



The Friends of Trowbridge Bandstand

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1 DOCUMENT CONTROL

1.1 Document Status

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1.2 Document Revision History

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2 DOCUMENT PURPOSE

This document sets out the Rules by which the Friends of Trowbridge Bandstand, its Members and its Associate Members are expected to operate on a day to day basis.

3 DEFINITIONS

In this document:

“the TRUST” or **“the Friends”** means the Friends of Trowbridge Park Bandstand;

“the Commission” means the Charity Commission for England and Wales;

“the Council” or **“TTC”** means Trowbridge Town Council;

“the Bandstand” means the Trowbridge Park Bandstand;



4 TROWBRIDGE PARK BANDSTAND – A BRIEF HISTORY

The Trowbridge Park Bandstand was presented to the town of Trowbridge in Wiltshire by local industrialist William Nelson Haden in 1939.

The Bandstand is of a classic Art Deco design, featuring a quarter sphere designed to both protect performers from the elements and project sound towards the audience. It is one of the last such period bandstands still in use in the UK.

The Bandstand was gifted to the town in order to host public performances and community events for the residents of Trowbridge.

The Bandstand is situated at the edge of the upper (northern) field, sometimes known as Walker's Field, of Trowbridge Town Park just in front of the ex-industrial (now residential) St Georges' Works.

The Bandstand, along with the Town Park in which it is situated, is now owned by the local Tier 3 Council, Trowbridge Town Council. The bandstand, along with the Town Park, was formerly under the auspices of Wiltshire Council but was transferred to Trowbridge Town Council in the summer of 2013.

In 2022 plans were drawn up for a complete restoration and sympathetic remodelling of the Bandstand that would have seen it returned to its Art Deco roots whilst incorporating modern access and performance enhancing features. Included in these plans were proposals to both repair the deteriorating fabric of the Bandstand (including the 1930s reinforced concrete stage floor) and ensure the watertightness of the building through a re-laid roof, new guttering, down pipes and windows. Unfortunately, these plans never came to fruition due to the high costs involved.

In 2025, after structural reports determined that whilst the bandstand's fabric had deteriorated it was still safe to use, Trowbridge Town Council instituted a series of summer Sunday afternoon concerts that were a great success.

Then, in 2026, revised smaller scale plans were drawn up to cosmetically enhance the structure pending the raising of funds to finance the far more extensive restoration and renovation of the bandstand.



5 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE TRUST

- 5.1 The Friends of Trowbridge Bandstand (the Trust) is a Foundation Model Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) where the only voting members are the Trustees.
- 5.2 The Trust exists to help facilitate the preservation, conservation, maintenance and continuing use of the Art Deco bandstand situated in Trowbridge Town Park in Wiltshire, England for the continuing benefit of the public.
- 5.3 The Trust's primary objective is raising funds through local activities, accessing local and national funding sources and appealing to corporate, government and charitable donors. These funds will then be donated towards projects and initiatives that align with the Trust's charitable objectives (as defined in the Trust's Constitution) and are intended to:
- (i) restore the fabric of the bandstand,
 - (ii) maintain the bandstand in a safe usable condition, and
 - (iii) promote events taking place on the Bandstand at which the Friends may raise funds
- 5.4 The Trust also see the use of the Trowbridge Park Bandstand as a key tool by which all residents of, and visitors to, the town can be offered both free entertained in a pleasant outdoor environment and educated in the history and heritage of the town. To this end, the Friends' secondary objective is to assist all stakeholders, in particular the Bandstand's owner (Trowbridge Town Council) to expand the use of the Bandstand to offer free public entertainment and educational opportunities.



6 THE NAME OF THE TRUST

The TRUST is named “The Friends of Trowbridge Bandstand”.

7 MEMBERSHIP OF THE TRUST

7.1 Trustees of the Trust

Membership of the TRUST is limited to the Trustees only and only the Trustees can vote.

Supporters and volunteers are able to join the Trust as “Associate Members”, but these shall have no voting rights and will not be considered members by the Charity Commission.

7.1.1 Trustees may be divided into three categories, all of whom have full and equal voting rights.

- (i) Appointed Trustees are Trustees elected to membership by the serving Trustees as specified in Section 10(1) of the Trust’s Constitution. Appointed Trustees are expected to become Members of the Trust.
- (ii) Ex officio Trustees serve by nature of their occupation of an office within another organisation as defined in Section 10(2) of the Trust’s Constitution.
- (iii) Nominated Trustees are Trustees nominated by outside bodies in accordance with Section 10(3) of the Trust’s Constitution.

7.1.2 The Trustees of the Trust must at all times number at least three (3) persons but no more than eleven (11) persons.

7.2 Associate (Non-Voting) Members of the Trust

7.2.1 There are three (3) classes of Associate Membership open to the public, none of whom have voting rights.



- (i) Individual Membership is open to any individual person
- (ii) Family Membership is open to up to two (2) adults and up to four (4) children all of whom must be residing at the same address.
- (iii) Group Membership is open to community groups, commercial bodies, charities or any other body of unrelated persons sharing a common interest.

7.2.2 Associate Members of the Trust will normally be volunteers with, or supporters of, the Friends of Trowbridge Park Bandstand, however the Trustees may, at their discretion, grant concessionary Associate Membership to a subject matter expert who possesses knowledge or expertise viewed as desirable by the Trustees.

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7.3 General Membership Rules

- 7.4.1 All Trustees (voting members) and Associate (non-voting) Members of the TRUST agree at all times whilst representing the Trust, or when in a position whereby their actions could be seen as representing the Trust, to act in accordance with the documented aims and objectives of the Trust.
- 7.4.2 No Trustee or Associate Member of the Trust may use their membership of the Trust in an attempt to gain any personal, financial, political or reputational advantage.
- 7.4.3 All Trustees and Associate Members of the Trust shall be expected to pay an annual subscription to the Trust set at the Trust's Annual General Meeting.
- 7.4.4 The Trust shall retain a register of all Trustees and Associate Members. That Register shall be open to inspection by all Trustees of the Trust. Acceptance of Trusteeship or Associate Membership shall be taken as granting permission to the Trust for their collection and retention of this personal data in line with the Trust's data retention rules as documented in the Trust's Privacy Notice.
- 7.4.5 The Trust shall not share details of its membership outside the Trust except in circumstances mandated by law or its Constitution and shall at all times be mindful of the law in force at the time relating to data protection.



- 7.4.6 The TRUST shall hold an Annual General Meeting of all Trustees within the month of May on a date agreed by the Trustees. Associate Members may attend, and at the discretion of the Chair speak the AGM, but shall have no voting rights.
- 7.4.7 Subscription charges for Individual and Family Associate Members of the TRUST will be set at the Annual General Meeting of the TRUST and will remain in force until the next AGM.
- 7.4.8 Subscriptions for Group Associate Members will be set on a case by case basis by the Trustees at any time after consideration of:
- (i) the type of Group seeking membership, and
 - (ii) the number of persons that Group membership is intended to cover.

8 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TRUST AND TROWBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL (TTC)

8.1 Responsibilities of the Trust towards Trowbridge Town Council

- 8.1.1 The TRUST recognises Trowbridge Town Council's ownership of the Bandstand and agrees that the final decision regarding works on the fabric of the bandstand lies with the Council alone.
- 8.1.2 The TRUST shall not interfere in, or attempt to influence, the scheduling of events on the Bandstand which shall at all times remain the sole responsibility of Trowbridge Town Council.
- 8.1.3 Should the TRUST wish to use the Bandstand for its own activities, it will be expected to follow the same procedure (as determined from time to time by Trowbridge Town Council) as any other individual or group seeking to use the Bandstand.



8.2 Expectations of the TRUST from Trowbridge Town Council

- 8.2.1 Trowbridge Town Council is expected at all times to respect the independence of the TRUST.
- 8.2.2 Trowbridge Town Council is expected to nominate a named Officer or Officers to act as liaison between the TRUST and the Council.
- 8.2.3 Trowbridge Town Council is expected to be solely responsible for the commissioning and management of any works on the bandstand whether or not funds have been donated by the TRUST towards those works.
- 8.2.4 Trowbridge Town Council is expected to notify the TRUST of any planned works on the Bandstand whether or not funds have been donated by the TRUST towards those works.
- 8.2.5 Trowbridge Town Council is expected to promote the activities of the TRUST in seeking to raise funds to restore, preserve and maintain the bandstand.

9 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OF THE TRUST

9.1 Loans

- 9.1.1 The TRUST shall be empowered to enter into loan agreements whereby a Member or Members (the Lender(s)) advance funds (the Principle) to the TRUST (the Borrower) provided that:
 - (i) The Member is a Full Member or Trustee of the TRUST and not a Associate Member.
 - (ii) Any such advance made by a Member or Members to the TRUST is for a specific purpose which is documented and approved by the Trustees.
- 9.1.2 The TRUST shall keep full records of all loans made to it by Members. Such records must include
 - (i) The date of the loan and,
 - (ii) the loan amount and,
 - (iii) the term of the loan and



(iv) the rate and type of interest (if any) to be paid on the loan.

9.1.3 The TRUST (as Borrower) cannot enter into any agreement with any Member of Members (as Lender(s)) whereby the interest charged by the lender on the principle is greater than the Bank of England Base Rate in force at the time plus 0.25%.

9.1.4 The TRUST may only borrow money on the commercial market or enter into any agreement whereby it is formally indebted in any way to any organisation or individual without the agreement of an absolute majority of the Full Members (Trustees) of the TRUST.

10 INTERPRETATION

10.1.1 The TRUST accepts that where there is conflict in interpretation between these Rules and the TRUST's Constitution then the TRUST's Constitution shall always take precedence.

10.1.2 The TRUST accepts that where there is conflict in interpretation between the TRUST's Constitution and the Law of England and Wales then the Law of England and Wales shall always take precedence.

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