



Lydney Town Band



Welcome to the Lydney Town & Training Band

We welcome you to the Lydney Town Band organisation. We are a friendly band and hope that you will enjoy yourself either learning with us or taking part in our performances.

The **Lydney Town Band** has been around for over 100 years and in 2005 we launched a **Training Band** to teach new players and build for the future. We are glad you can be part of that history and will bring your own experience to the organisation to help us maintain a band in Lydney for the future.



Band Ethos

The Band has a strong development programme and aims to train and support all new members in a safe and encouraging environment. In the **Training Band** we expect learners to try their best, practice at home and be involved in performances. In the **Town Band** we expect a level of commitment to maintain a good standard of performance, participation in competitions and concert performances, representing the band professionally at all times.

Training Band – meet on Monday evenings, 6.30–7.30pm (except bank holidays).
Town Band – meet on Friday evenings 7.30–9.30pm



We play a range of exciting pieces that are chosen to engage with audiences and be enjoyable to learn.

Both bands compete and there is an expectancy that players will attend additional rehearsals to attain the highest standard. **The Town Band** are currently in the second section of the National Brass Band gradings.

Costs

Training Band weekly tuition fee is £1 a week. All the teachers in the band are volunteers from the senior band. Members are provided with a t-shirt free of charge to be worn at engagements. All music is provided.

Town Band members need to supply their own uniform of white shirt, dark tie, black trousers and shoes to wear at engagements. There is no fee for attendance but members are expected to join the Monthly Prize Draw fund-raising to help us cover band running costs.

Instruments

We may be able to provide you with an instrument, if needed, or you can play 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 need to insure it at your own home.

The instrument and any other band property will need to be returned in good working order if you decide to no longer play with the band.



How to progress...

Training Band

We know that individuals learn at their own pace and our development programme aims to support development through the different stages at everyone's own speed.



There is access to tutoring for ABRSM exams if individuals want to do this.

Code of Conduct

All members are asked to conduct themselves sensibly whilst in the bandroom or representing the band. There is a code of conduct on display in the bandroom and on the Lydney Band website. Essentially it involves being committed, smart, polite, respectful, supportive and media safe.



Health & Safety is always important and we ask that everyone behaves well in the bandroom. We expect all adults to adopt a duty of care to any child or vulnerable adult in our band environment.

All tutors have DBS checks and the Bandroom is fully insured. We follow the Brass Bands England 'Bandsafe' guidelines to keep everyone safe. Please feel free to talk

to us in confidence if you have any concerns. Our **Designated Safeguarding Lead DSL is Kerry Ford – tel: 07554540469** . You can find our Youth Policy and Safeguarding Policy on the Bandroom noticeboard and the Lydney Band website.

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 to the Conductor or Social Secretary. 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 £15 minimum. Details are on the notice board in the bandroom.

Communication

Our primary means of communication will be the email you provided on your registration form or your telephone number. We also have a closed group Facebook page where we post news and information about the bands . Please join our facebook and twitter page to keep up to date on news and events.

Announcements are also issued at the end of rehearsal.

Anyone can go on to the band website to find out further details about events and activities. www.lydneyband.co.uk

Notice board

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.

*We really hope you enjoy being a part of
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