

GDPR / Data Protection – For practical reasons the Band holds an electronic record of members' contact and other relevant personal details, which may be shared between Band members. These details will not be shared with anybody outside the Band without your permission, but if you do not wish them to be recorded, please inform the Secretary.

New Members – Anyone wishing to join the Band will be asked to attend rehearsals provided that a position is available. In due course the Committee will decide whether that person will be invited to become a permanent member.

Subscriptions – An annual subscription fee, applicable to all permanent members is agreed each year at the Annual General Meeting. Special terms are available by arrangement with the Treasurer.

Website – Further information including contact details for the current Chair and Secretary, rehearsal updates, details of forthcoming events, a photo gallery and the history of the Band, can be found at creditontownband.org.uk.

PLAYERS' CHARTER

May 2026



WELCOME TO CREDITON TOWN BAND!

The Town Band is a friendly team working together to rehearse and perform music, for the pleasure of our audiences and ourselves. We like to think of the Band as a big family of people who are there to support one another. If you need help or advice, please ask.

Commitment – This takes the form of attending rehearsals, playing at engagements whenever possible, practicing at home, keeping your instrument in good working order and generally helping out when required. Remember that people pay money to see and hear the Band perform!

Rehearsals – Every Thursday in Hayward's School Hall, from 7:30 to 9.30pm. Early arrival to help set up and be ready to start on time is always appreciated.

Private conversations during rehearsals, along with any form of disruptive behaviour, are strongly discouraged. Any music-related queries during rehearsal should be addressed initially to the Musical Director. Rehearsal always includes a short social / comfort break, once Committee notices have been announced and other Band related matters discussed.

Please put away your music, stand and chair at the end of rehearsal. If you take music home to practice, be sure to bring it with you every week and, if you will be absent or late for a rehearsal, make sure it is available for others that may need to use it.

Planned absences must be recorded in the Musical Director's diary (available at rehearsals) so that future rehearsals can be planned accordingly.

Engagements – The Band can be very busy during the summer and the runup to Christmas. It is appreciated that you may not be able to play at every engagement, but you will be expected to attend a large majority. Please respond in a timely manner to requests for your availability, as this will affect the Committee's ability to accept new engagements.

Mobile Phones – These are not to be used during rehearsals or engagements. Please turn them to silent and only use during breaks unless you need to leave the room to make or receive an urgent call.

Instruments – If available and required the Band will issue you with an instrument along with relevant accessories (e.g. carrying/storage case, mute, lyre, drip cloth). You are expected to treat all Band-owned equipment with care and respect. Instruments are expensive and must be cleaned and lubricated regularly. If you are unsure as to how to go about this, please ask and someone will be more than willing to assist..

Uniforms – You will be issued with a formal jacket, shell jacket, polo shirt, black tie and bow tie, to be stored at home and worn as required for Band engagements. You are expected to provide a white shirt, black trousers, black shoes and black socks. Please ensure that your uniform is clean and tidy for every performance. Dry cleaning of the jacket will be undertaken at the Band's expense with the approval of the Committee. Please note that your formal jacket must only be worn during performances, and especially not when consuming refreshments.

Music Stands – If required you will be issued with a silver music stand and it is your responsibility to bring this along to all engagements. A separate set of stands is used, and stored, at our rehearsal venue. Music stands are expensive and delicate! Please be sure to open and close them carefully and correctly, tightening screws sufficiently to prevent unnecessary damage during storage.

Band Insurance – All instruments owned by the Band are insured but if you leave your instrument in a vehicle, please ensure that it is out of sight and the vehicle is locked. This also applies to personally owned instruments, but only when in use with the Band. Please note that the Band's Insurance does not cover you for personal injury.

Safeguarding - The Band has a designated Safeguarding Officer. Contact details can be found on the band website, along with our Safeguarding Policy, which is reviewed and updated annually.