

Royston Town Development Band

Band Leader – Job description

Job title	Development Band Leader
Location	Royston, Hertfordshire
Remuneration	Voluntary with some expenses
Website	www.roystontownband.org.uk

Background

Royston Town Band is a friendly, long standing community brass band based in Hertfordshire. We are a fourth section contesting band, and have a healthy, growing membership. We accept players of all standards and started a new development band in response to a need for an easier standard of music suitable for complete beginners or those who have returned to playing after a long break.

The development band was started in 2015 and has enjoyed a strong membership, and a number of local performances. The band is aimed at players of all ages at a beginner standard and encourages new people to play brass instruments, acting as a feeder to the main band.

Overall purpose of the role

To lead the Royston Town Development Band.

We are looking for a dynamic and inspiring person to conduct the band, and teach the group basic music theory and brass playing technique.

Main duties

- Lead the band at weekly rehearsals. Rehearsals are currently every Tuesday from 7.30pm – 8.30pm held at the bandroom at the fire station end of Tannery Drift, Royston.
- To provide the group with a basic grounding in music theory and brass playing technique. 1:1 tuition is not expected.
- To lead the band at a small number of public engagements throughout the year.

Other duties

- To help choose a suitable programme of music for the band, with help from the Development Band Librarian
- To attend at least one Royston Town Band committee meeting every 3 months
- Develop and foster links with local schools and music groups

The Development Band Leader will also be expected to

- Help learners who have reached an appropriate standard integrate into the main band
- Adhere to Royston Town Band's constitution, including child welfare guidelines
- Provide an up to date enhanced DBS check, costs will be covered by the band if necessary
- Provide a friendly and supportive environment for learners to develop
- Promote and support both the development band and main band at concerts and events

This is a great opportunity for someone with a passion for music to progress a successful learner group, associated with an experienced local community brass band. Previous experience of teaching, coaching, brass banding or conducting are preferred, but this is also a good opportunity to develop your skills if you've always wanted to have a go at leading a band.

Please contact Charmian Flowerday at charmianflowerday@hotmail.co.uk before Monday 2nd October if you are interested in applying for this position.

The Development Band Leader will have the support of a Development Band Secretary to help with choosing and handing out music, organising rehearsal timings, equipment and engagements. Royston Town Band will provide instruments, music, stands, chairs and a rehearsal venue. The Development Band Leader and Secretary will be responsible for the everyday running of the development band, and will be members of the Royston Town Band committee. The committee will have ultimate responsibility for the operation of Royston Town Development Band.