



## Cumbria Brass Network Meeting

Project: Cumbria Brass Network

Date: Saturday 15th February 2025

Present: Julie Hoggarth, chair, Andy Cannon (North Lakes Brass), Stuart Humphries (Egremont Town Band), Judith Varley-Evans (Whitehaven),

Apologies: Ian Wildgoose, Richard Downs

### Agenda

Brass at the Castle, update 2025

1. Cumbria Youth Brass Band
2. Player Support
3. AOB

Item	Points	What needs to happen	Who and when
Brass at the Castle, update 2025	JH asked about the appropriateness of the location. Those presents found	Call out for instruments to let public have a go	Next newsletter - Julie
To-dos from last time:	Brougham to be as well located as it could be to attract bands from across the county. JH explained that there is a need for it to be quite close to Kirkby Stephen, to enable set-up on Friday 16th May. The slots are almost filled this year. The lateness of the publishing of dates meant that North Lakes could not take part. Hopefully if we can build a partnership with Brougham, we can plan further ahead next time.	Seek travel expenses funding for west coast participants	Julie - contact funders
Finalise venue		Schedule bands and share privately before publishing schedule in newsletter and with public (via marketing campaigns)	
Invite bands to <a href="#">book a slot</a>			
Cost and obtain funding for project - submitted to ACE and W+F			
	JV asked about travel		

	<p>expenses for bands travelling long distance, JH confirmed these were paid last year and hopefully will be again.</p> <p>Egremont will bring instruments, can other bands?</p> <p>Growth, major band in the evening, more bands.AC shared a map of the 23 bands in the county. There are many more just across the borders, how big might we grow?</p>		
<p>Cumbria Youth Brass Band</p> <p>To-dos from last time:</p> <p>Finalise venues Contact members of youth band to invite ideas for youth segment - pending Cost and <a href="#">obtain funding for project</a></p>	<p>Thanks to Cumbria Community Foundation we can afford to pay for main facilitator and room hire this year.</p> <p>The numbers of players are growing.</p> <p>SH suggested article to promote next event at Egremont for Whitehaven News Cumbria Radio</p> <p>Opportunities - SH expressed desire for opportunities for more experienced players, possibly contacting National Youth Brass Band of Great Britain. JH suggested youth leadership opportunities, where experienced players</p>	<p>Seek funding for next year (facilitators) with additional pots for band development (visiting specialists, visits to events), longer sessions (venue hire), and young leader programme.</p> <p>Produce article</p> <p>Add to funding bid and project development plan</p>	<p>JH by next meeting</p> <p>JH - Tuesday 18th Feb.</p> <p>JH - by July</p>

	<p>can get experience by coaching small groups of players , SH in favour.</p>		
<p>Player Support</p> <p>To-dos from last meeting's conversation:</p> <p>Create a blog - <a href="#">partnerships for music provision</a></p> <p>Contact bands to <a href="#">invite further evidence of successful partnerships</a></p>	<p>Player support conversation (abbreviated as we had discussed so much already)</p> <p>SH - Training band: get beginners pack of basic skills support</p> <p>JV - boot camping adult beginners - focus on rhythms and tone, meet at player's houses for split out groups, study groups</p> <p>JH - Enlarges music (sight-impaired player)</p> <p>AC creates simple parts (MuseScore)</p> <p>AC - work in progress. Would like to see opportunities for improvement for experienced players in addition to simply finding a tutor.</p> <p>Group struggled to name teachers in the area. There is a shortage. JH mentioned the directory. JV mentioned that Whitehaven needs its details updating. Wanting to share skills, and young</p>	<p>Write up these notes and ideas in a blog.</p> <p>Share teacher directory sign-up details again</p> <p>JV to send over Whitehaven's details, JH to update</p>	<p>JH by end of February</p> <p>Newsletter</p> <p>17th February</p>

	<p>people want to do this too</p> <p>We can encourage bands to share what they are doing. E.g. lists of performances</p> <p>Discussion of difficulties of accessing Higham Hall Brass Weekend. Interest expressed in more brass band workshops</p>	<p>Invite bands to share concert details on Facebook page</p> <p>Explore possible venues and partners</p>	<p>Next newsletter JH</p> <p>JH - post BATC</p>
AOB	<p>Bandstand- AC has produced a brilliant graphic of bands and training bands in Cumbria to argue the case for a bandstand in Keswick. Two locations are vying to have the band stand.</p>	<p>AC kindly offered to share graphic with JH for use on website</p>	<p>AC - end of Feb</p>
<b>Date of next meeting</b>	<p>May 24th 2025 6:00 – 7:00pm</p>		