



Tips on Hiring a Brass Group

The purpose of this page is to give guidance to those that are thinking about hiring a brass group for their event, the aim is to make hiring a brass group a positive contribution to your event. It is best to have a clear idea about what you want the group to do. Firstly, let the group know what type of event it is; these are some of the events brass groups are asked to do:

- A full concert; will there be a formal audience with seating? If this is the case a compere and a programme may need to be prepared.
- Do you just want background music e.g. a Fete? Often it is worth positioning the band near a refreshment tent, so that people can sit and listen with a cup of tea and a cake!
- Is the group required to accompany any singing? In which case a member of the group should liaise with the choir/organist.
- Are there other musical groups taking part? Consideration should be taken not to position them too close to each other, or have specific times of performances for each group.
- Care should also be taken not to position the group too near to loudspeaker systems.

Usually the group will arrange their own programme, but if you would like a certain piece or type of music, please discuss this beforehand. Can you play...? Is sometimes a more difficult request than you might think as a group only carries a select amount of its musical repertoire to each event.

What to provide

Please provide seating. Chairs with arms make things difficult for brass players. Brass groups generally sit in a horse shoe like formation, i.e: three sides of a square, one row deep. The group will require a room or area to store instrument cases whilst playing.

Group members will need somewhere to park, and those with larger instruments and percussion will appreciate being able to load and unload close to the venue. We also require some sort of cover should the weather be wet, a marquee or gazebo is ideal, but please make sure that it is secure and won't blow over in the wind. A metal framed gazebo falling on a tuba could lead to injury and an expensive insurance claim! A brass group can really make an event really come alive, so it is really worth paying for. For fetes and carnivals families of the group members may also come along and boost your takings! Payment is required on the day of the event.

Hopefully this has assisted you in your booking of our group, should you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact us.