

## Bradwell Silver Band



The Bradwell Silver Band was founded in 1901 and is an established part of the local community in Milton Keynes. The Band performs regular concerts playing a wide repertoire of traditional and modern brass band music, and on occasion raising money for various charitable organisations. The senior band is made up of thirty members; they also are particularly proud of the development band – taking applications from children as young as eight who wish to learn to play a brass instrument.

Due to the notable decline in teaching of music in schools the band plays a hugely important role in the musical education of children. In most cases, the instruments are owned and maintained by the band, some of which are sixty years old! Due to the increased member numbers, the BSB applied for a grant to purchase new instruments, mutes and care kits to teach children the importance of cleaning and maintenance as well as learning to read and play music.

The Bradwell Silver Band is a not for profit organisation. No subscriptions are charged and no money is taken by any member of the band, including the Music Director. It is their proud tradition to produce their own players. Many of the senior players have come through the development band, and the BSB regards these youngsters as the ‘life blood’ of the organisation. Several former members have gone on to perform with the finest brass bands in the country and to play professionally in orchestras and military bands.

As successful grant recipients the band has been able to purchase three student tubas, a euphonium, two tenor horns, three trombones and two cornets. The band will continue to extend the work being done to produce the brass players of the future.

*“It was a pleasure to support a long established local institution, who provide an invaluable education in music for young children”*

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