

Towcester Studio Brass Band

What we have to offer





Who we are ... Band history ...

- At the turn of the last century, Ada & Charlotte Phipps, daughters of the Towcester & Northampton 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 regularly performs concerts and competes in local and national Contests in the 3rd section under the musical direction of Neil Brownless.
- 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.
- TSB2 Community Band was recently launched to provide new, returning and inexperienced players with the opportunity to hone their playing skills in a relaxed informal environment.



Our Mission ...

- Provide musical entertainment in Towcester & surrounding area
- Promote music in our community
- Maintain close links to local schools and NMPAT, Northants Music & Performing Arts Trust
- 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 brass and percussion players of all age groups to experience music making and 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

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