

## BRATTON COMMUNITY BRASS BANDS WWW.BCBB.ORG.UK



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#### **ABOUT THE BAND**

Founded in 1859, **Bratton Silver Band** is one of the oldest brass bands in the country with a proud heritage and a vibrant presence in the Wiltshire village of Bratton.

Today Bratton Silver Band is the flagship band of our wider banding organisation - Bratton Community Brass Bands. Across our organisation of approximately 100 musicians, we have three brass bands Bratton Silver Band, Bratton Brass Band and Bratton Brass Roots that cater for all ability levels.

**Bratton Silver Band** has a busy schedule of concerts and is a committed contesting band. We were thrilled to be crowned **West of England 3rd Section Champions** for 2025 and were proud to represent the South West at the National Brass Band Championships. From January 2026 we have been promoted to the 2nd section for the first time in the band's history.

We rehearse on Mondays from 8.15 until 10pm and on Fridays from 8.15 until 10.15pm at Bratton Church Institute, Tyning Ln, Bratton, Westbury BA13 4RR.

#### **ABOUT THE ROLE**

From January 2026 we have a vacancy for a passionate, inspiring, and engaging Musical Director to provide overall leadership of the organisation and take **Bratton Silver Band** into it's next exciting chapter. As our player numbers and musical standards continue to grow, we are looking for someone who will bring ideas, enthusiasm and commitment, the ability to build on our established foundation and shape the next stage of our development.

#### **KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

- To work with the trustees to provide overall leadership and direction for **Bratton Community Brass Bands**
- To conduct **Bratton Silver Band** and provide adequate notice if unavailable
- To support, encourage and motivate band members to develop the full range of their musical abilities
- To decide on individual playing positions within the band for all rehearsals, performances and contests
- To plan and execute effective and structured rehearsals
- To select programme music and ensure that it is adequately rehearsed
- To schedule additional rehearsals as required by liaising with the committee via the Band Managers
- To select the players and ensure adequate rehearsals in preparation for contests
- To work on joint ventures for the 'whole organisation'- workshops, concerts, rehearsals etc.
- To liaise with section leads, players and other committee members as appropriate

- To attend and report to band committee meetings as appropriate
- To contribute towards an annual report and attend the AGM
- To identify new music to expand and enhance the band's range of music
- To make recommendations to the committee for improving the band and its assets
- To uphold the ethos and reputation of the organisation

#### WHAT WE OFFER

A fee to be negotiated with the successful candidate

A committed band at an exciting stage in its development

An experienced committee management team

The opportunity to shape musical direction and to contribute to the growth of a forward thinking organisation

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Please email a CV and covering note outlining your experience and payment expectations to our chairman *Mike Strong* by 21st November 2025.

# Email: chairman@bcbb.org.uk

Short-listed applicants will be invited to audition with the band during December.

We look forward to hearing from you!

