

Rockingham Brass Band – Musical Director Job Description

Fee to be negotiated with a successful candidate

Location: Rockingham Centre, Hoyland, South Yorkshire, S74 0PY

Start Date: January 2026

About Rockingham Brass Band

Rockingham Brass Band is a thriving Third Section contesting band in Yorkshire, currently ranked 3rd in the 2026 Area grading table. Alongside contesting, we enjoy performing a lively programme of concerts and community events throughout the year. In December 2024, we became a registered charity, marking an exciting new chapter in our long history. With a near full band (a couple of cornet vacancies), strong committee support, and ambitious plans to develop our own premises and expand into training and youth bands in the future, this is an excellent opportunity for a motivated and forward-looking Musical Director.

The Role

We are seeking a Musical Director (MD) to lead the band musically and help us fulfil our artistic ambitions. The successful candidate will bring energy, creativity, and vision to the role, building on our established foundation and helping shape the next stage of Rockingham's development.

Key Responsibilities

- Lead rehearsals twice weekly (Mondays & Wednesdays).
- Develop engaging and varied musical programmes for concerts and events.
- Conduct and present full-band concerts and community performances.
- Lead the band in contest performances, including the Yorkshire Regional Championships and 2–3 other contests annually.
- Assist in finding suitable deputy players when required.
- Work collaboratively with the Band Chair and Committee, attending meetings by invitation (not as a trustee or voting member).
- Contribute ideas and input into the band's long-term musical and organisational growth.

What We're Looking For

- Proven conducting and rehearsal experience, preferably with brass bands.
- A good knowledge of the brass band contesting scene, particularly at 3rd Section level.
- Strong communication skills and the ability to inspire and motivate players of all ages and abilities.
- Organisational skills and flexibility to support the smooth running of rehearsals, concerts, and contests.

- A collaborative approach with the committee and a commitment to the band's charitable aims.

What We Offer

- Fee to be negotiated with a successful candidate.
- A committed and ambitious band at an exciting point in its development.
- The opportunity to shape musical direction and contribute to the growth of a forward-looking brass band organisation.

How to Apply

To apply, please send a short CV (or musical biography) and covering note outlining your experience and vision for the role to Band Chair Alex Parker on Alexander.s.parker@gmail.com by 10th November 2025. Please indicate on your application your payment expectations.

Audition Process

Prospective candidate CV will be assessed and a shortlist draw based on candidates who meet the specification.

Auditions with the band are scheduled to take place in the afternoon on Sunday 30th November. Please indicate on your application if this won't be suitable. For informal enquiries, please contact Alex Parker on 07854300046.