regularly and will need a small brush for this.



Valves can be removed and rinsed but be careful with them! Ask one of the tutors to show you how to do this because they do not work if they are put back in the wrong way. Tuning slides should be removed and cleaned with *Silvo*, then washed with warm, soapy water. A small amount of Vaseline applied to the slide will help it run smoothly. **DO NOT PUT VASELINE ON VALVES!!** Trombone slides should be oiled or sprayed with 'trombone slide oil', which you can get from music shops.

How to progress...

The speed at which you progress is down to you. Remember It takes time to learn to play a brass instrument, so start with 5-10mins practice a day, moving to 15-20min every day once you have the basics in place. Always start with long notes to warm-up your lips.



If you are interested in progressing through music exams, we can provide individual lessons, taught by a qualified music teacher at a subsidised fee. We use the Associated Board of Royal School of Music exam system, which is nationally recognised. Remember, everyone learns at different speeds so take as much time as you need.

Either way you'll have fun.

Health & Safety

This is important to us all and we ask that everyone behaves well in the bandroom. All our tutors are DBS checked and we run under the Band Safe Welfare guidelines. Do let us know if you have any health issues we should know about and remember that we are all here to support each other and be safe in the bandroom or out on performances. Kerry is our Safeguarding and Welfare Officer tel: 07554540469 or E: kerryford19@gmail.com.

Lydney Town Band



You can come to the bandroom and listen to the Town Band at any time. They meet on Fridays 7.30-9.30pm. The Training Band members are sometimes asked to play with the Town Band during the Summer and Christmas celebrations.

Socialising

Social events are organised to encourage band members to get to know each other. Families are welcome! If you have any ideas for a social event, mention it one of the Band tutors. Fund-raising events are also organised to raise money for music, instruments and uniforms. There is a Monthly Prize Draw to join for just £1 a month with a monthly prize of £25 minimum. Details are on the notice board in the bandroom or the band website! We also encourage members to join our easy fundraising efforts and you can follow the link on the band website to sign up this. All money raised helps the band progress and keeps us running smoothly as a voluntary organisation.

Notice Board & Communication

There are several notice boards in the bandroom containing information about what's going on. Keep an eye on the dry-wipe board for band jobs and the publicity board for newspaper articles about the band. Most official information will come through email, especially if a response is required. Activities and announcements go through our Training Band **private facebook** page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lydneyband> and some publicity goes through our Town Band **public facebook** page <https://www.facebook.com/LydneyBand>.

You can also keep track of what we've been up to on our website lydneyband.co.uk or follow us on twitter.

If you join the main Town Band you will be sent emails from Muzado which is our events booking software. This allows us to be sure we have good cover for playing our concerts etc, and it enables members to keep track of which engagements they have committed to.

Please complete the membership registration form below. This gives consent for the band to collect, store and use data for membership administration purposes only. All data is kept securely and never released to any 3rd parties. We have a strict privacy policy and always have permission from parents where children are concerned.



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Adult Member registration

Date: / /

Name:				Date of Birth
Address:				
Emergency Contact				
Tel No:	Work	Home	Mobile	
Signature for photographs:		Email address:		



Instrument details		Uniform details:	Medical info:
Instrument			
Make and Model			
Serial no.			
Condition/Age			
Privately owned			
Notes:			

Do you have any questions?

If you are unsure of anything, or you have any questions, please let us know and we will try to answer you as soon as possible.

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