

# Rockingham Brass Band

## Patronage Scheme

Rockingham Band, as with many other brass bands started out as a colliery band and as such was fully financed by it's parent colliery. Following the demise of our mining and heavy industries this funding dried up leaving the bands isolated and without funding

Most bands took the decision to continue as a stand-alone organisation and are still performing today. It is without doubt however very difficult for such bands to continue with no sponsorship or funding and having to rely each year on their own fund raising efforts Sadly some bands run into problems as funding and the ability to fund raise dries up, the band inevitably ceases. It is always very disturbing to hear of a band folding whether the band is local or far away as each one marks a loss to our British Heritage and Traditions.

Rockingham Band itself went through a difficult phase only a couple of years ago but was fortunate at the very last minute to have an influx of new ideas, the band in the short time since is now flourishing again.

One fund raising initiative we have is to run a patronage scheme where our band supporters and followers can become a patron. This new scheme is designed to enable you to support the band on a regular basis.

For a donation (minimum of £10.00 per year) you can become an official patron of Rockingham Band. There will be no further charges or requests for donations throughout the year. In return for your kind donation Rockingham band will:

**Provide TWO free tickets to our annual patrons' concert.**

**Give priority booking to all patrons for our Christmas Concert.**

**Send updated engagement lists so that you can follow the band.**

**Update all patrons of events, news and recent results**

**List all patrons on their own section of our band website and concert programmes.**

Becoming a patron is an exciting opportunity for you to become a member of Rockingham band without having to be musically able. If you have any further questions about this scheme, please speak to one of our members.

To join this scheme today, simply fill in the form below and hand it to our patron scheme secretary or any official of the band. Alternatively, you can take this form home and send it to the address at the bottom of the form.

We look forward to welcoming you as one of our many new patrons!

Patronage Scheme Application Form

Name and Address.....  
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Please accept my Patronage Scheme Membership Application for 2018

I enclose donation of £..... (Minimum £10.00)

(Minimum does not apply if applying Mid Term)

Cheques made payable to Rockingham Band please.

Completed form and donation may be handed to any band member or official or please send to:-

Mr R Whittle, 25 Hallfieldgate Lane, Shirland, Alfreton, Derbys, DE55 6AA

Payment can be received over the phone to 01773 591203 (£1.00 admin fee will be added to donation)