British Brass Bands
historical directory

Thurnscoe Brass Band

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Introduction

Of the many brass bands that have flourished in Britain over the last 200 years very few have documented records covering their history. This directory is an attempt to collect together information about such bands and make it available to all. Over 12,100 bands are recorded here, with some 6,300 additional cross references for alternative or previous names.

Where "active" dates are given these indicate documented appearances - the bands may well have existed beyond those dates quoted. Bands which folded for more than 1 year (apart from during WW1 or WW2) with a successor band being later formed are regarded as "extinct".

Minor name variations, e.g. X Brass Band, X Silver Band, X Silver Prize Band, are generally not referenced, unless it is clear that they were separate entities. Various bands have changed their names several times over the years, making tracking them down more difficult.

The counties referred to are the historical counties of the Britain (see www.county-wise.org.uk).

Documentation about bands in the early years is very sketchy, reliant largely on reports in the newspapers and magazines of the day. Often bands would have been referred to in ambiguous terms, and it is not entirely clear which specific band it is. For example, a village may have had a temperance band, known as X Temperance Brass Band, but often referred to as X Brass Band. There may have also been an X Brass Band contemporary with the X Temperance Brass Band. In this case both names are recorded as being distinct entities, until further information is available.

More detailed information about a few hundred specific bands does exist elsewhere, in books and journals and in online resources, particularly current bands’ own websites and the IBEW (www.ibew.co.uk) which contains much of the information herein, together with further information on individual bands.

The next edition of this directory will include the following
- location details of further information about specific bands, whether online or published material
- an appendix of non-British brass bands
- an update of brass bands including those identified since this edition
- details of brass band historians and researchers

Based on my research so far I would estimate that perhaps 10% of the entries in the directory are actually the same as other bands. In addition, I expect to be able to add up to 3,000 more British brass bands to the directory in future editions.

Any errors, corrections, additions or details of "family tree" relationships between bands and their names will always be welcome. Contact me via the IBEW website.
Further information:

- Bibliography – the comprehensive *Brass Band Bibliography* is available online at http://independent.academia.edu/GavinHolman as a PDF download, or at www.ibew.co.uk
- Brass Bands Genealogy - information on current bands’ dates of origin and name changes is also available at www.ibew.co.uk
- Vintage brass band pictures – some 15,000 images of early brass bands are available at www.ibew.co.uk
- Brass band historians and researchers – those who are known to be actively working in this field are listed at www.ibew.co.uk

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BRITISH BRASS BANDS

A W Parker (Drybrook) Band - Gloucestershire
   [current band] - Founded in 1924 - Former names: Drybrook & District Band

A.H. Davenport's Brass Band - Shanklin, Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
   Active in 1862, 20 players, conductor Mr Marshall

Ab Kettleby Brass Band - Leicestershire
   Active in 1889 through to WW1.

Abberley and Mamble Brass Band - Worcestershire
   Active in 1851, when it was noted, when playing at a dinner, that “either the oppressive heat of the weather, Mr Arthur's ale, or some other cause, speedily operated on more than one of the performers, and at last rendered their silence imperative”.

Abbey Brass Band - Abingdon, Oxfordshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1977 - Former names: Abbey Brass Youth Band

Abbey Brass Band - Cambridge, Cambridgeshire
   Active in 1888

Abbey Brass Youth Band - Abingdon, Oxfordshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Abbey Brass Band

Abbey Milton Brass Band
   See: Milton Abbas Brass Band

Abbey Silver Prize Band - Gloucestershire
   [previous name of current band] See: Wotton & District Silver Band

Abbot's Brass Band
   See: Abbott and Company’s Boiler Works Band

Abbots Bromley Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Formed in 1890s it survived at least until the end of WWI, but there is no local information on a subsequent closure date for the band.

Abbotsbury Brass Band - Dorset
   Active in the early 1900s, conductor S. Ford in 1905.

Abbott and Company’s Boiler Works Band - Newark, Nottinghamshire
   Active in the early 1900s through to WW1. A.F. Coyne was conductor in 1908. Became “silver band” on receipt of new instruments in 1911.

Abbott Memorial School Band - Gateshead, Durham
   Active between the 1890s through to WW1. This Industrial and Reform School was opened in 1891. Conductor in 1894 was Robert Smith. An Abbott Memorial School Band was also active in 1886, when it took part in the “Monstre Children's Trip to South Shields”

Aber and Blaengwynfi Workmens Silver Band - Glamorgan
   Formed in 1892 and active through to around 2012. Don Davies was bandmaster in the 1950s and 1960s. David Walters conductor in 2006 (though at that time there were only 4 members, 3 of whom were in their 70's or 80's). It was a public subscription band originally and then it was supported by the various collieries that were in Blaengwynfi - collecting money on pay day.
Aber Valley Brass Band
See: Windsor Colliery Workmen’s Silver Band

Aberaman Brass Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1850s and 1860s. Leader James Newman in 1860. Patronised by Crawshay Bailey, a local industrialist. Folded prior to the Original Band starting in 1882.

Aberaman Original Band - Glamorgan
Formed in 1882, became Aberaman Silver Band in 1892. Conductor until around 1896 was Jones Prestwood. Thomas Valentine was the conductor in 1905. Probably folded in the late 1960s, early 1970s.

Aberaman Public Band
See: Aberaman Original Band

Aberaman Silver Band
See: Aberaman Original Band

Aberavon Borough Band - Glamorgan
Active in 1936

Aberavon Brass Band - Glamorgan
Active in 1852

Aberavon D.S. and S. Band - Glamorgan
Active in 1920 when it competed in the Junior Shield at the Crystal Palace, conducted by D. J. Stevens

Aberavon Excelsior Brass Band - Glamorgan
Active in 1890 to 1898. Conducted by S. Blethyn Jones

Aberavon Temperance Band - Glamorgan
See: Bethany Temperance Band

Aberblaengwynfi Silver
See: Aber and Blaengwynfi Workmens Silver Band

Abercanaid Brass Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1890s

Abercarn Welfare Brass Band - Monmouthshire
Active in the early 1900s. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s and the Grand Shield in 1947

Abercorris Brass Band - Merioneth
Formed in January 1867, comprised chiefly of men engaged at the different slate and slab quarries in the vicinity, 18 in number. The instruments were purchased by the men themselves, uniforms of grey cloth turned up with yellow.

Abercynon Brass Band - Glamorgan
Formed in the 1890s, had paid off the instruments by 1899 - conductor William Way. In 1900 the band collected £4 as a donation to the war reservists' fund. Later known as Abercynon Prize Silver Band. Still active in the 1930s

Aberdare Church Mission Brass Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1890s

Aberdare Industrial School Brass Band - Glamorgan
Founded in 1884, however it may not have lasted long. The school, which was largely farm-based, had 145 pupils in 1881, but had dwindled to 80 by 1887 at which time questions were being raised about its management and viability. The band was active once again in the early 1900s.
Aberdare Town Band - Glamorgan
   Active in 1878, when they had a new “hussars” uniform. Took part in the first National Championships in 1900, conducted by Jesse Manley. Active through to around 1910, also known as Ysguborwen Brass Band (or Sguborwen Temperance Band). It was revived in 1910 for a short period under conductor Harry Bentley, but did not survive WW1.

Aberdare Training School Brass Band
   See: Aberdare Industrial School Brass Band

Aberdare Volunteers Band - Glamorgan
   Active in the 1880s

Aberdeen Blind Asylum Brass Band - Aberdeenshire
   Active in 1867, conductor Mr Coombs. All the players were employees of the asylum

Aberdeen Boys and Girls' Hospital Brass Band - Aberdeenshire
   Active in the late 1870s

Aberdeen City Brass Band (1) - Aberdeenshire
   Active in 1857

Aberdeen City Brass Band (2) - Aberdeenshire
   Founded in 1957 by a former conductor of the Stoneywood Band, Alexander Buchan. Some of the original members transferred from Stoneywood, finding it more convenient to attend practices in Aberdeen. Throughout the 1960's and 70's the City band was much in demand for concert appearances and had some notable successes in concerts. On two occasions the band took first place in the Scottish Championships, thus qualifying to play in the British finals in London. By the 90's however membership had declined to the point that the band had many more instruments than musicians, and the band merged with UDI Brass in 1997, to form UDI Aberdeen City Band and also Aberdeen Community Band,

Aberdeen Community Band - Aberdeenshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1997

Aberdeen Foresters' Brass Band - Aberdeenshire
   Active from the late 1880s, conductor William Alder in 1891, Charles Morrison in 1893. Still active in 1896

Aberdeen Rechabite Brass Band - Aberdeenshire
   Active in 1899

Aberdeen Rifles Band - Aberdeenshire
   Active in 1909

Aberdeen Temperance Brass Band - Aberdeenshire
   Active in 1868

Aberdeen Trades Professional Brass Band - Aberdeenshire
   Active in 1898, secretary P. Hutchinson

Aberdeen Volunteer Artillery Brass Band - Aberdeenshire
   Active in the 1900s, conductor William Wood.

Aberdulais Tin Works Silver Band
   T. Morgan was the conductor in 1922

Aberfeldy Brass Band (1) - Perthshire
   Active in the 1860s, folded before 1874
Aberfeldy Brass Band (2) - Perthshire
Formed in 1875, active through to WW1. Conductor Mr Finlayson in 1904. It folded around 1907, with the instruments and uniforms being stored at the Town Hall. The band was revived in 1909.

Abergavenny Borough Band - Monmouthshire
[current band] - Founded in 1891 - Former names: Abergavenny Brass Band (to 1906)

Abergavenny Brass Band - Monmouthshire
[previous name of current band] See: Abergavenny Brass Band

Abergavenny Imperial Band - Monmouthshire
[no information]

Abergavenny London and North Western Railway Band - Monmouthshire
Active in the early 1900s, conductor G.E. Guy in 1903.

Abergavenny Temperance Band - Monmouthshire
[no information]

Abergele Brass Band - Denbighshire
Active in 1855, 1862

Abergorcery Colliery Band - Treorchy, Glamorgan
See: Abergorcery Town Band

Abergorcery Town Band - Treorchy, Glamorgan
Active in 1918 to the late 1930s. Also known as Abergorcery Workmen's Band, Abergorchy Colliery Band. Conductor J.G. Dobbing in 1918

Abergorcery Workmen's Band
See: Abergorcery Town Band

Abergorky Town Band
See: Abergorcery Town Band

Abergwynfi Brass Band - Glamorgan
Active in the early 1900s. Conductor in 1903, George Dimmock. The band obtained new instruments in 1904.

Abergynolwyn Band - Merioneth
[current band] - Founded in 1925

Abergynolwyn Brass Band - Merioneth
Active in the early 1900s

Aberkenfig and Tondu Band
See: Tondu and Aberkenfig Silver Band

Aberllefenni Brass Band - Merioneth
Active from the 1890s to WW1

Aberpergwm Brass Band - Glynneath,
Formed in 1906 and conducted by Mr Thomas Sands - was a keen rival to the Glynneath Silver Band. It only lasted two years and folded around 1908.

Aberteifi Town Band - Cardiganshire
Active in the 1990s. Also known as Cardigan Town Band

Abertillery Colliery Band
See: Abertillery Silver Band

Abertillery Silver Band - Monmouthshire
Active in the 1890s through to WW1

Abertillery Temperance Band
See: Abertillery Silver Band
Abertridwr Silver Band
See: Windsor Colliery Workmen’s Silver Band

Abertridwr Welfare Band
See: Windsor Colliery Workmen’s Silver Band

Abertysswg Public Band
See: Abertysswg Silver Band

Abertysswg Silver Band - Monmouthshire
Active from the early 1900s to the late 1980s

Abertysswg Youth Silver Band - Monmouthshire
Competed in the 1964 West of England Regional Championships (4th Section), conducted by W.T. Davies

Aberystwyth British Legion Band - Cardiganshire
Active from the 1950s to 1990s

Aberystwyth Briton Band - Cardiganshire
Active in the 1880s. Merged with the Aberystwyth Excelsior Band in the 1890s to form the current Aberystwyth Silver Band.

Aberystwyth Excelsior Band - Cardiganshire
Active in the 1880s. Merged with the Aberystwyth Briton Band in the 1890s to form the current Aberystwyth Silver Band.

Aberystwyth Silver Band - Cardiganshire
[current band] - Founded in the 1890s

Abingdon Band - Oxfordshire
[current band] - Founded in 1965

Abingdon Brass Band (1) - Berkshire
Active in the 1840s

Abingdon Brass Band (2) - Berkshire
Formed in the early 1880s, known as Abingdon Town Band from 1888. Folded in the early 1960s. A successor band was formed in 1965.

Abingdon Town Band - Berkshire
See: Abingdon Brass Band (2)

Abinger Brass Band - Abinger Common, Surrey
Active in 1861

Able Jack (Stanton) Band
See: Stanton under Bardon Brass Band

Abraham Darby Band
See: South Telford Band

Abram Colliery Band
See: Bickershaw Colliery Band

Abthorpe Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active around 1900 through to around 1930. Organised a contest in the village from 1899-1902. Conductor in 1910 was F. Bates

Accrington Borough Band - Lancashire
Active in 1902 and through to the 1930s

Accrington Christ Church School Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1856
Accrington Old Band - Lancashire

Formed in 1842, funded by public subscription. There were a total of 24 instruments, including such long forgotten items as Ophicleids and Serpents. Around 1854, largely as a result of the technological development of valve instruments, the brass band came to the fore. Conductor in the 1850s and 1860s was Radcliffe Barnes. In 1859 and 1860, political upheavals in Europe led to the War Office raising volunteer military corps of over 130,000 men. Accrington Old Band got swept up in this and became the 7th Volunteer Rifle Corps (Lancs.) and later known as the 3rd Lancashire Volunteer Regiment. In the late 1880s the name Accrington Primrose League Band was adopted, a patriotic gesture at the time. (The Primrose League was a Conservative Party group with very patriotic beliefs and took its identity from what was believed to be Prime Minister Disraeli’s favourite flower.) Conductor in 1904 was Edmund Lee. In September 1914, under their original name, the Accrington Old Band was reported by the Accrington Observer as leading the parade of the newly formed Accrington Pals Battalion. “They played lively tunes as they marched past the Mayor who stood in front of Accrington Town Hall.” After WW1 the band reverted to a mixed brass/reed formation, in which it continues as the East Lancashire Concert Band.

Accrington Primrose League Band - Lancashire
See: Accrington Old Band

Accrington Subscription Band - Lancashire
See: Accrington Old Band

Aceprint Gawthorpe Victoria Band
See: Gawthorpe Victoria Band

Ackton Colliery Band
See: Ackton Hall and Snydale Workmens Band

Ackton Hall and Snydale Colliery Band
See: Ackton Hall and Snydale Workmens Band

Ackton Hall and Snydale Workmens Band
Active through the 1950s to early 1980s. Competed in the Junior Shield in 1962, conducted by T. Sellers. In early 1977 it was disbanded, then immediately reformed with a new constitution - to help assuage the drain of players to other bands. Folded again in the mid/late 1980s.

Ackton Hall Band
See: Ackton Hall and Snydale Workmens Band

Ackworth Parish Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1880s to the 1900s. Conductor in 1906 was A. Denton

Acocks Green Brass Band - Worcestershire
Active in the early 1900s

Acomb Brass Band - Northumberland
Active in 1858, and in 1864 when they played at the Hexham Flower Show in September. In 1878 they were attached to the 11th Northumberland (Corbridge) Volunteers. Still active through to the 1920. The principal cornet player around 1870s and 1880s was Joseph Henderson, conductor Haydon Bridge in 1891. In the late 1890s they were attached to the 1st Volunteer Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers.

Acomb Colliery Band - Northumberland
Active in 1892.
Acrefair Brass Band - Denbighshire
  Active in the 1860s and 1870s, also in the 1900s, conductor J.L. Griffiths

Active in the 1900s
  See: Rutherglen Excelsior Temperance Band

Acton and Rhosddu Brass Band
  See: Rhosddu and Acton Brass Band

Acton Borough Brass Band - Middlesex
  Active in 1927 (possibly a renamed Acton Town Band)

Acton Brass Band
  See: Acton Town Band (1)

Acton Green Brass Band - Middlesex
  Played at a concert in 1900

Acton Lane British School Brass Band - Chipping Sodbury, Gloucestershire
  Active in 1886

Acton Temperance (Prize) Brass Band - Middlesex
  Present at a meeting of Temperance Branch in 1899. Conductor J. Wornell. Played at the laying of the foundation stone for the electricity works in 1904

Acton Town Band (1) - Middlesex
  Active in 1880 and the 1890s - presumed to have folded before 1900 when a successor band was formed.

Acton Town Band (2) - Middlesex
  Formed in 1900. Listed in the Acton Almanac 1907 - Secretary P Gillett, 39 Grove Road.

Acton Village Brass Band - Middlesex
  Played at a Feast in 1867 and at Hampton Court in 1868

Adamless Eden Ladies Brass Band
  Active in 1895. A professional band, part of the Adamless Eden comic opera and touring company

Adderbury and Bloxham Brass Band - Oxfordshire
  Active in the 1850s to 1859

Adderbury Brass Band - Oxfordshire
  See: Adderbury and Bloxham Brass Band

Adderley Street Gas Works Brass Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
  Active in the early 1900s

Addingham Brass Band (1) - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1843/1844. In 1865 it played at the opening of the Midland and Northeastern Railway’s extension to Ilkley and Otley. Still active in 1869

Addingham Brass Band (2) - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Founded in 1902, conductors Mr Hibbs in 1903, J. Martin in 1908. Active in the 1920s when they chanced to cause a little damage to school furniture during a concert given at the school.

Addlestone British Legion Band - Surrey
  Formed in 1929

Addlestone Excelsior Prize Band
  See: Addlestone Temperance Band

Addlestone Temperance Band - Surrey
  Formed in 1905, later became Addlestone Excelsior Prize Band and by the mid 1920s had become a mixed brass and woodwind ensemble and became known as Addlestone
Military Band, later merged with Chertsey Town Silver Prize Band to form Weymann’s Works Band

Addlestone, Chertsey and District Brass Band - Surrey
Possibly the same as Addlestone Temperance Band

Adel Reformatory Brass Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1877 and the 1880s and 1893. Mr J.W. Cheshire was conductor. A typical story of one of the boys notes: “He was rescued from the demoralising custody of dissolute parents, and being placed in the band, speedily exhibited that passion for music and close application to the study of its principles which has led to his occupying the honourable position of bandmaster in Her Majesty’s service.” A visitor to the Reformatory in 1887 remarked: “I heard the well trained band perform a selection from “Masaniello”. I have heard that particular excerpt performed by a goodly number of bands at one time and another, and I have heard it rendered by grown up musicians in a manner which would give no cause for envy to the band boys of the Reformatory at Adel.”

Adelaide Grove Brass Band - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
Active in the 1900s

Adwalton Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1900s

Afan Valley Workmen’s Prize Band - Cwmafan,
Active in 1897. Played at the ceremonial opening of Port Talbot Memorial Park on the 26th June 1926 at 3p.m.

Agecroft Colliery Band
See: Hulton Brass Band

Agnes Street Temperance Band
See: Agnes Street Band

Aigburth Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
Active in 1860 and in the early 1900s, conductor A. Butler, to the 1930s

Aigburth Subscription Band
See: Aigburth Brass Band

Aikton Brass Band - Cumberland
Active the 1900s. In June 1903 it promoted the latest of a series of annual picnic and sports at Wiggonby. The bandmaster at the time was Mr Thompson.

Aikton Temperance Band
See: Aikton Brass Band

Ainsdale Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the early 1890s to the 1900s

Ainstable Brass Band - Cumberland
Active in 1863, conductor Mr Wallace. Still active in 1867

Ainsworth Brass Band - Lancashire
Formed in November 1891 by William Norman Rayson. He had started earlier local bands at Breightmet Bleachworks, his place of work, and in the village of Ainsworth but both were short lived. In 1891 he again gathered together some local musicians and Ainsworth Brass Band was formed. In the mid 1890’s the band was engaged to play at Bolton ice rink at the bottom of Chorley Old Road. The bandsmen would walk to Bolton and then at the end of the evening walk back at one or two o’clock in the morning, back to Ainsworth village. Often they would pause on their way home through the fields and
enjoy an informal concert. Their best soloists would play and sing and the whole band would thoroughly enjoy themselves. On one November 5th the band found a deserted bonfire still burning. They gathered round and played 'Hail smiling Morn', the band serenaded the neighbourhood for a while before marching off to a lively quick march! They changed their name to Ainsworth Public Subscription Band in 1946 after having been disbanded during the war. In the 1950's the band took sponsorship from a local firm and changed its name to the Irwell Forge Band. They were sponsored by Airtours the travel company in 1986. Following difficult trading conditions the sponsorship deal ended in 1989. Due to its Bury roots, and the fact that Bury Silver Band were not playing at that time, the band was renamed as Bury Brass Band. They played on under that name until 1997 when the band eventually folded due to lack of a fixed affordable rehearsal space and being down to twelve members. Conductors have included C. H. Partington (1933-38), Harry Hodgson (1938-48) and Frank Kay (c. 1950)

Ainsworth Public Subscription Band
See: Ainsworth Brass Band

Alntree Brass Band - Lancashire
Formed in 1902, conductor S. Harrison. Another report indicates an Aintree Band being active in 1897.

Air Balloon Hill Brass Band - St George, Bristol, Gloucestershire
Active in the 1890s to 1900s. Conductor George White in 1902.

Air Balloon Hill Temperance Band
See: Air Balloon Hill Brass Band

Air Rifle Club Band
Active in 1931

Aircraft Components Limited Band - Gloucestershire
[previous name of current band] See: Cheltenham Silver Band

Airdrie Old Union Band - Lanarkshire
See: Airdrie Union Band

Airdrie Saxhorn Band - Lanarkshire
Active in 1857 to 1886

Airdrie Union Brass Band - Lanarkshire
The Airdrie Union Band was founded in 1819 and survived to celebrate its centenary as the Airdrie Old Union Band. Originally it was a mixed brass and reed instrument band. Around 1860 - to the disgust of some members - it converted to being a full brass band. Among its many concerts it played at functions and marches of many of the town's friendly societies, trade societies and Masonic lodges. Shortly after the Band's formation it was reputed to have been involved in the political parades and demonstrations around Airdrie which were part of the nationwide movement of Radical agitation in late 1819 and early 1820. The formation of the Band may even have been connected with this movement. (The Articles of the Band give the false impression that it was founded in November 1820). Also known as the 29th Lanarkshire Rifle Volunteers Band at some time. In 1871 William Donaldson, who had been conductor for fifty-two years, died. The band then became dormant, but was resuscitated in 1872, conductor Charles E. Murdoch; began to compete 1879; to 1888 had attended fourteen contests, and won prizes value £80. Records of the band, from 1836-1910, are held by the North Lanarkshire Council Archives. These include a Roll Book, 1836-c 1905; typed transcript of the Articles of the Airdrie Union Band with annotations, c 1910; Handwritten notes (by James Knox?)
concerning Airdrie Union Band, 1875; Records concerning the purchase of new instruments for the Airdrie Old Union Silver Band including correspondence, a band list, extracts from accounts and receipts, 1907-1909. The band was still active into the 1980s when it was became Monklands Concert Brass. The Monklands Concert Brass Youth Band held a 30 year reunion in 2011 - but it is not clear when the band(s) actually folded.

**Aire and Calder Brass Band** - Castleford, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1870s and 1880s

**Airedale Brass Band** - Idle, Yorkshire (West Riding)
*See: Idle Airedale Brass Band*

**Airedale Good Templar Brass Band** - Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1874

**Airquick (Newark) Band** - Nottinghamshire
*See: Ransome Band*

**Aislaby Brass Band** - near Sleights, Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1847. In 1859 it took part in the Lofthouse Grand Village Band Contest in November that year. It was conducted by R Corney, had 9 performers, and played La Somnambula by Bellini and the test piece, Grand Parade March by Jones. Still active in 1879.

**Aitkenhead Brass Band** - Lanarkshire
Active in the 1890s and early 1900s. James Barclay was bandmaster at one time. Conductor A. Hutchison in 1891, W. Cole in 1899. Aitkenhead was located near Tannochside/Thorniewood/Nackerty, Lanarkshire

**Akbar Nautical School Band** - Cheshire
The Akbar Nautical School for Boys was opened in 1909 at Heswall, on the Wirral. It replaced the Reformatory Ship Akbar which had been scrapped in November 1907 - which had its own band. The band was active in the 1910s and 1920s.

**Akroyd's Brass Band** - Halifax, Yorkshire (West Riding)
A band formed by the workers at the worsted mills of James Akroyd & Son

**Albany Brass Band** - Witham, Essex
Active in the 1890s and 1900. Conductor J. Nightingale in 1898.

**Albemarle Brotherhood Brass Band** - Taunton, Somerset
Active in 1913

**Albert Brass Band** - Birmingham, Warwickshire
*See: Royal Albert Brass Band*

**Albert Brass Band** - Darlington, Durham
Active in 1874, conductor George Hoggett

**Albert Brass Band** - Pickering, Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1859

**Albert Brass Band** - Northamptonshire
[previous name of current band] *See: Kettering Town Silver Band*

**Albert Edward Operatic Brass Band** - North Shields, Northumberland
Active in 1880s and early 1900s

**Albert Hall Mission Band** - Nottingham, Nottinghamshire
*See: Albert Hall Silver Band*

**Albert Hall Silver Band** - Nottingham, Nottinghamshire
Active in 1902 through to WW1. Conductor J.T. Thompson (1902-1908), H. Cumberland (1908-). Their bandroom was destroyed by fire in 1908. Conductor A. Towers in 1913
Albert Hill Band
Active in 1913

Albert Institute Brass Band - Cambridge, Cambridgeshire
Active around 1885. G.H. Kirkup played the baritone at that time in the band. Also in that year the bandmaster Joseph Coulson went missing for several days.

Albert Memorial Band - Birkenhead, Cheshire
Active in 1918

Albert Memorial Band - Manchester, Lancashire
Active in the 1880s through to the 1900s. Based at Queens Road, Manchester

Albert Memorial Sunday School Brass Band
See: Albert Memorial Band

Albert Street Iron Works Band - Bilston, Staffordshire
Active in 1892

Albion Brass Band - Cambridge, Cambridgeshire
See: Cambridge Albion Brass Band

Albion Brass Band - Castleford, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1856

Albion Brass Band - Derby, Derbyshire
See: Derby Albion Brass Band

Albion Brass Band - Grantham, Lincolnshire
See: Grantham Albion Brass Band

Albion Brass Band - Hucknall,
See: Hucknall Albion Brass Band

Albion Brass Band - Manningtree,
See: Manningtree Albion Brass Band

Albion Brass Band - Nottingham, Nottinghamshire
See: Nottingham Albion Brass Band

Albion Brass Band - Shoreditch, Middlesex
Active in 1860

Albion Brass Band - Sleaford,
See: Sleaford Albion Brass Band

Albion Colliery Brass Band - Cilfynydd, Glamorgan
Founded in 1905, conductor Gus Foxhall.

Albion Dockyard Silver Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
Active from the 1940s until 1966 when it merged with the then Kingswood Hill Silver Band.

Albion Foresters Band - Nottingham, Nottinghamshire
Active around 1877

Albion Mills Brass Band
See: Albion Mills Temperance Band

Albion Mills Temperance Band - Droylsden, Lancashire
Active in 1890 through to WW1

Albury Brass Band - Surrey
Active in the 1900s

Alcester RSO Band - Warwickshire
Active in 1901
Alcester Town Band - Warwickshire  
Active in the early 1900s, conductor Mr Tennemore.

Alcester Victoria Silver Band - Warwickshire  
[current band] - Founded in 1897

Alcester Victoria Youth Band - Warwickshire  
[previous name of current band] See: Arrow Valley Brass

Aldborough and Boroughbridge Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
Active in 1873, when it was described as being “only young” - so probably formed in the early 1870s. However there was a Boroughbridge Brass Band in the 1850s, so perhaps this was a successor band. Still active as Boroughbridge Brass Band in the late 1880s. Conductor T. Archer in 1877.

Aldbourne Band - Wiltshire  
[current band] - Founded in 1860 - Note: From the Marlborough Times dated Saturday, September 1st 1860 - “.............have taken the necessary steps for the formation of a brass band, towards which, we are happy to hear some of the principle inhabitants have subscribed handsomely. The list is headed by the Rev G.P.Cleather, F.Neate, T.Chandler and others. The band will be under the tuition of Mr Richard Brown Bunce, by whom as bandmaster any subscriptions or contributions will be received”.

Aldborough Brass Band - Aldbrough St John, Yorkshire (North Riding)  
Active in 1864

Aldeburgh Town Band - Suffolk  
Active in 1892 when James Fisher was secretary. The conductor was J. Chapman in 1898.

Alder Valley Brass Band - Hampshire  
[current band] - Founded in 1961 - Former names: Aldershot Brass Ensemble

Alderton Brass Band - Warwickshire  
Active in 1865, conductor Mr Steele. Still active in 1868

Aldershot Amateur Brass Band - Hampshire  
Active in 1872

Aldershot Brass Ensemble - Hampshire  
[previous name of current band] See: Alder Valley Brass Band
Aldershot Prize Band - Hampshire
Active in 1919

Aldershot Town Brass Band (1) - Hampshire
Active in the 1900s, merged with Aldershot Victoria Band, disbanding prior to 1908.

Aldershot Town Brass Band (2) - Hampshire
Active in the 1950s

Aldershot Victoria Band - Hampshire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s, merged with Aldershot Town Brass Band, disbanding prior to 1908.

Alderson Band
See: Alderson’s Band

Alderson’s Adult School Brass Band - Stockton-on-Tees, Durham
Active in 1884 and 1890

Alderton Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active in 1856, when it headed celebrations in the town to mark the return of peace. Took part in a procession at Broadway in 1874. Photographed at the Plough Inn, Ford in 1905, conductor Mr. Covey. Also active in 1962 (probably a successor band).

Aldington Band - Worcestershire
Active in 1901 when it received £3 15s. 0d. from the parish to pay the balance due for their new instruments and also 8s. for new music. In July that year John Roberts, a returning soldier from the Boer War, was met by the band at the entrance to the village, and escorted in triumph to his home. Still active in 1911.

Aldridge and District Band - Staffordshire
[previous name of current band] See: Staffordshire Band

Aldridge Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active around 1880/1890

Aldridge Brownhills Brass Band - Staffordshire
[previous name of current band] See: Staffordshire Band

Aldridge Colliery Silver Prize Band - Staffordshire
[previous name of current band] See: Staffordshire Band

Aldridge Colliery Silver Prize Band - Staffordshire
Formed in 1920 after the Walsall Wood Temperance Band went bankrupt. The band practised in a large garage in Brookland Road. Mr Tom Smith was the conductor in the 1920’s. Arthur Reeves was the band secretary and also played the trombone. Other players were J Breeze, B Snape, Bradford, J Welsh, and E Westwood. It is believed they performed in a short radio concert on BBC radio in the 1930’s. The band joined with Bloxwich British Legion Band and Bescot Band during the Second World War to form the Walsall Home Guard Band. This was disbanded after the war. The Aldridge Colliery Band continued after the War, to disband in 1950.

Aldridge Town Band - Staffordshire
[previous name of current band] See: Staffordshire Band

Alexander Brass Band - London (North)
Formed around 1898

Alexander Stephen and Sons’ Brass Band - Kelvinhaugh, Lanarkshire
Active in the mid-1860s until the firm left the Kelvinhaugh site in 1871. The band was composed largely of the shipbuilding firm's apprentices.
Alexander Watson’s Brass Band - Kemback, Fife
   See: Messrs Alexander Watson’s Works Brass Band

Alexandra Brass Band - Bath, Somerset
   Active in the 1880s to 1900s

Alexandra Brass Band - Bethnal Green, Middlesex
   Active in 1869

Alexandra Brass Band - Bridlington, Yorkshire (East Riding)
   See: Bridlington Alexandra Brass Band

Alexandra Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
   See: Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Alexandra Band

Alexandra Brass Band - Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding)
   See: Middlesbrough Alexandra Brass Band

Alexandra Brass Band - Parkgate, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Parkgate Alexandra Brass Band

Alexandra Brass Band - Wivenhoe, Essex
   See: Wivenhoe Alexandra Brass Band

Alexandra Dock Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
   See: Liverpool L. and N.W. Railway Band

Alexandra Docks (L. and N.W.) Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
   See: Liverpool L. and N.W. Railway Band

Alexandra L. and Y.R. Brass Band - Newton Heath, Lancashire
   See: Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Alexandra Band

Alexandra L.M.S. Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
   Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Alford Brass Band - Aberdeenshire
   Active in the 1850s and in the early 1900s. Conductor Mr Royan resigned in 1901.

Alford Brass Band - Oldham, Lancashire
   See: Alford Excelsior Band

Alford Excelsior Band - Lincolnshire
   Formed in the 1860s as a Rifle Brigade Band. It then became the Alford Excelsior Brass Band until 1900, when it divided into two separate bands. Conductor Mr Phillips in 1885. The outbreak of World War I and the loss of many players to the armed forces caused the suspension of the brass bands in Alford, and it was not until the 1920s that a band reformed. This was initially in the guise of the British Legion Band, but which then changed to become the Alford Town Band, the first to bear the town's proud name. Sadly, the outbreak of World War II saw the demise of this band. A successor band was formed in the 1960s.

Alford Silver Band - Lincolnshire
   [current band]

Alford Street Mission Brass Band - Oldham, Lancashire
   Active in the mid-1900s

Alford Town Band
   See: Alford Excelsior Band

Alfred Street Brass Band - Leicester, Leicestershire
   Active in the 1890s - probably linked to the Christian Institute in Alfred Street.

Alfreton Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active from the late 1850s to around 1900
Alfreton Church Brass Band - Derbyshire
  Active from 1895 to 1899. William Williams was conductor during this period

Alfreton Church Temperance Band - Derbyshire
  See: Alfreton Church Brass Band

Alfreton St John Ambulance Brigade Band - Derbyshire
  Active in 1916

Alfreton Temperance Band - Derbyshire
  See: Alfreton Church Brass Band

Alfreton Town Band - Derbyshire
  See: Alfreton Brass Band

Alhambra Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
  Active in 1867. A professional brass band of 20 performers, conductor J.B. Acey, based at the Alhambra Music Hall, Hull

All Saints and St Clement's Brass Band
  See: Hastings All Saints Brass Band

All Saints and Volunteers Band
  See: All Saints Brass Band (Hindley)

All Saints Brass Band - Blackburn, Lancashire
  See: Blackburn All Saints Brass Band

All Saints Brass Band - Hastings, Sussex
  See: Hastings All Saints Brass Band

All Saints Brass Band - Hindley, Lancashire
  Active in the 1880s/1890s. In connection with the local volunteers it became the 82nd Lancashire Rifle Volunteers Band in the mid-1880s

All Saints Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
  See: Newton Heath All Saints Band

All Saints Brass Band - Newmarket,
  Active in 1880

All Saints Brass Band - Portsmouth, Hampshire
  Active in 1936

All Saints Brass Band - Preston, Lancashire
  Active in 1853 through 1885

All Saints Brass Band - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1890s and 1900s. The founder and conductor was Thomas Wright

All Saints Brass Band - Wellingborough, Northamptonshire
  Active in 1879 through to the 1890s. Conductor in 1888 was T. Loasby

All Saints Brass Band - Whalley, Lancashire
  Active in 1886

All Saints Brass Band - Wokingham, Berkshire
  Active in the 1890s and 1900s

All Saints Scouts Band - Hampshire
  [previous name of current band] See: City of Southampton (Albion) Band

All Saints Sunday School Brass Band
  See: Newton Heath All Saints Band

All Saints Temperance Brass Band
  See: All Saints Brass Band (Wellingborough)
All Souls Parish Church Band - Ancoats, Lancashire
   Active from the 1930s to the 1960s

Allendale Saxhorn Band
   See: Allendale Town Brass Band

Allendale Town Brass Band - Northumberland

Allenheads Band - Northumberland
   Active in 1931

Allerton Brass Band - near Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Allerton Mill Brass Band

Allerton Bywater Colliery Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1980s

Allerton Bywater Comrades Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1920s

Allerton Colliery Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1940s/50s

Allerton Mill Brass Band - near Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1865

Allenton Band - Derbyshire
   Active from 1866 to the 1900s. Conductor G. Hitchcock in 1908

Alliance and Leicester Kibworth Band - Leicestershire
   [previous name of current band] See: Kibworth Band

Alliance Brass - London (South)
   Formed in September 2000 by two ex-students of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama: Lewis Edney and Ben Ellin. The aim of the band was to allow students in London to play together in an ensemble that they might not otherwise have been able to experience. The band was originally conducted by Ben Ellin, then by John Clark from 2003. Following promotion to the Championship Section in 2002, they qualified Finals in 2003 and 2004 and won the Senior Trophy in 2005. They disbanded in 2008

Alliance Brass Band - Holborn, Middlesex
   Active in the 1860s, rehearsing in Red Lion Street, conductor H. Sibold, secretary E. Fletcher. In 1862 it rehearsed at 47 Baldwin Street, City Road, Mondays and Thursdays, 8-10

Alliance Brass Band - Horncastle, Lincolnshire
   See: Horncastle Alliance Brass Band

Alliance Brass Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Leeds Alliance Brass Band

Alliance Cabinet Makers’ Brass Band - High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire
   Active in 1892

Allington Brass Band - Dorset
   Active in 1869, conductor Mr Hughes

Allington Brass Band - Lincolnshire
   Active in 1858. Conductor Mr Harrison in 1859. Still active in 1861

Alloa Burgh Band - Clackmannanshire
   Formed 1875 following the disbanding of the 1st Clackmannanshire Rifle Volunteer Band. In 1881 it attended the first contest held at Wemyss Castle and won first prize. Had
won seventeen prizes totalling £249 by 1888, when they were conducted by George Irvine. Between then and 1894 it secured 29 first places and 13 seconds and had an income of £3000. Won the Scottish Championships in 1897. They were also the first band to engage an English conductor, Richard Marsden (1889-92). The minutes, cash books and abstracts of accounts with bandmasters' reports, 1888-1951, are held in the Clackmannanshire Council Archives. Previous conductors included: John McBeath (1875), James Jenkins (1886), Richard Marsden (1889), J. E. Robinson (1892), W. Swingler (1904), Mr. Ogsden (1906) and H. Muddiman (1907-46). Merged with Alva Town Band in 1991 to form Clackmannan District Brass Band.

**Alloa Collieries Band** - Clackmannanshire
  Active in the 1950s, conductor Charles Telfer.

**Alloa Colliery Band (1)** - Clackmannanshire
  Formed 10th September 1881. Conductor in 1888 was John McBeath

**Alloa Colliery Band (2)**
  See: Alloa Collieries Band

**Alloa Instrumental Band**
  See: Alloa Burgh Band

**Alloa Town Band**
  See: Alloa Burgh Band

**Alloa Trades Band** - Clackmannanshire
  Active in the 1880s, conductor George Irvine.

**Alltwen Silver Band** - Glamorgan
  Active in the early 1900s to 1910. Conductor Russell Davies in 1902. Obtained new instruments in 1904

**Alma Colliery Band** - Pelton,
  Active in 1907

**Alma Road Mission Band** - Enfield, Middlesex
  Active in the 1900s

**Alma Tube Works Band** - Walsall, Staffordshire
  Active in 1863, 1864

**Almer Brass Band** - Dorset
  Active in the 1880s. E. Joyce secretary in 1881

**Almer Temperance Brass Band**
  See: Almer Brass Band

**Almondbury and Lowerhouses Band**
  See: Almondbury Brass Band

**Almondbury Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1851, 1872, 1894, 1909. Probably folded during WW1 and a successor band forming in the 1920s. In 1933 they appointed James Macdonald as bandmaster, replacing R. Readshaw. Still active in 1947

**Almondbury United Band**
  See: Almondbury Brass Band

**Alnwick and District Band**
  See: Alnwick Town Band

**Alnwick Brass Band** - Northumberland
  Active in 1861, conductor Mr Taylor
Alnwick Town Band - Northumberland
   Active between 1900 and 1913. Conductor Fred Walsh in 1904

Alpaca Brass Band - Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1890s. Alpaca wool was the basis of Titus Salt’s woolen empire, culminating in the village of Saltaire. There was an Alpaca Mill at this time which may have been linked to the band.

Alpaca Temperance Band
   See: Alpaca Brass Band

Alpha Brass Band - Walsall, Staffordshire
   See: Alpha Tube Works Band

Alpha Tube Works Band - Walsall, Staffordshire
   Active in 1865, when they played at the Cottage Hospital Gala in August.

Alphington Brass Band - Devon
   Active during the 1990s

Alresford Brass Band - Hampshire
   Active in the 1860s

Alresford Silver Band - Essex
   Formed in 1910 as Alresford United Brass Band. With a few gaps during the two world wars and another in the 1950s, it finally reformed in 1963, but did not last long as many key players, who belonged to the Prince of Wales Own Regiment, were posted overseas and the band folded for the last time. The bandmaster during 1934-1938 was FW Watsham. For more details, see “Grandad Played The Cornet: A History of Brass Bands in North East Essex”, by David Cawdell.

Alresford Town Band - New Alresford, Hampshire
   Active in the 1900s, to 1908. Conductor T. Collister in 1903, F. Gentle from 1906

Alsop’s Mission Brass Band
   See: Deansgate Mission Brass Band

Alston (Mountain Rifles) Volunteer Band
   See: Alston Brass Band

Alston Amateur Brass Band - Cumberland
   See: Alston Brass Band

Alston Brass Band - Cumberland
   Formed around 1850. May have been renamed to the Alston (Mountain Rifles) Volunteer Band, which in turn became Alston Town Band around 1902. Conductor T. Dowson in 1904. It became a Home Guard band during WW2 and performed its last public engagement in 1946. It was finally wound up in 1960. For further details see “Brass Bands on Alston Moor” at www.ibew.co.uk

Alston Town Band - Cumberland
   See: Alston Brass Band

Alstonefield Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in 1864, 1867. It may have folded sometime thereafter as an attempt at reviving the band was made in 1901. Presumably finally folded prior to 1914.

Alstonefield Free Gardeners’ Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in 1865

Alstonefield Village Band - Staffordshire
   Formed in 1914, its instruments were paid for by public subscription, and it still existed in 1920.
Altarnun Brass Band - Cornwall
   Situated west of Launceston, this band was formed c1864 and is known to have carried out engagements up to 1894. A known conductor was G Clifford (who was also conducting Launceston DCR Band). He finished with both bands in 1891 and was succeeded at Altarnun by J Deacon. Performed at the Pensilva Temperance Fete in August 1881, the Jubilee Celebrations in Altarun in July 1887, and agricultural competitions in Altarun in 1893, and June 1894.

Althorne Brass Band - Essex
   Active in the 1890s

Althorp Brass Band - Northamptonshire
   Active in the 1900s. Also known as Brington Brass Band

Althorp Rifles Band - Northamptonshire
   Active in the 1880s

Altofts and Normanton Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [current band] - Formed 1890 by Sir William Garforth. Conductors included: N. Sidebottom, J. Dyson, G. Walsh and Cyril Wilkinson (1950) - Former names: Pope and Pearson Colliery Band, Altofts West Riding and Silkstone Band (1886), West Riding and Silkston Band (1890), Altofts and Whitwood Collieries Band (1930s), Lee Brig Altofts and Normanton Band

Altofts and Whitwood Collieries Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Altofts and Normanton Brass Band

Altofts Silkstone Band
   Active in the 1880s

Altofts West Riding and Silkstone Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Altofts and Normanton Brass Band

Alton Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1850s and 1860s

Alton Brass Band - Hampshire
   Active in the 1850s through to the 1900s. Conductor H. B. WIngett around 1870.

Alton Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in 1856

Alton Mission Brass Band
   See: Alton Wesleyan Mission Brass Band

Alton Wesleyan Mission Brass Band - Hampshire
   Active in the 1900s. George Cooper conductor in 1907

Altrincham and Dunham Silver Band
   Active between 1877 and 1914

Altrincham Borough Band - Cheshire
   Formed in the 1870s. Charles Charles Ashley conductor in 1884. Obtained new instruments in 1899. Active in 1910 and 1927. The band advertised, offering engagements in 1910 and 1918 - the President was John Leigh, Beech Lawn, Altrincham, and the Hon Secretary was James Archer, 16 Moss View, Lloyd Street, Altrincham. The Altrincham Borough Brass Band Ltd. company was incorporated in 1891 and dissolved before 1916. A newspaper report from October 1898 states: “An extraordinary affair took place at Altrincham on Saturday afternoon arising out of the rivalry of two local brass bands. Some months ago the old Altrincham Borough Band divided, and seceding members styled themselves the Altrincham Brass Band. Since its formation the band has been in
open rivalry with the original organization, and the dispute came to a climax when the 
new band anticipated its rival and obtained the use of Bowdon Athletic Ground, which 
had been used for several years by the Borough. The sports were held on Saturday 
afternoon, and the promoters had engaged the band of the Linotype Company to play 
through the streets. As this band was marching along Railway Street, the members of the 
Old Borough Band stationed themselves in the square, and while they tried to drown the 
music of the approaching band they were cheered by hundreds of spectators. When the 
bands came together, spectators and musicians engaged freely in a series of fights. The 
arrival of the police put an end to the row. Several bandsmen were severely mauled.” 
Still active in 1957

**Altrincham Brass Band** - Cheshire
Active in 1864. Conductor Charles Ashley in 1865. In 1887 it headed a procession of local 
tradesmen to welcome home Ellis Lever who had just been found not guilty in the 
“Salford Gas Scandal”.

**Altrincham Old Brass Band** - Cheshire 
Active in the 1900s. Promoted a contest in 1901

**Altrincham Prize Band** - Cheshire 
Active around 1914, from a picture showing “the band heading a procession, followed by 
the Local Branch of the Independent Order of Oddfellows entering Railway Street from 
George Street with the Woolpack Hotel on the left and The Stamford Arms on the right.”

**Altrincham Volunteer Band** 
Active in 1864

**Alum Rock Brass Band** - Warwickshire 
Active in 1911

**Alva Brass Band** - Clackmannanshire 
Active in 1856, 1863

**Alva Rifle Volunteers Band** - Clackmannanshire 
Founded in 1876, active to the early 1900s. Originally formed in 1840 as a military band, 
then disbanded in 1871,

**Alva Town Silver Band** - Clackmannanshire 
Formed as a military band in the 1830s. Became defunct in 1871 and was reformed as a 
brass band. A prolonged strike in the weaving trade broke it up, but it was resuscitated 
in 1876. Began contesting in 1879 and by 1888 had competed 28 times, winning 25 prizes 
totalling £400. Still active in 1950. Merged with the Alloa Burgh Band in 1991 to form 
Clackmannan District Brass Band.

**Alvaston and Boulton Brass Band** - Derbyshire 
Active in 1863. Conductor in 1892 was Mr T. Morley, secretary O.C. Smith. Still active in 
1909

**Alvaston Brass Band** - Derbyshire 
Active in 1869 and the 1890s. Conductor H. Fieldsend in 1899

**Alvaston Hall Brass Band** - Derbyshire 
Active in 1870

**Alvechurch Brass Band (1)** - Worcestershire 
Active in 1857. Folded prior to 1885, when a successor band was formed.

**Alvechurch Brass Band (2)** - Worcestershire 
Formed around 1885 and trained by Mr Thomas Thompson. Active through to the early 
1900s. Bandmaster in 1893 was Mr Blundell. Played regularly in the Square on Saturday
evenings during the summer months. Some of the members who played in the band were Blundell Snr, Blundell Jnr, Tommy Jenkins, Jack Truman, Walter Surman and his son, Mr Merryfield and Ben Court. The band was always in attendance at fetes and garden parties, and made a tour of the big houses to play carols at Christmas time. Their most important engagement was, without doubt, to play at the horse show held on Whit Monday.

**Alveley Colliery Band**
See: *Highley Brass Band*

**Alverstoke Brass Band** - Hampshire
Active in 1866.

**Alverstoke Oasis Band** - Hampshire
This band was from Alverstoke School and was formed from members of the Old Alverstoke Scholars Improvement Society. Active in 1861.

**Alverton Brass** - Nottinghamshire
[current band] - Founded in 2007

**Alvescot Brass Band (1)** - Oxfordshire
Active in the 1860s and 1870s

**Alvescot Brass Band (2)** - Oxfordshire
Formed in 1905, conductor A.G. Adams

**Alveston Band** - Gloucestershire
Active in 1867. In 1872 it travelled on the newly opened railway line from Thornbury to Yate, on September 2nd. Still active in 1899

**Alvins Walkden Brass Band**
See: *Walkden Brass Band*

**Alyth Brass Band** - Perthshire
Active in 1858, 1862

**Amalgamated Musicians’ Band** - Sunderland, Durham
See: *Sunderland Amalgamated Musicians’ Band*

**Amalgamated Musicians’ Union Band** - Dundee, Angus
Active in 1918

**Amalgamated Stevedores’ and Labourers' Protection Association Band** - Middlesex
Active in 1893

**Ambergate Brass Band** - Derbyshire
Active in 1859, conductor Mr Shotton, competed in a contest at Newcastle in June 1859.

**Amberley and Houghton Brass Band** - Gloucestershire
Active in the early 1900s, conductor G. Rampton.

**Amberley Brass Band** - Gloucestershire
Active from 1890 to the early 1920s

**Amberley Brass Band** - Sussex
Active in 1890 to the 1900s

**Amble Amateur Brass Band** - Northumberland
Active in 1876

**Amble and Radcliffe British Legion Band**
Active in the 1950s

**Amble and Radcliffe Colliery Brass Band**
See: *Radcliffe Colliery Band (2)*
Amble Town Band - Northumberland
   Active in 1907. Merged with Radcliffe Colliery Brass Band in the 1930s to form Amble and Radcliffe Colliery Brass Band

Amblecote Brass Band - Dudley, Staffordshire
   Active in the 1980s

Ambleside Rifle Volunteers Band - Westmorland
   Founded in 1882, conductor Mr Skelton. Disbanded in 1906

Ambleside Town Band - Westmorland
   Formed in the 1890s, active into the 1900s. Conductor Mr Crossland, to 1906, then Mr Backhouse.

Ambrosden Brass Band - Oxfordshire
   [no information]

American Slave Troupe Brass Band
   Active in 1867. A band attached to a touring show from the U.S.A. “The troupe consisted entirely of national ‘darkies’, not 'Christy Minstrels'. It is the first time on record that a full brass band, consisting entirely of negroes, has ever appeared in this country”. The troupe “prior to June 1865, were held as slaves in America”

Amers Brass Band (Mr. H. G.) - Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland
   Active in the 1870s, 1880s and around 1906

Amersham Band - Buckinghamshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1977

Amersham Brass Band (1) - Buckinghamshire
   Active from 1859 through the 1860s

Amersham Brass Band (2) - Buckinghamshire
   Founded by George Ward in 1890 as Amersham Sons of Temperance Brass Band. George Ward was elected Bandmaster, Secretary and Treasurer at the first meeting - he was a keen local photographer. By 1892 the ‘pledge had been broken' and the band had broken away from the 'Sons of Temperance', becoming Amersham Town Band. George Ward remained as bandmaster. Other members around this time included 'Dibe' Keen on bass drum, Tom Baker (trombone), and Jim Redding (euphonium). The band successfully played at the Amersham Flower Show and Fete, held by the Oddfellows and Foresters friendly societies, marching down the high street to the meadow each year in the summer. They also played at the recruitment meeting held on 11th September 1914 at the Town Hall. Old Amersham, rallying the recruitment drive with 'patriotic selections’ Unfortunately the band folded during WW1.

Amersham Brass Band (3) - Buckinghamshire
   Formed in the 1920s. They bought their first brand new uniforms for the Torchlight Jubilee Parade in May 1935 and proudly wore them whilst marching down the High Street to Shardeloes Park for the evening entertainment. The band was led by Herbert Fountain. lost a number of players during WW2 and was officially dissolved in 1951. A successor band was formed in 1977

Amersham Sons of Temperance Band - Buckinghamshire
   See: Amersham Brass Band (2)

Amersham Town Band - Buckinghamshire
   See: Amersham Brass Band (2)

Amesbury Brass Band - Wiltshire
   Active in 1851, conductor Mr Browne. Secretary M. Truckle in 1897
Amesbury British Legion Band - Wiltshire
    [previous name of current band] See: Amesbury Town Band

Amesbury Old Comrades’ Hut Band - Wiltshire
    [previous name of current band] See: Amesbury Town Band

Amesbury Temperance Brass Band - Wiltshire
    Formed in 1905, merged with Amesbury Town Brass Band in 1912

Amesbury Town Band - Wiltshire
    [current band] - Founded in 1870 - Former names: Amesbury Town Brass Band, Amesbury Old Comrades’ Hut Band (1919), Amesbury British Legion Band (1921), Amesbury Town Silver Prize Band (1922) - Note: Merged with Amesbury Temperance Brass Band (1905) in 1912

Amesbury Town Silver Prize Band - Wiltshire
    [previous name of current band] See: Amesbury Town Band

AMI Laser Restoration Sharlston Band
    See: Sharlston Colliery Band

Amington Band - Warwickshire
    [current band] - Founded in 1917 - Note: First bandmaster was Roland Davis. The band began by using old instruments, until they could raise enough money to buy new ones. After they had raised enough money, they also employed a professional tutor, William Pollard. They began to enter competitions and soon began to win them, including the National Brass Band contest held in Crystal Palace, London, in 1924. Much success followed and in 1928 they built their own band room in Sharpe Street and also performed on the BBC

Amington Brass Band - Staffordshire
    Active in the 1900s to WW1. Bandmaster in 1906 was A. Davis. A successor band was formed in 1917.

Amlwch Brass Band - Anglesey
    Active in the 1880s to WW1. Conductor in 1891, F. Matthews. Linked also to the Amlwch Conservative Working Men’s Club

Amlwch Conservative Brass Band
    See: Amlwch Brass Band

Ammanford and Betws Brass Band - Carmarthenshire
    [previous name of current band] See: Ammanford Town Silver Band

Ammanford Silver Band - Carmarthenshire
    [previous name of current band] See: Ammanford Town Silver Band

Ammanford Town Silver Band - Carmarthenshire
    [current band] - Founded in 1881 - Former names: Betws Brass Band, Ammanford and Betws Brass Band, Ammanford Urban District Silver Band, Ammanford Silver Band

Ammanford Urban District Silver Band - Carmarthenshire
    [previous name of current band] See: Ammanford Town Silver Band

Amoco Band
    See: Crookhall Colliery Band

Amotherby Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
    Active in 1864 to 1866

Amport Brass Band - Hampshire
    Active in 1860
Ancholme Iron Works Brass Band - Brigg, Lincolnshire
  Founded in 1857, conducted by Mr Acey. The ironworks were owned by James Hart and Sons.

Anchor Brewery Brass Band - Norwich, Norfolk
  Formed in 1885, active through to 1907

Ancient Order of Druids' Brass Band - Stalybridge, Cheshire
  Active in 1853, conductor W. Brook. Based at Castle Hall

Ancient Order of Foresters and Kirkby Thore Band
  See: Kirkby Thore Foresters’ Brass Band

Ancient Order of Foresters Brass Band - Darlington, Durham
  Active in 1840

Ancient Shepherds’ Band
  See: Stalybridge Ancient Shepherds’ Band

Ancoats Excelsior Band - Manchester, Lancashire
  Active in 1894, bandmaster John Fraser

Ancoats Lads Club Band
  Active in the 1910s to the early 1950s. Obtained new instruments in 1913, bandmaster Mr Taylor

Ancoats Lads Club Senior Band
  See: Ancoats Lads Club Band

Ancoats Perserverance Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
  Active in 1882

Ancoats Trinity Silver Band - Manchester, Lancashire
  Active in the late 1960s, early 1970s

Anderson Brass - Lancashire
  [previous name of current band] See: Wardle and District Anderson Brass

Anderston St Patrick Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
  Active in 1922

Andover Brass Band - Hampshire
  Formed in the 1840s and active through to WW1. E. Sherman conductor in 1903 and 1908.

Andover Municipal Band - Hampshire
  Active in the 1930s, folded during WW2.

Andover Temperance Band - Hampshire
  Active in the 1890s and 1900s, gaining some players from the rival Andover Town Band in 1901. Bandmaster E. Sherman in 1900, George Kirby in 1908.

Andover Town Band (1) - Hampshire
  See: Andover Brass Band

Andover Town Band (2) - Hampshire
  Formed some time after WW2, under Bandmster “Chirpy” Carol, folded before 2000.

Andover Town Band (3) - Hampshire
  [current band] - Founded in 2010

Andrews Heat for Hire Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  [previous name of current band] See: Unite the Union Brass Band

Anerley Schools Brass Band - Surrey
  Active in the 1880s through to the 1900s. This was based at the North Surrey Industrial School for pauper boys.
Anglo-Scotian Mills Brass Band - Borrowash, Derbyshire
Active in the 1890s, conductor J. Towle in 1892. The mills were owned by Messrs Wilkinson & Company.

Angmering Silver Band - Sussex
Active in the 1890s and 1900s, it probably disbanded in the 1920s after a hiatus due to WW1. Conductor in 1907 was Mr Peacock. “There was a Silver Band with 18 to 20 players. They had their club room behind The Lamb and met once or twice a week for practice. I always remember the big drum and there were two smaller ones, cymbals, flutes, trombones and cornets. The band marched to Ham Manor to play for Sir Henry and Lady Aubrey-Fletcher on a Saturday evening. When it was dark, a large square lantern was carried on a pole around which the instrumentalists grouped. The band attained a very high standard but was disbanded at the beginning of the 1914 war when many of the men were called up for active service.” In 1919 it was reported: “Another old Angmering institution has popped up again, smiling, after its war hibernation. We refer to the Angmering Silver Band. The members have got some new blood and now want some new instruments and music. What is more, they look like getting what they want, for the appeal that has been issued is being generously supported. Anything that adds to gaiety of village life has our strong support, and we wish the Band every success. There was a penchant for parades for any reason that could be devised, with Angmering Silver Band in the vanguard. A marriage or other rite of passage, of a local notable, was always a good reason for celebration. With newspapers centred at Littlehampton and Worthing, Angmering was in a kind of no-man's land between. It is good fortune that any reports were made, and the earliest parades may perhaps not have been covered. August was the month for these events, in all local parishes, and brass and silver bands from Rustington and Angmering were not averse to taking part in each other’s procession. In 1904, it was reported, some 150 members of three societies took part, with the two bands included, the regular meeting place being by the Fox Inn. From there, Patching and Clapham were visited, before the long trek down Water Lane to the village green. However, there is evidence that the return was via Hammerpot, so as to take in the upper part of Angmering, and maybe a pub or two.” Also in 1919: “Peace Celebrations: The proceedings began at 2.30 with an assembly on the village green for the judging of fancy costumes and decorated vehicles. A procession was marshalled by Mr. Shepherdson, and headed by the Angmering Silver Band and a number of demobilised men, it marched to a meadow at the back of the Rectory, lent by Mr. S. S. Pyle. “

Angus (Sir W) Band - Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland
Active around 1919, linked to Sir W. Angus Sunderland and Co. Ltd.

Angus Sanderson Brass Band - Birtley, Northumberland
See: Sir William Angus, Sanderson and Company Motor Works Band

Annan Brass Band - Dumfriesshire
Active in 1855, 1860

Annan Town (APD) Band - Dumfriesshire

Annan Town (LPG Eco-Gas) Band - Dumfriesshire
[previous name of current band] See: Annan Town (APD) Band

Annan Town Band (1) - Dumfriesshire
See: Newbie Engineering Works Multitubular Brass Band
Annan Town Band (2) - Dumfriesshire
[previous name of current band] See: Annan Town (APD) Band

Annbank Brass Band - Ayrshire
Active in 1879, when it took part in a procession in August to inaugurate the Kilmarnock Burns Monument and Kay Park, leading the Free Gardeners lodge, who were about 300 strong, and the band were seated in a lorry drawn by six horses, and decorated with evergreens and flowers so as to five it the appearance of a flower garden. Still active in 1907

Annesley Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in the 1880s, 1890s

Annesley United Brass Band
See: Annesley Brass Band

Annfield Plain Band
See: Annfield Plain Colliery Band

Annfield Plain Colliery Band - Durham
Active from 1862 through to the early 1930s

Ansells Coleshill Band - Warwickshire
[previous name of current band] See: Coleshill Town Band

Anstey Brass Band - Leicestershire
Active in 1851, 1878 and into the 1900s and 1930s. Possibly folded prior to/during WW1 and reformed in the 1920s

Anston Anvil Brass Band
See: Anston Brass Band

Anston Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Conducted by G. Ross in 1895. Still active in 1925 and through the 1950s/60s

Anston United Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1907, conductor Mr Merfin

Anstruther Brass Band - Fife
Active in 1866 to 1867

Ansty Brass Band - Leicestershire
See: Anstey Brass Band

Ansty Brass Band - Wiltshire
Formed in the 1830s and active through until the 1950s. Mr Hampston conductor in the early 1900s.

Apedale Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in the 1850s to 1864

Apollo Brass Band - Reading, Berkshire
Active in 1845.

Apperley Bridge Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1855

Appleby and Measham Band - Leicestershire
Active in the 1920s

Appleby Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in 1863, 1864

Appleby Brass Band - Westmorland
Formed in the early 1840s. Active in 1855 and 1864. A successor band was formed around 1900
Appleby Foresters’ Brass Band - Westmorland
Active in the 1850s

Appleby Frodingham Steel Works Band - Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire
Formed in 1946 when the company bought the assets of a local subscription band. Active through the 1940s/50s/60s. Conductor in 1950 was William H. Kendall. Secretary: A. Peace

Appleby Prize Band - Westmorland
[previous name of current band] See: Appleby Town Band

Appleby Town Band - Westmorland
[current band] - Founded in 1900 - Former names: Appleby Prize Band

Appledore Boys Brigade Band - Devon
[previous name of current band] See: Appledore Silver Band

Appledore Lads’ Naval Brigade Brass Band
Formed in August 1913, bandmaster T.G. Parsons.

Appledore Silver Band - Devon
[current band] - Founded in 1942 - Former names: Appledore Boys Brigade Band (to 1965)

Appledore Town Band
There are records of a town band in Appledore a far back as the 1880s, and from the turn of the century this was a brass band. It paraded the streets of Northam to celebrate the relief of Ladysmith in 1900. Also played at the Appledore and Instow Regatta in 1900, under the baton of Mr W Parkhouse. It existed until the 1920s when lack of support and players caused it to be disbanded. A successor band was formed in 1942.

Appleton Brass Band - Nun Appleton, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1869

Appleton Brass Band - Berkshire
Active in 1858. Still active in 1888 when it played at Hinton Fete

Appleton Brass Band (1) - Appleton-le-Moors, Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1860 to 1869.

Appleton Brass Band (2) - Appleton-le-Moors, Yorkshire (North Riding)
Formed in 1876 by John Tomlinson, disbanded in the early 1930s. Another account gives the formation date as 1870.

Appleton Roebuck Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from 1861 through the 1860s, and also around 1905

Appleton-le-Moors Brass Band
See: Appleton Brass Band (1) and Appleton Brass Band (2)

Apsley Mills Silver Prize Band
See: John Dickinson (Apsley) Band

Aqueduct Brass Band - Shropshire
Active in 1850 to 1869

Arael Griffin Band - Abertillery, Monmouthshire
Founded around 1879, disbanded in 1902. Probably linked to the Arael Griffin colliery at Abertillery.

Arbroath Fishermen’s Brass Band - Angus
Active from around 1857 to 1866. Conductor W. Shepherd in 1865. At a concert in 1862 it was remarked that “the band yet stand in need of much training to enable them to appear with advantage”.

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Arbroath Instrumental Band - Angus
[Current band] - Founded in 1893

Arc Works Silver Band - Chelmsford, Essex
See: Chelmsford Arc Works Band

Archangel Band of the Oddfellows - Terrington St Clement, Norfolk
Active in the early 1900s

Arclid Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in 1858

Ardingly Brass Band - Sussex

Ardington and Lockinge Band - Berkshire
Active in 1882/3 and the 1920s/30s

Ardington Brass Band
See: Ardington and Lockinge Band

Ardley and Fewcott Band - Bicester, Oxfordshire
Probably formed in the early 1920s. Active in 1928 when it ran its 3rd annual Brass Band Contest in May - Rugby Steam Shed Band won the 1st Section. The band folded in 1950. At that time it met in the barn behind the Fox and Hounds pub, and by then there were no men just boys. Didn't even have a conductor so they just enjoyed themselves. At the end there were only 6 of them, and they were just told to hand the instruments in, no explanation. Where the instruments went is not known.

Ardsley Great Northern Railway Brass Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1899

Ardsley Providential Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1860s and 1870s. Conductor Eli Shaw in 1866

Ardsley Subscription Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Founded in 1896

Ardwick Brass Band
See: Ardwick Public Brass Band

Ardwick Excelsior Band - Manchester, Lancashire
Active in 1895

Ardwick Green Industrial School Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
Active from the early 1860s through to WW1. Conductor J. Baxter in 1882, George Taylor in 1901 and 1914. Still active in 1916. Played in various parks in Salford in 1910 and 1911. The Manchester Certified (Ragged) Industrial School, Ardwick Green, was founded (certified) in 1857 and closed in 1922. Also known as Manchester Ragged School Brass Band

Ardwick Industrial School Band - Manchester, Lancashire
See: Ardwick Green Industrial School Brass Band

Ardwick Onward Temperance Band - Manchester, Lancashire
Active in the 1880s and 1890s

Ardwick Public Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
Active in the 1870s to early 1900s. Conductor Mr Heap in 1878
Ardwick Scottish Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
   Active from the late 1880s to the 1900s.

Argyle Hall Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
   Active in 1898 to 1902. Linked to the Argyle Hall Mission at Chester Park, Fishponds.

Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (TA) Band, 7th
   See: 7th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (TA) Band

Ark Mission Brass Band - Cheltenham, Gloucestershire
   Active in the 1900s. The Ark Mission was located in Sun Street.

Arkendale Brass Band
   See: Arkengarthdale Band

Arkengarth Dale Brass Band
   See: Arkengarthdale Band

Arkengarthdale Band - Gunnerside, Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active in 1859, 1863, and in 1884, when it led a procession on Christmas Eve, and 1894 in a procession in Richmond. Still active in 1907. Presumed to have folded during WW1. A successor band was probably formed in the 1920s, and was active in 1939.

Arkengarthdale Saxhorn Band
   See: Arkengarthdale Band

Arlesey Brass Band - Bedfordshire
   Active in 1887 and 1898 and rehearsed in the Arlesey Working Mens' Institute. Still active in 1939. In 1892 the band was recorded as being the “combined band of the Arlesey Portland Cement Co. and H Company Volunteers”. Charles Dear became conductor in 1900. J. Dodgson conductor in 1919.

Arlesey Cement Works Band - Bedfordshire
   See: Arlesey Portland Cement Company Brass Band

Arlesey Portland Cement Company Brass Band - Bedfordshire
   Active in 1888 and 1892

Arlesey Volunteers Brass Band
   See: Arlesey Brass Band

Arley Adult School Band
   Active in the 1920s

Arley Brass Band - Warwickshire
   Active in 1885 and 1916

Arley Colliery Band - Warwickshire
   See: Arley Welfare Band

Arley Miners' Silver Prize Band - Warwickshire
   See: Arley Welfare Band

Arley Welfare Band - Warwickshire
   Formed after WW2, conductor in 1949 was F.W. Locker. Changed name around 1980 to Daw Mill Colliery Band. Folded around 2000.

Armadale Brass Band (1)
   Formed in 1855, but folded in the early 1860s. See: “Armadale Brass Bands” at www.ibew.co.uk for more details

Armadale Brass Band (2)
   Formed in 1873 and folded c. 1903, the council collecting and storing the instruments in 1904. See: “Armadale Brass Bands” at www.ibew.co.uk for more details
Armadale Brass Band (3)

Formed in September 1932 composed of players who did not join the Armadale Public Band. A proposal to join with the Armadale Public Band was made a year later, in 1933.

Armadale Burgh Band

See: Armadale Public Band

Armadale Diamond Jubilee Band

Formed in 1897 from the original Armadale Flute Band (1873), but also folded around 1903. See: “Armadale Brass Bands” at www.ibew.co.uk for more details

Armadale Jubilee Band

See: Armadale Diamond Jubilee Band

Armadale Public Band

Active in 1928 and 1966 through to the late 1980s.

Armadale Silver Band

See: Armadale Public Band

Armadale Town Band

Formed in 1905. Active in 1912, but folded sometime prior to 1931. See also: “Armadale Brass Bands” at www.ibew.co.uk.

Armbank Brass Band

Active in 1872, when they participated in the celebrations for the opening of the new Orange Hall in Irvine.

Armitage Brass Band - Staffordshire

Active in 1912

Armitage Bridge Brass Band

See: Berry Brow Brass Band

Armley and Wortley Brass Band (1) - Yorkshire (West Riding)

See: Wortley Brass Band

Armley and Wortley Brass Band (2) - Yorkshire (West Riding)

Formed in 1894 by T.A. Kitchen (previously secretary of the Leeds Engineers’ Band), it hoped to purchase the instruments of the Leeds Forge Band from Samson Fox. Conductor B.D. Jackson in 1896. Active through to the 1970s. The band were based in the south western part of Leeds very near to Armley Jail. When the Leeds Forge Band folded in 1892 it took over their uniforms, instruments and music (offered by Samson Fox, owner of Leeds Forge and sponsor of the band). J.S. Glover became conductor in 1900, succeeded by H. Mallinson in 1901. It was very successful during the 1930s. It was revived for a brief spell in the late 1960s early 1970s. The rehearsal room was at the Holy Family club. Rehearsals Sunday mornings. Cecil Dowling had been connected with the band for many years and it was his fervent wish to see it revived - he had played top cornet with them in the glory days. He was a keen supporter of the Harrogate and District band Association and helped organise contests at Yeadon Town Hall. The old band uniforms were stored under the stage and they had choker collars, there may have been pill box hats as well. During this revival the band never got beyond a handful of players so no jobs were undertaken. It was a sign of the times that a few of the old stagers smoked a lot and the G trom player used the end of his case as an ashtray! You never see G trombones these days. Those long slides with a handle! I once heard one described as “come back or I’ll fetch thi”. (Thanks to Bob Thomas for these memories)

Armley Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)

Active in 1851 to 1867. Leader John Beecroft in 1866
Armley Church Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1890

Armstrong Whitworth Steelworks (Openshaw) Band - Manchester, Lancashire
  Active in the 1920s

Armstrong's Model Brass Band - Blyth,
  Active in 1871

Armthorpe Elmfield Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  [current band] - Founded in 1964

Armthorpe High School Band
  Active in the 1970s, but had folded by 1980

Arnfield Brass - Tintwistle, Cheshire
  [current band] - Founded in 2001

Arnghyll and Cowley Colliery Band
  Active in 1907. The colliery was owned by Cargo Iron Fleet Works in Middlesbrough

Arniston and Vogrie Colliery Brass Band - Midlothian
  Active in 1868

Arniston Brass Band - Midlothian
  Active from the 1860s until it merged with the Gorebridge Brass Band in 1909 to form the
  Gorebridge and Arniston Band

Arnold Albion Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
  Active in August 1894, when they marched for an Oddfellows parade at Drybrook. Played at a cricket match at Bestwood Park Cricket Club in May 1895. At the Arnold and Bestwood Floral and Horticultural Society Show in July 1898, Arnold Albion Band played music on the Monday, followed by the Arnold United Prize Band on the Tuesday. Similarly in 1899. Still active in 1910

Arnold Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
  Active in 1853 to 1867

Arnold Church Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
  Active in 1886/87

Arnold United Band - Nottinghamshire
  Active in the 1880s/90s and 1922

Arran Brass Band - Buteshire
  [current band] - Founded in 1983

Arrow Valley Brass - Warwickshire
  [current band] - Founded in 1977 - Former names: Alcester Victoria Youth Band (to 1990)

Arsenal Football Club Band
  See: Highgate Silver Band

Arson Brass Band - Berkshire
  Active in 1860, playing a concert in June that year in Drayton.

Arthur and Edward Colliery Band - Lydbrook, Gloucestershire
  Active in the 1920s/1930s

Arthur Newsome Public Works Band - Burley-in-Wharfedale, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1920/30s

Artisans and Fulham Borough Band - Fulham, Middlesex
  Active in 1899

Arundel Brass Band - Sussex
  See: Arundel Town Brass Band
Arundel Temperance Brass Band - Sussex
Active in 1851

Arundel Town Boys' Band - Sussex
Active around 1880

Arundel Town Brass Band - Sussex
Flourished between 1857 and the 1890s. Conductor Mr Blackborne (Blackman?) in 1864. Regularly playing in the market place and in the castle grounds during the summer, and touring several times in France; the Blackman family which ran it were involved in other aspects of Arundel's musical life over three generations: the church choir from the later 19th century, a dance band, and a concert party which performed over a wide hinterland in the 20th century. It appears to have developed from a fife and drum band in the 1860s and through a brass band chiefly of youths, with Mr. E. Blackman as conductor, to its great credit in the 1870s, had progressed so successfully that it won the championship at the first amateur Brass Band Competition in Sussex held at the now almost forgotten Swiss Gardens, Shoreham. Rossini's Overture, "Semiramide," as the test piece on that occasion required great executive skill such as but few amateur bands of the period could show. Subsequently about the same time on its merits it was engaged to perform at Boulogne and Paris. This band, of about 20 Saxhorn players, under the bandmasters Blackman, father soprano, and son solo cornet - in his day the finest soloist in the County - enjoyed a very high well-earned reputation through the years as the band of the 2nd administrative Battalion of the Royal Sussex Rifle Volunteer Regiment. Though a brass band, it was never "brassy." Its tone was refined and very pleasing and its executive ability excellent. It regularly performed in the Town Square and one can hardly imagine a more delightful setting for its charming performances of some of the classical overtures and operatic selections together with National melodies interspersed with lighter music given under Mr. Blackman's baton for many years in the beautiful Arundel Castle grounds on fine summer evenings. The band ceased its connection with the Regiment in 1892 and did not long survive the early death of its talented bandmaster.

Ascot and Sunninghill Band - Berkshire
Active in 1937

Ascot Brass - Berkshire
[current band] - Founded in 2001

Ascot United Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in the 1890s to the 1910s. Obtained new uniforms in 1900. Conductor W. Trusler in 1891.

ASDA Hambleton Brass Band
Active in 1990

ASDA Manufacturing Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: South Milford Brass

ASDA Stocksbridge Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Unite the Union Brass Band

Ash Brass Band - Kent
Founded in October 1887, securing the services of Mr Abbott, bandmaster of the East Kent Rifle Volunteers. Some members bought their own instruments, others by means of a very willing public subscription. For a time the air was made hideous by sounds on every side of a most discordant nature, and the wives and neighbours of the young men
of the band found it prudent to go out to tea at a little distance when the members of the band took to practising. However they soon attained a good standard.

Ash Invicta Brass Band - Kent
Active in 1891, conductor W.T. Cunningham

Ashborne Rechabite Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in 1890

Ashbourne Brass and Rifle Corps Band - Derbyshire
[previous name of current band] See: Ashbourne Town Band

Ashbourne Old Volunteer and Town Silver Band - Derbyshire
[previous name of current band] See: Ashbourne Town Band

Ashbourne Town and Old Volunteer Band - Derbyshire
[previous name of current band] See: Ashbourne Town Band

Ashbourne Town Band - Derbyshire
[current band] - Founded in 1861 - Former names: Ashbourne Brass and Rifle Corps Band, Ashbourne Town and Old Volunteer Band (1925), Ashbourne Old Volunteer and Town Silver Band (1932), Ashbourne Town Band (1936) - Note: Other related bands: Ashbourne Volunteer Band, Bells Band, Rechabites Band - all in Ashbourne in 1889

Ashburton Brass Band - Devon
Active from the 1840s to the 1920s. Was associated with the Volunteers during the 1890s and 1900s, before severing the connection in 1909. Conductor in 1924 was A.G. Egbeer.

Ashburton Mission Brass Band - Devon
Founded in 1935

Ashburton Town Band - Devon
See: Ashburton Brass Band

Ashburton Volunteers Band - Devon
See: Ashburton Brass Band

Ashbury Brass Band - Devon
Active in 1853

Ashbury Brass Band - Lancashire
See: Ashbury Carriage Company Brass Band

Ashbury Carriage Company Brass Band - Openshaw, Lancashire
Active in 1868, 1869

Ashby and District Men's Association Brass Band - Ashby de la Zouch, Leicestershire
See: Ashby Men's Institute Brass Band

Ashby Brass Band - Ashby de la Zouch, Leicestershire
See: Ashby de la Zouch Brass Band

Ashby Brass Band - Lincolnshire
See: Ashby Public Subscription Band

Ashby de la Zouch Brass Band - Leicestershire
Active in 1854, playing at Moira Baths Horticultural Fete

Ashby Institute Brass Band
See: Ashby Men's Institute Brass Band

Ashby Men's Institute Brass Band - Ashby de la Zouch, Leicestershire
Founded in 1910, conductor Mr Cassell. Uniforms and some instruments were provided by C. H. Parsons, managing director of the Witch Soap Works. A new bandroom was acquired in 1912. Active through to the 1930s

Ashby Public Subscription Band - Lincolnshire

**Ashby Silver Band** - Lincolnshire

*See: Ashby Public Subscription Band*

**Ashby Volunteer Band** - Ashby de la Zouch, Leicestershire

Active in the 1880s/90s - possible rename/sucessor to the Ashby Brass Band

**Ashcott and Polden Hill Brass Band**

*See: Ashcott Brass Band*

**Ashcott Brass Band** - Somerset

Active from the 1850s to the 1900s. Leader Mr Farrow in 1869. Secretary William Farrow in 1880. An attempt was made to revive the band in 1923, but it is likely that was unsuccessful.

**Ashdown Forest Temperance Band** - Sussex

The Band was formed in 1902 and consisted mainly of musicians from Nutley and Fairwarp with a practice hut midway between the two villages. They provided a great deal of local entertainment until in 1911 when they split, 'by amicable decision', into two separate bands and the bandsmen formed up outside the band-hut and the two halves marched off playing in opposite directions, dividing into the Nutley Brass Band led by Charlie Wickham, and the Fairwarp Brass Band led by Ernie Best. The musicians were not very temperate at all. They liked a 'drop of sherbert', sherbert being a generic term for all alcoholic drinks; 'going off to have a glass of sherbert' sounded less indulgent than having a glass of beer, although it fooled no-one. "One time the band was going to a fete at Fairwarp and the easiest way to get from Nutley to Fairwarp was through the Forest. Well, on the way through the Forest, one of these cornet players, 'e wanted to relieve himself, so he laid his cornet down, and then when they got to the fete, he started blowing his cornet and he couldn't get no sound out of it, you see. So he pulled the turning slide out of it, and when he'd laid it down, a little adder had crawled in that bell of the cornet and got down into that tuning slide. Yeh! It wouldn't have got into his mouth because it couldn't get up through the valves where you press them down, but when he sees that adder come out!" Another report from the early part of the century notes: "A procession headed by Mr H W Attenborough as Mephistopheles, riding a horse, followed by the Ashdown Temperance Prize Band, went to the vicarage and to Strood, then to the Sheffield Arms where there was a halt for refreshments. With a fresh supply of torches and coloured lights, and joined by many more people, the procession arrived at Sheffield House where his Lordship, who was indisposed, watched from his bedroom. The evening ended with effigies of Guy Fawkes and the New Woman, a suffragette, being consumed by the flames of the bonfire at Splaynes Green." Joseph Ridley (b 1842) was a very good self-taught carpenter. When the Ashdown Forest Temperance Band was formed, he built them a tin practice hut in one of his fields, an orchard at Horney Common, at a rent of one shilling a week. Frank Tyler Ridley was a founder member (with his brother Spencer) and secretary of the Ashdown Forest Temperance Band in 1904 and later, after the split with the Fairwarp members of that Band he was secretary of the Nutley Band.

**Ashford Brass Band** - Ashford-in-the-Water, Derbyshire

Active in 1891, taking part in a well dressing at Pilsley, and Whit processions at Taddington.
Ashford Brass Band - Kent
   See: Ashford Town Band

Ashford Industrial School Brass Band - Kent
   Active in the early 1900s to 1910

Ashford Railway Works Prize Band - Kent
   Active from the early 1900s through to the mid 1920s

Ashford Residential School Band
   See: Ashford Industrial School Brass Band

Ashford Town Band - Kent
   Active in the 1850s to the 1870s, and the 1920s/1930s

Ashford Town Band - Middlesex
   Active in 1914 and 1916, conductor R. Perry.

Ashford Volunteers Band - Kent
   Active in the 1900s, conductor W.P. Thorne

Ashford Wesleyan Sunday School Brass Band - Middlesex
   Active in the 1900s. Conductor C.W. Streeves.

Ashgrove Band
   Formed in 1979 as Ashgrove Primary School Band. Merged with Oldpark Silver Band in 2000. Merged with the C.W.A. Brass in 2009 to form Carrick With Ashgrove Brass

Ashgrove Primary School Band
   See: Ashgrove Band

Ashill Brass Band - Norfolk
   Active in 1897

Ashington Colliery Band (1) - Northumberland
   Active in 1867 (conductor Matthew Taylor) to the late 1890s. Secretary James Purdy in 1868. Conductor Thomas Floyd in 1883. A successor band was formed in 1906.

Ashington Colliery Band (2) - Northumberland
   [previous name of current band] See: Wansbeck’s Ashington Colliery Band

Ashington Duke Brass Band - Northumberland
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Conductor in 1899, Thomas Boutland

Ashington Harmonic Band - Northumberland
   Active in 1919, conductor H. Boutland

Ashington Model Band - Northumberland
   Active in the 1890s to 1900s

Ashington Public Band - Northumberland
   [previous name of current band] See: Wansbeck’s Ashington Colliery Band

Ashington Silver Model Band - Northumberland
   See: Ashington Model Band

Ashley Brass Band - Cambridgeshire
   Active in the 1890s

Ashley Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1850s

Ashley Excelsior Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Formed in September 1899. Active through the 1900s

Ashley Vale Brass Band
   See: Gatton Old Brass Band
Ashley's Brass Band - Retford, Nottinghamshire
  Active in the 1870s
Ashover Brass Band - Derbyshire
  [current band] - Founded in the 1890s
Ashover Brass Band - Derbyshire
  Active in 1861. A successor band (the current Ashover Band) was formed in 1890
Ashover United Brass Band - Derbyshire
  Active in 1870, still active in 1905
Ashpererton Brass Band - Herefordshire
  Active in 1869, conductor Mr Moss (the schoolmaster)
Ashridge Brass Band - Little Gaddesden, Hertfordshire
  Active in 1866. Based on the Ashridge Estate, home of Earl Brownlow
Ashton Borough Brass Band - Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire
  Active in the 1870s to the 1900s. It was expelled from the federation in 1906.
Ashton Brass Band - Ashton-Under-Lyne, Lancashire
  [current band] - Founded in 1996 - Former names: Ashton Under Lyne Brass Band
  See: Long Ashton Brass Band
Ashton Catholic Brass Band - Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire
  Active in 1863
Ashton Congregational Temperance Band - Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire
  Active in the 1890s and 1900s
Ashton Keynes Brass Band - Wiltshire
  Active in 1861
Ashton Street Mission Brass Band - Luton, Bedfordshire
  Active in 1855, and in the 1880s to the 1900s. Conductors W. Roberts in 1883, Harry Cannon, then A. Everitt in 1895. Some players left the band in 1890 due to the restrictions laid down by the Mission (e.g. not taking part in competitions) to found the Luton Red Cross Band. The band was still active in the 1900s.
Ashton Temperance Band - Ashton-in-Makerfield, Lancashire
  Active in the 1890s and 1900s
Ashton Under Lyne Brass Band - Lancashire
  [previous name of current band] See: Ashton Brass Band
Ashton United Free Gardeners Amateur Brass Band - Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire
  Active in 1868. Associated with the “Excelsior Lodge” of the Free Gardeners
Ashton Volunteers Band - Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire
  Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Conductor Thomas Hill in 1906
Ashtonian Brass Band
  Active in the 1970s/80s
Ashton-in-Makerfield Brass Band
  Active in 1883 when it competed in the British Open, and still playing in 1910
Ashton-Under-Lyne Brass Band - Lancashire
  Folded in the early 1980s. A successor band was formed in 1996
Ashton-upon-Mersey Brass Band - Cheshire
  Active in the 1900s to the 1930s
Ashwell Brass Band
  See: Ashwell Foresters Band
Ashwell Foresters Band - Hertfordshire
Active in the 1890s and into the early 1900s

Ashworth Brass Band - Rochdale, Lancashire
Active from the 1960s through to around 2012

Askam and Ireleth Silver Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Askam Town Silver Band

Askam Town Silver Band - Lancashire
[current band] - Founded in 1888 - Former names: Askam & Ireleth Silver Band - Note: Founded by Mr Cain, its first conductor

Askern Colliery Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the 1930s through to the early 1990s

Askern Silver Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Askern Colliery Band

Askham Amateur Brass Band - Westmorland
See: Askham Brass Band

Askham Brass Band - Westmorland
Active in 1851 to 1869. Conductor Mr Moss in 1869

Askrigg and Bainbridge Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1888

Askrigg Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in the 1880s through to WW1.

Aspatria Brass Band - Cumberland
Active in 1851 to 1866. Conductor Mr Thomas in 1863

Aspatria Colliery Prize Band - Cumberland
Active in 1920s and 1930s

Aspatria Town Band - Cumberland
Active in the 1890s and also around 1957 - 1964

Aspatria Volunteer Fire Brigade Brass Band - Cumberland
Active in 1890s, when Joseph Wilkinson was the secretary and conductor, and into the 1900s.

Asphaltic Newham Brass Band - Essex
See: Grangewood Silver Band

Aspley Heath Brass Band - Bedfordshire
Active in the 1880s

Aspley Mills Brass Band - Bedfordshire
Active in 1900

Aspull Temperance Band - Lancashire
Active between 1890 and 1910

Astcote Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in the 1850s and 1860s. Folded at some time to be replaced by the Astcote Independent Band.

Astcote Independent Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in 1888, bandmaster W.H. Hornsby. Probably merged with another band? in the 1890s to form Astcote United Band.

Astcote United Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active around 1900 - 1930s. In 1903 their uniform was “scarlet and gold”. Conductor in 1900 was Mr. Lay, in 1901, W. Trussler, in 1935, Mr. H. Clarke.
Astley Brass Band  
See: Astley Public Band

Astley Bridge Victoria Brass Band - Lancashire  
Active in the early 1860s. James Nightingale leader in 1862

Astley Missionary Band - Warwickshire  
Active in 1936

Astley Public Band - Lancashire  
Competed in contests at Leigh in 1884. Also active in 1911

Astley Victoria Brass Band - Lancashire  
Active in the 1880s, but did not survive beyond 1887. Money held in trust for new instruments was used to create the Astley Victoria Reed Band in 1988, the forerunner of the current Adamson Military Band.

Astley Youth Band - Lancashire  
[current band] - Founded in 1994

Aston Borough Brass Band - Staffordshire  
Active in the 1900s

Aston Brass Band - Aston Tirrold, Berkshire  
See: Aston Tirrold Brass Band

Aston Brass Band - Staffordshire  
See: Aston Old Band

Aston Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
Active in 1869

Aston Church Army Brass Band - Staffordshire  
Active in the 1900s

Aston Clinton Brass Band - Buckinghamshire  
Active in 1858 and 1914

Aston Clinton Brotherhood Brass Band - Buckinghamshire  
Founded in 1908

Aston Excelsior Band - Staffordshire  
See: Zealley’s Brass Band

Aston Old Brass Band - Staffordshire  
Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Acquired new uniforms in 1899, conductor Fred Hughes. Known as Aston Silver Band in the later 1900s, becoming attached to the local Volunteer Corps, conductor W.F. Rowe

Aston Parish Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
Active in the 1930s

Aston Silver Band - Aston-on-Trent, Derbyshire  
Active in 1945

Aston Silver Band - Staffordshire  
See: Aston Old Brass Band

Aston Tirrold Brass Band - Berkshire  
Active in 1866 to 1869

Aston Villa Football Club Band - Staffordshire  
Active in the early 1900s, acquired new uniforms in 1905.

Aston Water Works Band - Staffordshire  
Active in the 1890s and early 1900s
Aston-cum-Aughton Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
    Formed in 1907.

Aston-on-Trent Brass Band (1) - Derbyshire
    Formed in 1870, active through to the mid-1890s, folded some time before 1900.

Aston-on-Trent Brass Band (2) - Derbyshire
    Formed in 1902

Astwood Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
    Active in 1863

ATC Bristol Wing Silver Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
    Active in 1959/50

Atherstone Brass Band - Warwickshire
    Active in from the 1850s to the early 1900s. In 1905, conducted by Mr J. B. Coxon.
    Possibly succeeded by or renamed to Atherstone Victoria Band.

Atherstone Brass Band - Warwickshire
    Active in the late 1870s and 1880s

Atherstone Britannia Brass Band - Warwickshire
    Active in 1898 when they were requested not to play on the “Outwoods” on Sundays, excepting sacred music.

Atherstone Club Band
    See: Atherstone Miners Welfare Band

Atherstone Miners Welfare Band - Warwickshire
    Active in the 1950s to 1960s. Disbanded in 1966

Atherstone Victoria Band - Warwickshire
    Active in the early 1900s. Possibly renamed from or a successor to Atherstone Brass Band. Still active in the 1920s

Atherton Brass Band - Lancashire
    Active in 1856, 1863

Atherton Public Band - Lancashire
    Active in the 1890s to the 1940s. Conductor in the early 1900s was Paul Shovleton, followed by Daniel Hodgson in 1905. Competed in the First Annual Brass Band Contest organised by Wigan Borough Prize Band in 1943 (conducted by A Fairclough).

Atherton Rifles Band - Lancashire
    Active in the 1900s

Atherton Temperance Prize Band - Lancashire
    Formed in 1891. In 1893 it promoted a contest. Records of the band, from 1927-1959, are held by Wigan MBC Archives Service

Atlas Copco (Dacorum) Band
    See: John Dickinson (Apsley) Band

Atlas Steel Works Brass Band - Brightside, Yorkshire (West Riding)
    Founded in 1904. Based at the John Brown company steelworks.

ATM Works Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
    Formed in September 1941 from employees of Messrs. Automatic Telephone and Electric Co. Ltd., under the auspices of Mr F.C. Burstall, one of the company directors. The first bandmaster was Mr W. Heath, but had to pass the baton to George Gardner, due to ill health, by 1943. In 1951 competed in the Championship section North West regional championships at the Victoria Hall, Bolton, conducted by W.H. Yates. Still active in 1960.
Attercliffe and Darnall Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1943 - possibly same as Attercliffe Institute Band

Attercliffe and Grimesthorpe Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Attercliffe Brass Band

Attercliffe Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1850 through to the 1890s. George Holland (d. 1861) was a member of the band in the 1850s

Attercliffe Club and Institute Band
See: Attercliffe Institute Band

Attercliffe Common Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the 1870s to the 1890s

Attercliffe Institute Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the mid 1920s through to the 1940s

Attercliffe Wesleyan Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1900s

Attleborough Volunteers Band - Norfolk
Active in the early 1900s

Atworth Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active in the 1900s

Auchenblae Brass Band - Kincardineshire
Active in 1884

Auchenheath Brass Band - Lanarkshire
Active in 1864 to 1869

Auchinairn Brass Band - Lanarkshire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Conductor W. Maddock in 1899.

Auchinblae Band
See: Auchenblae Brass Band

Auchinleck Academy Silver Band - Ayrshire
Active in the 1970s and 1980s, conductor Hugh Johnstone. Also active in the mid-2000s

Auchinleck Brass Band - Ayrshire
Active in 1905, when they gained 3rd place in the Ayrshire Brass Band Association contest on 1 September. Still active in 1909.

Auchinraith Silver Band - Hamilton, Lanarkshire
Active in the early 1900s and the 1920s

Auchmull Brass Band - Aberdeenshire
Active in 1884

Auchterarder Brass Band - Perthshire
Active from the early 1860s to WW1. Bandmaster Mr Smith in 1896

Auchterarder Instrumental Brass Band - Perthshire
See: Auchterarder Brass Band

Auchterderran Brass Band - Fife
Active in 1911

Auchterderran Secondary School Band - Fife
Active in 1957

Auchtergaven Brass Band - Bankfoot, Perthshire
See: Bankfoot Brass Band
**Auchtermuchty Brass Band** - Fife
Active in the late 1830s and 1840s, temporarily folding in 1859. A successor band was quickly formed, appearing in contests in Glasgow and Perth in 1861. In 1863 it played at the opening of Dundee People's Park, conductor David Johnston. Still active in the 1900s. It probably ceased prior to WW1, reforming as Auchtermuchty Town Band, though still referred to as Auchtermuchty Brass Band.

**Auchtermuchty Town Band** - Fife
Formed in the early 1920s. Active through to 1950, conducted by John Faulds.

**Auckland Park Colliery Band** - Durham
Active between the 1870s and 1920. Bandmaster J. Sellars in the late 1890s and early 1900s

**Auckland Park Temperance Band** - Durham
See: Auckland Park Colliery Band

**Auckland Silver Band** - Bishop Auckland, Durham
Active in the early 1900s

**Audenshaw and Droylsden Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active in the 1880s and 1890s

**Audenshaw Temperance Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active in 1882

**Audley and District Band** - Staffordshire
[previous name of current band] See: Audley Brass Band

**Audley and District Band** - Staffordshire
Formed in 1977 by members who split away from Audley Brass Band. It remerged with Audley Brass Band in 1988

**Audley Brass Band** - Staffordshire
[current band] - Founded in 1902 - Former names: Audley Mission Band, Audley Primitive Mission Band, Audley Prize Band (1920s), - Note: Audley and District Band - split from the band in 1977 only to remerge in 1988

**Audley Brass Band** - Staffordshire
Active in the 1850s to the 1870s. A successor band was formed in 1902

**Audley Mission Band** - Staffordshire
[previous name of current band] See: Audley Brass Band

**Audley Primitive Mission Band** - Staffordshire
[previous name of current band] See: Audley Brass Band

**Audley Prize Band** - Staffordshire
[previous name of current band] See: Audley Brass Band

**Aughton Brass Band (1)** - Lancashire
Active in the 1840s and 1850s.

**Aughton Brass Band (2)** - Lancashire
Founded in 1904, conductor Joseph Leadbetter. Also known as Town Green and Aughton Band

**Aunt Bessie's East Yorkshire Brass Band** - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: East Riding of Yorkshire Band

**Austin Motor Works Band** - Birmingham, Warwickshire
Formed in 1917, giving their first public concert in August that year. Active through to WW2 at least.
Austin Rover Group Band
See: Morris Motors Band

Austin Rover Morris Motors Band
See: Morris Motors Band

Austwick Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1855 when it played at the Bentham Friendly Society Celebration in June. Still playing in 1869.

Automatic Telephone and Electric Works Band
See: ATM Works Band

Auxiliary Fire Service Band - Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire
Active during World War 2

Avalon Brass Band - Glastonbury, Somerset
Active in 1888, bandmaster T. Rice

Avan Valley Brass Band
See: Afan Valley Workmen’s Prize Band

Avebury Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active in 1865 to 1868

Aveley and Newham Band - Essex
[current band] - Founded in 1995 - Note: Formed by the merger of Aveley Band and Newham Band in 1995

Aveley Brass Band - Essex
Founded as a Fife and Drum band at the rear of the Crown and Anchor public house in 1894, by the Bandmaster of the training ship “Cornwall”. By 1899 it had evolved into an all brass ensemble performing as Aveley Silver Prize Band. It was known as the Aveley Band in 1966. It amalgamated with the Newham Band in 1995.

Avening Silver Band - Gloucestershire
[current band] - Founded in 1927

Avery's Works Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
Active in 1889 and into the 1900s

Avon County Youth Brass Band
Active in the 1970s/80s

Avon School of Music Brass Band
Formed in 1974 from a quartet,

Avon Side Engineers’ Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
See: Avonside Ironworks Brass Band

Avon Street Gas Works Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
See: Bristol Gas Company Brass Band

Avon Vale Brass Band - Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire
Active in the 1870s to the 1890s. Conductor Mr Hobbs in 1886

Avonbank (Evesham) Brass Band - Worcestershire
[previous name of current band] See: Avonbank Brass Band

Avonbank Brass Band - Worcestershire
[current band] - Founded in 1948 - Former names: Evesham Methodist Youth Brass Band, Avonbank (Evesham) Brass Band

Avonmouth Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active in 1865
Avonmouth CMBC Brass Band - Gloucestershire
    Active in 1899

Avonmouth Labour Band
    See: Shirehampton and Avonmouth Brass Band

Avonside Ironworks Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
    Active in 1860, 1861

Avro Works Band - Failsworth, Lancashire
    Active in 1940s

Awre Brass Band - Gloucestershire
    Formed before 1843 and was in regular demand for events in the Forest area during the mid 19th century

Awsworth Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
    Active in the 1900s and 1910s

Axbridge Union Brass Band - Somerset
    Active in 1864, a junior band based at the workhouse. Conductor Mr Salisbury in 1869

Axminster Brass Band - Devon
    Formed in the 1840s. In 1850 it was engaged by the organist of the parish church, who had been replaced, to play outside the church to disrupt the first performance of his replacement. The band were plied with beer and posted near the church with instructions that, on a given signal, they were to strike up with Rule Britannia, God Save the Queen, and the Black Joke, and to keep it up until the service was ended. Bandmaster in 1866 was George Fry. Conductor in 1905, J. Clist. Conductor in 1922, H. Cawley. New instruments (18 in number) were acquired in 1924 at a cost of £220. Disbanded 1937. Also known as Pride of Axe Brass Band in the 1890s

Axminster Evening Institute Silver Band - Devon
    Formed 1942 when Axminster Higher Education Committee took over the instruments previously used by the disbanded Axminster Town Band. Conducted by C. E. Turner in 1950. Still active in 1960.

Axminster Institute Band - Devon
    See: Axminster Evening Institute Silver Band

Axwell Colliery Band - Swalwell, Durham
    See: Axwell Park Colliery Band

Axwell Park Colliery Band - Swalwell, Durham
    Active in the early 1900s, up to WW1.

Aycliffe and Brancepeth Band - Durham
    [current band] - Note: Formed by the merger of Brancepeth Welfare Band and Aycliffe Brass Band

Aycliffe Brass Band - Durham
    See: Newton Aycliffe Town Band

Aylesbury Amateur Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
    See: Aylesbury Brass Band

Aylesbury Borough Band - Buckinghamshire
    Formed after WW1, folded in the 1930s. They were presented with new uniforms and instruments in 1920. The instruments were in store for a while before the British Legion Band took them over. The instruments went to France with the Bucks Territorial Band during WW2. Half the instruments fell into the hands of the Germans during the Dunkirk retreat, the other half were hidden in a box in the house of the 84 year old
woman with whom the Adjutant had been billeted. They were rescued after the liberation of France in 1944.

**Aylesbury Brass Band** - Buckinghamshire  
Active in 1850s to the 1880s. Conductor E. Woodman in 1861, George Caton at some other date. After it folded the C.E.T.S. Band took over in the town.

**Aylesbury C.E.T.S. Brass Band** - Buckinghamshire  
Church of England Temperance Society band. Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Conductor in 1895 was J. Prothero

**Aylesbury Lads Band** - Buckinghamshire  
See: *Aylesbury C.E.T.S. Brass Band*

**Aylesbury Music Centre Brass Band** - Buckinghamshire  
Active in the 1970s to 1990s

**Aylesbury Printing Works Band** - Buckinghamshire  
See: *Hazells (Aylesbury) Printing Works Band*

**Aylesbury Temperance Band** - Buckinghamshire  
See: *Aylesbury C.E.T.S. Brass Band*

**Aylesbury Victoria Brass Band** - Buckinghamshire  
Active in 1889

**Aylesford Brass Band** - Kent  
Active around 1905

**Aylesham and Snowdown Band** - Kent  
Active in 1960

**Aylesham Silver Prize Band** - Kent  
Active in the 1930s

**Aylsham Band** - Norfolk  
[current band] - Founded in 1928 - Former names: Aylsham Fellowship Band (to 1939)

**Aylsham Brass Band** - Norfolk  
Formed in the mid-1850s

**Aylsham Fellowship Band** - Norfolk  
[previous name of current band] See: *Aylsham Band*

**Aylsham Volunteers Band** - Norfolk  
Active in the 1900s, disbanding in 1919

**Ayr and Galoway Volunteers Band** - Ayrshire  
Active in the 1880s

**Ayr Benwhat Band** - Ayrshire  
See: *Benwhat Silver Band*

**Ayr Burgh Band** - Ayrshire  

**Ayresome Quoit Club Band** - Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding)  
Active in the late 1920s

**Ayrshire (ECO) Yeomanry Band** - Ayrshire  
Active in the 1960s/1970s
Ayrshire Yeomanry Band - Ayrshire
    See: Ayrshire (ECO) Yeomanry Band

Ayton Band - Great Ayton, Yorkshire (North Riding)
    Active in 1906

Ayton Temperance Brass Band - Great Ayton, Yorkshire (North Riding)
    Active in 1851

B Division Police Brass Band - Chelsea, Middlesex
    Active in 1863. See also D, E, G, H, K, L, N, P, S and T Division Police Brass Bands

B M and W Brass - Derbyshire
    [current band] - Founded in 1964 - Note: Amalgamation of the town bands of
    Brassington, Middleton and Wirksworth

B Winning Colliery Band
    See: Blackwell and B Winning Colliery Band

B.A. Christy’s Brass Band
    See: Bridgewater Christy’s Brass Band

B.I. Silver Band
    Active in 1947

B.I.H.C. (British Insulated and Helsby Cables) Band
    Active in the 1920s when the conductor was Mr. W. Boots.

B.M.C. Band
    See: Morris Motors Band

B.O. and S. Band
    See: Barry Ostlere and Shepherd Band

B.O.C.M. (Hull) Band
    See: British Oil and Cake Mills Band

B.V.C.O.L. Band
    See: Barlestone Band

Babbington Ambulance Band
    See: Kimberley Brass Band

Babbington Brass Band
    See: Kimberley Brass Band

Babbington Coal Company Brass Band
    See: Kimberley Brass Band

Babbington Colliery St John Ambulance Band
    See: Kimberley Brass Band

Babcock and Wilcox Band - Lincoln, Lincolnshire
    Active in 1927

Backbarrow Brass Band - Lancashire
    Active from the mid-1860s and the 1900s

Backworth Collieries Workmen’s Band - Northumberland
    See: Backworth Colliery Band

Backworth Colliery Band - Northumberland
    [current band] - Founded in 1886 - Former names: Backworth Institute Band, Backworth
    Colliery Band, Five Rivers Brass (2001 to 2007)

Backworth Excelsior Brass Band - Northumberland
    Active in 1889
Backworth Institute Band - Northumberland
   [previous name of current band] See: Backworth Colliery Band

Bactiguard Wire Brass - Warrington, Lancashire
   See: Wire Brass

Bacup Borough Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1885 - 1895

Bacup Boys Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1900s

Bacup Change Band - Lancashire
   See: Change Amateur Brass Band

Bacup Church Literary Institute Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1854

Bacup Home Guard Band - Lancashire
   Active during WW2

Bacup Old Band - Lancashire
   Formed in 1858 as the Broadclough Brass Band by John Stevenson (soprano cornet).
   Members of the defunct Bacup St John's Band also joined, including the conductor John Lord. It became the 4th Lancashire Rifle Volunteers (Bacup) Band in 1859. Through the 1860s a very successful run of contesting gave the Bacup Band a huge following in the local area. It left the Volunteers in 1870 and became the Bacup Old Band, only to disband in 1871 or 1872.

Bacup Recreation Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1907

Bacup Schools Band - Lancashire
   Active in the early 1900s

Bacup St John's Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1850s, its remaining members joining the new Broadclough Band in 1858.

Bacup Wellington Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active from the early 1860s to the 1870s. Possibly the same as the Bacup Old Band in its “volunteers” period.

Baddesley Ensor Brass Band - Warwickshire
   Active in 1884

Baddow Brass Band
   See: Great Baddow Brass Band

Badshot Lea Amateur Brass Band - Surrey
   Active in 1913 - Walter and Harry Roe were players

BAE Systems Brass Band - Kent

BAE Systems Marine Band - Preston, Lancashire
   Active in the early 2000s

Bagillt Excelsior Brass Band - Flintshire
   Active in the 1890s through to 1930

Bagillt Industrial Brass Band - Flintshire
   Active in 1896
Bagley’s (Bottle Works) Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Knottingley (Bagleys) Glass Works Band

Bagshot Brass Band - Surrey
   Active in the 1900s to WW1

Bagshot Institute Band
   Active in the early 1900s

Bagthorpe Baptist Brass Band
   See: Bagthorpe Brass Band

Bagthorpe Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
   Active around 1898 - 1910. Conductor W. Wagstaffe in 1900

Bagworth Brass Band - Leicestershire
   Active from 1887 through to 1932

Baildon Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from the 1850s through to the end of the 1930s. Leader S. Bentley in 1860. Often practised out of doors in summer on Baildon Moor at the junction of the Hawksworth and Bingley roads where there were a number of seats.

Baildon Temperance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1873 through 1884

Baillieston Brass Band
   Founded May 1874. In 1888 they had attended two contests; won two prizes, value £5. The then conductor was Mr. W. B. Howell; Bandmaster 1st L.R.V.; a member of band of 92nd Highlanders who rose to be band-sergeant; studied at Kneller Hall. Settled in Glasgow; seventeen years bandmaster of the 6th L.R.V. before receiving this appointment. Taught several brass bands. Still active in 1950, though it seems to have ceased contesting after WW2. One player, when staying at a hotel in the early 1900s, signed the register as B.B.B.B.B.B. When asked what it stood for, he said: “The Best Bloomin' Bugler in the Baillieston Brass Band”!

Bainbridge Brass Band (1) - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active in the 1860s to 1869

Bainbridge Brass Band (2) - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Formed prior to 1900, active through to WW1. In 1911 the band played all afternoon at Middleham castle for the Coronation celebrations of King George V, and then had to play for a dance in the evening at the castle. After the dance they travelled by waggonette to Leyburn Railway station arriving at 4.30 am. They had to wait over an hour for the train back to Askrigg. To make the walk to Bainbridge seem easier they decided to march back playing their instruments. They arrived in Bainbridge at 6.00am and proceeded through the village still playing their instruments waking everyone up who was within earshot of the band. After a good breakfast the band played for the rest of the day at Bainbridge for their Coronation celebrations

Bainton and Neswick Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Formed in the early 1920s, conductor John Dunning. Still active in 1926. Thomas Watson Hugill was the band’s drummer (for all three Bainton bands) - he was still playing aged over 80 in 1926.

Bainton Brass Band (1) - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active from the early 1870s - probably folded some time in the 1880s. Thomas Watson Hugill was the band’s drummer (for all three Bainton bands)
Bainton Brass Band (2) - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active from the early 1890s - probably folded around WW1. Thomas Watson Hugill was the band’s drummer (for all three Bainton bands)

Bakewell Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active from the 1840s to 1897. Conductor, Mr Morris in 1892, Joseph Brown in 1893 to 1896. Following Joseph Brown’s resignation in September 1896 the band folded in February 1897 - as its uniform belts, music cases and instruments belonged to the D Company 2nd Derbyshire Rifle Volunteers to which he had an affiliation. A successor band was formed in 1907

Bakewell Church Lads Brigade Band - Derbyshire
Active in the 1870s

Bakewell Free Church Band - Derbyshire
[previous name of current band] See: Bakewell Silver Band

Bakewell Silver Band - Derbyshire
[current band] - Founded in 1907 - Former names: Bakewell Free Church Band (to 1912)

Bala Brass Band - Merioneth
Active in 1861 to the 1890s

Bala Deulyn Band - Merioneth
Active in 1909

Bala Silver Band
See: Bala Brass Band

Bala Town Band - Merioneth
Active from the 1920s through to the 1970s. In 1977 Musical Director was Edwin Griffiths.

Balcombe Brass Band - Sussex
Active in 1864

Baldersdale Brass Band - Hury, Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1864 to 1869

Balderstone Brass Band (1) - Lancashire
Folded around 1925 when its instruments were bought by the Flookburgh Band.

Balderstone Brass Band (2) - Lancashire
[current band]

Baldock Amateur Brass Band - Hertfordshire
Founded in 1899, conductor Thomas Crouch

Baldock Wesleyan P.S.A. Band - Hertfordshire
Active in the 1890s

Baldovan Brass Band - Dundee, Angus
Active from the 1880s to the 1930s

Baldovan Industrial School Brass Band - Dundee, Angus
Active in 1928

Baldwin’s Workmen’s Band - Kenfig,
A band started at the South Wales Dowlais Ironworks in 1846. However the company went through numerous ownership changes until in 1930 the heavy steel industrial plants of Guest Keen and Nettlefolds and Company Limited, amalgamated with Baldwins Limited, to form the British (Guest, Keen Baldwins) Iron and Steel Company Ltd. In 1936 the name of the Company changed to Guest Keen Baldwins Iron and Steel Company Limited. Actively contested after WW1. Still active in 1948
Balfour Silver Band - Fife
Active in the 1970s

Balgonie Colliery Band - Fife
Formed on 9th November 1905. Active through to WW2.

Balham Church Institute Band - Surrey
Formed in 1900, bandmaster C. Daniels.

Balham Town Band - Surrey
Active in the early 1900s

Ballaugh Brass Band - Isle of Man
Active in 1869

Ballochmyle Band - Ayrshire
Formed in 1890. Active through to c.1910. In 1905, they gained 5th place in the Ayrshire Brass Band Association contest on 1 September, conductor Mr Carmichael.

Ballynahinch Silver Band
See: Ballynahinch Temperance Silver Band

Baltonsborough Brass Band - Somerset
Active in the 1880s to the 1900s. Conductor A. Silcox in 1888. Also known as Baltonsborough Star of the East Band. Bandmaster 1897 was W.H. Croom, followed by George Badman in 1899.

Baltonsborough Star of the East Band - Somerset
See: Baltonsborough Brass Band

Balwest Brass Band - Cornwall
In 1868 this band was reported playing at a Sunday school procession and tea treat, then no more can be found of them. So was this a group of brass players who got themselves together to help this Sunday school?

Bamber Bridge Brass Band - Lancashire
Active from 1878 through to WW2.

Bamber Bridge Subscription Band
See: Bamber Bridge Brass Band

Bambridge Amateur Band - Hampshire
Active in the early 1900s

Bamford Congregational Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1880s through to the early 1900s. Conductor William Wood in 1885

Bamford Independent School Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1880s, conductor B.T. Cartledge.

Bamfords Brass Band - Uttoxeter, Staffordshire
Active in the 1920s. This was the works band of Bamfords Ltd (Agricultural Machinery) in Uttoxeter

Bampton Brass Band - Devon
See: Bampton Independent Brass Band

Bampton Brass Band - Oxfordshire
It had been established by 1869 when disagreement erupted with the vicar over custody of its new bass drum. The leader in 1869 was Frederick William Taunt. Still active in 1907 when F.W. Taunt was the conductor.

Bampton Brass Band - Westmorland
Active in the 1860s
Bampton Independent Brass Band - Devon
Active from 1860 to the 1960s, generally known as Bampton Brass Band. Consisted of 12 members in 1863, leader William Nott. Records of the band, from 1909-1967, are held by Devon Record Office. Later known as Bampton Town Band

Bampton Town Band
See: Bampton Brass Band (Devon)

Bampton Volunteer Band - Devon
Active in 1896, when it gave a concert in Wellington

Banbury and Brailes Victoria Brass Band - Warwickshire
See: Brailes Victoria Brass Band

Banbury Borough and British Legion Band
See: Banbury Borough Band

Banbury Borough Band - Oxfordshire
Active in the 1920s and 1930s.

Banbury Borough Silver Band
Formed in 1957, but broke up a year later through lack of interest.

Banbury Brass Band - Oxfordshire
Active in 1845

Banbury Britannia Brass Band - Oxfordshire
See: Banbury Britannia Works Band

Banbury Britannia Works Band - Oxfordshire
Active in 1858 to 1886

Banbury British Legion Band
See: Banbury Borough Band

Banbury Foundry Brass Band - Oxfordshire
Active in 1881

Banbury Free Mission Brass Band - Oxfordshire
Formed in 1902, bandmaster John E. Griffin, still active in 1909

Banbury Rifle Corps Band - Oxfordshire
Active in the 1860 and 1870s

Banbury Saxhorn Band - Oxfordshire
Active in 1851

Banbury St John Ambulance Brass Band - Oxfordshire
Active in the late 1940s

Banbury Teetotal Band - Oxfordshire
From Trinders 'Victorian Banbury', p.71: “In 1844, a Teetotal Brass Band was practising in the Temperance Rooms (Parsons Street)”. Also still active in the 1860/70s

Banbury Town Band - Oxfordshire
Active in the 1860/70s. Obtained new uniforms in 1887.

Banbury Wesleyan Mission Band - Oxfordshire
Active in the 1900s

Banchory Brass Band - Kincardineshire
Active in 1867

Band of Avon Fire and Rescue Service - Gloucestershire
[current band] - Founded in 1954 - Former names: Bristol Fire Brigade Brass Band

Band of Staffordshire Police - Staffordshire
[previous name of current band] See: Florence Brass
Band of the 1024 Squadron - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
[previous name of current band] See: Vectis Brass

Band of the 35th Rifle Volunteer Corps
See: Marriner’s Band

Band of the Ancient Order of Foresters - Leicester, Leicestershire
[previous name of current band] See: Foresters Brass 2000

Band of the Cheshire Constabulary - Cheshire
[current band] - Founded in 1952 - Former names: Stockport Police Band (to 1967)

Band of the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary - Exeter, Devon
Stepping out on the musical beat in early 1976, the band established an enviable reputation for high quality entertainment - be it in village or concert halls, parish churches or cathedrals, garden fêtes or city streets. It was a sad farewell on the 17th December 2004 when the Band played its final concert to a capacity audience at The University Great Hall, Exeter.

Band of the Farnworth Cotton Mills
See: Farnworth Old Band

Band of the Island of Jersey - Isle of Jersey
[current band] - Founded in 1876 - Former names: La Societe de L'Avenir, L'Union Musicale

Band of the Lancashire Hussars - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Haydock Band

Band of the Lincolnshire Fire Brigade - Grantham, Lincolnshire
See: Ruston and Hornsby Band

Band of the Metropolitan Electric Tramways
A military-style band, not exclusively brass

Band of the Middlesex Royal Army Medical Corps
See: Highgate Silver Band

Band of the Royal British Legion Christchurch - Hampshire
[current band]
Band of the Royal Eastern Counties Asylum
Took part in the Colchester Carnival in 1934/36/37, conducted by A Wright

Band of the Runcorn Volunteers
Active in 1891

Band of the Scottish Gas Board
See: Scottish Gas Board Band

Band of the South Notts Hussars Association - Nottinghamshire
[previous name of current band] See: South Notts. Hussars Yeomanry Band

Band of the Tees Division Submariners Royal Engineers
See: Milburn’s Model Band

Band of the Territorial Army 5th Battalion
See: Bury Public Silver Band

Band of the Worksop Rifle Volunteers
1871 was a busy year for the Band of the Worksop Rifle Volunteers. In the 20th May edition of the “Worksop, Retford and Gainsborough Times”, it was reported that the 2nd detachment of the 7th Hussars arrived in Worksop, en route from York to Aldershot. They arrived in Worksop on the Saturday and stayed until Sunday. At 10.00am they paraded in front of the Corn Exchange and marched off to the Abbey Church. The Band
of the Worksop Rifle Volunteers kindly lent their services. On June 3rd of the same year, the Whit Monday processions were headed by three Benefit Societies. The Golden Ball Club was headed by the Band of the Worksop Rifle Volunteers, and on reaching Wheat Sheaf, the Wheat Sheaf Club fell in and was headed by the Harthill Band. Subsequently both Clubs joined the Abbey Sick and Friendly Society, the whole forming an interesting procession, and were marched to the Abbey Church where a very appropriate service was preached by the Reverend E. Hawley.

**Band of the Yorkshire Imperial Metals**
See: *Yorkshire Imperial Band*

**Band Pont y Twr**
See: *Penryhn Quarries Brass Band*

**Banff Brass Band** - Banffshire
Active in 1857, 1860

**Bangor Brass Band** - Caernarfonshire
Active from 1874 through to the early 1900s

**Bangor Brotherhood Brass Band** - Caernarfonshire
See: *Bangor Temperance Band*

**Bangor Good Templars Brass Band** - Caernarfonshire
See: *Bangor Temperance Band*

**Bangor Secondary School Brass Band** - Caernarfonshire
Active in the early 1970s

**Bangor Temperance Band** - Caernarfonshire
Founded as Bangor Good Templars Brass Band. Active in the 1870s to the 1900s. Became Bangor Brotherhood Brass Band, folding around 1915 (at least 6 of the members joined up with the “Bangor Pals”) lending its instruments to the 19th Pioneer Battalion Welsh Regiment.

**Bangor Town Band** - Caernarfonshire
Formed after WW1 and active in the 1920s

**Banham Brass Band** - Norfolk
Disbanded in 1907

**Bank Brass Band** - Bank, Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1868, bandmaster John Elliott

**Bank Foundry Brass Band** - Blackburn, Lancashire
Active in 1854

**Bank Hall Brass Band** - Burnley, Lancashire
Formed around 1881 by the Rev. W. Thursby. In the late 1890s his son provided a new set of uniforms for the band. Still active after WW1 through to the 1930s (though it may have become a “military” band during that latter period).

**Bank Temperance Brass Band** - Bank, Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1851, when there were 15,000 people at the funeral of one of its members at Leeds Cemetary, Burmantofts on 9th November

**Bankfoot Brass Band** - Perthshire
Active in 1850 and 1856

**Banknock Band**
See: *Banknock Colliery Band*

**Banknock Colliery Band** - Stirlingshire
Formed in May 1912 by the miners in the village of Dennyloanhead. Still active in 1931
Banks Brass Band - Lancashire
[current band] - Founded in 1875 - Former names: Banks Rechabite Band

Banks Brewery Band
See: Dudley District Band

Banks Rechabite Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Banks Brass Band

Bannockburn Brass Band - Stirlingshire
Formed in the 1840s. Active through to 1931, when it folded. Revived in 1934 as Bannockburn Brass and Reed Town Band

Bannockburn Colliery Band - Cowie, Stirlingshire
Active in the early 1900s through to 1950. Conductor J. Hastie in 1905

Bannockburn Good Templars Band - Stirlingshire
Active in the early 1900s, conductor W.H. Drummond

Bannockburn Thistle Instrumental Brass Band - Stirlingshire
Active in 1857

Bannockburn Town Band
See: Bannockburn Brass Band

Banovallum Brass (Horncastle) - Lincolnshire
[current band] - Former names: Horncastle Silver Band

Banstead and District Band - Surrey
[previous name of current band] See: Epsom and Ewell Silver Band

Banstead Brass Band - Surrey
Active in 1894, conductor T. Scott and 1906, conductor Mr. Tickner. Probably folded before 1910, when the new Banstead Silver Band was formed (later to become the current Epsom and Ewell Band)

Banstead Cottage Home Boys Band - Surrey
Active in the early 1900s. The Cottage Homes were erected in 1878-80 to a design by A and C Harston and were described as giving the impression of “a well-designed model village, delightfully placed amid country surroundings of woodland and downs.” The buildings occupied a narrow strip of land alongside a railway line, although the elevated position of the site was said to provide views of Windsor Castle. An account of the buildings from 1898 states: “The entrance gates and porter’s lodge are 50 yards from the middle of a fine main drive (about 600 yards in length), on either side of which are ranged the 23 detached homes or cottages for the children. In the centre of this drive lie the administrative and school buildings, consisting of the residence of the superintendent and matron, a house for the school staff, the stores or “village shop,” the bakery, laundry, and swimming bath; three schools, two on the north side for boys and girls (a new girls’ school has just been added with a covered playground for boys and girls beneath it), and the other on the south side for infants, and the detached chapel. Immediately at the right of the entrance, are two probationary homes, one for girls and one for boys, together capable of holding 40 children, while further to the right, on either side of the drive, are the nine cottages for boys, with accommodation for 40 in each. To the extreme right, a fine bandroom, which is to form part of a future drillroom and gymnasium, has been lately erected at the cost of some £800. On the left of the entrance and central buildings, the 14 girls’ and infants' cottages are ranged, with 26 beds in each; again to the left of these, come the infirmary with 30 beds, and the infectious block with
18 beds; and beyond these blocks lie the present boys' playfield and a large kitchen garden....”

**Banstead Poor Law School Band** - Surrey  
*See: Banstead Cottage Home Boys Band*

**Banstead Silver Band** - Surrey  
[previous name of current band] *See: Epsom and Ewell Silver Band*

**Banton Brass Band** - Lanarkshire  
Active in 1884 through to c. 1910, probably folded in WW1.

**Banton Village Band**  
*See: Banton Brass Band*

**Baptist Centenary Band** - Wellington, Somerset  
*See: South Street Baptist Band*

**Barclays Brass Band**  
[current band] - Founded in 1981. An ad hoc band of current and former Barclays employees

**Bardney Brass Band** - Lincolnshire  
Active in 1886 through to the 1920s. Renamed Bardney Town Band by the end of the 1930s.

**Bardney St Lawrence Band** - Lincolnshire  
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

**Bardney Temperance Band** - Lincolnshire  
Active around 1886, 1910 and 1919

**Bardney Town Band**  
*See: Bardney Brass Band*

**Bardon Mill Brass Band** - Northumberland  
Active in 1886 through 1916

**Bardon Mill Colliery Band** - Northumberland  
Active between 1906 and 1947, and 1956-70

**Bardon Mill Excelsior Band**  
*See: Bardon Mill Brass Band*

**Bardon Mill Silver Model Band**  
*See: Bardon Mill Colliery Band*

**Bardsley Brass Band** - Lancashire  
Active in 1876 when it promoted a contest. One of its members, Enoch Wildblood, was killed in France in 1916. Still active in 1933.

**Bardsley Old Band** - Lancashire  
*See: Bardsley Brass Band*

**Barfoot's Brass Band** - Blandford, Dorset  
Active in 1839. Led by John Barfoot, musical instrument maker.

**Barford St Martin Brass Band** - Wiltshire  
Active in 1872, conductor M. Petty

**Bargoed Brass Band** - Glamorgan  
Active in 1879 through to 1916

**Barisons Brass Band** - Esher, Surrey  
Active in the early 2000s, converted to a wind band in 2005

**Barking and Dagenham Playleaders Band** - Essex  
Active in the 1970s. Remaining players help to form the Becontree Brass Band in 1981
Barking Brass Band - Essex
   Founded in 1867, conductor Mr James

Barking Brotherhood Brass Band - Essex
   Formed in 1905, conductor H. Rainbow.

Barking Concert Band
   See: Dagenham Silver Band

Barking Garage (L.G.O.C.) Silver Band - Essex
   Active in the 1920s/1930s. Busmen and others from the London General Omnibus
   Company garages at Barking.

Barking Gasworks Band - Essex
   Active in 1894

Barking Town Band - Essex
   Active in the 1880s to the early 1900s

Barkingside Brass Band - Redbridge, Essex
   Active in the 1930s/40s

Barlborough Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in 1856 to 1863

Barlestone Brass Band
   See: Barlestone Victoria Brass Band

Barlestone Victoria and City of Leicester Band
   See: Barlestone Band

Barlestone Victoria Brass Band
   Active in the 1890s. Ran into difficulties around 1994 and decided to amalgamate with
   the City of Leicester Band in 1995. Unfortunately, after much effort by many of the
   players, this didn't work and the combined band decided to call it a day at the end of
   1996.

Barlow and Holmesfield Band - Derbyshire
   Active from 1865. In 1870 it played at the opening of Dronfield railway station on
   Tuesday 1st February. The Derbyshire Times reported “My home village (Holmesfield)
   and its neighbour (Barlow) had a brass band at least in the late 1800s. Each time a train
   came in it was greeted by a merry peal of bells from the spire and the sound of the
   Barlow and Holmesfield band”

Barlow and Jones’ Brass Band - Bolton, Lancashire
   Active in 1864. Barlow & Jones were cotton spinners and manufacturers, at the Albert
   Mill, Cobden Mill and Prospect Mill in the town.

Barlow Brass Band - Selby, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [no information]

Barlow Brass Band - Derbyshire
   See: Barlow Old Brass Band

Barlow Moor Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1880

Barlow New Band - Derbyshire
   Active in 1899

Barlow Old Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active from the mid-1860s through to 1906. Secretary Thomas Mosley in 1888. Conductor
   John Haslam in 1901
Barmby Brass Band - Barmby on the Marsh, Yorkshire (East Riding)
Formed some time before 1860, when number began to drop off. Still active in 1864

Barming Brass Band - Kent
Active in 1869

Barmouth Brass Band (1) - Merioneth
Active in the 1870s to the 1900s

Barmouth Brass Band (2) - Merioneth
Active in the 1940s/1950s

Barmouth Coronation Band - Merioneth
Active in 1914

Barnard Castle Band - Durham
[current band] - Founded in 1973

Barnard Castle Brass Band - Durham
See: Barnard Castle Subscription Band (1)

Barnard Castle Silver Band - Durham
See: Barnard Castle Subscription Band (2)

Barnard Castle Subscription Band (1) - Durham
The foundation stone of a stone arched bridge was laid at Whorlton, in June 1829, amidst considerable celebrations, with the usual “vast concourse of people” in attendance, as well as the Barnard Castle Subscription Band. After the formal laying of the foundation stone, the ladies who were present: ‘retired, and took of a cold collation; and the gentlemen were entertained by the Rev J. Potts; and an excellent dinner and tea was provided for the parishioners’ The Barnard Castle subscription band attended on the occasion. On July 7, 1831, “this elegant structure” in Whorlton was opened. The local people were so confident in its safety that a long procession stomped across it. The Barnard Castle Subscription Band led the way, followed by John Green. Then on horseback came the Whorlton bridge committee, led by the Venerable Archdeacon Headlam, followed by 27 carriages. Sundry other carriages and pedestrians brought up the rear. This band folded prior to a new subscription band being formed in 1860.

Barnard Castle Subscription Band (2) - Durham
Founded in 1860. About the turn of the century and during the Boer War most of the band joined the Local Volunteers and the name was changed to Barnard Castle Band Volunteer’s Band. This caused quite a hue and cry in the local press at the time. After the war the band again changed it’s name to Barnard Castle Silver Band and acquired a set of uniforms consisting of white flannel trousers, coloured striped blazers and straw hats. In the early 1930’s the band , by this time wearing traditional peaked caps, red military style jackets and black trousers, won many prizes at local contests and gained fourth prize at the National Championships held at Crystal Palace in London. In 1960 the band celebrated its one hundredth birthday with a dinner when members were presented with medals bearing their names. Prominent musicians were the Wright family with Maurice as conductor, his two sons Raymond and Norman, his son-in-law Paddy Hunt, his brothers Tees, James, Trevor and Alan and his nephews Alfie and Trevor Walton. Sadly in 1967 the band lost many players and with only six players the band went out of commission. A successor band was formed in 1973

Barnard Castle Town Band - Durham
See: Barnard Castle Subscription Band (2)
Barnes' Band
See: Farnworth Old Band

Barnes' Home Industrial School Band - Heaton, Lancashire
Active from 1877 to 1911 when it played in various parks in Salford. The school was erected, in Didsbury Road, Heaton, by the late Robert Barnes Esq., in 1871 for the education and training of neglected and destitute children under the provisions of the industrial schools act of 1866. Conductor F.T. Bateman in 1908

Barnet Town Prize Band
See: Barnet Town Silver Band

Barnet Town Silver Band
Formed on 31st January 1889 by the Court Pride of Barnet Foresters and was known as the High Foresters' Brass Band. Corporal Yeomans of the 7th Kings Royal Rifles Corps was appointed as its first Musical Director at the first Committee Meeting in February 1889. However, his appointment was not unopposed and he was succeeded by Mr George Byford on 6th March 1895 at a salary of 3s per week and he held this position until 1907. During his conductorship, the Band attended numerous contests and won many prizes. The band’s first engagement was at The Green Man on March 18th 1889. The original 15 instruments, which were purchased new at a cost of £42, the bulk of the cost being covered by a loan from Mr Emm. These instruments were replaced in April 1898 by Dr Osborne Boyes who presented a new set of brass instruments to the band at a dinner held at the Star Public House. In the same year, the Band entered the Fulham Brass Band Contest and gained first prize, thus setting a precedent as, over the years, the Band has won over 150 prizes. About this time, the band was instrumental in the setting up of the London and Home Counties Amateur Band Association, thus becoming a founder member. By 1899, the band was renamed as the Barnet Town Band on a receipt for the printing of 20 circulars by Barnet’s Steam printer, E. S. Wheatley. Mr Byford was succeeded in 1908 by Mr T. A. Cheek as Musical Director. Mr Cheek started as an instrumentalist in the band and his subsequent record as Director of Music was outstanding. During the year 1907, the Band took second prize at Bromley, first prize at Dartford and, perhaps most significant of all, the first prize at the Association Contest at Crystal Palace. By 1921, the band was known as The Barnet Town Silver Prize Band, as described in the receipt for the loan of a band cornet by Alfred Richards. In 1979, Mr Kevin Morgan, the Band’s Musical Director, formerly a cornet player with the Band of the Scots Guards, changed the Band’s name to the Barnet Band - its present-day name. It converted to concert band line-up, with woodwind instruments, in the mid-1980s

Barnetby Silver Band - Lincolnshire
[current band] - Founded in 1876

Barningham Brass Band - Durham
Active in 1862 to 1865

Barnoldswick Brass Band (1) - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Barnoldswick Old Band

Barnoldswick Brass Band (2) - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in the 1870’s (believed to be 1873) by a merger of the Barnoldswick Model and Barnoldswick Ribblesdale Bands. The most successful period in the band’s history was from the early 1900’s to the early 1930’s during which time the band was a regular prizewinner at contests and competed most years at the Crystal Palace Championships, though never in the Championship Section. Dwindling membership during the 1950’s
and 60’s (and the success of the Rolls Royce band) led to the band folding in 1965. A successor band was formed in 1971. The great cornet player Edwin Firth, made his principal cornet contesting debut with Barnoldswick Band at Crystal Palace in 1906. In the 1920s the conductor was Joe Smith. Also known as Barnoldswick Original Brass Band

**Barnoldswick Brass Band (3)** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1971 - Note: A previous band had folded in 1965

**Barnoldswick Model Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1865. At this time it was supposed to be a sort of Temperance group consisting chiefly of young men, and as such they became very popular and for a time their services and accomplishments were highly appreciated which unfortunately came to an end after several years time. It merged with the Barnoldswick Ribblesdale Band in 1873 to form Barnoldswick Brass Band

**Barnoldswick New Model Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: *Barnoldswick Model Band*

**Barnoldswick Old Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1840s to 1869. Also known as Barnoldswick Brass Band in its earlier years.

**Barnoldswick Original Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: *Barnoldswick Brass Band (2)*

**Barnoldswick Ribblesdale Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1869. Merged with the Barnoldswick Model Band in 1873 to form Barnoldswick Brass Band

**Barnsby Mission Brass Band** - Islington, Middlesex
Formed in 1906, based at the Mission at Arundel Square Free Church, Islington.
Bandmaster J. Abel

**Barnsley Borough Prize Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the 1870s through to the end of the 1920s

**Barnsley Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active between 1854 and 1882

**Barnsley Building Society (Barrow) Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: *Barnsley Chronicle Band (2)*

**Barnsley Building Society Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: *Barnsley Chronicle Band (2)*

**Barnsley Chronicle Band (1)** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed around 1983 as Barrow Colliery Junior Band, became Barnsley Chronicle Band in 1987. Folded before 1993

**Barnsley Chronicle Band (2)** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1906 - Former names: Birdwell and District Subscription Prize Brass Band, Barrow Colliery Prize Band (1931), Birdwell Brass Band (1946 reformed after the war), Barrow Colliery Band (1958), Barnsley Building Society (Barrow) Band (1989), Barnsley Building Society Band (to 2010)

**Barnsley Co-operative Society Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the mid-1990s to around 2009

**Barnsley Corporation Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1870s and 1880s

**Barnsley Excelsior Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1895
Barnsley Metropolitan Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [current band]
Barnsley Model Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1890s
Barnsley Music Centre Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1970s and 1980s
Barnsley National Reserve Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1910s
Barnsley Old Mill Brass Band
   See: Old Mill Subscription Band
Barnsley Rifles Band
   See: Barnsley Volunteers Band
Barnsley Subscription Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1843
Barnsley Temperance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Founded in 1878. Active through to the early 1900s
Barnsley Temperance Excelsior Brass Band
   See: Barnsley Excelsior Brass Band
Barnsley Volunteers Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1850s through to the early 1900s
Barnstaple Amateur Brass Band - Devon
   Active in 1859 to 1868
Barnstaple Brass Band - Devon
   See: Barnstaple Amateur Brass Band
Barnton Silver Band - Cheshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1891 - Former names: Barnton Temperance Band, Barnton Subscription Band
Barnton Subscription Band - Cheshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Barnton Silver Band
Barnton Temperance Band - Cheshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Barnton Silver Band
Barrett, Exall and Andrewes Brass Band - Reading, Berkshire
   See: Messrs Barrett, Exall and Andrewes Brass Band
Barrhead and District Band - Renfrewshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Barrhead Burgh Band
Barrhead Brass Band - Renfrewshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Barrhead Burgh Band
Barrhead Burgh Band - Renfrewshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1819 - Former names: Levern Instrumental Band, Barrhead Silver Band (1907), Barrhead Burgh Band (1908), Barrhead and District Band (1977), Barrhead Burgh Band (1995)
Barrhead Silver Band - Renfrewshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Barrhead Burgh Band
Barrington Brass Band - Northumberland
   Active in 1859 when it competed in a contest at Felton. Conductor J. Richardson in 1860, Mr Armstrong in 1862, George Patton in 1893.
Barrington Brass Band - Somerset
Active in 1862, when it was associated with the Barrington Friendly Society. In 1882 it played at the anniversary of Hambridge Benevolent Society. Still active in the 1890s and 1900s, conductor John Bond. In 1923 secretary was A. Dade.

Barrington Church Band - Cambridgeshire
Active in 1874

Barrington Colliery Band - Northumberland
Active from the 1870s. In 1877 the conductor was James Bolam, secretary Alex Watson. Conductor J. Dunsmore in 1883. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Band records are held in the Northumberland County Record Office. Changed name to Bedlington Colliery Band in 1936

Barrington Colliery Band - Northumberland (previous name of current band) See: Barnsley Chronicle Band (2)

Barrington Colliery Junior Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Barnsley Chronicle Band (1)

Barrington Hill and Staveley United Prize Band - Derbyshire
See: Staveley Works Band

Barrington Hill and Staveley Works Silver Prize Band - Derbyshire
See: Staveley Works Band

Barrington Hill Brass Band - Derbyshire
See: Staveley Works Band

Barrington Hill Good Templars Band
Active in 1895 through 1910

Barrington Hill Temperance Band
See: Barrington Hill Good Templars Band

Barrington Iron and Steelworks Brass Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Barrow Steelworks Band
Barrow Labour Silver Band  
Active in 1928

Barrow Primitive Methodist Brass Band  
Active in the 1880s and 1900s

Barrow Shipyard Band - Lancashire  
Founded in 1892 as Barrow Temperance Band (to 1908), Barrow Shipyard Prize Band (1908), Barrow Home Guard Band (1939), Barrow Shipyard Band (1945), Vickers Shipbuilding and Engineering Band (1960), Vickers Works Band, Vickers Barrow Works Band, British Shipbuilders Band (1980), GEC Band, VSEL Band, BAE Systems (Marine) Band, Barrow Shipyard Band (2002). Folded in 2012 when their kit, instruments and uniform were passed to the junior band

Barrow Steelworks Band - Lancashire  
[current band] - Founded in 1884 - Former names: Rising Star Lifeboat Crew Brass Band, Barrow Wire and Steelworkers? Union Band, Barrow Iron and Steelworks Brass Band (1888-1950s)

Barrow T.A. Brass Band - Barrow-In-Furness, Lancashire  
Active in the 1900s

Barrow Wesleyan Brass Band  
See: Barrow Primitive Methodist Brass Band

Barrow Wire and Steelworkers? Union Band - Lancashire  
[previous name of current band] See: Barrow Steelworks Band

Barrow Youth Brass Band  
Disbanded in 2008. It was originally the junior section of the old Vickers shipyard band but broke away when the shipyard band and BAE parted company. Band officials gave away the remaining money the band had in the bank, plus the cash it raised from selling its musical instruments and other equipment, to other local youth bands.

Barrowby Brass Band - Lincolnshire  
Active from the 1860s through to 1935. Secretary W. Messon in 1882. The earliest record of the band performing is on New Year's Day 1865. In 1885 it held its first annual celebratory dinner at the White Swan, perhaps because its then bandmaster, William Musson, was also the landlord. In 1897 it had performed 21 engagements with an additional four sacred concerts. In that year it also led the celebration of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee at Belton. By 1905 the band had acquired a uniform, appropriately of Lincoln Green. By early 1909 however the band seems to have got into trouble and became, for a while, defunct. This did not last long for it was advertising for engagements by March of the same year. Within the village the Band played regularly in the grounds of The Rectory, The Grange, and The White House for a variety of village fetes and fund raisers. Secretary R. Peel in 1912. In 1913 it staged a Grand Promenade Concert at The Grange to raise funds for new instruments. It was 24-strong at this time, a large number for a moderate sized village. In September 1914 it participated in a Great Patriotic Meeting in the village. It reformed after WW1, with a number of its members being "Old Comrades".

Barrowford Brass Band - Lancashire  
Active in the 1850s and through to WW1. One member, Drummer Harold Rushton, 19, was killed in France in 1916. An earlier Barrowford Reed Band existed in the 1840s. In its early years, there was also a drum and flute band in Barrowford - one Christmas, they were both out playing when they came in contact with each other, between the
“Gaumless” and Berry’s shed, which resulted in a contest of strength. The two bands formed in order in the middle of the road. The players of each band played with all their might, and the drummers beat their drums with all the strength they could muster. The drummer of the little band turned his drum sticks and beat the drum with the heavy ends, and just about the finish he struck the end in. The flute band came out victorious, having made the biggest noise.

**Barrow-in-Furness Youth Clubs Band**  
Active in 1940s

**Barrow-on-Soar Brass Band** - Leicestershire  
The band was formed in 1847 with 9 members, under the leadership of William Hatton. Conductor J. Darby in 1899. They practiced on North Street. In 1910 they entered competitions for a period of two years only and won contests at Melton Mowbray and Derby for presentations and marching. When the First World War broke out 14 members of the band joined up but the remainder managed to carry on until they could properly rejoin. In 1919 Major Martin, who lived at the Hunting Lodge in the village and was a keen supporter of the band, gave a piece of land in Mill Lane to the village for use as a recreation ground. He also erected a bandstand on this open space and the band played there every Feast Sunday. In 1876 Mr Sam Darby became Bandmaster from the age of 17 for a period of 50 years, and on his retirement in 1926 was presented with a purse of money subscribed by the residents and his fellow bandsmen. Owing to the Second World War the band ceased playing and finally amalgamated with the adjoining village band of Sileby. Sam Darby was not only the Bandmaster but also a Cornet player, Piano teacher and organist at Barrow Catholic Church for over 50 years. He could, in fact, play all the instruments in the band but had a little bit of difficulty when it came to playing the trombone. These achievements were quite remarkable as he was virtually self-taught having left school at an early age. His son Jack Darby, who played drums in the band, was also a very good pianist. The Band played in neighbouring villages, and at Christmas they visited houses playing carols and no doubt there would be the usual liquid refreshment at each venue. In those days the band travelled around by horse and cart and the story goes that one Christmas, whilst negotiating the streets, they took a corner quite sharply with the result that the cart tipped over and its occupants were thrown out onto the road. Unfortunately quite a few instruments were damaged and Sam Darby’s humour was sorely tested as he was convinced that the members of the band had over indulged. The villagers ran a collection and through their generosity raised enough money to replace the broken instruments. The new instruments were silver plated as opposed to brass - this shows how popular the Band was with the villagers. (thanks to Veronica Brown for these notes)

**Barr's Court Proprietary School Brass Band** - Hereford, Herefordshire  
Active in 1858

**Barry Brass Band** - Angus  
Active in 1908

**Barry Brass Band (1)** - Glamorgan  
Probably formed after WW1 and active through to WW2

**Barry Brass Band (2)** - Glamorgan  
[current band] - Founded in 1998

**Barry Conservative Brass Band** - Glamorgan  
Active in 1928
Barry Dock Brass Band - Glamorgan
   See: Barry Dock Wesleyan Brass Band

Barry Dock Buffaloes Band - Glamorgan
   See: Barry Dock R.A.O.B. Brass Band

Barry Dock District Band - Glamorgan
   See: Barry Dock Wesleyan Brass Band

Barry Dock R.A.O.B. Brass Band - Glamorgan
   Founded in 1892, J. Bryan appointed conductor in 1898.

Barry Dock Unionist Brass Band - Glamorgan
   See: Barry Unionist Jubilee Brass Band

Barry Dock Wesleyan Brass Band - Glamorgan
   Active in the 1890s became Barry Dock District Band in 1899. Still active in 1904, when it purchased new instruments, and through to WW1

Barry Dockers' Brass Band - Glamorgan
   See: Barry Docks Brass Band

Barry Ostlere and Shepherd Band - Kirkcaldy, Fife
   Formed in 1902 by the Barry Ostlere and Shepherd jute/linoleum company in Kirkcaldy. The Band had many successes in Scotland and survived until the mid 1960s when the plant was closed.

Barry R.A.O.B. Brass Band - Glamorgan
   See: Barry Docks Brass Band

Barry Red Cross Band - Glamorgan
   Active in the 1910s

Barry Silver Band - Glamorgan
   See: Barry Brass Band

Barry Town Band - Glamorgan
   Active in 1911

Barry Town Veterans Band - Glamorgan
   See: Barry United Veterans Band

Barry Unionist Jubilee Brass Band - Glamorgan
   Founded in 1896, disbanded in 1906.

Barry United Veterans Band - Glamorgan
   Active in the 1920s

Barston Band - Leicestershire
   Went through several stages of amalgamation to form what is now Leicestershire Co-op (Snibston) Band

Bartlett's Mechanic Brass Band - Totnes, Devon
   Active in 1849

Bartley Green Brass Band - Worcestershire
   Active in the 1890s and early 1900s

Barton Brass Band - Barton-on-Humber, Lincolnshire
   Formed in 1899, folding prior to WW1. A successor band was formed in the 1920s

Barton Brass Band - Bedfordshire
   Active in 1920, 1907, conductor E. Ellingham

Barton Brass Band - Oxfordshire
   Active in 1862 to 1868
Barton Cycle Works Band - Barton-on-Humber, Lincolnshire
Formed in 1904 by Mr F Hopper Snr. It had many successes in competition, the most notable being the Contest held at the Crystal Palace in London where they gained a 3rd and 4th place in the years around 1907. Unfortunately on another occasion they had a few too many trips to the Public Bar and acted with an “unfortunate lack of sobriety” disgracing themselves on the contest platform. This caused their sponsor, F Hopper to gather them in the Cycle Works yard confiscating their instruments and ritually burning their uniforms before them - an inglorious end to a once fine band. Probably folded during WW1

Barton Excelsior Brass Band - Barton-on-Humber, Lincolnshire
Active in 1887

Barton Hall Works Band - Patricroft, Lancashire
Active in the late 1930s and 1940s. Played at Urmston Show 1st August 1960. It was a non-contesting band in the 1970s. Conducted at times by Hugh Parry and Oliver Howarth. Still active in the late 1960s.

Barton Model Band - Barton-on-Humber, Lincolnshire
See: Barton Ropery Band

Barton Ropery Brass Band - Barton-on-Humber, Lincolnshire
Formed in late 1858. Associated with Hall's Ropery Works in Barton. Active in 1859 when it performed a concert with the Hull Druids' Brass Band in Barton Temperance Hall. Reformed in 1873. Later known as Barton Model Band. Probably folded during WW1

Barton Subscription Band - Barton-on-Humber, Lincolnshire
Active in 1920

Barton Total Abstinence Band - Barton-on-Humber, Lincolnshire
Active in 1907

Barton Town Band - Lincolnshire
[current band] - Founded in the 1920s - Former names: Barton Town Prize Subscription Brass Band, Barton Town Prize Band (from the 1940s to the 1960s) - Note: Amalgamated with Barrow Britannia Band in the 1960s

Barton Town Model Brass Band - Barton-on-Humber, Lincolnshire
Active in 1902, secretary A. Franklin

Barton United Brass Band
Active in 1884

Barton Works Band - Barton-on-Humber, Lincolnshire
See: Barton Ropery Band

Barton-on-Humber Adult School Band - Lincolnshire
Founded in 1911, bandmaster George White.

Barton-on-Humber Ropery Band - Barton-on-Humber, Lincolnshire
See: Barton Ropery Band

Barton’s Brass Band - Preston, Lancashire
Formed in the 1890s by Councillor Barton who owned a Manufacturing Confectionery Works. The band appeared regularly at the Whitsuntide Walks and Co-op Field Days up to the outbreak of WW1. Later known as Barton’s Prize Band, when they reformed in 1919, when they rehearsed in the Heart of Oak, Adelphi Street, and their president and proprietor was Charles Brown. An advert of the time stated: “Now that the members of the above band are demobilized they wish to thank the public of Preston and District for
their past patronage and hope to enjoy a fair share in the future. Open for engagements. Processions, Galas, Fetes, Flower Shows etc. Charity will receive every attention. For terms apply Sec. Mr. R. Taylor, 2 Markham St. Ashton, Preston”. Still active in 1933.

**Barton’s Prize Band** - Preston, Lancashire
See: *Barton’s Brass Band*

**Barum Silver Band** - Barnstaple, Devon
Active in the 1980s and 1990s

**Barwell Brass Band** - Leicestershire
Active from 1853 through to the 1900s

**Basford Brass Band** - Nottinghamshire
Active in 1852, 1860

**Basford Hall Colliery Band** - Nottinghamshire
See: *Basford Hall Miners’ Welfare Band*

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**Basingstoke Area Schools Brass Band** - Hampshire
Active in the 1970s

**Basingstoke Brass Band** - Hampshire
See: *Basingstoke Mechanics Institute Brass Band*

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**Basingstoke Mechanics Institute and Club Brass Band** - Hampshire
Formed in 1872, conductor C. Hailstone. Active through to the 1900s. Conductor Mr Bedford in 1907

**Basingstoke Mechanics Institute Brass Band** - Hampshire
Formed in late 1855 - folding before successor band was formed in 1872. Still active in 1867, conductor Mr Powell

**Basingstoke Primitive Methodist Church Band** - Hampshire
[previous name of current band] See: *Basingstoke Silver Band*

**Basingstoke Silver Band** - Hampshire
[current band] - Founded in 1898 - Former names: Primitive Methodist Church Band

**Baskerville Brass Band** - Birmingham, Warwickshire
Active in the 1890s up to WW1. Linked to James Upton’s Baskerville Printing Works in central Birmingham. Conductor George Towle in 1908

**Baslow Brass Band** - Derbyshire
Active from the early 1840s through to the 1900s. Conductor John Haslam in 1904

**Bass Museum Burton Brass** - Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire
Active in the 1980/90s

**Bass Wingates Band** - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: *Wingates Band*

**Bassingbourn Brass Band** - Cambridgeshire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

**Baston Brass Band** - Lincolnshire
Active in 1862, 1863
Batchelors' Brothers Saxe-Horn Band - Cardiff, Glamorgan
  Active in 1859

Bath Amateur Brass Band - Somerset
  Active in 1890

Bath Christian Excelsior Brass Band - Somerset
  Active in 1886

Bath City Amateur Brass Band - Somerset
  Active in 1890

Bath Gasworks Band - Somerset
  Active in 1890 to 1895

Bath Hanoverian Brass Band - Somerset
  Active in 1857

Bath Post Office Band - Somerset
  Founded around 1892

Bath Railway Brass Band - Somerset
  See: Somerset and Dorset Railway Brass Band

Bath Road Wesleyan Temperance Brass Band - Swindon, Wiltshire
  Active in 1891

Bath Spa Band - Somerset
  [current band] - Founded in 1921 - Former names: St James Mission Church Band, Bath Spa Imperial Band (1930), Bath Spa Band (1968)

Bath Spa Imperial Band - Bath, Somerset
  [previous name of current band] See: Bath Spa Band

Bath St James' Silver Band - Somerset
  See: St James’ Church Mission Band

Bath Volunteer Rifles Brass Band - Somerset
  Formed in 1860, bandmaster W. Williams, consisting of 5 cornets, 5 saxhorns, 1 euphonion, 1 bombardone, 2 drums

Bath Workhouse Brass Band - Somerset
  Active in 1877

Batheaston Brass Band - Somerset
  Active in the 1890s

Bathgate Band - West Lothian
  [current band] - Founded in the 1830s - Former names: Bathgate Public Band (1890s)

Bathgate Chemical Brass Band - West Lothian
  Active in 1869

Bathgate Public Band - West Lothian
  [previous name of current band] See: Bathgate Band

Batley Castle Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active around 1900 - (possibly the Batley Castle Salvation Army Band)

Batley Grammar School Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1980s

Batley Old Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Founded in 1878 as brass and reed band, later converting to all-brass in the 1880s. Very successfull contesting record in the 1890s. Tom Stubley was bandmaster from 1893 to 1910, followed by J. Eaton until 1913. Played a part in the celebrations following Batley’s win the first Rugby League Challenge Cup Final which took place on 24 April 1897 at...
Headingley, in front of 13,492 people. The team travelled home to the sound of 160 celebratory fog signals detonating one after another on the railway line as their train passed over them. On their arrival, they were escorted by Batley Old Band to the town hall. Still active in the 1940s.

**Batley Operatic Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1862

**Batley Temperance Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1880s/90s. The band held their first annual sports in the Batley cricket field, Mount Pleasant, in August 1890. Mr W. G. Hurst, the great American trick wheelman, went through a novel performance at these sports! When Mr. George Watson, landlord of the Royal Hotel, applied at Batley for an occasional licence to enable him to sell intoxicating drinks next Saturday at the Batley Temperance Brass Band sports, he declared he had the support of the temperance party, whereat the bench expressed their surprise and some doubt, and said they would grant an adjournment that he might call witnesses. Mr. Watson left the court, but in a short time his solicitor said the application was withdrawn. Their instruments and music were destroyed by fire in 1892. The band had disbanded by 1906.

**Batley United Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1855

**Batley Victoria Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1885/5

**Batley Victoria Temperance Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: **Batley Victoria Band**

**Battersby Brass Band** - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1867

**Battersea and Wandsworth Band** - Surrey
Active in the 1890s to the 1910s. It was reorganised in 1909

**Battersea Borough Brass Band** - Surrey
Active in the 1890s through to 1920s

**Battersea Brass Band**
See: **Battersea Borough Brass Band**

**Battersea Grammar School Brass Band** - Surrey
Active in 1945

**Battersea Temperance Band** - Surrey
Active in the 1910s through to 1920s

**Battersea Tent Mission Band** - Surrey
Active in the 1900s

**Battisford Free Church Band** - Suffolk
[current band] - Founded in the 1890s - Former names: Battisford Mission Band - Note: Became a full brass band in the late 1940s

**Battisford Mission Band** - Suffolk
[previous name of current band] See: **Battisford Free Church Band**

**Battle Brass Band** - Sussex
Formed in the 1850s and disbanded in 1939. Conductor W. Wood in 1861. A successor band was formed in 1975
**Battle Town Band** - Sussex
   [current band] - Founded in 1975 - Note: Other related bands: earlier Battle Brass Band (1800s to 1939)

**Battyeford Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Founded around 1905

**Baugurst Gospel Temperance Band** - Hampshire
   Formed in the 1870s as a result of “revival” meetings in Baugurst, it held open-air meetings in Shyshack Lane, Heath End on Sunday afternoons. In winter a lamp was carried on a pole to give light to the musicians. It also played at Baugurst Primitive Methodist Chapel as well as at Camp Meetings and Hospital Sunday Parades. It disbanded during World War II. Albert Jacobs was bandmaster in 1900.

**Baugurst Temperance Band**
   See: *Baugurst Gospel Temperance Band*

**Bawtry Brass Band**
   Active in 1878, 1890 and 1900

**Baxendale's Band**
   See: *Denton Original Band*

**Baxendale’s Glassworks Brass Band** - Manchester, Lancashire
   Active in 1935

**Baxenden Brass Band** - Lancashire
   See: *Baxenden Church School Brass Band*

**Baxenden Church School Brass Band** - Lancashire
   Active in 1851, 1854

**Baxterley Brass Band** - Warwickshire
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s

**Bayley’s Charity Brass Band** - Coventry, Warwickshire
   Active in 1861. This was the band of the Katherine Bayley Charity School in Coventry

**BCE St Mary's Brass**
   See: *British Coal Enterprise (St. Mary’s) Band*

**Beach Terrace Mission Brass Band** - Hastings, Sussex
   Formed in April 1888, bandmaster J. Spendley, secretary J. Blackman. First performance was in June 1888 accompanying the Band of Hope to Winchelsea for their outing.

**Beacon Lane Boys Band**
   See: *Liverpool Boys’ Orphanage Band*

**Beacon Silver Band** - Nottingham, Nottinghamshire
   Reformed in the 1930s? from the earlier Boots Plaisaunce Band. Its playing days came to an untimely end when the instruments were destroyed in the bombing of the Printing Department building on Station Street in 1941.

**Beaconsfield Brass Band** - Buckinghamshire
   Active from 1863 to WW1. Conductor T.F. Lane in 1887/1892

**Beaminster Brass Band (1)** - Dorset
   Active in the 1850s and 1860s - presumed to have folded before the successor band was formed in 1875. Conductor Mr Cox in 1858.

**Beaminster Brass Band (2)** - Dorset
   Founded in 1878 by George Swaffield, who was a rural postman from 1866. The band was still active in the 1980s. Conductors: J. Swaffield in 1882-1888, L. Rogers in 1890, J. Trump in 1895-1922, A.R. Park in 1930. The band played at George Swaffield's diamond
wedding celebrations in 1927 (he died in 1936, at 95, the “oldest postman pensioner ever”)

**Beamish and East Tanfield Brass Band** - Durham
- Active in 1966

**Beamish Brass Band** - Durham
- Active in the 1850s through 1900s. Also known as Beamish Silver Model Band in its later years.

**Beamish Colliery Band** - Durham
- Formed in 1898. Amalgamated with Seghill Colliery Band around 1907. Still active in 1950

**Beamish Model Band** - Durham
- See: *Beamish Brass Band*

**Beamish Silver Model Band** - Durham
- See: *Beamish Brass Band*

**Beanfield School Brass Band** - Corby, Northamptonshire
- Formed in 1969, still active in the 1970s.

**Bean's Brass Band** - York, Yorkshire
- York, 1833-1860

**Beard and Carter's Brass Band** - Wolverhampton, Staffordshire
- Active in 1859

**Beard and Carter's Saxhorn Band** - Wolverhampton, Staffordshire
- See: *Beard and Carter’s Brass Band*

**Beardmore's Works Brass Band** - Mossend, Lanarkshire
- Founded in 1908. Active into the 1920s

**Bearpark and Esh Colliery Band** - Durham
- [current band] - Founded in 1950 - Former names: Esh Winning Colliery Welfare Band, Esh Colliery Band (1970), Bearpark & Esh Colliery Band (1979) - Note: The original Bearpark Band folded c. 1948 and there was no band there until after Esh Winning Colliery closed, the band started taking Bearpark Colliery banner to The Durham Miners Gala so with financial support from Bearpark it became Bearpark & Esh Brass Band in 1979. They still practice in the old church hall in West Terrace in Esh Winning which is now in an industrial estate and was once owned by the NCB on the Esh Winning Colliery site.

**Bearpark Colliery Band (1)** - Durham
- See: *Bearpark United Brass Band*

**Bearpark Colliery Band (2)** - Durham
- Formed in 1920, folded around 1948. A successor band, Bearpark and Esh Colliery, still active, was formed in 1950.

**Bearpark United Brass Band** - Durham
- Active in the 1890s

**Bearsted Brass Band** - Kent
- Active in 1851

**Beaufort Brass Band** - Monmouthshire
- Founded in 1859. Active in the 1860s

**Beaufort Rational Band** - Monmouthshire
- Active in the 1890s, conductor W. Crew in 1898
Beaufort Street Industrial School Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
See: Liverpool Industrial Ragged School Brass Band

Beaulieu Brass Band - Hampshire
Active from the 1850s to the 1900s - bandmaster Tom Gregory from the early 1890s to 1909. The band acquired new uniforms in 1893 (blue with red trimmings).

Beaumaris Band - Anglesey
[current band] - Founded in 1921

Beaumaris Brass Band - Anglesey
Active in the 1840s

Beaumaris Pier Band - Anglesey
Active in the 1900s

Beaumaris Town Band - Anglesey
Active in the 1910s

Beaumont Methodist Band - Essex
Took part in Great Bentley Brass Band Contest on 18 April 1938.

Beaumont Works Brass Band - St Albans, Hertfordshire
Active in the 1900s. Based at the Nicholson and Co. (Coat Specialists) Ltd factory in Sutton Road.

Bebside Brass Band - Northumberland
Active in the 1860s. May have later been contemporary with Bebside Temperance Band.

Bebside Temperance Brass Band - Northumberland
Formed in 1870. Secretary John Bainbridge in 1871. Active in 1882, conductor Henry Gardner. Conductor in 1886 was George Gardner. Still active in the 1900s

Beccles Artillery Volunteers Band - Suffolk
Active around 1905

Beccles Brass Band - Suffolk
Active in the early 1900s, through to 1918 at least.

Beccles Primitive Methodist Band - Suffolk
Active in 1882

Beccles Town Band
See: Beccles Brass Band

Beckbury Brass Band - Shropshire
Active in the 1970s and early 1980s. The conductor was Phil Petford.

Beckenham Brass Band - Kent
Active in 1864, also in the 1890s and 1900s

Beckingham Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in 1851 - playing a concert in Epworth

Beckley Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
Active in 1865 to 1869, and 1910

Beckley Village Band - Sussex
Active in 1906 and 1911

Becontree Brass Band - Essex
[current band] - Founded in 1981 - Note: formed from ex-members of Barking and Dagenham Playleaders Band, Barking Concert Band and its predecessor, Dagenham Silver Band

Becontree British Legion Band - Essex
Active in the 1930s
Becontree Heath Brass Band - Essex
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Becontree Silver Band - Essex
Probably formed in the 1940s. Active in the 1950s, folding before 1980. A successor Becontree Brass Band was formed in 1981 from ex-members of Barking and Dagenham Playleaders Band, Barking Concert Band and its predecessor, Dagenham Silver Band.

Becontree Town Band - Essex
Active in the 1900s

Becontree Silver Band - Essex
Probably formed in the 1940s. Active in the 1950s, folding before 1980. A successor Becontree Brass Band was formed in 1981 from ex-members of Barking and Dagenham Playleaders Band, Barking Concert Band and its predecessor, Dagenham Silver Band.

Bedale Brass Band (1) - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1853 and the 1890s, but disbanded in 1926

Bedale Brass Band (2) - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Founded in 1949, folded in 1954

Bedale Brass Band (3) - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Founded in 1963, folded in 1975. A successor band, still active, was formed in 1987.

Bedale Brass Band (4) - Yorkshire (North Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1987

Bedale Evening Institute Band
See: Bedale Brass Band (3)

Beddau and District Brass Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1970s

Beddgelert Brass Band - Caernarfonshire
Active in the 1870s and the 1900s

Bedford (Leigh) Band - Lancashire
Formed in 1875 as The St. Thomas' Band Bedford (becoming Bedford Church Brass Band in 1894), holding rehearsals in the School behind St. Thomas’ Church on Chapel Street Leigh. The band broke up sometime in the early 1990s. For further details see the www.bedfordband.co.uk - the Bedford (Leigh) Band website. The first report of the band competing was in September 1884 at a contest organised by the St. Joseph’s brass band also from Bedford, Leigh. The event was well reported in the both the Leigh Chronicle and the Leigh Journal with the band under their conductor, Mr. J Frost, claiming the third prize of £2, playing the quadrille “Leisure Hour”. The first prize going to Atherton Volunteers and the second to Farnworth Public. Thirteen bands took part in the contest. William Smith was conductor of Bedford Church Prize Silver Band in the early 1900s. Competed in the First Annual Brass Band Contest organised by Wigan Borough Prize Band in 1943 (conducted by T.W. Charlsworth).

Bedford Brass “Breakway” - Bedfordshire
[current band] - Founded in 1988 - Note: Formed by Terry Hext who quite literally broke away from the contesting Bedford Town Band with approximately a 10 piece of players. Subsequently they built up a full band and have added the “A” band and Junior band.

Bedford Brass Band - Bedfordshire
Active in the 1840s through 1860s. Conductor John Haines/Haynes in 1863-1867. Folded some time before 1893 when a new Bedford (Town) Brass Band was formed.

Bedford Church Brass Band
See: Bedford (Leigh) Band

Bedford Church Prize Silver Band
See: Bedford (Leigh) Band
Bedford Foundry Brass Band - Bedfordshire
   Active in 1863, 1864

Bedford Midland Railway Brass Band - Bedfordshire
   Founded in 1900, conductor J. Tildesley, bandmaster J. Jones. Had included wind instruments in 1901.

Bedford Mission Brass Band - Bedfordshire
   Active in 1891, bandmaster W. Taylor

Bedford Rifles Brass Band - Bedfordshire
   Active in the 1900s, Mr Martin conductor in 1900

Bedford Street Brass Band - Salford, Lancashire
   Active in the 1890s

Bedford Temperance Brass Band - Bedfordshire
   Founded in 1860, originally with 12 members, conductor John Haines

Bedford Town Band - Bedfordshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1894

Bedford Trades Band - Bedfordshire
   Active in the 1920s through to the 1950s

Bedford Volunteers Band
   See: Bedford Rifles Brass Band

Bedford Wesleyan Brass Band - Bedfordshire
   Active in 1893, bandmaster W. Taylor

Bedfordshire County Youth Brass Band - Bedfordshire
   Active in the 1970s

Bedfordshire Reformatory Band - Turvey, Bedfordshire
   Active in the mid-1900s. Turvey's Reformatory was founded by T.C. Higgins of Turvey House in 1857 for 'the Industrial training of Juvenile Offenders'. A bandmaster and drill instructor, Frederick Lincoln, was appointed on 1st January 1903

Bedhampton Brass Band - Hampshire
   Active in 1899

Bedhampton Methodist Brass Band - Hampshire
   Formed in 1893. Active to 1910

Bedlington Brass and Reed Band - Northumberland
   Active in 1894, conductor John Ricalton

Bedlington Brass Band - Northumberland
   Active in 1862, conductor James Bolam. Conductor William Jones in 1865, James Bolam in 1867. Secretary Joseph M. Peel in 1873. Band records are held in the Northumberland County Record Office.

Bedlington Colliery Band (1) - Northumberland
   See: Bedlington Doctor Pit Band

Bedlington Colliery Band (2, 1936-) - Northumberland
   See: Barrington Colliery Band

Bedlington Doctor Pit Band - Northumberland
   Active in 1899, conductor Samuel Godsmark, and still active in the early 1960s

Bedlington Ironworks Band - Northumberland
   Active in 1851 to the 1880s

Bedlington Senior Band - Northumberland
   See: Bedlington Doctor Pit Band
Bedlington Temperance Band - Northumberland
   Active in 1899, bandmaster George Gardner.

Bedlingog Brass Band - Glamorgan
   Active in the 1900/1910s

Bedminster Amateur Brass Band - Somerset
   Active in 1882

Bedminster Artillery Band - Somerset
   Active in the 1900s

Bedminster Brass Band
   See: Bedminster Silver Prize Band

Bedminster Central Mission Brass Band - Somerset
   Active in the early 1900s, disbanded in 1904

Bedminster Down Brass Band - Somerset
   Founded around 1906, conductor Mr Parfitt.

Bedminster Granville Silver Band - Somerset
   Active in 1898

Bedminster Imperial Band - Somerset
   Active in the early 1900s.

Bedminster Silver Prize Band - Somerset
   Active in the 1880s through early 1900s. In 1905, they held a Grand Bazaar at Colston Hall in Bristol, following their fund-raising efforts during the Boer War.

Bedminster White Cord Brass Band - Somerset
   Active in the mid-1880s

Bedwys and District Brass Band - Monmouthshire
   Active in the 1940s. Folded before the 1970s

Bedwas Brass Band - Monmouthshire
   Active in the 1880s and 1890s

Bedwas Trethomas Band
   See: Bedwas and District Brass Band

Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen (BTM) Band - Monmouthshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1972

Bedworth Brass - Warwickshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1985 by the amalgamation of Bedworth Parish Church Silver Band and Bedworth Silver Band

Bedworth Brass Band - Warwickshire
   Active from the early 1860s through to 1915. Conductor David Butler in 1862. Known as Bedworth Legion Band after WW1

Bedworth Excelsior Brass Band - Warwickshire
   Active in 1889/1893

Bedworth Legion Band - Warwickshire
   See: Bedworth Brass Band

Bedworth Parish Church Silver Band - Warwickshire
   Formed in the late 1960s, when the Rector of Bedworth Parish Church obtained funds from the Nicholas Chamberlaine Trust to create the band. Amalgamated with Bedworth Silver Prize Band in 1985 to form the current Bedworth Band.
Bedworth Silver Prize Band - Warwickshire
Formed in 1927 as the Wesleyan Reform Church Band. Amalgamated with Bedworth Parish Church Silver Band in 1985 to form the current Bedworth Band.

Bedworth Town and Church Silver Band - Warwickshire
[previous name of current band] See: Bedworth Brass

Bedworth Town Band
See: Bedworth Brass Band

Bedwyn Brass Band - Wiltshire
See: Great Bedwyn Brass Band

Beech Lanes Brass Band - Harborne, Staffordshire
Active around 1908

Beechburn Brass Band - Howden-le-Wear,
Active in 1896

Beechingstoke Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active from 1863 to the 1910s

Beeding Brass Band - Sussex
Founded in 1866, conductor C. Barber. Still active in 1869

Beeford Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Founded in 1864

Beenham Brass Band - Berkshire
Formed in 1890. The original instruments were purchased by contributions from the members and by subscriptions from friends. The Bandmaster at the time was William Wigmore. One member in the 1930s was Cyril Jones, the Postmaster in Theale. During the Second World War, the band, along with many other social activities, had to cease. However, it started up again in 1946-47, primarily by the bass player George Gilbert, using the instruments from the original band. The band folded in the mid 1960s.

Beer Brass Band - Devon
Active in the early 1900s to the 1930s

Beerpot Brass Band - Workington, Cumberland
Active in 1859

Bees Lane Club Band - Rugeley,
Active in 1934

Beeston Brass Band (1) - Nottinghamshire
Active in the 1860s, folding prior to 1880

Beeston Brass Band (2) - Nottinghamshire
Formed in 1881, conductor G. Cryer, still active in the 1920s, conductor Mr Simpkin.

Beeston Excelsior Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in the early 1900s, also known as Beeston Temperance Band. Obtained new instruments in 1902

Beeston Humber Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in the 1890s through to c.1910. Linked to the Humber and Company Cycle Works in the town. Bandmaster was J. Irons in 1898.

Beeston Lads Club Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in 1913 to 1919. Conductor A. Pounder in 1919

Beeston Mission Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in 1898, 1900
Beeston Silver Prize Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in the 1910s through 1950

Beeston Temperance Band - Nottinghamshire
See: Beeston Excelsior Band

Beeston Town Band - Nottinghamshire
See: Beeston Silver Prize Band

Beevor Youth Band - Lincolnshire
[previous name of current band] See: Lincoln Beevor Band

Beighton Brass Band - Derbyshire
See: Beighton Excelsior Band

Beighton Excelsior Band - Derbyshire
Active in the 1880s and 1890s

Beighton U.M.F.C. Sunday School and Band of Hope Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in 1894

Beighton United Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in the 1900s

Beith Brass Band - Ayrshire
See: Beith Instrumental Band

Beith Instrumental Band - Ayrshire
Formed prior to 1850. On Saturday 17th June, 1865, the Bowling Club committee,
followed by the Beith Instrumental Band and local townspeople led the way to the Green
for the official opening of the Club. The Band were having financial problems in
November 1865 and opened up a subscription to the more well-to-do people of the town,
and also to the artisans. The band were gratified with the results of the labours of the
committee and were delighted with the liberality of the subscribers. The band were
meeting that night in their practice room after which they would parade through the
town. In June 1903 the band secured a month’s engagement at Saltcoats on Wednesday
evenings and Saturdays. The band was second in the Dumfries band contest in 1903, and
in August 1904 they gained second place to Newmilns Band in the Ayrshire
Championship. On 12 May 1917 the Beith Women’s War Work Party held a Flag Day,
Cycle and Fance Dress Parade (for which prizes were offered) in the Academy Grounds -
Numerous attractions included Beith Instrumental Band. One of the first members of the
Beith band, Mr John Simpson of Calderwood, Beith, died on October 27, 1905 at the age
of 89 years.

Beith Thistle Brass Band - Ayrshire
See: Beith Instrumental Band

Belbroughton Brass Band - Worcestershire
Active in the 1880s to the 1900s. Obtained new uniforms in 1906

Belcher's Newcastle Naval Brass Band
See: Newcastle Naval Brass Band

Belfast IOR Rescue Tent Band
See: Belfast City Temperance Band

Belfast Temperance Band
See: Belfast City Temperance Band

Belfast Workhouse Band
See: Belfast Industrial School Band
Belfield Parish Church Brass Band
See: Belfield Silver Band

Belfield Silver Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1940s/50s

Belgrave Brass Band (1) - Leicestershire
Active in 1852. Folded prior to 1859.

Belgrave Brass Band (2) - Leicestershire
Founded in September 1859. In 1860 they held a concert to raise funds for their new uniforms (cap, belt and tunic). 14 members, conductor Mr J.A. Smith, concert included Donizetti’s La Fille du Regiment. Still active in the 1880s

Bell Bros Works Band
See: Bell Brothers Iron Works Band

Bell Brothers Iron Works Band - Port Clarence, Durham
Active in 1912

Bell Busk Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1870s and 1880s

Bell Inn Brass Band - Shropshire
In the Autumn of 1980 a group of wayward juniors broke away from Cleobury Mortimer Silver Band and, with the backing of a local company, formed “The Bray Construction Band”. This group of talented young players soon became a force to be reckoned with across the Midlands in a variety of competitions and festivals. In 1987 a new sponsor stepped forward in the form of Roger Gittens, landlord of “The Bell Inn” Cleobury Mortimer, who kindly provided the Band with a home for rehearsals, equipment storage and, perhaps more importantly, a friendly safe atmosphere in which to socialize. This was the start of a new phase with the introduction of more mature players, producing a blend of youth and experience, which is reflected in the present “Bell Inn Brass Band” of Cleobury Mortimer. The band folded in 2014

Belle Vue Brass Band - Huddersfield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1880s. Possibly linked to the Belle Vue Gardens in the town.

Belle Vue Brass Band - Wakefield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Founded in 1886, active into the 1900s

Belle Vue Brass Band (1) - Lancashire
Active in the 1850s. The resident brass band at the Belle Vue Zoological Gardens.

Belle Vue Brass Band (2) - Lancashire
[current band] - Founded in 2005 - Note: Gorton, Manchester

Belling Band - Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1906

Bellingham Brass Band - Northumberland
Active in 1909

Bells Brass Band - Ashbourne, Derbyshire
Active in 1889

Bellshill and District Brass Band
See: Scottish Gas Board Band

Bellshill and Mossend Roman Catholic Band - Lanarkshire
Active in the 1900s

Bellshill Brass Band
See: Bellshill Town Band
Bellshill Old Brass Band - Lanarkshire
  Active in the 1890s, revived in 1900, conductor Mr Harvie, bandmaster Rober Wyper.
  Still active in 1909
Bellshill Silver Band - Lanarkshire
  Active in the 1960s, competing in the 4th section.
Bellshill Town Band - Lanarkshire
  Active in the 1890s through to WW1. Conductor J. W. A. Eskdale in 1900
Bellshill Union Band - Lanarkshire
  Active in the 1890s
Bellmont Brass Band - Lancashire
  Active in 1851 to 1854
Bellmont Grange Brass Band - Durham
  Active in 1895. Linked to Belmont Hall, and possibly the Belmont Colliery nearby at Pittington.
Bellmont Public Band - Lancashire
  Formed in 1882 by Harry Gorse of Darwen an employee of Messrs Deakin, in the village. He used to write marches and composed parts for the band during his lunch hour. The band was formed one month before Christmas and a local resident offered 10 shillings to play outside his house, the band jumped at the chance. The bands most successful period was in the late 1920's but 10 years later the band had hit hard times, blaming improved access to Bolton for the decline in the younger generation’s interest. The band disbanded in the early 1960’s.
Bellmont Village Prize Band - Lancashire
  See: Bellmont Public Band
Belper Baptist Brass Band - Derbyshire
  Active in the 1880s/1890s
Belper Brass Band (1) - Derbyshire
  Active in 1851, 1861
Belper Brass Band (2) - Derbyshire
  Formed in the 1890s. Folded in 1956.
Belper Christ Church Brass Band - Derbyshire
  Active in the 1900s
Belper Town Band - Derbyshire
  See: Belper Brass Band (2)
Belper United Brass Band - Derbyshire
  Active in 1881 (C. Smallwood, conductor), 1891 (William Ryde, bandmaster) and 1899-1912 (James Haywood, bandmaster)
Belton Brass Band - Lincolnshire
  Active in the 1850s and 1860s
Belvedere Baptist Temperance Band - Kent
  See: Callender’s Cable Works Band
Belvedere Excelsior Band - Kent
  See: Callender’s Cable Works Band
Belvedere Military Band - Kent
  See: Callender’s Cable Works Band
Belvoir Street Mission Band - Norwich, Norfolk
  Active around 1905
**Bembridge Brass Band** - Hampshire
  Active in 1862

**Bendix Kingswood Band**
  See: *Kingswood and District Band*

**Benenden Brass Band** - Kent
  Played at the village celebrations for Queen Victoria’s Golden Jubilee in 1887

**Benenden National Sanitorium Band** - Kent
  The band played the patients “in” on admission and “out” at discharge (they were often in for many months, up to a year or two). It is likely to have been an ad hoc band consisting of what musicians were available as inmates. The uniforms seem to have been deliberately ragged - some still exist in the museum at Benenden Hospital.

**Benenden Volunteers Band** - Kent
  Active in 1904, bandmaster Mr Ealden

**Benquhat Silver Band** - Ayrshire
  See: *Benwhat Silver Band*

**Benson Amateur Brass Band** - Oxfordshire
  See: *Benson Brass Band*

**Benson Brass Band** - Oxfordshire
  Active from the mid-1860s to the 1890s

**Benthall Brass Band** - Shropshire
  See: *Maw and Co. Brass Band*

**Benthal Works Brass Band** - Shropshire
  See: *Maw and Co. Brass Band*

**Bentham Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  The band was formed in the mid-1850s and was not wound up until 1969. A member of this band was Richard Adamthwaite (1861-1947), cabinet maker in the employ of the Mr. Thomas Marshall in High Bentham. The band led the procession at the Jubilee celebrations at Clapham in 1897. The band was still in existence in 1936, when it played at the Hodder Valley Show. A photograph of the band exists in the Leeds University Library archive, in papers relating to Rawlinson Charles Ford, who was a silk spinner of Low Bentham, Yorkshire. In its heyday it hosted 'The Bentham Brass Band Competition' and played an important part in town life particularly at galas, fairs and major festivals. It took part in the Brass Band championships at Belle Vue. Manchester in the 1950s.

**Bentham Silver Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  See: *Bentham Brass Band*

**Bentinck Colliery Brass Band** - Nottinghamshire
  Active in the early 1900s through to WW1. Conductor in 1907, Mr Sharley

**Bentley and Capel Band** - Capel St Mary, Suffolk
  Active in 1886

**Bentley and Tissington Brass Band** - Fenny Bentley, Derbyshire
  Active in 1856 to 1868

**Bentley Colliery Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)

**Bentley Colliery Silver Band**
  See: *Bentley Colliery Band*
Bentworth Brass Band - Hampshire
    Active in 1859, 1861, conductor M. Springer

Benwell and District Band - Northumberland
    Active in the early 1900s and the 1920s. Acquired the instruments from the Hebburn
    Colliery Band after it folded in 1907

Benwell Colliery Band - Northumberland
    Active in 1900s, folding in 1911 when the pit flooded. The colliery did eventually
    partially re-open.

Benwhat Silver Band - Ayrshire
    Formed in 1871. Acquired new instruments in 1905. Amalgamated with Ayr Burgh Band
    to form the Ayr-Benwhat Silver Band in the late 1970s. Probably folded in the late 1980s

Benwick Brass Band - Cambridgeshire
    Active around 1906

Bere Regis Brass Band - Dorset
    Active in 1865

Berec Ever Ready Band - Stanley, Durham
    [previous name of current band] See: Reg Vardy Band

Berger Hall Brass Band - Bromley, Kent
    Active in the 1890s and early 1900s. The Crusaders Band attached to the Berger Hall
    Church.

Berisfords and Cardway Band
    See: Berisfords Band

Berisfords Band - Congleton, Cheshire
    Active from the mid 1960s through to late 1990s. When the sponsorship ceased the band
    continued for a short period as the Congleton Band, but folded fairly soon afterwards.

Berkeley Brass Band - Gloucestershire
    Active in the 1870s to the 1900s. Acquired new uniforms in 1887

Berkeley Teetotal Society Band - Mitcham, Surrey
    Active in the late 1890s. Organised by the redoubtable Priscilla Pitt, the Society ran an
    imaginative programme of social and educational events designed to promote self-
    improvement and the rejection of alcohol. Initially described as a “ragtag but optimistic
    bunch”, the band developed into proficient musicians. By this stage they had proper
    instruments and sported uniforms funded by Joseph Ely (founder of the famous
    Wimbledon department store). The group eventually imported non-teetotal musicians
    and evolved into the Mitcham Gas Works Band, which was active in 1909. Their musical
    prowess was such that they appeared at a wide range of events and celebrations, even
    participating in the Crystal Palace Brass Band Festival. The band probably disbanded
    during WW1.

Berkhampstead Amateur Brass Band - Hertfordshire
    Active in 1865, conductor C. Hurst

Berkhamsted and Boxmoor Band - Hertfordshire
    Formed in 1960 by the amalgamation of the Berkhamsted St Peters Band and Boxmoor
    Silver Band. In 1961 Mr. Stan Sheppard was appointed Musical Director.

Berkhamsted Congregational Brass Band - Hertfordshire
    Active in the 1890s

Berkhamsted Excelsior Band - Hertfordshire
    Active in the 1920s/1930s
**Berkhamsted St Peter's Band** - Hertfordshire
Founded in 1888 by Mr. Thomas Ellens. Many of the members were choristers at the parish church of St. Peters and the Rector of Berkhamsted became the band's president. Mr. Ellens was conductor of the band from 1888 until 1909. In 1960, due to falling numbers in both organisations, Berkhamsted St Peter's Band and Boxmoor Silver Band amalgamated to form Berkhamsted and Boxmoor Band.

**Berkhamsted Town Prize Band** - Hertfordshire
Active in the 1900s

**Berkhamsted Volunteers Band** - Hertfordshire
Active in the 1880s through early 1900s

**Berks Bucks and Oxon T. and A.V.R. (R.C.T.) Band**
Active in the 1960s. Territorial and Army Volunteer Reserve, Royal Corps of Transport Band

**Berkswell Brass Band** - Warwickshire
Active in the 1890s and the 1900s, bandmaster Mr Turner

**Bermondsey Local Brass Band** - Surrey
Active in the 1900s

**Bermondsey Men's Institute Band**
See: *Bermondsey Silver Band*

**Bermondsey Silver Band** - Surrey
Active in the 1940/1950s. A Bermondsey Borough Band had existed in the early 1900s, but this was a mixed brass/reed band.

**Berry Brow and Armitage Bridge Band**
See: *Berry Brow Brass Band*

**Berry Brow Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Founded in 1851. On 26th September 1852, the band played for Lockwood Pig and Poultry Association Annual Show. Conductor James Dyson in 1861. Still active on 19th July 1893 when the band played to entertain the crowds in Greenhead Park, Huddersfield. The band obviously provided an opportunity for the working men of Berry Brow to travel, as in 1860 and 1861 they participated in the 'Great National Brass Band Contest' held in the Crystal Palace in London. On the first occasion their conductor was Mr. A. Jackson (who was still at the helm in 1860), and on the second, Joseph Hirst. Other conductors mentioned were J.H. Haley in 1872 and Mr. J. Brook in 1874. Berry Brow was a densely packed village about two miles from Huddersfield. It was almost completely bulldozed in the 1960s. At the foot of Berry Brow lies another village, and the band is often named as Berry Brow and Armitage Bridge Band. The band is also remembered in the alliterative local saying “T'best bloomin' bugle blower in t'Berry Braa Brass Band”. The band was still active in the late 1890s. It was known as the “Crooked Finger Band” - anyone could tell a member of this band by his permanently crooked fingers - the result of continuous effort on heavy mugs of beer!

**Berry Edge Brass Band** - Consett, Durham
Active in 1862

**Berry Hill Band** - Gloucestershire
[Current band] - Founded in 1911 - Former names: Berry Hill Silver Band, Berry Hill Silver Prize Band (1950s) - Note: Formed by amalgamation of two earlier bands in Berry Hill.
**Berry Hill Silver Band** - Gloucestershire
[previous name of current band] See: **Berry Hill Band**

**Berry Hill Temperance Band** - Gloucestershire
Active in the early 1880s. Amalgamated with the Speedwell Colliery Band to form Berry Hill Silver Band in 1911.

**Bersted and Bognor Brass Band** - Sussex
Active in the early 1900s. In April 1910 it included 3 Horns, 3 Bass, 3 Cornets, 2 Drums, Euphonium and Trombone. In 1911 it was referred to as the Bersted and Bognor Prize Band. In 1912 there seemed to be a decline in the Band’s popularity and membership had decreased to 9 members. However somebody had faith in the Band and although in 1914 one Bandmaster resigned another was appointed soon after from a selection of 9 applicants. In the same year new uniforms were purchased for the Band which had improved its playing! The Band had reduced to 9 members as 11 were by then in the forces. In 1916 the Bandmaster resigned as there were not enough players. In Easter 1922 the Band gave 5 performances, the Bandmaster’s pay was 5 shillings per performance. The Band went into decline from then on, and in 1933 the Town Band Committee recalled Band equipment and music. In 1934 The Music and Instruments were offered to a Mr Bottrill, who declined the offer, and subsequently all items were sold.

**Bersted Brass Band**
See: **Bersted and Bognor Band**

**Bersted Home for Boys Brass Band** - Sussex
Active in the early 1900s. The home was established in around 1890 at Sheepwash Lane (now Hawthorn Road), South Bersted, on the outskirts of Bognor Regis. It could accommodate 40 boys, aged from 8 to 14. From the outset, the home had received boys paid for by the Waifs and Strays Society and was taken over by the Society in 1892. The band gave performances at local events.

**Bervie Town Band**
See: **Inverbervie Town Band**

**Berwick and Donhead Brass Band** - Berwick St John, Wiltshire
Active in 1869

**Berwick and Donhead Silver Band** - Berwick St John, Wiltshire
Active in the 1930s - possibly the same as Berwick St John Band

**Berwick Brass Band** - Wiltshire
See: **Berwick St John Brass Band**

**Berwick St John Brass Band** - Wiltshire
Active from the 1850s through to the 1950s. C. Hare secretary in 1892

**Berwyn Brass Band** - Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant, Denbighshire
Active in 1857, conductor J. Griffiths. Still active in 1865

**Bescot L and NW Prize Band** - Walsall, Staffordshire
Active from the early 1900s through to WW2.

**Bescot Silver Prize Band** - Walsall, Staffordshire
Amalgamated with Aldridge Colliery Silver Prize Band and Bloxwich British Legion Band during the Second World War. Newspaper report of 1922: “There were 750 participants, 200 more than the previous year, displaying their procreations under a marquee at Oxley Manor Park Estate. Additional fun and entertainment was provided by the perriots, competitions, sports, dancing and the “Bescot Silver Prize Band”.”
Besses Boys Band - Lancashire  
[current band] - Founded in 1943

Besses o' th' Barn Band - Lancashire  
[current band] - Founded in 1818 - Former names: Besses o' th' Barn Band, Besses o' th' Barn Old Band

Besses o' th' Barn Congregational Band  
Active in 1882, when it competed against the Besses o’ th’ Barn Old Band at a contest at Kersley, conducted by Robert Jackson

Best Blooming Band between Burton and Bagworth  
See: Five B’s Band

Bestcot and Walsall District Railway Servants’ Brass Band  
See: Bescot L and NW Prize Band

Bestcot LMS Brass Band  
See: Bescot L and NW Prize Band

Bestcot Railwaymen Brass Band  
See: Bescot L and NW Prize Band

Bestwood Colliery Band (1) - Nottinghamshire  
Active in the 1890s/1900s through to WW1 (1915 at least)

Bestwood Colliery Band (2) - Nottinghamshire  
[previous name of current band] See: Bestwood Welfare Black Diamonds Band

Bestwood Welfare Black Diamonds Band - Nottinghamshire  
[current band] - Founded in 1947 - Note: Bestwood Colliery Band

Beswick and Company's Northenden Brass Band - Cheshire  
Active in 1892

Beswick Boys Brigade Brass Band - Lancashire  
Founded in 1910

Beswick Prize Band - Lancashire  
Active from the early 1900s. Amalgamated with the Moston Band in 1965. They often performed at football grounds on a Saturday afternoon. At one football match at Manchester City a player arrived drunk, but they had him play anyway. As they were marching around the pitch playing, he went straight into the goal post, knocked himself out and had to be carried off!

Beswick Subscription Brass Band - Lancashire  
Active in 1901 through to WW1 (1916 at least). John Frazer conductor in 1903

Betchworth Brass Band - Surrey  
Formed in the early 1880s, conductor Thomas Gill, active through to the late 1890s

Bethany Home Brass Band - Kinver, Staffordshire  
Pastor Ernest Hexall founded the Midland Counties Crippled Children’s Guild in 1906, and he arranged with Mr Martindale of Kinver for groups of four or five children at a time to stay in his house, for which he paid 6/- per week per child. Demand was such that the Guild leased Hyde House, renaming it Bethany. One of its main claims was that it had the only crippled children’s brass band in the world, and George Kimberley came to help out with teaching the children how to play. The band travelled around in the home’s bus giving concerts in the neighbouring towns. Pastor Hexall died in 1915, falling off the home’s bus, and the home was then run by Richard Davies. Sadly, after a case of neglect in 1919, the home (and band) closed.
Bethany Temperance Band - Aberavon, Glamorgan
Formed in 1889 under the leadership of Mr. Thomas Griffiths. At that time there was a large number of young men at Bethany and the idea behind the formation of the Band was to keep them together. Friends advanced money for the instruments. At the time there were only two who could play or read music, so that the conductor had a great deal of work to do in teaching. The story of the first attempt at marching is very interesting. The members, not feeling sufficiently confident to start playing in the street, climbed to the top of Aberavon mountain to practice. The first street march was on the occasion of the home-coming of Sir Sidney Byass, Bart. (then Mr. Sidney Byass) and his bride, when the Band played in the procession back to Aberavon. The Band was very successful in competitions, their greatest success being placed first at Bridgend of eighteen bands. Many will remember their triumphal march through the crowded streets of Aberavon on their return. Two of the members left for the Ministry, and others left the district. This depletion caused the Band to disband. In 1894 it came fifth in a brass band contest at Porth, conducted by Mr. Thomas Griffiths.

Bethel Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
Active in 1891 - attached to the People’s Bethel Mission, Callowhill Street, Bristol, conductor Mr. Trout.

Bethel Brass Band - Cheshire
See: Bethel Silver Prize Band

Bethel Mission Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
Founded in 1907

Bethel New Connexion Band - Ovendon, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed by the members of Bethel Methodist New Connexion Chapel, Holmfield. Active in the late 1880s

Bethel Silver Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
Active in 1930 - attached to the Bethel Evangelistic Society, Milk Street, Bristol.

Bethel Silver Prize Band - Macclesfield, Cheshire

Bethersden Brass Band - Kent
Active in 1869, and in 1907 when it played at the Bethersden Chrysanthemum show, conducted by Charles Heathfield

Bethesda Brass Band
See: Bethesda Town Band

Bethesda Railway Brass Band - Caernarfonshire
Active in 1890

Bethesda Town Band - Caernarfonshire
Active in the 1850s, through WW1 to the 1930s

Bethnal Green Industrial School Band - Middlesex
Active from 1872 through 1881

Bethnal Green Men’s Institute Band - Middlesex
Active from the 1930s through to the 1960s

Bethnal Green Silver Band
See: Bethnal Green Men’s Institute Band
Betteshanger Brass Band - Kent

Betteshanger Colliery Welfare Band - Kent
  [previous name of current band] See: Betteshanger Brass Band

Betts Brass Band - Glamorgan
  Active in the 1890s

Betws Brass Band - Carmarthenshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Ammanford Town Silver Band

Beulah Brass Band - Denbighshire
  [current band] - Founded in 2000

Beverley Amateur Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
  Active in 1855

Beverley Borough Band (1) - Yorkshire (East Riding)
  Active in the 1880s, conductor William Thornton until 1900, then the conductor was George Woodmansey until 1904. Disbanded in the late 1920s or early 1930s. A successor band was formed in 1969.

Beverley Borough Band (2) - Yorkshire (East Riding)
  [previous name of current band] See: Beverley Brass Band

Beverley Brass Band - Ketley, Shropshire
  Active in 1869. This band was located near Ketley, possibly getting its name from the Beverley Road

Beverley Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)

Beverley Foresters' Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
  Active in 1860

Beverley Mechanics Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
  Active in 1857.

Beverley Mechanics Institute Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
  See: Beverley Mechanics Band

Beverley Mission Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
  Founded in 1887

Beverley Oddfellows Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
  Active in 1862, 1864

Beverley Old Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
  Active in the 1880s and 1890s

Beverley Silver Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
  Active in the 1890s. Probably did not survive WW1.

Beverley Temperance Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
  Active in the 1850s and 1860s

Beverley Total Abstinence Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
  See: Beverley Temperance Band

Beverley Town Prize Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
  See: Beverley United Prize Band

Beverley Unison Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
  See: Beverley United Prize Band
Beverley United Prize Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in 1890s, also known as Beverley Town Prize Band. It bought additional instruments in 1899, bandmaster at the time was G.H. Bruce. It disbanded around 1930, when the instruments were handed over to the newly formed Hodgsons Recreational Club Silver Band.

Bewdley Brass Band - Worcestershire
Active in 1851

Bexhill-on-Sea Town Band - Sussex
Active from the 1890s to the 1950s

Bexley A.F.S. Brass Band - Kent
See: North Kent Silver Band

Bexley Borough Brass Band - Kent
Active in the 1970s

Bexley Brass Band - Kent
Active in 1866. Conductor F. Castleton in the early 1900s

Bexley Heath Brass Band - Kent
Active in 1867. Also active in the 1890s through 1900s. Bandmaster Mr Hales in 1900

Bexley Heath Temperance Brass Band - Kent
Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Bandmaster W.H. Oldring in 1900

Bexley Heath United Brass Band - Kent
Active in the 1900s

Beyton Evening Centre Brass Band - Suffolk
Active in 1967

BHK UK Ltd Horden Band
See: Horden Colliery Band

BICC Band - British Insulated Cables Callender's Band,
See: Callender’s Cable Works Band

BICC Band - British Insulated Cables Company Band,
See: British Insulated Cables Company Brass Band

Bicester Amateur Brass Band
See: Bicester Brass Band

Bicester Brass Band - Oxfordshire
Active from the 1850s to around 1900

Bicester British Legion Band - Oxfordshire
Active in the 1930s

Bicester Excelsior Brass Band - Oxfordshire
Active in 1890/1893, conductor E. Smith

Bicester YMCA Band - Oxfordshire
Active in 1911

Bickershaw Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1880s

Bickershaw Colliery Band
In 1919 the Abram Coal Company decided to form a brass band under the leadership of Lt.-Col. Ernest Hart. It had marked success in contests in the early 1930s and was renamed Bickershaw Colliery Band in 1937 when the Company took over a further group of collieries. The band was a favourite in its day and took part in over 300 broadcasts. Culmination of the band’s success came in 1940 and 1943 when it won the
British Open Championships, with William Haydock as bandmaster. The band folded following the nationalisation of the coal industry in 1947.

**Bickley and Bromley Brass Band** - Kent
Active in the 1900s and 1910s

**Bickley Brass Band** - Kent
Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Conductor A. West in 1905

**Bicknell’s Band** - Warwickshire
[previous name of current band] See: Bulkington Silver Band

**Biddenden Brass Band** - Kent
Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Conductor A. West in 1905

**Biddulph Brass Band** - Staffordshire
Active from the 1870s to the 1930s

**Biddulph Club and Institute Band** - Staffordshire
Active in 1931

**Biddulph Moor Brass Band** - Staffordshire
Active from 1905 to the 1930s

**Biddulph Prize Band**
Active in the 1890s and 1910s

**Biddulph Town Moor Band**
See: Biddulph Moor Brass Band

**Biddulph Valley Ironworks Band** - Staffordshire
Active in 1876 through 1891

**Bideford Brass Band** - Devon
Active in the 1840s to 1860s

**Bideford Rechabite Brass Band** - Devon
Active in the 1840s and 1850s

**Bideford Rifles Band** - Devon
Active in the 1860s

**Bideford Town Band** - Devon
[current band]

**Bideford Wesleyan Band** - Devon
Active in the 1890s through to 1915 (bandmaster Walter Cole).

**Biggleswade Brass Band** - Bedfordshire
Founded in late 1866. Conductor Mr Browning in 1867. Report from 6 December 1890:
“Mr George Powers, released after 17 days after a Petition to the Home Secretary, on his return from Bedford Prison to Caldecote was met by cheering crowds, the village was decorated for the occasion - Biggleswade Drum and Fife Band and Biggleswade Brass Band played on Mr Powers’s lawn. The band folded in the 1960s and the only remaining artifact is the band’s bass drum, discovered in an attic in 2005 and now safely lodged in the Biggleswade History Society archive. Members of the band included Peter Horn who played 2nd trombone in the band in the late 40s/early 50s and his father Herbert (Bert) who played in the band for 35 years. At the time Peter was a band member the drum was played by Ted Robinson and later Les Arger. For further details see: “Biggleswade Town Band” at www.ibew.co.uk

**Biggleswade Town Band**
See: Biggleswade Brass Band
Biggleswade Volunteers Band - Bedfordshire
  Active in the 1890s, disbanding in 1905

Bildeston Church Institute Band - Suffolk
  Active in the 1900s, conductor G. Creswell in 1905.

Bildeston Town Band - Suffolk
  Active in the 1900s

Bill Quay Brass Band - Durham
  Active in the early 1880s, conductor W. Taylor

Billericay Brotherhood Brass Band - Essex
  Active in the 1900s, and 1920s through to the late 1950s. Conductor 1935 was F.W. Price.
  Part of the Pleasant Sunday Afternoons Brotherhood.

Billericay Silver Band - Essex
  Active in the 1960s through 1980s

Billesdon Brass Band - Leicestershire
  Active in 1850, 1861

Billingborough and Horbling Brass Band
  See: Billingborough Brass Band

Billingborough and Horbling Temperance Brass Band
  See: Billingborough Brass Band

Billingborough Brass Band - Lincolnshire
  Active from the late 1890s to the 1910s. Secretary H.G. Owston in 1898. It was “re-established” in 1906 as the Billingborough and Horbling Brass Band, but there were doubts about its self-sufficiency, and an appeal was made for “monetary assistance”. Conductor Mr Ward in 1908.

Billingham New Silver Band - Durham
  [previous name of current band] See: Billingham Silver Band

Billingham Silver Band - Durham
  [current band] - Founded in 1941 - Former names: Stockton-on-Tees Home Guard Band (to 1943), Stockton-on-Tees Malleable Works and Institute Band (to 1966), Billingham New Silver Band (to 1970)

Billinghay Brass Band - Lincolnshire
  Active in 1863 to 1867

Billingshurst Silver Band - Sussex
  Active from the 1930s to the 1960s. Took part in the Royal Tunbridge Wells and District Band Federation 27th Annual Band Festival (3rd Section), 14th May 1955, gaining first place, £10 and the Christie Challenge Cup, playing “Overture: Lustspiel” by Keler Bela, adjudicated by Harry Mortimer.

Billington and Whalley Brass Band
  Active in 1876 when it promoted a contest

Bilsdale and Hawnby Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
  Active in the 1900s

Bilsdale Silver Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
  [current band] - Founded in the 1850s

Bilston Albert Edward Maine Law Band - Staffordshire
  Active in 1864

Bilston Brass Band - Staffordshire
  Active in 1859 and the 1860s, conductor William Hyde.
Bilston Crown Tube Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in the 1900s to WW1. Bandmaster H. Fisher in 1904, when they acquired new uniforms.

Bilston Excelsior Band - Staffordshire
See: Bilston Temperance Amateur Excelsior Brass Band

Bilston New Town Brass Band - Staffordshire
Founded in 1862

Bilston Newton or Catholic Band - Staffordshire
Active in 1864

Bilston Operatic and Quadrille Band - Staffordshire
See: Bilston Operatic Brass Band

Bilston Operatic Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in 1864

Bilston Temperance Amateur Excelsior Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in the 1860s and 1870s. Conductor H.J. Metcalfe in 1864. In July 1867 the band were going round Daisy Bank and Coseley in one of Mr Deakin's spring vans to advertise the Temperance Fetes at Bilston. When they got a few yards from the railway bridge, going towards Salop Row, the van stopped for one or two to get out. The horse, instead of standing still, turned suddenly round as if to go back to Bilston, and upset the van over onto its side. Happily no-one was seriously hurt, but the damage done to the musicians' instruments was estimated at £14.

Bilston Temperance Excelsior Saxhorn Band - Staffordshire
See: Bilston Temperance Amateur Excelsior Brass Band

Bilston Town and District Band - Staffordshire
Active in 1904, conductor A. Barnsley

Bilston Wesleyan Band - Staffordshire
Active in 1912

Bilton Brass Band - Warwickshire
[previous name of current band] See: Bilton Silver (Rugby) Band

Bilton Magnet Brass Band - Warwickshire
[previous name of current band] See: Bilton Silver (Rugby) Band

Bilton Silver (Rugby) Band - Warwickshire
[current band] - Founded in 1893 - Former names: Bilton Magnet Brass Band (to 1906), Bilton Brass Band (to 1938), Bilton Silver Band (to 1977) - Note: On Rugby Town Band’s demise, “Rugby” was added to the name

Bilton Silver Band - Warwickshire
[previous name of current band] See: Bilton Silver (Rugby) Band

Binbrook Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active from the 1850s to the 1900s

Binchester and Whitworth Band - Durham
See: Binchester Brass Band

Binchester Brass Band - Durham
Active around 1905 - 1910.

Binchester Colliery Band - Durham
See: Binchester Brass Band
**Bingham Brass Band** - Nottinghamshire
   Active in the 1860s through to WW2. In 1891 Frank Taylor was the conductor. Took part in the Newark celebrations of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1898 - “Lights and lanterns were incorporated in the Market Place so that visitors could see the full splendour of the Bingham PSA Band. There was a large crowd to hear the excellent and varied musical programme which included hymns classical pieces and popular music.” Merged with the Bottesford Brass Band to form Bottesford and Bingham Band by the 1950s

**Bingham Brass Band** - Nottinghamshire
   Active in the 1930s. Amalgamated with Bottesford Brass Band to form Bottesford and Bingham Band by the 1950s

**Bingham PSA Band** - Nottinghamshire
   See: Bingham Brass Band

**Bingham Town Band** - Nottinghamshire
   See: Bingham Brass Band

**Bingley Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1850s through 1880s

**Bingley Mission Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1890s, Jack Smith bandmaster.

**Bingley New Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1860s

**Bingley Parish Church School Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1888

**Bingley Rifle Volunteers Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1860s and the 1880s

**Birch Mills Brass Band** - Heywood, Lancashire
   Active in the 1890s. In 1895 it competed at a contest at Chirk, conductor Tom Valentine

**Birchfields Road Brass Band**
   See: Manchester Corporation Employees (Birchfields Road) Band

**Birchgrove and District Band** - Glamorgan
   Active in 1933

**Birchills Brass Band** - Staffordshire
   Founded in 1896, bandmaster Harry Fencott, active into the 1900s

**Birchills Provident Brass Band** - Staffordshire
   Active in 1886

**Birchills Star Brass Band** - Staffordshire
   Active in 1886

**Birchills Victoria Brass Band** - Staffordshire
   Active in 1888

**Birchington Silver Band** - Kent
   [current band] - Founded in the 1930s

**Birchington-on-Sea Brass Band** - Kent
   Founded in 1905. As this was a “re-organisation” it is assumed there had been a previous band.

**Birchover Brass Band** - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1870s and had disbanded by 1939. They won third prize in a band contest at Ormskirk. After that, they were proudly known as the Birchover Prize Band. Some of the
shine was taken off however when it was later found that there had been only three entrants in the competition!

**Birchover United Brass Band** - Derbyshire
See: *Birchover Brass Band*

**Birchover Ambulance Band** - Upper Birchwood, Derbyshire
See: *Birchwood Colliery Ambulance Band*

**Birchwood Colliery Ambulance Band** - Upper Birchwood, Derbyshire
Active in the 1900s to 1913

**Birchwood Community Band** - Lancashire
[current current band] - Founded in the 1980s - Former names: Birchwood Silver Band

**Birchwood Silver Band** - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: *Birchwood Community Band*

**Birdborn Brass Band** - Sussex
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

**Birdsall Brass Band** - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in the 1920s. Practiced at the pub in Langton

**Birdwell and District Subscription Prize Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: *Barnsley Chronicle Band (2)*

**Birdwell Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: *Barnsley Chronicle Band (2)*

**Birfield Industries Works Band** - Birmingham, Warwickshire
Active in the 1950s. Birfield were a light engineering company specialising in automotive, railway and aviation products.

**Birkacre Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active in 1854, 1860

**Birkdale Brass Band** - Lancashire
Founded in 1902, bandmaster Joseph Leadbetter

**Birkdale Farm School Brass Band** - Lancashire
In 1871, the Liverpool Catholic Reformatory Association opened a Reformatory School for Roman Catholic Boys on Liverpool Road, Birkdale, near Southport. The band was active by 1884 and still active in 1909.

**Birkenhead and District Postal Band** - Cheshire
Active in the early 1900s

**Birkenhead Blue Ribbon Brass Band** - Cheshire
Active in the 1880s

**Birkenhead Borough Silver Band** - Cheshire
Active in the 1880s to WW1. Conductor R.H. Cole in 1884, Thomas Matthews in 1901, W. Jenkins in 1902. In 1912 they entertained the crowd at the opening match at the new Tranmere Rovers Stadium

**Birkenhead Brass Band** - Cheshire
Active in 1860

**Birkenhead Catholic Brass Band** - Cheshire
Active in 1862

**Birkenhead Corporation Transport Band** - Cheshire
Active in 1930s

**Birkenhead Excelsior Band** - Cheshire
Active in the 1890s
Birkenhead Industrial School Brass Band - Cheshire
  Active in 1868. Conductor Mr Bielby in 1869

Birkenhead Kensit Crusaders Band - Cheshire
  Active in 1903

Birkenhead L. and N.W. Brass Band - Cheshire
  Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Birkenhead London and North Western Railway Band
  See: Birkenhead L. and N.W. Brass Band

Birkenhead Mission Brass Band - Cheshire
  Active in 1891

Birkenhead Public Subscription Band - Cheshire
  Active in the late 1890s to WW1.

Birkenhead Railway Brass Band - Cheshire
  Active in 1860

Birkenhead Shore Road Band
  See: Shore Road Station Brass Band

Birkenhead Shore Road Station Brass Band
  See: Shore Road Station Brass Band

Birkenhead Town Band - Cheshire
  Active post-WW2 until the 1970s. In 1951 they competed in the 4th section North West
  regional championships at the Victoria Hall, Bolton.

Birkenhead Transport Brass Band - Cheshire
  Active in the 1950s - 1970s

Birkenshaw Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active from the 1850s through to the 1890s

Birling Brass Band - Kent
  Active in 1854 to 1868. Conductor Mr Bishop in 1864 to 1868

Birmingham Brass Band
  Active in 1867

Birmingham Britannia Brass Band
  Active in 1865. Leader R. Jewsbury in 1866. Still active in 1867

Birmingham British Legion Band
  Active in 1950

Birmingham Cable Tram Band
  Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Birmingham Carriage and Wagon Works Band
  See: Metropolitan Works Band

Birmingham City Brass Band
  Active in from the early 1900s to the 1940s

Birmingham Corporation Tramways Band
  Founded around 1906

Birmingham Heath and Smethwick Institute Brass Band - Staffordshire
  Founded in late 1864

Birmingham Juvenile Brass Band
  Active in 1859
Birmingham Labour Party Brass Band
Formed in 1920, bandmaster G. Sullivan. It was somewhat ill-fated, having to plead for funds from the local party, and made only a few appearances that first year. It flourished for about six months further, with non-labourites as players, but it is not known why it could not attract “labour” members to its ranks. It was not heard of after August 1923.

Birmingham Metropolitan Works Band
See: Metropolitan Works Band

Birmingham Midland Railway Brass Band
Active in 1863, conductor Mr Blandford

Birmingham Model Brass Band
Active in 1859 and 1862

Birmingham Model Juvenile Brass Band
Active in 1860, conductor Mr Dowling

Birmingham Naval Volunteers Band
Active in the 1900s

Birmingham Police Brass Band
Active in 1869

Birmingham Rechabite Excelsior Band
Active in the 1910s

Birmingham Royal Brass Band
Active in 1862

Birmingham Sailors’ and Soldiers’ Federation Band
Active in 1919, conductor C. de Courbard

Birmingham Saxhorn Band
Active in the 1860s

Birmingham School of Music Band

Birmingham St Mary’s Brass Band
Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Based at St Mary’s, Aston Brook, Aston. Conductor W.F. Rowe in 1903, Mr Grainger in 1905

Birmingham Star Harmonic Brass Band
Active in 1872

Birmingham Star of Hope Brass Band
Active in 1863, 1864

Birmingham Temperance Brass Band
Active 1859, and in 1864, conductor R. Heaton - when it was mistaken for the mythical “Legge Street Temperance Band” at the Erdlington Flower Show. Still active in the 1900s

Birmingham Temperance Model Brass Band
Active in 1861

Birmingham Temperance Saxhorn Band
See: Birmingham Temperance Brass Band
Birmingham Tradesmen Brass Band
   Active in 1862
Birmingham Victoria Band
   Active in 1871
Birmingham Water Works Brass Band - Aston, Staffordshire
   Active in 1899
Birnieknowe Brass Band - Ayrshire
   Active in the early 1900s, bandmaster William Etherington
Birnieknowe St. John's Band
   See: Birnieknowe Brass Band
Birstall Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Birstall Old Band
Birstall Old Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from the 1850s through to the 1950s
Birstwith Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1868 when it was hired by the village show. It performed around the village on
   Christmas morning. The brass band had good players, but they couldn't all agree - on
   one occasion they began to 'fratch' among themselves and went home without making a
   single call. Still active in 1912.
Birtley and Ouston Band
   See: Birtley Ouston Pit Colliery Band
Birtley 'E' Pit Band
   See: Birtley Ouston Pit Colliery Band
Birtley League of the Cross Band - Northumberland
Birtley Ouston Pit Colliery Band - Northumberland
   Active in the 1930s
Birtley R.O.F. Band - Northumberland
   Active in 1946
Birtley Royal Ordnance Factory Band - Northumberland
   See: Birtley R.O.F. Band
Birtley St Joseph Band - Northumberland
   Active in 1900s through to the 1920s. Won 3rd prize at the Crystal Palace in 1913, before
   that time it had won 17 first and 6 second prizes.
Birtley Temperance Band - Northumberland
   Active in the late 1890s and early 1900s
Birtley Town Prize Band - Northumberland
   Active between 1904 and 1928. J. Hughes conductor in 1910.
Bishampton Albion Brass Band - Worcestershire
   Active in the 1890s and the 1900s, bandmaster Hemming Smith in 1904
Bishampton Brass Band - Worcestershire
   Active in 1866 to 1881. Conductor Mr Niblett in 1866
Bishop Auckland Brass Band (1) - Durham
   Active in the 1840s through to the 1880s. Conductor George Elgey in 1862. Distinct from
   the Bishop Auckland Temperance Brass Band
Bishop Auckland Brass Band (2) - Durham
   [current band]
Bishop Auckland Temperance Brass Band - Durham
  Active in 1862, conductor Mr Crawford. Distinct from the Bishop Auckland Brass Band

Bishop Auckland Volunteer Band - Durham
  Active in the 1850s/1860s

Bishop Auckland Workhouse Juvenile Brass Band - Durham
  Active in 1866, conductor George Elgey. Still active in 1867

Bishop Ryder's Ragged School Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
  See: Bishop Ryder's School Brass Band

Bishop Ryder's School Brass Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
  Active from 1864 into the 1870s. St. Philip's Ragged School was opened in 1846, initially housed in a hired workshop at no. 19 Lichfield Street, Birmingham. The school provided training for boys and girls in mending and making clothes and shoes, as well as ordinary teaching. In 1850, the school was moved to a new building in Gem Street and renamed Birmingham Free Industrial School. It had links with the nearby Bishop Ryder Church. At this date, it provided accommodation in three departments: a day school for boys and girls over 7; industrial classes for boys and girls over 7; an asylum for orphans and deserted children. The school was placed under the Industrial School Act in 1868.

Bishop Wilton Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
  Active in 1899

Bishopbriggs Brass Band - Lanarkshire
  Active in the 1900s

Bishopfield Brass Band - Kilmarnock, Ayrshire
  Active in 1863. Associated with the Bishopfield (Riverbank) Print Works

Bishop's Castle and Clun Brass Band - Shropshire
  Active in 1865

Bishop's Castle Town Band - Shropshire
  Active in 1907 to 1966. William Hailstone was Bandmaster at one time. The Code of Practice Rules of the band are housed in the Bishop's Castle Heritage Resource Centre.

Bishop's Itchington Brass Band - Warwickshire
  Earliest mention of the band is at Harbury Flower Show on 5th August 1889.
  Bandmasters: 1898 A. Randall, 1907 Fred Hunt, 1919 Thomas Busby (Assistant?), 1920 Fred Hunt. Mentioned in news reports from 1889 into the 20th century. It changed its name to Bishops Itchington Imperial Band by the 1950's. It ceased to exist in 1956, when its conductor was Freddie Dalton, when some of its members left to join the relatively new Royal Leamington Spa Silver Band. It tried to re-form in February 1957 but only 12 members turned up, it had sufficient instruments and uniforms and a fair balance in the band.

Bishop's Itchington Imperial Band - Warwickshire
  See: Bishop's Itchington Brass Band

Bishops Lydeard Brass Band - Somerset
  Formed in 1888. Active through to WW1. Conductor J. Parkman in 1905

Bishop's Nympton Brass Band - Devon
  Active in 1857 to 1897

Bishop's Stortford Amateur Brass Band - Hertfordshire
  Formed in 1852, making their public debut on Christmas Eve.

Bishop's Stortford British Legion Band - Hertfordshire
  Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s
Bishop's Stortford Brotherhood Band - Hertfordshire
Active in the early 1900s through to WW1.

Bishop's Stortford Excelsior Brass Band - Hertfordshire
Active in the 1910s

Bishop's Stortford P.S.A. Brass Band - Hertfordshire
Founded in 1904, active through the 1900s

Bishop's Stortford Union Brass Band - Hertfordshire
Founded in 1863, instruments costing £50. Formed of children from the Bishop's Stortford Union Workhouse, Haymeads Lane, conductor and instructor Edmund Hopson. Active in April 1864 when it played at the Temperance Society meeting in Stansted. Conductor Mr Parsons in 1866. Still active in 1867

Bishop's Stortford Volunteer Band - Hertfordshire
Active in January 1900, when it performed in Stansted.

Bishop's Tachbrook Brass Band - Warwickshire
Earliest mention of the band is at (Bishops) Tachbrook Flower Show on 26th July 1888. Bandmaster: - 1888 Capt. Bosley (Church Army). Mentioned in news reports for 1888 to 1896. Last mention of the band is 30th July 1896.

Bishop's Tawton Brass Band - Devon
Active in 1867, conductor Mr Waldron

Bishop's Waltham Brass Band - Hampshire
See: Bishop's Waltham Temperance Brass Band

Bishop's Waltham Temperance Brass Band - Hampshire
Active from the 1890s to the 1910s. T. Jolly was bandmaster in 1895. A report in the "Titchfield Echo" describes the Carnival in 1907: “All Titchfield was on its feet on Monday night the August occasion being the November carnival and torchlight procession in memory of the misguided Guido Fawkes. Collections were made for the hospital and the unsuspecting were greatly trapped by this formula: “Gie us a penny, sir, it is the greatest night of the year”. Truly Titchfield rose to the occasion. The carnival Committee turned its frolicsome pen to facetious bill composition which announced in fat type that the demonstration would be held on Monday November 5th, WADS (work all day Sunday), that it would be a sumptuous ‘OK show’; that the procession would be preponderous (shades of Dr. Johnson preserve us!): that the mounted police would be under the command of Sergeant Buzfuzz and that a conglomeration would be unearthed'. The rest of the bill was descriptive of the line of the route and local witticisms were indulged in exclusively: objects of interest on the itinerary such as Jones' shop, Smiths backyard and Robinson's trade being alluded to in a way that was unfortunately caviar to the general. Monday's affair divides into two sections. In the afternoon the procession went round the town in the full light of day and satisfied the closest inspection. In the evening torch lights, Roman candles and lanterns lent glory and imagination to the scene. greatly hid defects and furthered the fun of the fair. For a village effort the carnival was a marvel of completeness and good organisation and was worth going a long way to see. Portsmouth had not yet managed better cars or devices and Titchfield seems to have much more of that humour that makes the world go hum. A couple of old bicycles that ought to be in the South Kensington Museum, so quaint were their frames, were ridden by the tired tramp tourists, the fire Brigade was caricatured with a red barrel on wheels with a manual hose: a living skeleton, a Mephistopheles, a barbaric barber, women and wine and the gaming table with its
consequent caged convict breaking stones, and an airship “Polly Secundus” cleverly rigged up on a bicycle and illuminated with acetylene lamps. Then the Foresters and Oddfellows with their usual tableau cars as to the value of provision against sickness, Jack was to be seen saving farewell to the Miller's daughter with the wheel going round and round and dripping real water, a car illustrating the sad story of the 'Mistletoe Bough', fish frying, blacksmithing and various trade cars including bun making. The cars were decorated with material and foliage and at night lighted with Chinese lanterns, while followers carried oil flares casting a lurid light on niggers and grandees, cowboys and swashbucklers, old hags and bearded patriarchs. Masks were much worn doubtless because in a village where everyone knows everyone else (often their business as well), it is a great occasion to be able for a little while to sink one's own identity. The small boys fairly throbbed with excitement. Lights burned and crackers banged off around your feet and over your head and so great was the crush that Titchfield could hardly move through its own streets, which it meagerly lights with oil, made all the more impoverished-looking by the generosity of Monday's private illuminations. Music was supplied by the Bishops Waltham Brass Band and the Titchfield Fifes and Drums which took part in the procession through the streets to the recreation field. There was no organised fire display but the fun of a Bal Masque was kept up until a late hour long after the last torch had spluttered out. Then Titchfield went home through streets dark with wet mist and redolent of benzolene and gunpowder smoke”.

Bishopsgate Band of Hope Brass Band - Middlesex
   Founded in 1862, conductor Mr Kent, at the Temperance Hall (Union Hall), Artillery Lane, Bishopsgate

Bishopstone Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
   Active in the 1890s through to the 1920s. Conductor W. Keen in 1904

Bishopstone Brass Band - Wiltshire
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Competed in a contest at Shaftesbury in 1909. Conductor R. Redford in 1897

Bishopstone Mills Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
   Active in the 1890s

Bishopthorpe Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   In 1846 the village brass band escorted the Archbishop of York back from Middlethorpe. It was still active in 1867. In 1890 a contemporary account noted: “A brass band consisting of 15 performers existed in the village for twenty years, under the care of the late Mr. Thomas Carbert, and enjoyed considerable popularity for twenty or thirty miles around. They played at most of the club anniversaries of the district and occasionally at York elections and other times. The band still exists, but its character, composition and management are entirely changed.”

Bishopwearmouth Brass Band - Durham
   See: Bishopwearmouth Operatic Band

Bishopwearmouth Operatic Band - Durham
   Active in the 1850s to 1880s. Conductor R. Robinson in 1865, H. Lothin in 1867, G.B. Smith in 1869

Bisley Boys' School Band - Surrey
   See: Bisley Farm School Band
Bisley Farm School Band - Surrey
   Active in 1869. Also active in the early 1900s and the 1930s (known as the Boys School Band). The Farm School was a refuge school set up in the 1860s by the National Refuges for Homeless and Destitute children. A Shaftesbury School was also set up there in 1873.

Bisley Institution Brass Band - Surrey
   See: Bisley Farm School Band

Bisley Oakridge Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   Active in the early 1900s

Bisley Shaftesbury School Band - Surrey
   See: Bisley Farm School Band

Bispham Parish Church Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1970s

Bitchburn Colliery Band - Howden-le-Wear, Durham
   Active in 1905

Bitterne and West End Band - Hampshire
   See: Southampton Air Training Corps Band

Bitterne Band - Hampshire
   Active in 1885. The drummer was R.C. Payne, the local Undertaker, and the Bandmaster was C. Watson.

Bitton Mission Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   Active in 1938

Black Boy Colliery Brass Band - Durham
   Active in 1867, conductor Thomas Woods, leader W. Teesdale, and also in 1879. Based at Coundon.

Black Country Brass - Lower Gornal, Staffordshire
   Formed in the early 1970s. Merged with West Bromwich Band in 1987 to form Sandwell Brass Band (which later was renamed as Black Country Brass)

Black Country Brass - Staffordshire
   [current band] - Founded in the 1980s - Former names: Sandwell Brass Band - Note: Formed by the amalgamation of West Bromwich Band and Black Country Brass

Black Dyke Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [current band] - Founded in 1855 - Former names: Black Dyke Mills Band, John Foster Black Dyke Mills Band

Black Dyke Mills Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Black Dyke Band

Black Rock Brass Band - Llanelli, Carmarthenshire
   Active in 1860, conductor G. Williams

Black Rock Brass Band - Cornwall
   This band was, in fact, based in the village of Crowan, due south of Camborne, so one can only conjecture as to why the name Blackrock when this village is about one mile east of Crowan. Perhaps the unknown leader was about the only person who lived in Black Rock? They worked from c1870 to c1895 and in the later part of their life carried out contesting challenges, not with any noteworthy results however. Conductor J. Corey in the 1890s

Blackborough Brass Band - Devon
   Active in 1866
**Blackboys Brass Band** - Sussex
Active from the late 1880s to WW1. In 1910 it took part in a torchlight procession from Five Ashes to Hadlow Down and back. Conductor G. Turner in 1905, R. Turner in 1908.

**Blackbraes and District Band**
See: *Blackbraes Brass Band*

**Blackbraes Brass Band** - Stirlingshire
Active from the 1880s through to the 1950s

**Blackburn All Saints Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active in the 1880s to 1900s. T. Ormerod secretary in 1887.

**Blackburn and Darwen Band** - Lancashire
[current band] - Founded in 1950 - Former names: Darwen and Hoddleston Silver Prize Band, Darwen British Legion Band (1965 to early 1970s) - Note: Formed by the amalgamation of Darwen Borough Prize Band and Pickup Bank Band

**Blackburn Artillery Band** - Lancashire
Active in the 1860s

**Blackburn Borough Band** - Lancashire
Active from the mid-1860s through to the early 1900s

**Blackburn British Legion Band** - Lancashire
Active in 1928

**Blackburn Christ Church Band** - Lancashire
Formed in 1860, originally the Christ Church School Brass Band. Active through the 1860s and 1870s

**Blackburn Comic Prize Band** - Lancashire
Had its home at the Bethesda Hall, Stansfeld Street in the 1920s

**Blackburn Coronation Band** - Lancashire
Founded in 1910. Active into the 1920s. Their Band Club was wrecked in 1914 due to a gas explosion.

**Blackburn Guide Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active in the 1880s

**Blackburn Old Band** - Lancashire
Active in 1887, 1891 and 1924. From the obituary of William Ainsworth - “Born 1854, Died Feb/March 1924 whilst living at 137, Queens Park Road, Blackburn. Buried in Blackburn Cemetery. Funeral procession was led by the Blackburn Old Prize Band. He was a well known local footballer in his youth, also a step-dancer who won at least one championship and a belt, and a member of Blackburn Old Prize Band. Two of his sons, Harold, a well known cornet soloist, and Ernest also played in the Blackburn Old Prize Band.”

**Blackburn Public Band** - Lancashire
Active around 1887, 1900 and 1933. Queen's Park, Blackburn, created to celebrate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee, held the town's jubilee celebrations in September 1887 when the main drive and lake were illuminated and the Blackburn Public Prize Band gave a musical selection.

**Blackburn Public Prize Band**
See: *Blackburn Public Band*

**Blackburn Ragged School Brass Band** - Lancashire
Formed around 1887. Active in the late 1880s to the early 1900s. The Ragged School was established in 1881 by John Thomas Walkden and James Dixon.
Blackburn Subscription Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1899

Blackburn Temperance Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1850s through the 1880s. Conductor George Ellis in 1855

Blackburn Town Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the early 1900s

Blackburn United Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1850

Blackburn Valley Brass Band - Barkisland, Lancashire
   Active in 1909. Renamed Krumlin Mills Band in the 1930s and back to Blackburn Valley Brass Band in the 1950s and 1960s.

Blackburn Volunteer Band
   See: Blackpool Artillery Band

Blackburn Wesleyan Mission Band - Lancashire
   Active around 1900

Blackburn’s Musical Palace Fleet Band
   See: Palace Fleet Brass Band

Blackburn’s Steel Works Band - Preston, Lancashire
   See: Electric Tramway and Tramway Carriage Brass Band

Blackfriars Working Men's Mission Band - London
   Active in the early 1900s through to the early 1920s

Blackhall Colliery Band (1) - Durham
   Active in 1921

Blackhall Colliery Band (2) - Durham
   Formed in June 1926, it quickly established its name and quality. It became the Northern Area Champions in 1945 and established a world record when it competed in eight contests on Friday 10th June 1938 and won eight prizes. Folded in the 1950s.

Blackhall Original Band - Durham
   Active in 1929

Blackhall Youth Band
   See: Broughtons Brass Band

Blackheath Prince of Wales Band - Worcestershire
   Active in the early 1890s

Blackheath St Paul's Band - Worcestershire
   Active in 1893

Blackheath Town Band - Worcestershire
   Formed after WW1. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s, still active in the 1940s. Blackheath Town Prize Band played at the Easter Sports of Birchfield Harriers, at Cape Hill, Birmingham on April 18, 1927.

Blackheath Village Band - Worcestershire
   Active in the 1890s through to WW1

Blackhill Mission Brass Band - Durham
   Active in 1870s, 1890

Blackhill St Mary’s Band - Durham
   Active from the 1890s to the 1930s. Also known as St Mary's League of the Cross Brass Band
Blackhill St Mary's League of the Cross Brass Band
   See: Blackhill St Mary’s Band

Blackhill Teetotal Band
   See: Consett Iron Works Band

Blackhill Temperance Band
   See: Consett Iron Works Band

Blackhill Workmen's Band - Durham
   Active in 1914 when Henry Tyndale was secretary

Blackley Band - Lancashire
   [current band] - Founded in 1941 - Former names: Blackley Home Guard Comrades Association Band, Blackley Silver Prize Band (1946)

Blackley Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1874, secretary E. Dunham

Blackley Home Guard Comrades Association Band - Lancashire
   [previous name of current band] See: Blackley Band

Blackley Home Guard Comrades Band - Lancashire
   Active in the late 1940s

Blackley Reformatory Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1880

Blackley Silver Prize Band - Lancashire
   [previous name of current band] See: Blackley Band

Blackminster School Brass Band - Worcestershire
   Active in 1971

Blackmoor Vale Brass Band - Henstridge, Somerset
   Active in the 1850s to the 1890s. Conductor Joseph Elkins in 1885

Blackpool Ambulance Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1906-8. Dennis Stansfield conductor in 1908

Blackpool and Fylde Blind Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active around 1910

Blackpool Associated Works Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1940s. Competed in the First Annual Brass Band Contest organised by Wigan Borough Prize Band in 1943 (conducted by S.M. Rowe).

Blackpool Brass - Lancashire

Blackpool Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1864

Blackpool British Legion Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1950s

Blackpool Central Club Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1929

Blackpool County Borough A.F.S. Band - Lancashire
   See: Blackpool County Borough Band

Blackpool County Borough Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1909 and the 1930s. Re-organised in 1910. During WW2 it was associated with the Auxilliary Fire Service.
Blackpool Excelsior Band - Lancashire
Active from 1919 through the 1940s

Blackpool Fishermen's Band - Lancashire
See: Blackpool Lifeboat Band

Blackpool Lifeboat Band - Lancashire
Active from 1891 through to 1940. Also known as Blackpool Fishermen's Band

Blackpool Norman Memorial Band - Lancashire
See: Norman Memorial Youth Silver Band

Blackpool Public Band - Lancashire
Active in 1920s

Blackpool Silver Prize Band - Lancashire
Formed March 1926 as Blackpool Special Constabulary Silver Prize Band. Active through the 1940s/50s

Blackpool South Shore Subscription Band - Lancashire
Active in the early 1900s to 1910s

Blackpool Special Constabulary Silver Prize Band - Lancashire
See: Blackpool Silver Prize Band

Blackpool Temperance Band - Lancashire
Active in 1870. Also in the the 1930s/1940s

Blackpool Town Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Blackpool Brass

Blackrock Band
See: Black Rock Brass Band

Blackrod Band
Formed in 1872 as Blackrod Good Templar's Band it changed its name to Blackrod Public Subscription Band within a few years. It held its rehearsals in the building that was the Old Grammar School and is nowadays used as Council Offices. Each member then paid an entrance fee of 5 shillings and a weekly subscription of 1 shilling. Eventually it was decided to enter for contests, and in consequence it was necessary for a professional conductor to be engaged to ensure that the correct training was given to the band. Many conductors held this very important position, Messrs. Durham, Wheelwright, Rutter, Peatfield, Fairhurst and Pollard coming readily to mind. Several prizes were won during this period, but a first prize eluded them. During 1913 a new set of instruments was purchased at a cost of £378, and shortly afterwards a set of new uniforms was obtained at a cost of approximately £114. It will be realised that this sum was very heavy expenditure in those days, and the band are worthy of congratulations for the courage that was shown, especially when it is known that they only had the sum of £90 available. Members of the band, however, loaned money and borrowed the remainder. This effort was supported by the free services rendered by the officials and bandsmen for six years until they were clear of the debt. Mr Percy Bullough, who was appointed bandmaster in 1907, became conductor in 1918 [a bandmaster, usually a player in the band, was deputy to the conductor and fulfilled rehearsals or engagements that the conductor could not. Most modern bands still have a bandmaster]. It was decided to compete in contests again, and soon the patience and enthusiasm shown over the years was crowned with glory, for the band won their first, first prize at Haydock. A story told about the band was that it was not uncommon for the bandsmen to have to be summoned from the Scot Lane Inn to start the village parade or either the field day. One bandsmen who was the
worst for drink sat down on a wall with his bass and overbalanced landing in a garden with the instrument on top of him! One claim to fame is that the professional tenor John Mitchinson made one of his first public performances with them. They disbanded in the early 1960s

Blackrod Good Templar's Band
See: Blackrod Band

Blackrod Public Subscription Band
See: Blackrod Band

Blackrod Temperance Band
See: Blackrod Band

Blackwater Band - Cornwall
The band, which was originally a brass and reed combination, was formed in 1901 by a clarinet playing ex-bandman of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, C.Retallack. As implied, the instrumentation was changed later on, by Mr Retallack, to an all brass band, and Mr Retallack continued to lead them on his clarinet. No contesting can be discovered.

Blackwater Brass Band - Hampshire
Active in 1855

Blackwell and B Winning Colliery Band - Derbyshire
Active from the early 1900s to the 1930s

Blackwell Brass Band - Worcestershire
Active in the 1990s. Folded in 1998 (when the remaining brass players invited woodwinds to join them to form the current Blackwell Concert Band.

Blackwell Silver Prize Band - Derbyshire
Active in 1897 and 1915 and probably linked to the Blackwell collieries.

Blackwood Brass Band - Lanarkshire
Active in 1849

Blackwood Brass Band - Monmouthshire
Active in 1876

Blackwood Methodist Band - Monmouthshire
Active in 1901

Blackwood Temperance Band
See: Blackwood Methodist Band

Blaenau Festiniog Brass Band - Merioneth
Founded in 1864, with 14 members (young men working in the quarries) and instruments costing £30. Initially taught by the bandmaster of the Portmadoc Volunteers, Mr J Dickson. Conductor C. Lawrence in 1869. Between 1883 and 1895 won prize money to the value of nearly £300 in competitions in Porthmadog, Barmouth, Dolgellau, Llanrwst, Llanfairfechan, Corwen, Rhyl, Bala and Caernarfon. Still active in the 1920s and 1930s as Festiniog Silver Band

Blaenau Philharmonic Brass Band - Monmouthshire
Active in 1855. Conductor Mr Sewell in 1859

Blaenavon Colliery Workmen's Band - Monmouthshire
[previous name of current band] See: Blaenavon Town Band

Blaenavon Colliery Workmen's Band - Monmouthshire
Active in the 1950s
Blaenavon Concert Band - Monmouthshire
[current band] - Founded in 1972 - Former names: Blaenavon Youth Band

Blaenavon Temperance Band - Monmouthshire
See: Blaenavon Templar Brass Band

Blaenavon Templar Brass Band - Monmouthshire
Active in the 1890s through to 1918. In 1897 it played a “Grand Vocal and Instrumental Concert” at the Workmen's Institute Hall, Blaenavon, in aid of the instrument fund.

Blaenavon Town Band - Monmouthshire
[current band] - Founded in 1890 - Former names: Blaenavon Town Silver Band, Blaenavon Colliery Workmen's Band (to early 1980s)

Blaenavon Youth Band - Monmouthshire
[previous name of current band] See: Blaenavon Concert Band

Blaengarw Silver Band - Glamorgan
Active from the early 1900s to the 1950s

Blaengwynfi Colliery Band
See: Aber and Blaengwynfi Workmens Silver Band

Blaenrhondda Brass Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1890s

Blagdon Brass Band
Formed in the 1920s. It is said to have played on Friendly Society Whitsun Walks - the Buffaloes, the Oddfellows and the Foresters were local societies. The Postmaster Wilf or Frank Light was one of the players. The instruments were possibly given by Lord Winterstoke, who was keen on self improvement for the villagers. A disused cottage in the centre of the village was used for storage (and possibly for practice). During WW2 this cottage was used by the Home Guard and they were going to revive the band, but the instruments, having been unused for a long time were unplayable. It is thought that a sousaphone accompanied the 'Victorian Carol Party' round the village some 40-50 years ago.

Blaena and District Silver Band
See: Blaina Band

Blaina Brass Band - Monmouthshire
Formed in 1817 and converted to all brass in 1832 with Enbach instruments from Amsterdam. The band was originally known as Brown's Works Band, supported by the local Brown's Ironworks. Later also known as Blaina Lancaster Band, Blaina New Lancaster Town Band, Blaina Town Band and Blaina and District Silver Band. In 1894 it came sixth in a brass band contest at Porth, conducted by Mr. F.Birkenshaw. They competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Folded around 2000. Conductors: Carl Sheffier (1817-), John Bailey (1898-1903), J. Martin (1904-1909), J.B. Yorke (1914-1946)

Blaina Lancaster Band
See: Blaina Band

Blaina New Lancaster Town Band
See: Blaina Band

Blaina Philharmonic Band - Monmouthshire
Active in 1857

Blaina Town Band
See: Blaina Band
Blair and Co. Engine Works Band - Stockton-on-Tees, Durham  
Active from the 1860s through to the early 1900s

Blair and Sumner’s Brass Band - Bolton, Lancashire  
See: Messrs Blair and Sumner’s Brass Band

Blairgowrie and Rattray Municipal Band  
See: Blairgowrie Brass Band

Blairgowrie Brass Band - Perthshire  
Founded in 1857. Active through to the 1930s. Committee minutes, 1905-1962, are held in the Perth and Kinross Council Archive. In 1901 and 1902 the Blairgowrie and Rattray Merchant's Association agreed to donate £5 to the Band, specifically in 1902 the Association Secretary was instructed to write to the Bandmaster, when handing over the money, to the effect that the Association would like the Band to appear more frequently in public than they did last year. The band folded in 1904 but was reformed again in 1905, with many of the original band members and their instruments.

Blakenall Heath Brass Band - Staffordshire  
Active in the 1890s and early 1900s

Blakeney and District Silver Band - Gloucestershire  
Formed 1953 from the remaining members of Two Bridges Brass Band who moved to Blakeney. Managed to buy a brand new set of instruments within a year and pay for them all by 1957.

Blakeney Brass Band - Gloucestershire  
Formed in the village before 1843 - it was in regular demand for events in the Forest area during the mid 19th century. Conductor Walter Hulin in 1866. Still active in 1909, with conductor Percy Bennett

Blakesley Silver Band - Northamptonshire  
Active from the 1890s to the 1930s. In 1901 it promoted a contest.

Blanchland Brass Band - Northumberland  

Blandford Amateur Brass Band - Dorset  
Active from the 1830s to the 1900s. Had great success in Enderby Jackson’s contests in the early 1860s. Conductor R. Eyers in 1860.

Blandford Brass Band - Dorset  
See: Blandford Amateur Brass Band

Blandford Stour Valley Brass Band - Dorset  
[current band]

Blandford Temperance Brass Band - Dorset  
Founded in November 1865, conductor W. Applin. First public performance in January 1866. Still active in 1869

Blankney Brass Band - Lincolnshire  
Active in 1864

Blankney Foresters’ Brass Band - Lincolnshire  
Active in 1852

Blantyre Mission Brass Band - Lanarkshire  
Active in the 1890s and 1900s
Blantyre Parish Brass Band
   See: Blantyre Public Band

Blantyre Public Band - Lanarkshire
   Active in the 1890s and early 1900s. Conductor J. Sommerville in 1899, John Donnelly in 1905.

Blantyre Silver Band - Lanarkshire
   Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Blantyre St Joseph's Brass Band - Lanarkshire
   Active from the 1890s to the 1930s. Conductor J. Somerville in 1899

Blantyre YMCA Brass Band - Lanarkshire
   Active in the 1900s

Blaydon Brass Band - Durham
   Active in from the early 1860s to the 1880s. Conductor Thomas Thorburn in 1869-1881

Blaydon Comrades Victory Band - Durham
   Active in 1921. Probably formed by survivors of the Great War.

Bleaching Works Brass Band - Catrine, Ayrshire
   See: Catrine Bleaching Works Brass Band

Bleak House Band - Feock, Cornwall
   Formed just after WW1, this band, at first, consisted almost entirely of members of the Trebilcock and Marshall families. Their first set of instruments were bought from the defunct Feock Band. One of these Trebilcocks lived at Bleak House, so much of their rehearsals were carried out there. They carried on until they had to disband in 1929.

Bleangarw Temperance Band
   Active in 1894

Bleasdale Foresters' Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1861

Blebo Works Brass Band - Kemback, Fife
   See: Messrs Alexander Watson’s Works Brass Band

Bledington Temperance Band - Gloucestershire
   Active in the early 1900s

Blendworth Brass Band - Hampshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1982

Bletchington Silver Band - Oxfordshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1920 - Former names: Bletchington Prize Band

Bletchley Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
   See: Bletchley Town Silver Band

Bletchley Station Band - Buckinghamshire
   Active from the early 1890s through the 1930s. Associated with the railway station in Bletchley. There is a picture of the band in H. Gregg’s book “Town of Trains”, dated 1920's. Conductor G. Cook in 1892, A.Boughton in 1903, C.E. Tregenza in 1910, C. Essen in 1912-1927, C. Burt in 1936.

Bletchley Town Silver Band - Buckinghamshire
   Active in the 1880s through to the 1980s. In 1948 it organised its second annual contest

Blewbury Brass Band - Berkshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1910
**Blidworth Brass Band** - Nottinghamshire
From 1885 directory: “...composed in 1880, and consists of 12 performers; James Robinson bandmaster”

**Blidworth Colliery Band** - Nottinghamshire
[previous name of current band] See: *Blidworth Welfare Band*

**Blidworth Welfare Band** - Nottinghamshire
[current band] - Founded in the 1880s - Former names: Stanton Hill Temperance Band, Stanton Hill Silver Prize Band, Teversal Colliery Welfare Band, Blidworth Colliery Band, Blidworth Welfare RBJ Mining Band, Hopkins Solicitors Blidworth Welfare Band - Note: When Teversal Colliery was closed, the rehearsal facilities were also withdrawn, so the Band had to ally itself with another Welfare (another colliery that was still in production.) Blidworth was chosen, and the Band moved there over the winter of 1980/81. In 1979 the band had the distinction of entering 13 contests in the second section, and winning 11. They were outright holders of the Radio Nottingham Band of the year trophy, having won it on three successive occasions. (77/78/79).

**Blidworth Welfare RBJ Mining Band** - Nottinghamshire
[previous name of current band] See: *Blidworth Welfare Band*

**Blight's Cornopean Brass Band**
Founded by William Blight and active in 1844 when it played at the Floral Fete in the Royal Surrey Zoological Gardens, on Tuesday, September 17th. Other attractions included a “grand dahlia and miscellaneous flower show for flowers, fruit, and vegetables, combined with picturesque grounds, superb menagerie, gigantic model of old London, a model of Venice, feeding of the carnivora, promenade concerts introducing Beethoven’s Battle Sinfonia, Spohr’s “Consecration of Sounds,” etc. and Great Fire of London, allowed to be the grandest pyrotechnic display ever witnessed. No establishment in Europe presents so many, varied and unique attractions. Admittance one shilling. Open at one. Conflagration at eight o’clock” . Also advertised elsewhere as “available to accept engagements for Public Dinners, Water Parties, Promenades, Archery Fetes, Flower Shows, Fancy Fairs and Etc.”

**Blisland Brass Band** - Cornwall
See: *Blisland Temperance Band*

**Blisland Temperance Band** - Cornwall
Formed about 1863 and found east of Wadebridge, they later changed their title to Blisland Brass Band. Their appearances were known to have been carried out up to 1902. A non-contesting band.

**Blisworth Brass Band** - Northamptonshire
Active in 1868

**Blisworth Gardens Brass Band** - Northamptonshire
Active in 1858

**Blochairn Brass Band** - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
Active in 1858. May have been associated with the Blochairn Iron Works

**Blochairn Ironworks Brass Band** - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
Active in 1864

**Blockley Brass Band** - Gloucestershire
[current band] - Active from 1868

**Blofield and District Silver Band** - Norfolk
[previous name of current band] See: *Broadland Brass Band*
**Bloomsbury Institution Mission Band** - Nechells, Warwickshire

Active in the 1900s to 1930s. The Institution was located in Nechells, founded in 1860, carrying out educational, social and charitable work.

**Bloxham Brass Band** - Oxfordshire

Active from 1861. Tom Baughen (licensee of the Unicorn Inn) became its conductor when it amalgamated with the Bloxham Church Band some time prior to 1914. Before the 1860s there was a local band (Deddington and Bloxham Brass Band in the 1840s, and Adderbury and Bloxham Brass Band in the 1850s. Conductor in 1907 was George Manning.

**Bloxham Church Band** - Oxfordshire

Active in the early 1900s. Amalgamated with the Bloxham Brass Band some time prior to 1914

**Bloxham Old Band**

See: Bloxham Brass Band

**Bloxham Temperance Band** - Oxfordshire

Active in the 1900s. Bandmaster in 1907 was H. Eagles.

**Bloxham Wesleyan Mission Band**

See: Bloxham Temperance Band

**Bloxwich Brass Band** - Staffordshire

Active in 1856. Conductor John Gee in 1868.

**Bloxwich British Legion Band** - Staffordshire

Active in the 1930s. Amalgamated with Aldridge Colliery Silver Prize Band and Bescot Band during World War 2

**Bloxwich Imperial Prize Band** - Staffordshire

Active in the 1880s through to at least 1919

**Bloxwich Victoria Brass Band** - Staffordshire

Active in 1888 to 1892

**Blue Coat Brass Band** - Chester, Cheshire

[previous name of current band] See: City of Chester Brass Band

**Blue Coat School Brass Band** - Bridgnorth, Shropshire

See: Bridgnorth Blue Coat School Brass Band

**Blue Coat School Brass Band** - Liverpool, Lancashire

Founded in 1903

**Blue Coat School Brass Band** - Manchester, Lancashire

See: Chetham’s Hospital Boys Band

**Blue Coat School Brass Band** - Oldham, Lancashire

Active in 1855 and 1965

**Blue Cord Brass Band**

See: Weston-Super-Mare Blue Cord Brass Band

**Blue Jackets Band** - Wigan, Lancashire

[previous name of current band] See: Pemberton Old Wigan Band

**Blue Jackets Volunteer (Royal Navy) Band**

See: Royal Navy Portsmouth Barracks Band

**Blue Pits Brass Band** - Castleton, Rochdale, Lancashire

Active in 1869, attached to the British Timber Company at Bluepits

**Blue Ribbon Army Brass Band** - Derby, Derbyshire

See: Derby Blue Ribbon Mission Band

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Blue Ribbon Army Brass Band - Exeter, Devon
   See: Exeter Blue Ribbon Army Brass Band

Blue Ribbon Army Brass Band - Hartlepool,
   See: Hartlepool Blue Ribbon Army Brass Band

Blue Ribbon Army Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
   Founded in 1883, bandmaster Joseph Cunningham

Blue Ribbon Army Brass Band - Rothero, Midlothian
   Active in 1900

Blue Ribbon Army Brass Band - Rotherham, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Rotherham Borough Band

Blue Ribbon Army Brass Band - Wrexham, Denbighshire
   See: Wrexham Blue Ribbon Army Brass Band

Bluecoat Hospital Band - Chester, Cheshire
   See: Chester Bluecoat Hospital Band

Bluecoat Hospital Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
   Active in the 1860s

Bluejacket R.N. Band
   See: Blue Jacket Band

Blues of the Vale Brass Band - Sturminster, Dorset
   Active in the 1870s and 1880s. Bandmaster Robert Tite in 1880.

Blundell, Spence and Co. Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in 1857 - Blundell Spence and Company were paint manufacturers and oil seed
   crushers in Kingston upon Hull.

Blunsdon Brass Band
   See: Blunsdon St Leonards Brass Band

Blunsdon St Leonards Brass Band - Wiltshire
   Active in the early 1900s

Bluntisham Brass Band - Huntingdonshire
   Active in 1862, conductor Mr Abrahams

Blurton Junior High Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in 1965

Blyth Amateur Brass Band - Northumberland
   Founded in 1867, with 21 members, instruments (cost £94) from Butler of London.

Blyth and Cowpen Operatic Band - Northumberland
   Formed in 1894 and still active in 1902

Blyth and District Band - Northumberland
   Active between 1904 and 1909. Also active in the 1960s.

Blyth Artillery Volunteers Band - Northumberland
   Active in 1882 when it acquired new instruments, still active in 1894

Blyth Brass Band
   See: Blyth Amateur Brass Band

Blyth British Legion Band - Northumberland
   Active in the 1950s

Blyth L.N.E.R. Band - Northumberland
   Formed in 1921 and still active in the late 1950s
Blyth N. E. Railway Band
See: Blyth L.N.E.R. Band

Blyth Operatic Band
See: Blyth and Cowpen Operatic Band

Blyth Promenade Brass Band - Northumberland
Active in the 1880s

Blythe Bridge Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in the 1880s

BMP Europe Goodshaw Band - Lancashire
[current band] - Founded in 1867 - Former names: Goodshawfold Brass Band (to c.1904), Goodshaw Prize Band, Goodshaw Crawshawbooth, Goodshaw Band

BNFL Leyland Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Leyland Band

Boarshurst and Saddleworth Rifles Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1880s

Boarshurst Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1849 - Former names: Boarshurst Silver Prize Band

Boathouse Brass Band - Matlock, Derbyshire
Active in 1850

Bocking Brass Band - Essex
Active in the 1840s and 1850s

Bocking Concert Brass - Essex

Bodicote Brass Band - Oxfordshire
Active in 1864, and in the 1890s and 1900s

Bodmin Comrades Brass Band - Cornwall
See: Helland Brass Band

Bodmin Regnal Mission Band - Cornwall
Records of the band, from 1941-1942 are held by Bodmin Town Museum

Bodmin Street Reform Brass Band - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1892

Bodmin Town Band - Cornwall
[current band] - Founded in 1927

Bognor Old Town Band
See: Bognor Town Band

Bognor Town Band - Sussex
Active in the 1900s, re-organised in 1908, H.R. Hiam conductor. Still active into the 1920s

Bolckow and Vaughan’s Middlesbrough Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in the 1850s and 1860s, based at the ironmaking and mining company at South Bank, Middlesbrough.

Bold Colliery Band
See: Bold Miners’ Welfare Band

Bold Miners’ Welfare Band - St Helens, Lancashire
Formed around 1970 and folded around 1990. Thought to be the last miners band on the Lancashire coal field. A lot of their music was inherited from the earlier Clock Face Colliery Band. A report from “Coal Face”, in June 1979, states: “Band 'Babes' Cut Their
Contest Teeth. Brass competition 'babes' who have collected their first trophy after even years are aiming to follow the lead of another Western Area band bidding for top prizes. Musicians in St, Helens' Bold Colliery Band made their trophy-winning debut at Workington, Cumbria. “It’s the breakthrough they’ve been looking for,” says Admin. Officer, Frank Kenyon. Music loving Frank took action when Clock Face Colliery closed some years ago and their instruments became available. he thought it would be a pity if the band tradition died and decided to re-form them at Bold and they are now one of the North West’s last surviving colliery bands.Bold bandmen were helped in their re-birth by CISWO who transferred the old Clock Face instruments and by pitmen like now-retired training officer Jack Wildman. “It was very hard work but we now have a full sized 24-string band with plenty of reserve players as well.” says Frank Kenyon. Pianist Frank, who got his taste for the sound of brass from his father who used to take him to hear the former Bickershaw Colliery Band as a boy, adds: “We give free performances for any coal industry function we are invited to and always play at the paraplegics sports at Blackpool. “Some of the lads have even appeared on TV during a scene from the Liver Birds but of course out big ambition is to win at the NCB finals at the Mining Weekend. The band give free tuition for any youngster who fancies the chance to blow his own trumpet, miner’s children especially being welcome.”

**Boldon Colliery (Go-Ahead Group North East) Band**

See: Boldon Colliery Band

**Boldon Colliery Band** - Durham

Formed in 1911, as Boldon Colliery Workmen’s Band, it folded in 2004. In its later years it was known as Boldon Colliery (Go-Ahead Group North East) Band and Boldon Colliery VRX Band.

**Boldon Colliery VRX Band**

See: Boldon Colliery Band

**Boldon Colliery Workmen’s Band**

See: Boldon Colliery Band

**Boldshay Victoria Band** - Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding)

Active in the 1890s

**Boleyn Castle Boys Band** - Upton Park, Essex

Active in the 1900s. This was the band from the St Edward’s Reformatory for Roman Catholic Boys, which was run by the Brothers of the Order of Mercy. It could accommodate 220 boys

**Bolingey Brass Band** - Cornwall

Active in the 1890s. Bolingey will be found half way between Newquay and St Agnes. Played at a bazaar in Zelah in 1890, and at the St Agnes Regatta of 1891 under the direction of a Mr Veale.

**Bollington Brass Band (1)** - Cheshire

Active from the 1850s, and disbanded on the eve of the Second World War. A successor band was formed in 1972

**Bollington Brass Band (2)** - Cheshire

[current band] - Founded in 1972

**Bolney Brass Band** - Sussex

Active in 1878
Bolsover Brass Band - Derbyshire
  Formed in 1861, disbanded in 1906, presumed to have reformed in 1907 and active through to WW1. John Wood was charged with stealing a cornet from the band in 1907, and walking to Newcastle-upon-Tyne where he was arrested. Conductor J. Bowden in 1912.

Bolsover Colliery Band - Derbyshire
  Formed 1894. Still active in the late 1970s

Bolsover Miners Welfare Band
  See: Bolsover Colliery Band

Bolsover Silver Prize Band
  See: Bolsover Colliery Band

Bolby Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
  Active in the 1880s to 1900s

Bolter End Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
  Active in 1864

Bolton Amateur Brass Band - Lancashire
  Active in 1866

Bolton Borough Brass Band - Lancashire
  Founded in 1864 as Bolton Shepherd’s Band, renamed Bolton Borough by 1865. Conductor Joseph Fletcher in 1866. Active to the 1890s

Bolton Brass Band - Bolton Low Houses, Cumberland
  See: Bolton Low Houses Brass Band

Bolton Brass Band - Bolton-le-Sands, Lancashire
  See: Bolton-le-Sands Brass Band

Bolton Brass Band - Bolton-on-Dearne, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1880s to the 1900s

Bolton Brass Works - Lancashire
  [current band] - Founded in 2007 - Former names: Dunscar Brass Band (to 2008)

Bolton Catholic Brass Band - Lancashire
  Active in 1869, conductor H. Brockbank

Bolton I.O.R. Band
  See: Bolton Rechabites Band

Bolton Independant Order of Rechabites Band
  See: Bolton Rechabites Band

Bolton Low Houses Brass Band - Cumberland
  Active in the 1900s, conductor Mr Storey.

Bolton Moor Brass Band - Lancashire
  Active in 1856

Bolton Old Band - Lancashire
  Formed as a reed band in around 1803. They were attached to the Bolton Volunteer Regiment under Colonel Fletcher. The Colonel was a great lover of music and when the regiment was disbanded soon after the Napoleonic war he kept the band on at a cost of over £1,000 a year to himself. The regiment was reformed in 1819 and the band once again became the regimental band. Colonel Fletcher died in 1832 and the regiment was taken over by the Earl of Ellesmere. Sometime around 1850 the regimental headquarters were moved to Worsley and the band had converted to all brass. They had disbanded by 1884.
Bolton Parish Church School Brass Band - Lancashire  
Active in 1863

Bolton Pioneer Band  
See: Bolton Public Band (1)

Bolton Prize Band  
See: Bolton Borough Prize Brass Band

Bolton Public Band (1) - Lancashire  
Formed as Bolton Pioneer Band, became Bolton Public Band in 1907 only to disband in 1908. A successor band was formed after WW1.

Bolton Public Band (2) - Lancashire  
Formed in the 1920's it had disbanded by late 1955. In 1951 they competed in the 4th section North West regional championships at the Victoria Hall, Bolton.

Bolton Rechabites Band - Lancashire  
The early Temperance movement in the 1820's and 1830's only required its members to sign a pledge against the more 'ardent spirits'. By the 1830's an internal group had started to call for the total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors, they took the name Rechabites from a Biblical tribe. The movement seems to have been formally instigated in Salford in 1836. The Bolton I.O.R. Band was formed in the Autumn of 1920 by a small group of keen amateurs; they rehearsed in the back bedroom of their conductor's house, a Mr Higham in Gordon Avenue. For several months Mr Higham held rehearsals five nights a week until in October of 1921 the band decided to invest in a full set of new instruments, at a cost of over £1,000. They took their first public engagement in May of 1922 at Walkden. The band achieved their height on the contest scene in 1930 with a silver cup at the Yorkshire Brass Band Association Contest in Settle. It is not clear when the band disbanded, but it would most likely be the 1940's.

Bolton Shepherds Band  
See: Bolton Borough Brass Band

Bolton St Mary’s Band - Lancashire  
Active in the 1880s/1890s

Bolton Subscription Band - Lancashire  
Active in the 1910s, conductor James Taylor

Bolton Temperance Band - Lancashire  
In 1902 the authorities at Queen Street Mission conceived the idea that their open air meetings on Sunday evenings in Idle Street (now Central Street) would be more effective with the aid of a band. A band was therefore formed, or rather a number of Mission Lads and men were assembled, taking the name Queen Street Mission Band. The hero, the late Mr Ashworth, surveyed them. Not one of the 24 could read a note of music, not one of them could play an instrument. His job was to make them into a brass band, and it is a tribute to his patience and ability that he was able to do it. He produced a band which ranks amongst the best in the town, and which has won many prizes. After six months tuition they had two hymns and two marches in their repertoire, one of the marches was aptly called ‘Now or Never’. They won numerous local titles and were at their most successful during the early and mid 1920's. It was renamed Bolton Temperance Band around the mid 1920s. The band possibly disbanded sometime during the 1940’s. According to Charlie Taylor of Tyldesley Band, who used to play sometimes with the Temperance Band, they use to rehearse on Sundays in a pub in Bolton Town Centre. They turned up to rehearsal one Sunday, to be told by the landlord that the pub was
shutting. They had a quick chat amongst themselves and turned round to Charlie and announced 'that if the pub was going then they’d go as well’ and that was the rather abrupt end of the Bolton Temperance Band. This happened around 1952. This coincides nicely with the formation of the Bolton Public Band, which started up around this time [?].

**Bolton United Brass Band** - Lancashire  
Active in 1901

**Bolton Victoria Brass Band** - Lancashire  
Active in 1866

**Bolton Victoria Hall Band** - Lancashire  
Active in the 1890s and had disbanded by 1935. Bandmaster in 1904 was Herbert Bennett

**Bolton-le-Sands Brass Band** - Lancashire  
Active from the late 1840s to the 1870s

**Bon Accord Brass Band (1)** - Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire  
Active from the 1870s. Still active in the early 1930s.

**Bon Accord Silver Band (2)** - Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire  
[current band] - Founded in 1962

**Bonchester Brass** - Bonchester Bridge,  
In spring 2010 Christine Weigold from Bonchester Bridge in the Scottish Borders thought it would be a good idea to start a local brass band in a large rural area with no musical outlet for youth for miles in all directions. After forming a small committee Bonchester Brass was born. It was with great disappointment that Bonchester Brass discovered that the major Brass Band governing body in Scotland 'SBBA' were unable to offer any financial help whatsoever to newly formed Brass Bands. Musical Director John Kirk remembered that in his youth he visited the Sunderland Empire in the early 1980’s to see James Shepherd 'Versatile Brass' and remembered a funnel routine. He had also taken his mouthpiece on holiday building his own plastic funnel instruments to keep his practice up without having to take his bulky Brass instrument on vacation. As Bonchester Brass had no funds to buy instruments it was decided that Funneloniums would have to do! A local plastics firm from kindly supplied colourful plastic tubing and a kind donation allowed the purchase of many plastic mouthpieces. The bands plan was to start a musical club for kids where they would build their own instruments learning the basics of note production in a fun way and eventually take up a Brass instrument (by which time the financial situation would have been resolved). Several instrument building workshops were held, in village halls, outdoor festivals and even in pubs to spot adult talent. Throughout 2010 Bonchester Brass continually made headlines in local press for its colourful and exciting appearances in the public eye. The efforts of Bonchester Brass was recognized by a lottery funded scheme 'people making waves' and by September 2010 funding was in place for a full set of brass instruments. Stand banners had been custom designed as a sponsorship from a local textile firm and a schools recruitment program about to initiate. It was still a steep hill however. The local Brass instrument tutor would not encourage any of his pupils to try out the new band, and other financial pressures meant that Bonchester Brass was loosing momentum and it was with great regret that the band folded just prior to its first intake of young students. The thousands awarded to the band graciously and kindly were handed back. A sad day for the children of Rulewater. The most exciting thing to come from Bonchester Brass however was the 'Funnelonium Experience'. To see the excitement as people enthusiastically created their own
instrument, learned to play, then take part in a collective musical parade together, all within the space of an hour on average. The majority of which had no prior musical experience. that was and still is the true success of Bonchester Brass.

**Bond Street WMC Imperial Silver Band**
See: City of Leicester Band

**Bond Street Working Men's Club Band**
See: City of Leicester Band

**Bo'ness and Carriden Brass Band** - West Lothian
[current band] - Founded in 1858 - Former names: Grange Instrumental Band, Grange Brass Band, Carriden Band (to 1895)

**Bo'ness Catholic Brass Band** - West Lothian
Active in 1861

**Bo'ness Pottery Brass Band** - West Lothian
Founded in September 1862. Still active in 1867

**Boney Hay and Chase Terrace Brass Band**
See: Boney Hay Mission Band

**Boney Hay Brass Band**
See: Boney Hay Mission Band

**Boney Hay Mission Band** - Lichfield, Staffordshire
Active in the late 1890s to 1918. Conductor Joseph Hooper in 1913. Secretary George Hickman in 1918.

**Bonhill Brass Band**
See: Bonhill Instrumental Band

**Bonhill Instrumental Band** - Dunbartonshire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Conductor in 1907, George Park.

**Bonnybridge and District Band**
See: Bonnybridge Brass Band

**Bonnybridge Brass Band** - Stirlingshire
Formed in 1871 as a reed band. A strike in the foundry put an end to the band as many members had to leave the village. Reformed in 1878 as a brass band. By 1888 had attended 10 contests, winning 6 prizes totalling £63 9s. Still active in 1910, presumed to have disbanded during or before WW1. A successor band was formed in 1922

**Bonnybridge Silver Band** - Stirlingshire
Formed in 1922 and said to be Falkirk district's top band from then until it disbanded due to a lack of support in 1970. The band's first success was in 1925 when taking third place in the 15-band Section Three. It won the section in 1927, then went on to win Section Two in 1929, after being third the previous year - all under conductor Gregor J. Grant. After a settling in period, Bonnybridge gained third spot in the Championship Section in 1933 then second place in 1936. After a couple of placings in the 1950s, the band became 7th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (T.A.) in the ’60s and won the Championship Section in 1963. Before the band’s demise, it took three 4th placings in ’65, ’66 and ’69. The remaining players merged with those of the Parkhead Forge Band to form Cumbernauld Silver Band in 1970.

**Bonnyrigg and District Band**
See: Bonnyrigg Burgh Band

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Bonnyrigg Brass Band
See: Bonnyrigg Burgh Band

Bonnyrigg Burgh Band - Midlothian
Active in the 1890s and early 1900s

Bonnyrigg Volunteer Band - Midlothian
Active in 1880

Bonsall Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active from the 1840s to the 1880s

Bonsall Institute Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in 1880

Bonsall Temperance Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in the 1880s, conductor C.A. Gregory in 1884.

Booker's Works Band - Glamorgan
[previous name of current band] See: City of Cardiff (Melingriffith) Brass Band

Bookham and District Silver Band - Surrey
[previous name of current band] See: Mole Valley Silver Band

Bookham Brass Band
See: Great Bookham Brass Band

Bookham United Silver Band - Surrey
Formed in 1911 by the merger of Great Bookham Brass Band with Leatherhead Town Brass Band in 1911. Folded in 1916

Boosbeck Colliery Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active around 1907

Booth Fold Band
See: Boothfold Brass Band

Boothfold Brass Band - Newchurch, Lancashire
Active in the 1880s through to c. 1910. Also known as Boothfold Public Band

Boothfold Public Band
See: Boothfold Brass Band

Boothfold Temperance Band - Newchurch, Lancashire
Active in the 1890s, conductor Tom German.

Boothstown Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1862

Bootle Alexandra Band - Lancashire
See: Liverpool L. and N.W. Railway Band

Bootle Borough Brass Band - Lancashire
Founded in 1888. Active in the 1890s and 1900s, conductor E. Pryce in 1902

Bootle Brass Band - Cumberland
Founded in 1851

Bootle Excelsior Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Bootle Mission Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the late 1890s through to WW1. Conductor A.S. Davidson in 1897-1908, J.F. Sutherland in 1914

Bootle Municipal Brass Band - Lancashire
Formed around 1916. Its instruments previously belonged to the Neston Silver Band, which had folded prior to WW1. The original donor, W. Mather, retrieved the
instruments and presented them to Bootle Corporation for the new band, which was to be conducted by Mr. Workman.

**Bootle Police Brass Band** - Lancashire

Active in the 1900s, bandmaster Mr Hall

**Bootle Wesley Hall Mission Band**

See: **Bootle Mission Brass Band**

**Boots Plaisaunce Band** - Nottingham, Nottinghamshire

Established 1906. Jesse Boot was keen to promote music making and musical appreciation amongst company employees, and within Nottingham generally. In 1906, when a campaign was launched to restore the Albert Hall, Jesse Boot offered to spend £5,000 on a new organ, on condition that the organist provided popular recitals every Saturday afternoon with a fair number of seats not exceeding 3d each. Jesse Boot funded the organist's salary for three years. At Plaisaunce, the Boot family's summer house, employees were invited to afternoon entertainments, with music, dancing, athletics, swimming, and in the evenings sometimes fireworks. Jesse Boot provided a set of instruments for the use of an employees' band, and the Plaisaunce Band was formed. The band's first conductor and founder was William Hames. Florence Boot chose the uniforms - Lincoln Green, light green collar and cuffs, and silver braid. Jesse Boot arranged for the band to be coached by a professional conductor, Mr Alex Owen, and in June 1908 the band made its first venture into competitions at Lincoln. In 1909 the band won first prize in the Junior Cup section in the National Brass Band contest at Crystal Palace. Reformed after the First World War and affiliated to the Scout Movement, known as Boots Silver Band, or 42nd (Boots) Silver Band, the band had the honour of being the first civilian band to play on Wellington Barracks Square. Conductor R.B. Mills in 1935. The band later re-formed as the Beacon Silver Band, but its playing days came to an untimely end when the instruments were destroyed in the bombing of the Printing Department building on Station Street in 1941.

**Boots Silver Band**

See: **Boots Plaisaunce Band**

**Border Regiment Association Brass Band** - Carlisle, Cumberland

Active in the 1970s to 1990s

**Bordesley Green Early Morning School Band** - Warwickshire

Founded in 1907, conductor Frank Starbuck.

**Bordesley Working Men's Institute Brass Band** - Warwickshire

Founded in November 1862. Conductor J. Ward in 1865. Still active in 1867

**Boreham Brass Band** - Boreham Street, Sussex

Active in 1857 to 1866

**Borough Brass Band (Worksop)**

See: **Worksop Borough Band**

**Borough of Barnes Brass Band**

See: **West London Silver Band**

**Borough of Brackley Brass Band**

See: **Brackley Borough Silver Band**

**Borough of Greenwich Brass Band**

See: **Greenwich Town Brass Band**

**Borough of Leicester Club and Institute Silver Band**

See: **Leicester Excelsior Brass Band**
Borough of Leicester Working Men's Club and Institute Brass Band
  See: Leicester Excelsior Brass Band

Borough of Marylebone Municipal Band
  See: Marylebone Municipal Employees Brass Band

Borough of Reigate Band - Surrey
  Active in the 1950s

Borough of Shoreditch Band
  See: Shoreditch Borough Silver Band

Borough of West Ham Imperial Band
  See: West Ham Imperial Brass Band

Borough of Woolwich Silver Band
  See: Woolwich Borough Silver Band

Boroughbridge Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1857

Boroughbridge British Legion Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1930s through 1950s.

Borrowstounness Brass Band - West Lothian
  See: Bo’ness and Carroiden Brass Band

Boscastle Brass Band - Cornwall
  They were formed about 1899 as Boscastle Brass and Reed Band and changed the title in 1919 to Boscastle Brass Band (though it was referred to as such from the start). Their conductor in 1905 was Leslie Prout, who went on to conduct the Delabole Band. He was succeeded in 1912 by William Hochin who carried on until WW2 when band duties were suspended. Reformed in 1945 under Mr Grigg, who came from a whole family of Griggs that played with the St Dennis Band, they began contesting. Mr Grigg handed over to Charles Berryman in 1953 who, sadly, was drowned in the Boscastle floods of 1958. Arthur Biddick held things together until another Leslie Prout came along. For many reasons the band had to disband in 1973.

Boscawen Training Ship Brass Band - Portland, Dorset
  See: Training Ship Boscawen Brass Band

Boscombe Brass Band - Hampshire
  Active in 1880s.

Boscombe Silver Band - Hampshire
  Formed in 1910 as Boscombe Temperance Band by a father and son duo with the surname Bareham. Charlie Tiller was the first conductor of the band who also played in the then Boscombe Hippodrome Orchestra. Charlie Tiller also was renowned as a fine maker of violins. in the 1920s changed name to Boscombe Silver Band. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. It went into decline in the 1950s and eventually amalgamated with the Bournemouth Silver Band in 1956.

Boscombe Temperance Band
  See: Boscombe Silver Band

Bostock and Wombwell's Menagerie Band
  See: Wombwell’s Brass Band

Bostock Band - Cheshire
  [current band] - Founded in 2003 - Note: Northwich

Boston Amateur Brass Band - Lincolnshire
  Active in 1840s through 1860s
Boston Borough Brass Band - Lincolnshire
  c. 1860s - William Underwood, a working tailor of Boston, played the cornet in the band. He was a brother of John Underwood of Surfleet - famous local preacher. Still active in 1894 and the 1930s.

Boston Excelsior Band - Lincolnshire
  Active in the 1900s to WW1

Boston Harmonic Brass Band - Lincolnshire
  Active in the 1850s, leader B. Rippin in 1856

Boston Imperial Band - Lincolnshire
  Active in the 1910s

Boston Juvenile Brass Band - Lincolnshire
  Founded in late 1859 with 20 players, conductor B. Rippin

Boston P.S.A. Brass Band - Lincolnshire
  Founded in 1892, active in the 1890s. The Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Societies (or Brotherhoods) were a national effort by non-conformist churches to involve young men in social and religious activity on Sunday afternoons.

Boston Railwaymen's Brass Band - Lincolnshire
  Active in the 1900s

Boston Road Mission Church Army Band - Croydon, Surrey
  Active in 1922

Boston Royal Harmonic Band
  See: Boston Harmonic Brass Band

Boston Temperance Band - Lincolnshire
  Formed in 1888

Bothwell Brass Band - Lanarkshire
  Active in the 1880s to the 1900s. Built a new bandoom in 1901

Bothwell Old Band
  See: Bothwell Brass Band

Bothwell Temperance Band - Lanarkshire
  Active in the 1900s

Botley Brass Band - Hampshire
  Active in 1865

Botolph Claydon Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
  Active in 1902, conductor James Warner

Bottesford and Bingham Brass Band - Leicestershire
  Formed around 1950 by the merger of Bottesford Brass Band and Bingham Brass Band

Bottesford Brass Band (1) - Leicestershire
  Active in the early 1850s, folded shortly prior to 1855, when a successor band was formed - conductor was F. Orton

Bottesford Brass Band (2) - Leicestershire
  Formed around 1855, with William Sutton as bandmaster. Conductor F. Orton in 1861. Still active in 1886. In 1911 it led the coronation celebrations in Normanton. The Band rehearsed in the village school and before the Great War was led by Mr William Sutton (1835 - 1924). During the Great War the band was lead by Mr. Pacey and provided dance music for fund raising events for the Red Cross. Merged with the Bingham Band to form Bottesford and Bingham Band by the 1950s
Bottomgate Brass Band - Blackburn, Lancashire
  Active in 1852

Botwell Brotherhood Band
  See: Hayes and Harlington Silver Band

Boughton Brass Band - Northamptonshire
  Active in 1892

Boughton Leadworks Brass Band - Cheshire
  Formed in the late 1860s. A band of 24 players in 1870, their uniform was similar to the Cheshire Rifle Volunteers, though a shade darker.

Boundary Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
  Formed in January 1892 with members from the villages of Watton and Beswick, named the Boundary Brass Band as the two villages were astride the Parliamentary boundary between Holderness and Buckrose. The band possibly rehearsed in Kilnwick at one time. The first president of the band was Rev. F.N. Clayton, and bandmaster Tom Storr. Still active in 1895.

Bourn Brass Band - Cambridgeshire
  Founded in 1885. Folded prior to 1904 when an attempt was made to revive it.

Bourne Brass Band - Lincolnshire
  Active from 1857 to the 1900s

Bourne Juvenile Brass Band - Lincolnshire
  Active in 1860, conductor Joseph Frost

Bourne Street Primitive Methodist Sunday School Brass Band - Hollinwood, Lancashire
  Active in the 1930s

Bourne Street Scouts Band
  See: Bourne Street Primitive Methodist Sunday School Brass Band

Bourne Valley Brass Band - Wiltshire
  Active in 1908

Bournemouth Adult School Brass Band - Hampshire
  Formed in 1907

Bournemouth Concert Brass - Hampshire

Bournemouth Concert Brass (Royal Artillery Band) - Hampshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Bournemouth Concert Brass

Bournemouth Gasworks Band - Hampshire
  Active in 1924

Bournemouth Postmen's Brass Band - Hampshire
  Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Bandmaster in 1906 was E. L. Green

Bournemouth Royal Artillery Association Band - Hampshire
  Active in the 1960s to the 1980s

Bournemouth Silver Band - Hampshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Bournemouth Concert Brass

Bournemouth St John's Ambulance Band - Hampshire
  Active in the 1940s
**Bournemouth Temperance Brass Band** - Hampshire
  Active in 1885, conductor Mr Sim

**Bournemouth Town Band** - Hampshire
  Active in 1891

**Bournemouth YMCA Silver Band**
  See: *Winton British Legion Silver Band*

**Bournville Silver Band** - Birmingham, Warwickshire
  Formed in 1890 as the Bournville Works Silver Band. Still active in 1938, also in October 1956 when it was conducted by George Allen.

**Bournville Works Silver Band**
  See: *Bournville Silver Band*

**Bourton and Zeals Temperance Band**
  See: *Bourton Brass Band (Dorset)*

**Bourton Brass Band** - Dorset
  Formed around 1895 as a “nigger troupe band”. Became a brass band shortly afterwards. Conductor from the mid-1900s to 1924 was A.H. Suter. Still active in the mid 1930s.

**Bourton Brass Band** - Gloucestershire
  See: *Bourton-in-the-Water Band*

**Bourton-in-the-Water Band** - Gloucestershire
  Active in 1875. At this time the players included: W Troughton (carpenter), George Lawrence (mason), C. Betteridge, George Clifford (mason), Jim Wright (trombone) (slater and plasterer), Fred Clifford (mason), W. Butler (hay trusser), S. Hall and R. Hall (timber fellers and sawyers). Frank Palmer (drummer). Still active in 1890. There is a reference to a Bourton Bugle Band in 1938, Bandmaster G.H. Palmer, and a note that the band instruments were sold in 1941 (raising £60) which was invested by the Band Trustees in Defence Bonds.

**Bovey Tracey Amateur Band** - Devon
  See: *Bovey Tracey Brass Band*

**Bovey Tracey Brass Band** - Devon
  Active in 1860. In August 1870 it played at Moretonhampstead, and 1879 playing at Dunsford Oddfellows Fete in August. Still active in 1949

**Bovey Tracey Pottersies Band** - Devon
  Active in the 1870s to 1890s

**Bovey Tracey Pottery Band** - Devon
  See: *Bovey Tracey Potteries Band*

**Bovey Tracey Temperance Band** - Devon
  Active in 1872 and 1904

**Bovey Tracey Town Band** - Devon
  See: *Bovey Tracey Brass Band*

**Bow Brass Band** - Devon
  Active in the 1850s and 1860s through to the 1940s. Conductor John Lee in 1869. Bow, near Copplestone.

**Bow Bridge Brass Band** - Leicestershire
  Active in 1863. Based in Leicester, named after the famous bridge over the River Soar.

**Bow Common Brass Band** - London (East)
  Active in 1926
Bow Division Police Brass Band - West Ham, Essex
See: K Division Police Brass Band

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Bowater Band - Sittingbourne, Kent
[previous name of current band] See: UK Paper Band

Bowater Lloyd Band - Sittingbourne, Kent
[previous name of current band] See: UK Paper Band

Bowaters Lloyd Silver Band - Sittingbourne, Kent
Active in the 1940s through 1970s.

Bowaters Sittingbourne Band
See: Bowaters Lloyd Silver Band

Bowerchalke Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active in the 1880s to 1910s. In 1910 it won the South Wilts Brass Band Association Shield at a contest.

Bowes Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1867, conductor William Hutton. Active through to 1931

Bowhill and District Band - Fife
Founded in 1903. Active through to the 1960s. Also known as Bowhill Colliery Band

Bowhill Brass Band
See: Bowhill and District Band

Bowhill Colliery Band
See: Bowhill and District Band

Bowland Street Mission Band - Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1900s and 1910s

Bowling Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1856. Still performing in 1902

Bowling Greenhouse Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1870s and 1880s

Bowling Ironworks Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1850s through 1870s. Conductor in 1860 was Joseph Allen.

Bowness Brass Band - Bowness-on-Windermere, Westmorland
Active in 1857, 1860

Bowness Foresters’ Brass Band - Bowness-on-Windermere, Westmorland
Active in 1846

Boxmoor Boys Brigade Band - Hertfordshire
Formed in 1929, renamed Boxmoor Silver Band in 1932

Boxmoor Oxford Club Band - Hertfordshire
Active in 1897

Boxmoor Silver Band - Hertfordshire
Formed in 1929 from members of the Boxmoor Boys Brigade, renamed Boxmoor Silver Band in 1932. Amalgamated with Berkhamsted St Peters Band in 1960 to form Berkhamstead and Boxmoor Band

Boxted Brass Band - Essex
A wind band was formed c.1860 by members of Boxted Methodist Church. By 1898 this had become a brass band, whose membership card stated that the band played to “The
Honour and Glory of God”. It folded some time before 1930. Around 1933 the Trustees of the old band revived it, forming the current Boxted Methodist Silver Band.

**Boxted Methodist Silver Band** - Essex
- [current band] - Founded in 1898 - Former names: Wesley Guild Brass Band (to 1938)
- Note: A precursor was a methodist wind band formed about 1860, which converted to brass in 1898

**Boys' and Girls' Refuges and Homes Band** - Salford, Lancashire
- Active in 1910 and 1911 when it played in various parks in Salford. The Manchester and Salford Boys and Girls Refuges and Homes were founded in 1870 by Leonard Shaw and Richard Taylor, who were Sunday school teachers at St Ann's Church Manchester. They were determined to take some action to help the many children and young people whom they observed living rough on the city's streets.

**Boys Home Industrial School Band** - Regents Park Road, Middlesex
- See: *Camden Boys Band*

**Boys Industrial School Brass Band** - York, Yorkshire
- See: *York Industrial School Brass Band*

**Boys of Kent Brass Band**
- See: *Lads of Kent Brass Band*

**Bozeat Brass Band** - Northamptonshire
- Active in the 1880s through to the early 1900s

**Bozeat Victoria Brass Band**
- See: *Bozeat Brass Band*

**Brace Meole Brass Band** - Shropshire
- See: *Meole Brace Brass Band*

**Bracebridge Brass Band** - Lincolnshire
- Active in 1895

**Brackley and District Band** - Northamptonshire
- [current band] - Founded in 1973 - Former names: Brackley Youth Band

**Brackley Borough Silver Band** - Northamptonshire
- Active in the 1920s through to the early 1950s, presumed to have folded in the early 1960s.

**Brackley Brass Band** - Northamptonshire
- Active in 1890s and early 1900s, conductor Mr Knibbs in 1905

**Brackley Temperance Band** - Northamptonshire
- Active in 1897.

**Brackley Town Band**
- See: *Brackley Borough Silver Band*

**Brackley Youth Band** - Northamptonshire
- [previous name of current band] See: *Brackley & District Band*

**Bracknell and Easthampstead Brass Band** - Berkshire
- Active in the 1890s

**Bracknell Brass Band (1)** - Berkshire
- Active in the early 1900s

**Bracknell Brass Band (2)** - Berkshire
- Active in the 1970s

**Bradbury Boys School Brass Band** - Hale, Cheshire
- Active in 1976
Bradeley and Smallthorne Brass Band - Staffordshire
  Active in 1877, 1878
Brades Village Saxhorn Band - Oldbury, Worcestershire
  Active in 1872
Bradford (Manchester) Band
  See: Bradford Free Church Band
Bradford Alpaca Temperance Band
  See: Alpaca Brass Band
Bradford Amateur Brass Band - Wiltshire
  See: Bradford-on-Avon Brass Band
Bradford and Beswick Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
  Founded around 1885. Active into the 1890s
Bradford and Hillfarrance Brass Band
  See: Hillfarrance Brass Band
Bradford and Melksham Brass Band - Wiltshire
  Active in 1901
Bradford Borough Band
  See: Bradford City Brass Band
Bradford Borough Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1880s
Bradford Boys Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1940s through to the 1960s
Bradford Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
  See: Bradford Free Church Band
Bradford Brass Band - Wiltshire
  See: Bradford-on-Avon Brass Band
Bradford Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Accounts of the band, from 1854-1859 are held by the West Yorkshire Archive Service, Bradford. Conductor J.W. Dodsworth in 1860. Active through to the 1880s. Known as Dodsworth's Brass Band until the band sacked him in 1864, replacing him with Frank Galloway from the Black Dyke Band, the band then became known as the Bradford Brass Band (or Bradford Model Band). Secretary in 1864 was Timothy Bentley, the band rehearsing at the Fleece Inn, Manchester Road, on Tuesday and Friday evenings. The band in 1864 consisted of J. Bentley, A. Horner, F. Oddy, W. Burnley, W. Burley, T. Bastow, W. Smith, J. Firth, J. Scholes, S. Robinson, S. Pickard, T. Holdsworth, T. Bently, J. Balme, D. Bailey, and J. Bennett. Gained 3rd prize and £5 in the contest at the Keighley Agricultural Show in September 1866.
Bradford Christ Church Juvenile Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1878
Bradford City Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1890s through to the 1950s. Bandmaster Mr Roberts in 1916. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. The band’s Club Room was at 45 Heap Lane, Bradford, in 1912. Also known as Bradford Borough Band. See “Bradford City Brass Band and Harry Grace” at www.ibew.co.uk for more information
Bradford City Mission Band
  See: Bradford Victoria Silver Band
Bradford City Temperance Band
   See: Bradford Victoria Silver Band

Bradford Clarion Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1900s

Bradford Dodsworth’s Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Bradford Brass Band

Bradford Free Church Band - Manchester, Lancashire
   Active in 1880s through to early 1900s. Conductor James Frost in 1883

Bradford Gospel Mission Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1900s

Bradford Juvenile Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1850s

Bradford Low Moor Band
   See: Low Moor Brass Band

Bradford Midland Railway Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1863

Bradford Mission Band
   See: Bradford Gospel Mission Band

Bradford Model Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Bradford Brass Band

Bradford Moor Park Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Founded in 1887, still active in 1903

Bradford Moor Silver Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1937

Bradford Old Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1840

Bradford Operatic Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Conductor Alfred Scott in 1860.

Bradford Postmen’s Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Founded in 1886. Still active in the early 1900s. There may be a link with the Bradford City Temperance Band.

Bradford Prize Band
   See: Bradford Public Brass Band

Bradford Public Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
   Active in the 1890s and early 1900s (1906)

Bradford Railway Foundry Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1850s

Bradford Roman Catholic Young Men’s Improvement Society Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1862

Bradford St Mary’s Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1850s and the 1900s and 1910s. Obtained new uniforms in 1905. Conductor B. Gilroy in 1908

Bradford Teetotal Saxhorn Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1842

Bradford Temperance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1844 through the 1870s, still active in the 1900s. Mr Severs conductor in 1908
Bradford Temperance Model Band
See: Bradford Temperance Band

Bradford Tramways Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1920s and 1930s. Conductor Vincent Calverley around 1930. Still active in 1934

Bradford Victoria Silver Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed as Bradford City Temperance Band after WW1, became Bradford Victoria Silver Band in 1936. Still active in 1950

Bradford West End Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1869

Bradford, Beswick and Ardwick Band - Manchester, Lancashire
Active in 1885

Bradford-on-Avon Amateur Band
See: Bradford-on-Avon Brass Band

Bradford-on-Avon Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active from 1862 through to the 1900s. Conductor J. Tiley in 1868

Bradgate Brass Band - Leicestershire
Active in the 1860s

Bradling Brass Band - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
Active from 1864 to the 1900s. Known as Bradling Temperance Band in its early years.

Bradling Temperance Brass Band - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
See: Bradling Brass Band

Bradley and Deighton Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1950s

Bradley Brass Band - Bradley Green, Worcestershire
Active in 1869

Bradley Brass Band - Suffolk
Active in the late 1880s

Bradley Brass Band - Wiltshire
See: North Bradley Brass Band

Bradley Shops Mechanics Brass Band - Leadgate, Durham
Active in 1905. Attached to Bradley Colliery.

Bradninch Brass Band - Devon
See: Bradninch Temperance Band

Bradninch Temperance Band - Devon
Formed in 1895 by Mr R. James. Still active in 1909, when the bandmaster was Frank Perryman, and secretary J. Griffen. Another report shows this band active in 1892.

Bradshaw Brass Band - Bolton, Lancashire
Originally started as a drum and fife band in 1856 by the Church Lad's Brigade, some of these lads who had fostered a true love of music broke away in 1862 and formed a brass band. Leader Robert Unsworth, conductor Mr Nuttall, in 1862. They were renowned for their colourful uniforms throughout the life of the band. Initially they wanted a uniform to make themselves stand out from the other local bands and help them gain engagements, but due to a lack of funds they used their resourcefulness and clothed themselves in flannel trousers and straw hats. In 1906 they decided to change their uniforms and after great deliberation they decided on the uniform of the Mercantile Marine, they clung on to this until 1930. The band then chose a Scarlet and Blue uniform
which they kept until they disbanded in 1954. Although they never won any major
trophies, they seem to have had a very good and friendly atmosphere in the band.

**Bradshaw Old Band** - Bolton, Lancashire

See: *Bradshaw Brass Band*

**Bradwell Brass Band** - Derbyshire

Active from 1866 through to the early 1900s

**Bradwell Brass Band** - Essex

Active in the 1860s at Bradwell-on-Sea

**Bradwell Silver Band** - Buckinghamshire

[current band] - Founded in 1901 - Former names: Bradwell United Silver Prize Band

**Bradwell Town Band** - Derbyshire

Active before 1914, when it was conducted by William Evans - other band members at
the time were Johnson Evans and Albert Elliott.

**Bradwell United Silver Prize Band** - Buckinghamshire

[previous name of current band] See: *Bradwell Silver Band*

**Bradworthy Brass Band (1)** - Devon

Active from 1922, conductor J. Cholwill (the “veteran bandmaster”). Disbanded on his
death around 1928

**Bradworthy Brass Band (2)** - Devon

Founded in 1935, active through to 1942, conductor F.W. Slee

**Braes of Allendale Band** - Northumberland

Formed in the early 1900s, active through to the 1950s

**Brailes and Banbury United Brass Band** - Warwickshire

Active in 1861

**Brailes Brass Band** - Warwickshire

Active from the 1860s to the 1900s. Mention is also made of Brailes Brass Band at Brailes
Flower Show in August 1952.

**Brailes Victoria Brass Band** - Warwickshire

Active in 1858

**Brailsford Brass Band (1)** - Derbyshire

Active in the late 1830s

**Brailsford Brass Band (2)** - Derbyshire

Active from the 1890s. New uniforms in 1905, conductor J.T. Parker in 1907. Still active in
1927

**Brain's City of Bristol Brass Band** - Bristol, Gloucestershire

See: *City of Bristol Brass Band*

**Braintree and Bocking Amateur Brass Band** - Essex

Active in the 1870s

**Braintree and Bocking Excelsior Brass Band** - Essex

Active in the 1880s through to WW1. Contemporary with Braintree Town (Brass) Band.

**Braintree Brass Band** - Essex

Active in from the 1850s through to the 1950s. It took part in Great Bentley Brass Band
Contest on 18 April 1938.

**Braintree Excelsior Brass Band** - Essex

See: *Braintree and Bocking Excelsior Brass Band*
Braintree Foresters' Brass Band - Essex
   Active in 1864
Braintree Town Band
   See: Braintree Brass Band
Braishfield Brass Band - Hampshire
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s
Braishfield Temperance Band
   See: Braishfield Brass Band
Bramcote Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
   See: Stapleford and Sandiacre Brass Band
Bramford Brass Band - Suffolk
   Active in 1861
Bramley and District Subscription Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the early 1950s. Merged with Stanningley and District Subscription Band to form Bramley and Stanningley Band
Bramley and Farnley Ironworks Band
   See: Farnley Ironworks Band
Bramley and Stanningley Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Result of the merger of the Bramley and District Subscription Band and the Stanningley and District Subscription Band in the early 1950s
Bramley Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Formed in 1828 as a reed band by Edward Hesling, a farm-man, consisting of 14 players. It reorganised in 1836 as a full brass band, with John Whitley as bandmaster. Known as Bramley Temperance Brass Band in 1847. Was reputedly the first temperance brass band to be established in England. Competed in the British Open in 1853. By 1859 the temperance element of the band had presumably lapsed as they had earned the nickname of “Bramley Beer and Bacca Band”. Conductor J. Jackson in 1860. Entry in 1866 directory: “Widely celebrated for its musical skill although composed mainly of working men”. It amalgamated with Bramley Model Band, under the conductor Samuel Hesling White, in 1898. The band thrived through the early part of the 20th century, but folded around 1936. The uniforms and instruments were sold, but the Band Club (or Band ‘Ole) continues today although, sadly, the medals and trophies which were on display there were later stolen and never traced. A successor band, Bramley and District Subscription Band, was formed after WW2.
Bramley Christian Mission Band
   See: Bramley Model Band
Bramley Model Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Originally formed as the Christian Mission Band around 1890, it later was renamed Bramley Model Band, ultimately amalgamating with Bramley Band under the conductor Samuel Hesling White in 1898.
Bramley Old Band
   See: Bramley Brass Band
Bramley Temperance Band
   See: Bramley Brass Band
Brampton and District Silver Band
   See: Brampton Town Band
Brampton and Holymoorside Band - Derbyshire
[previous name of current band] See: Holymoorside Band

Brampton Brass Band - Derbyshire
See: Chesterfield and Brampton Brass Band

Brampton Brass Band - Huntingdonshire
Active in the 1850s

Brampton Brass Band (1) - Cumberland
Active in the 1850s/1860s

Brampton Brass Band (2) - Cumberland
See: Brampton Town Band

Brampton Rifle Volunteers Band - Cumberland
Active in the 1890s

Brampton Temperance Band
See: Brampton Total Abstinence Brass Band

Brampton Total Abstinence Brass Band - Cumberland
Records of the band, from 1892 to 1899, are held by Cumbria Record Office, Carlisle Headquarters. Supported by the lord of the manor, their temperance habit was spectacularly broken following a win at a local contest where they beat their rivals the Carlisle St Stephens Band. Subsequently they were disbanded.

Brampton Town Band - Cumberland
Founded in 1906. Conductor James Steel in 1919. Active through to 1998

Brampton United Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in 1928

Bramshaw Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active in 1856

Bramusa Family Band
Active from 1904 to 1921, performing at various venues around the country. An “all-British family of juvenile musicians”. The original Bramusa Family Band consisted of the father, mother, four eldest daughters and two sons - four cornets, horn, euphonium, tuba and percussion. They were billed as the “Seven Bramusas” from 1906 with the children (including the youngest, fifth, daughter) as performers. Performed their extravaganza “Music Afloat” in Sheffield in 1908. The youngest daughter, the drummer, was ten years old in 1909. In the 1911 census the family were lodging at 23 and 25 Duncan Road, Southsea. The family consisted of Samuel Frank Johnson (1860-), his wife Agnes A Johnson (1863-), and children Gertrude E. (1888-), Theodore Y. (1889-), Cariad (1891-), Elsie D. (1893-), Marnesuel (1894-), Thomas C. (1897-), Clara A. (1899-), and Douglas B. (1900-). Samuel was born in Bucklebury, Berkshire and Agness in Milford Haven. The children were born in various places in the UK (Blaina, Aberystwyth, Wimborne, Kidderminster, Maindee, Abertillery, and Beenham)

Brancepeth Colliery Band - Durham
See: Willington Temperance Band

Brancepeth Institute Band - Durham
Active in the 1890s, disbanded in 1902

Brancepeth Welfare Band - Durham
See: Willington Temperance Band

Brandesburton and Leven Brass Band
See: Brandesburton Saxhorn Band
Brandesburton Saxhorn Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in 1857/1859

Brandon Brass Band - Suffolk
   Founded in the mid-1840s, still active in the late 1920s.

Brandon Colliery Silver Prize Band - Durham
   Founded in 1890. Winners of the D and N Association Challenge Cup 1907, the Hunwick
   Cup 1909, and The Newburn Cup 1909. The band folded in September 1968 shortly after
   the colliery closed.

Brandon Volunteers Band - Suffolk
   Active in the 1900s, disbanded around 1909

Branksome and Parkstone Band - Dorset
   Formed around 1908 by the merger of Branksome Brass Band and Parkstone Town Band.
   Active through to the 1950s. May have folded in WW1 and reformed in the 1930s.

Branksome and Parkstone United Band
   See: Branksome and Parkstone Band

Branksome Brass Band - Dorset
   Active in the early 1900s. Merged with Parkstone Town Band c.1908 to form Branksome
   and Parkstone Band

Branksome Gasworks Band - Dorset
   See: Bournemouth Gasworks Band

Branksome Town Band (1)
   See: Branksome Brass Band

Branksome Town Band (2) - Dorset
   Formed from several disbanded or abandoned bands in the Poole area. c 1934

Branscombe Baptist Chapel Band - Devon
   [no information]

Branscombe Brass Band - Devon
   Active in 1913 through to 1922

Branston Street Mission Band - Hockley, Warwickshire
   Active in the 1900s

Brantham Brass Band - Suffolk
   Active in 1924

Brantham Xylonite Works Band - Suffolk
   See: Xylonite Works Band

Brass Band of the 1st Devon Artillery Volunteers - Lympstone Company - Devon
   [previous name of current band] See: South West Comms Band

Brass Central - Perthshire
   [current band] - Founded in 2012 - Note: Based in Crieff

Brass Sounds Inverclyde Band - Greenock, Renfrewshire
   [current band] - Founded in 2004

Brassington Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in 1865, 1870. The village had had a band at least since the celebrations for George
   III's coronation in 1761, and probably for very much longer. Inter-war photographs show
   the bandsmen, sometimes in uniform, with peaked caps, sometimes not, leading parades
   through the village. They played at all the outdoor events. The Village Hall committee's
   accounts, for instance, show a payment to “Brassington Silver Band” of £3-10-0d for
   playing at the Wakes in August 1946. They appear regularly thereafter for similar fees -
by 1950 it had risen to £5 for the Wakes parade. The band, however, was short of bodies. It found it hard to find enough players to lead a parade or take on a concert and in 1964 amalgamated with the Wirksworth and Middleton bands to form the BMW band, practising at Wirksworth.

**Brassington Silver Prize Band**
See: Brassington Band

**Bratton Silver Band** - Wiltshire
[current band] - Founded in 1859

**Braughing Band** - Hertfordshire
Active in the 1890s and early 1900s

**Braunston Brass Band** - Northamptonshire
Active in 1867

**Braunton Artillery Volunteers Band** - Devon
Active in the 1890s

**Braunton Brass Band** - Devon
Active from 1860 through to WW1, A successor band was formed in 1928.

**Braunton Silver Band** - Devon
Held its first public performance in May 1928, conductor W.H. Chapple, and immediately following that, the same day, the band was involved in a motor accident which caused the death of bandsman W.J. Cocking, and serious injuries to most of the other members of the band.

**Bray Construction Band**
See: Bell Inn Brass Band

**Brayesworth Brass Band** - Suffolk
Active in 1888 when it joined with other local bands from Hoxne, Eye, Scale and Gislingham to march the Oddfellows from the Hoxne Swan inn to the church for their annual parade and service.

**Brea Brass Band** - Cornwall
Brea can be found a few miles south-east of Camborne and were formed c1883. Of the list of engagements that have been discovered, it seems odd (but not impossible) that their only appearances were at Sunday school tea treats. Still active in 1895. This band disappeared at about the same time that Camborne Town Band was formed (1896). Probably a coincidence.

**Bread Street Mission Band** - Leicester, Leicestershire
[previous name of current band] See: Foresters Brass 2000

**Bread Street Wesleyan Band** - Wigston Magna, Leicestershire
Active in the 1900s, based at the Bread Street Chapel.

**Breadmore House School Brass Band** - Chiswick, Middlesex
Active in 1867

**Breadsall Brass Band** - Derbyshire
Active in 1840

**Breage and District Silver Band** - Cornwall
[current band] - Founded in 1904

**Breage Brass Band** - Cornwall
Active from 1862 through to c.1901. A successor band (the current Breage Silver Band) was formed in 1904.
Bream Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active in the 1870s, conductor Collie Edwards in 1876, J. Bevan in 1897. Active through to 1903. Folded prior to c.1912 when the Princess Royal Colliery Band was renamed Bream Silver Band

Bream Silver Band - Gloucestershire
[current band] - Founded in 1905 - Former names: Princess Royal Colliery Band, Bream Silver Band (1912?) - Note: The first conductor was Mr Henry Morgan, who used to walk from Yorkley Wood to conduct and it is said always whistled a march tune when climbing the Whitecroft Road. Other early conductors included Messrs Amos Phillips, William Sterry, A Ambury and of course Evan A Jones who followed Mr W Robbins and steered the band through its most successful period in contests in the 1920s and continued to do so for almost 40 years. A founding member of the band, Horace Lucas, was eight years old in 1905 and still playing in 1970.

Breamore Brass Band - Hampshire
Active in 1865 to 1868

Breaston Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active from the 1860s through to the 1930s. Conductor S. Grundy in 1909 and 1912

Brechin Brass Band - Angus
Active from the early 1860s through to around 1907, when it folded. It was revived in 1909 (this may be the forerunner of the current Brechin City Band)

Brechin City Band - Angus
[current band] - Founded in 1909

Breckland Brass Band - Brandon, Suffolk
[current band] - Founded in 1951 - Former names: Green's Brothers Band (to 1971)

Brecknock Estate Band - Camden, Middlesex
See: Brecknock Silver Band

Brecknock Silver Band - Camden, Middlesex
Active post WW2 into the early 1950s

Brecon Brass Band - Brecknockshire
Active in 1863. Conductor Mr Bell in 1864. Still active in 1866

Bredbury and Romiley Brass Band - Cheshire
Active from the 1870s through to WW2. Robert Poole conductor in 1901

Brede Brass Band - Sussex
Active in 1911. Conductor Walter Pelling in the early 1900s

Brediland Concert Brass - Paisley, Renfrewshire
Active in the 1980s

Breightmet School Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1869, associated with St James Church

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Bremhill Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active in 1926

Brenchley Brass Band - Kent
Active in 1861

Brenchley Town Band - Kent
Active in 1914 with C.W. Noakes as bandmaster
Brent Brass - Middlesex

Brentford Gas Company Band
   See: Southall Gasworks Brass Band

Brentford Gas Works Band
   See: Southall Gasworks Brass Band

Brentford Industrial School Band - London
   Bandmaster in 1887 was James Wellard

Brentford Nylons Band - Northumberland
   Active in the 1970s. Based at the Brentford Nylons factory at Cramlington.

Brentor Brass Band - Devon
   Active in the 1890s into the 1920s. Conductor Dan Cooke in the 1900s and 1910s.

Brentwood British Legion Band
   See: Brentwood Old Comrades Band

Brentwood Brotherhood Brass Band - Essex
   Active in 1934

Brentwood Industrial School Brass Band - Essex
   See: Shoreditch Industrial School Brass Band

Brentwood Old Comrades Band - Essex
   Active in the 1920s/30s

Brentwood Poor Law School Band
   See: Brentwood Industrial School Brass Band

Bretby Colliery Band - Derbyshire
   Active in 1895

Bretforton Silver Band - Worcestershire
   [current band] - Founded in 1895 - Former names: Bretforton Temperance Band

Bretforton Temperance Band - Worcestershire
   [previous name of current band] See: Bretforton Silver Band

Brewin and Whetstone Brass Band - Leicester, Leicestershire
   Founded in autumn 1859, conductor J. Gamble, from workers at Brewin & Whetstone’s worsted spinners factory on Frog Island

Bridestowe Brass Band - Devon
   Active in 1850

Bridge Croft Brass Band - Hindley, Lancashire
   Active in the 1880s and 1890s

Bridge Industrial School Band - Wandsworth, Surrey
   Active in 1912

Bridge Mill Brass Band - Whitworth, Lancashire
   Active in 1855

Bridge Street Mill Band - Witney, Oxfordshire
   Formed in 1880.

Bridgefoot Rechabites Band - Cumberland
   Active in 1895

Bridgend and District Silver Band - Glamorgan
   Active in the 1940s to 1960s

Bridgend Town Band - Glamorgan
   Active in the 1900s, conductor Mr Bowser
Bridgerule Brass Band - Devon
  Active in 1867

Bridge's Brass Band - Haslemere, Surrey
  Active in 1900

Bridgeton Thistle Brass Band - Lanarkshire
  Active in 1914

Bridgewater House Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
  Active in 1891

Bridgewater Street Mission Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
  Active in the 1890s, bandmaster William Race

Bridgnorth and District Brass Band - Shropshire
  Active in the 1970s. Also ran a junior band, active in 1975

Bridgnorth Blue Coat School Brass Band - Shropshire
  Active in 1857, 1859

Bridgnorth Brass Band - Shropshire
  Active in the 1840s through to WW1. Conductor J. Sewell in 1866

Bridgnorth Juvenile Brass Band - Shropshire
  See: Bridgnorth Blue Coat School Brass Band

Bridgnorth Rifles Band - Shropshire
  Active in the early 1900s

Bridgnorth Volunteers Band - Shropshire
  See: Bridgnorth Rifles Band

Bridgwater Amateur Christy's Brass Band - Somerset
  See: Bridgwater Christy's Brass Band

Bridgwater Christy's Brass Band - Somerset
  Active from the 1880s to the 1950s. Conductor E.G. Tout in 1901. It raised money for the new town bridge in 1883 by providing a concert for the annual carnival.

Bridgwater Imperial Band - Somerset
  Formed in the 1920's but sadly demised 2004. Members of the S.W.B.B.A. they competed in the third section as late as about 1977. It was originally a works band, possibly May and Hassell Ltd, timber importers.

Bridgwater King Street Chapel Wesleyan Mission Band - Somerset
  Active between 1890 and 1913

Bridgwater Men's Own Band - Somerset
  Active around 1905

Bridgwater Star of Temperance Brass Band - Somerset
  Active in 1887

Bridlington Alexandra Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
  Active in the early 1860s, conductor T. Macken. Still active in 1869

Bridlington Borough Prize Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
  See: Bridlington Brass Band

Bridlington Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
  Active from the 1840s through to the early 1900s. The current Bridlington Excelsior Band was formed in 1906.

Bridlington Excelsior Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
  Active in 1910, conductor H. Harper
Bridlington Excelsior Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1893 - Former names: Bridlington Excelsior Silver Prize Band (c.1910) - Note: The band had its centenary in 2006 according to a local newspaper report

Bridlington North Eastern Railway Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in 1901

Bridlington Quay Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in the 1850s

Bridlington Volunteers Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in the 1890s

Bridport Artillery Volunteers Band - Dorset
Active in the 1900s

Bridport Brass Band - Dorset
Active in 1853

Briery Hill Excelsior Band - Staffordshire
Active in 1905

Briercliffe Brass Band - Lancashire
Formed in 1854, playing “selections from the most popular composers of the day,” at Wild’s Colossal Pavilion, Burnley, during a “Fashionable night” in January 1859. It was reorganised in 1866, with twenty members, and a new set of instruments was obtained. In 1867 the secretary was J. Atkinson, and the leader Mr Bannister. For some years the band was known as the Haggate Band and its members included Mr. John Foster, a noted solo euphonium player. Rehearsals began in a room at Finnymoore Foot, near Walverden, and the members were self-taught. All of them were singers, some being members of the Haggate Baptist choir. The first bandmaster on record was Robert Bannister, and after three or four years existence the band entered its first contest at Hollingworth, with the test pieces of the “Hallelujah Chorus” and “Kyrie” and “Gloria.” Their performance was so creditable that they won the fourth prize of £5 and a soprano cornet. Robert Halstead secretary in 1894. From 1902 the membership dwindled, and the band became practically extinct, but about 1906 it was revived. It folded in 1936.

Brierfield Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1888, secretary John T. Stuttard

Brierfield Public Band - Lancashire
Active in the early 1900s, and to at least 1938. Conductors Mr Wilcox in 1906, James Whittaker in 1909)

Brierley Hill Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in 1857 and 1869, Conductor T. Thompson in 1860.

Brierley Hill Saxhorn Band - Staffordshire
See: Brierley Hill Brass Band

Brierley Hill Town Prize Band - Staffordshire
Active in 1904, conductor T. Price

Brigg and District Band
See: Brigg Town Brass Band

Brigg Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in 1853. Entry in 1856 directory: “...celebrated for musical talent, being established many years ago, under the patronage of the late Earl of Yarborough”

Brigg Oddfellows and Foresters Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Formed in late 1861, conductor Charles Leigh
Brigg Subscription Silver Band
See: Wrawby Brass Band

Brigg Town Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in the early 1920s. Won the Midlands Brass Band Festival in 1931. In the mid 1930s there was a reversal of fortunes from which the band did not recover for nearly 30 years. The long period of stagnation, including the war years, led to almost collapse, but revival in 1964 met with enthusiastic support from bandsmen and public alike. Within a few months they were confident enough to be entered for the bottom section of the Belle Vue Spring Contest, coming 8th out of 18 entrants. Also known as Brigg Town Silver Band. By 1966 they were good enough to be entered for the World Music Contest at Kerkrade, Holland. A visit that was repeated in 1970, winning 2nd class awards in competition with some of the best bands in the world. Another 5 years and they were knocking on the door of the 2nd Section, National Grading and even Section one was thought to be within reach, which would have put them in competition with the best bands in the country. Sadly that was not to be. The fortunes of brass bands have invariably gone in cycles and Brigg was to prove no exception. Just as they reached their peak in the late 1870s, winning Radio Humberside Band of the year three years in a row. In the early 1980s there was a real crisis. Friction between some players led to leaving the Brigg band and joining other local ones. Others followed leaving it in a sorry state. How could it have still survived to be still playing in 1991! It did just but finally it folded in December 2008.

Brighouse and Rastrick Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1881 - Former names: Brighouse Temperance Band, Brighouse & Rastrick Temperance Band (to 1928)

Brighouse and Rastrick Temperance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Brighouse & Rastrick Brass Band

Brighouse Borough Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the 1890s through to 1917, at Canal/Wharf Street, when Arthur Thornton was secretary. The band committee locked up instruments so players could not perform at Christmas 1909 as they had refused to go out to play in the summer that year.

Brighouse Excelsior Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1874.

Brighouse Old Subscription Brass Band
See: Brighouse Subscription Brass Band

Brighouse Subscription Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the 1860s through to the 1890s. Conductor G.A. Pratt in 1860.

Brighouse Temperance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Brighouse & Rastrick Brass Band

Brightlingsea Brass Band - Essex
Active in 1862, composed almost entirely of shipwrights “who have adopted the practice of music as a recreation for their evening leisure”. Still active in 1869

Brightlingsea Victoria Brass Band - Essex
Active in 1866

Brighton Amateurs Brass Band - Sussex
Active in the early 1900s
Brighton and Hove City Brass - Sussex
   [current band] - Founded in 1975 - Former names: Brighton Silver Band, Brighton Buses Band

Brighton Borough Public Band
   See: Brighton Corporation Band

Brighton Brass Band - Sussex
   Active in 1863, having shortly before been released from attachment to the 1st Sussex Rifles. Conductor Mr Aukett in 1864, Mr Turner in 1866. Still active in 1866

Brighton Buses Band - Sussex
   [previous name of current band] See: Brighton and Hove City Brass

Brighton Church Army Band - Sussex
   Active in 1907

Brighton Corporation Band - Sussex
   Active in the 1900s. Conductor Mr Fleet 1904

Brighton Corporation Tramways Band - Sussex
   Active in 1908, still playing in 1945

Brighton Costermongers' Union Band - Sussex
   Active in 1900, conductor J. Watts

Brighton Imperial Band - Sussex
   Active in the 1900s

Brighton Industrial School Band - Sussex
   Active in 1876

Brighton Operative Bricklayers Band - Sussex
   Active in 1901

Brighton Operative Plasterers Brass Band - Sussex
   Formed in January 1866, conductor Mr Still. Also known as the Plasterers' Band. Still active in 1877

Brighton Post Office Brass Band - Sussex
   Active in 1899

Brighton Railway Works Band - Sussex
   Active in from the 1850s through to the mid 1920s. Bandmaster in 1882 was Mr Hebling.

Brighton Silver Band - Sussex
   [previous name of current band] See: Brighton and Hove City Brass

Brighton St John's Church Mission Band - Sussex
   Active in 1908

Brighton St Margaret's Mission Band - Sussex

Brighton Temperance Band
   See: Brighton St Margaret’s Mission Band

Brighton Tramways Band
   See: Brighton Corporation Tramways Band

Brighton Workhouse Brass Band - Sussex
   Active in 1861, conductor Mr Curd. A band of 15 of the children of the workhouse.

Brightside Brass Band - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1869, 1872
Brigstock Brass Band (1) - Northamptonshire
    Founded in 1845. Folded some time before 1865 when a successor band was formed

Brigstock Brass Band (2) - Northamptonshire
    Founded in May 1865, with 13 performers, conductor Mr Mobbs. The instruments were
    bought for the band by Rev. S. Morton, who allowed the members to pay for them in
    small installments. In 1875, bandmaster J.G. Attenborough, it played for the Uppingham
    Temperance Society demonstration. In 1890 the players included William Abbott
    (trombone), whose instrument was still in use in the 1930s, having been a prize won at
    Stanion, he was employed on Fanning Woods estate as a woodman. Herbert Slawson
    (baritone), in later years became a builder. Thomas Adams (cornet), worked for Mr.
    Bradshaw, farmer. then went to live in the U.S.A. J. Shirley Richards (cornet) was
    bandmaster for a number of years, also a violin player, he was a tailor, and made the
    band's striking uniforms. William “Presser” Gray (euphonium), a presser at Wallis and
    Linnell's factory. George Richards (bass), brother of Shirley, and a partner in Richards
    Bros., tailors. J. Harrison, who went to Birmingham. Fred J. Steward (cornet), a
    prominent farmer at Brigstock. Horace Gray (valve trombone), son of William Gray. Joe
    Adams (baritone), was also a bellringer, and worked at Brigstock Mill. Tommy Stasmore
    (drummer), was also a bellringer at one time, worked at Spencer's timber yard. William
    Reeve (horn), better known as “the village blacksmith”. Arnod Smith (circular bass),
    whose father and mother were the schoolmaster and mistress in the 1880s. Known as
    Brigstock Silver Band by the mid 1930s, it continued into the 1950 and 1960s.

Brill Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
    Active in the 1880s and 1890s. H. Oakley was the conductor. Still active in 1919

Brimfield Brass Band - Herefordshire
    Founded in 1882, bandmaster A. Faulkner

Brimcombe British Legion Band - Gloucestershire
    Active in the 1930s

Brindle Brass Band - Lancashire
    [current band] - Founded in 1810 - Former names: Brindle Temperance Band, Brindle
    Subscription Band, Lancashire Evening Post Band

Brindle Subscription Band - Lancashire
    [previous name of current band] See: Brindle Brass Band

Brindle Temperance Band - Lancashire
    [previous name of current band] See: Brindle Brass Band

Brington Brass Band
    See: Althorp Brass Band

Brinkworth Brass Band - Wiltshire
    Active in 1859, 1864

Brinscall and Withnell Subscription Band - Lancashire
    Active in the 1890s to early 1900s. Bandmaster Mr Green in 1904

Brinscall Brass Band
    See: Brinscall and Withnell Subscription Band

Brinscall Temperance Band - Lancashire
    Active in 1908

Brinsley Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
    Active in the 1880s through to WW1.
Brinsley Church Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in 1919/1920

Brinsley Imperial Band - Nottinghamshire
Took part in the 44th Annual Temperance procession on Whit Monday in 1915. Starting from Somercotes, a sea of banners, flags and gaily decorated floats proceeded through Leabrooks and Riddings, gathering strength as it marched, and parading the village of Ironville before winding its way up to the Jessop Monument in Codnor Park. Still active in 1921

Brinsley Silver Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in the 1930s through 1950s

Brissley Brass Band - Norfolk
Active in the 1890s to 1910s. In 1913, in the will of the Rev. William Henry Lowe, rector of Brisley, he bequeathes to his successors as rector the instruments and accessories which belong to his brass band, and includes the list of instruments

Brislington Amateur Brass Band - Somerset
See: Brislington Brass Band

Brislington Brass Band - Somerset
Brislington is now a suburb of Bristol, but was formerly a rural village in North Somerset, which did not come fully into the Bristol Boundary until 1933. The Brislington Brass Band [usually known as “Tom Weymouth’s Band”] was founded around 1860, or slightly earlier. Tom Weymouth was the bandmaster in the 1860s and was also landlord of 'The Pilgrim Inn' located at Hollywood Road. Brislington, it still stands today. Tom Weymouth took over the pub in 1862, and ran it, and the band until the 1890s, when both were taken over by his son also Tom. The band flourished until the 1910s, but Tom Jnr continued to run the Pilgrim until 1933. The band played at all local events, and there are local diaries from the 1860s noting that they went from house to house at Christmas and New Year's Eve. Notably they began the village celebrations for the Royal Wedding of the Princess of Wales [later Edward VII and Queen Alexandra] in 1863, by playing at the top of the tower of the parish church of St Luke’s. They also played regularly at Bristol Zoo, at some time, and played at the opening of Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol in 1864. It is also believed that the Band played when the Keynsham [a near neighbour village] Mummers performed in Brislington. When Brislington’s first public park [King Edward VII's Pleasure Grounds] was opened in 1903 a band stand was presented by Miss Annette Clayfield-Ireland, sister of Alfred Clayfield-Ireland the 'Squire of Brislington' of Brislington Hall. Sadly both park and bandstand have long since been covered by modern housing.

Brison’s Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
See: Messrs Walter and Brison’s Brass Band

Bristnall Hall School Brass Band - Oldbury, Worcestershire
Active in the 1980s

Bristol Aero Works Band - Accrington, Lancashire
See: Bristol Aeroplane Company Works Band

Bristol Aeroplane Company Works Band - Accrington, Lancashire
Formed 1939 and still active in the early 1950s. Conductor T. Yabsley in 1939. Alwyn G. Lloyd

Bristol Aircraft Company Works Band - Accrington, Lancashire
See: Bristol Aeroplane Company Works Band
Bristol Alkali Works Band - Gloucestershire
   Active in 1864, when they took part in the processions celebrating the official opening of the Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol.

Bristol Amateur Brass Band (1) - Gloucestershire
   Active in 1846

Bristol Amateur Brass Band (2) - Gloucestershire
   Founded in October 1859. Renamed Bristol and Gloucestershire Brass Band in 1861. Took part in the processions celebrating the official opening of the Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol in 1864, conducted by Mr Payne

Bristol and Clifton Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   Active in 1854 to the 1860s. Conductor Mr Wilcocks in 1864

Bristol and District N.U.R. Band
   Active in the 1920s and 1930s. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Bristol and Exeter Sheds Operatives Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
   Active in 1864

Bristol and Gloucestershire Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   See: Bristol Amateur Brass Band (2)

Bristol Argyle Hall Brass Band
   See: Argyle Hall Brass Band

Bristol Blind Asylum Brass Band
   Active in 1855, 1861

Bristol Britannia Band
   Active in from the 1890s to the early 1900s - for a time it was known as the 3rd Volunteer Gloucester Regiment Band. Also known as Mardon's Band - it was organised by Mardon, Son and Hall Ltd, a Bristol printing firm.

Bristol Catholic Total Abstinence and Temperance Association Brass Band
   Founded in November 1863, conducted by U. Richardson

Bristol Central Mission Brass Band
   Formed in the 1890s by a group of instrumentalists who attended the Old King Street Wesleyan Bible Class. Later known as the Bristol YMCA Brotherhood Band, Ebenezer Brotherhood Band, Bristol Victoria Silver Band (from 1907). Conductor in 1907, Mr Allsop. It folded in April 2009.

Bristol Central Mission Wesleyan Band
   See: Bristol Central Mission Brass Band

Bristol Centre Brass Band
   Active in the mid-1880s

Bristol Citizens' Recruiting Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
   Active in 1915

Bristol City Brass Band
   Founded in the late 1880s by ten players from the Wombwell Band. Still active in 1900

Bristol City Mission Band
   See: Bristol Central Mission Brass Band

Bristol East and Kingswood Band - Gloucestershire
   [current band] - Founded in 2007 - Note: Formed by the amalgamation of the Bristol East Band and the Kingswood (Bristol Band)
Bristol East Brass Band (1)
Active in 1890.

Bristol East Brass Band (2)
See: Bristol East Temperance Band

Bristol East Temperance Band
Formed in 1892 as Bristol East Temperance Band George William White for the miners in the locality. The White family, widely known in East Bristol, were heavily involved from the beginning in conducting, teaching, playing and administering the Band’s affairs. Took part in a festival of brass bands at the Colston Hall, Bristol in 1933. Later known as Bristol East Brass Band. Amalgamated with the Kingswood (Bristol) Band in 2007 to form Bristol East and Kingswood Band.

Bristol Ebenezer Brotherhood Band
See: Bristol Central Mission Brass Band

Bristol Engineers’ Brass Band
Active in 1860

Bristol Excelsior Brass Band
Active in the early 1900s

Bristol Fire Brigade Brass Band - Gloucestershire
[previous name of current band] See: Band of Avon Fire and Rescue Service

Bristol Gas Company Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Formed in April 1860, conductor J.C. (J.O.) Brooke. Members were in the employment of the Bristol United Gas Company at the St Philip’s Gas Works, Avon Street. Still active in the 1890s. Also known as the Avon Street Gas Works Band. Conductor Herr Wintermere in 1865

Bristol Gas Works Brass Band - Gloucestershire
See: Bristol Gas Company Brass Band

Bristol Gatten Road Mission Band
Active in the early 1900s

Bristol Hall of Freedom Band
Active in the late 1890s and 1900s

Bristol Imperial Prize Band
Active in the early 1900s through to the 1930s.

Bristol Loyal St George Band
See: Bristol St George’s Brass Band

Bristol Mechanics Amateur Brass Band
See: Bristol Mechanics Band

Bristol Mechanics Brass Band
Active in the 1850s to 1870s. Conductor J. Speare in 1865

Bristol Mechanics Total Abstinence Brass Band
See: Bristol Mechanics Band

Bristol Milk Street Silver Band
Active in 1907 to 1912. Possibly linked to the Methodist church located there (the street no longer exists).

Bristol Mission Prize Band
See: Bristol Central Mission Brass Band

Bristol N.F.S. (Area 17) Brass Band
Active in the 1940s - disbanded around 1951.
Bristol N.U.R. Band
See: Bristol and District N.U.R. Band

Bristol Old King Street Wesleyan Band
See: Bristol Central Mission Brass Band

Bristol Old Market Street Band
See: Bristol Temperance Brass Band

Bristol Post Office Brass Band
Formed in 1885 - still active in 1936. A fund was set up in 1883, administered by W.H. Gange, by public subscription to start the band, which had raised over 100 pounds by September that year. Another report gives disbanding in 1902, but it must have revived again fairly quickly.

Bristol R.A.M.C. Band
Formed in 1909, conductor A. Wakefield

Bristol Red, White and Blue Ribbon Army Brass Band
Active in the 1880s

Bristol Redland Park Hall Band
Active in the early 1900s

Bristol Rupert Street Band
Active in 1912

Bristol South Brass Band
Active in the 1890s, conductor G.A. Godfrey. Still active in 1936

Bristol St George's Brass Band
Active in 1878, 1899, through to WW1. Known as St George's Enterprise Brass Band in 1912. Conductor W. Truscott in 1899

Bristol St John Ambulance Brass Band
Active in the 1900s to the 1940s

Bristol Temperance Brass Band
Active from 1860, conductor Mr Trueman, through to WW1. Known as Bristol Old Market Street Band from 1902

Bristol Temperance Mechanics Brass Band
See: Bristol Mechanics Band

Bristol Training Ship Brass Band
Active in the 1890s

Bristol Veterans Band - Gloucestershire
[current band] - Founded in 1993

Bristol Victoria Silver Band
See: Bristol Central Mission Brass Band

Bristol Volunteer Engineers Brass Band
Active in the 1890s

Bristol Volunteer Rifle Corps Band
Active in the 1860s

Bristol Wesleyan Mission Brass Band
Founded in June 1893

Bristol Workhouse Brass Band
See: Bristol Workhouse Schools Brass Band

Bristol Workhouse Schools Brass Band
Active in 1861 to 1865
Bristol Y.M.C.A. Band
See: Bristol Central Mission Brass Band

Bristol Y.M.C.A. Brotherhood Brass Band
See: Bristol Central Mission Brass Band

Bristol Youth Brass Band
Active in the 1950s through to the late 1970s. Conductor Mike Bolhovener in the 1970s

Briston Brass Band - Norfolk
Active in the 1950s

Britag Band
Active in 1985

Britannia Airways Band - Derbyshire
[previous name of current band] See: Sir Richard Arkwright’s Masson Mills Band

Britannia Brass Band - Bacup, Lancashire
Active in 1862, from the village of Britannia. Still active in 1867

Britannia Brass Band - Banbury, Oxfordshire
See: Banbury Britannia Works Band

Britannia Brass Band - Barrow, Lincolnshire
See: Barrow Britannia Band

Britannia Brass Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
See: Birmingham Britannia Brass Band

Britannia Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
See: Bristol Britannia Band

Britannia Brass Band - Parkgate, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1880s

Britannia Brass Band - Preston, Lancashire
See: Preston Britannia Brass Band

Britannia Building Society Band - Cheshire
[previous name of current band] See: Foden’s Band

Britannia Building Society Foden Band - Cheshire
[previous name of current band] See: Foden’s Band

Britannia Ironworks Band - Banbury, Oxfordshire
See: Britannia Works Band (Banbury)

Britannia Ironworks Band - Gainsborough, Lincolnshire
See: Gainsborough Britannia Works Band

Britannia Ironworks Brass Band - Bedford, Bedfordshire
See: Bedford Foundry Brass Band

Britannia Prize Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
See: Bristol Britannia Band

Britannia Silver Prize Band - Doncaster, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed after 1900 and gave concerts during WW1, still in existence in 1927

Britannia Temperance Band
See: Bristol Britannia Band

Britannia Works Band - Banbury, Oxfordshire
Industrialist and philanthropist Bernhard Samuelson owned the Britannia Works for the manufacture of agricultural machinery. This attracted a labour force to the town and created a need for the education of the children of Samuelson’s employees, which was served by Banbury’s Britannia Road School. Space within the school was sometimes used
by the Britannia Band as for instance on the occasion of the relief of Mafeking in 1900. The first ever school treat was held on August 12, 1862 when 260 children and about 70 staff and friends had tea on the lawn of Samuelson’s residence, Bodicote Grange. The children sang and the Britannia Works Band played 'a number of airs'. Six years later we are told that tea, cake and fruit were plentiful but that a heavy shower of rain at 5 o’clock dampened the grass but not the children’s spirits. Competed in the British Open in 1893 and was still active in the 1930s

**Britannia Works Band** - Gainsborough, Lincolnshire

See: Gainsborough Britannia Works Band

**Brithdir and Cwmsyfiog Brass Band** - Glamorgan

Formed in the early 1900s

**Briths Fuels (Parc and Dare) Band** - Glamorgan

[previous name of current band] See: Parc & Dare Band

**British Aerospace (Chadderton) Band**

See: Newton Heath Brass Band (2)

**British Aerospace (Manchester) Band**

See: Newton Heath Brass Band (2)

**British Aerospace Wingates Band** - Lancashire

[previous name of current band] See: Wingates Band

**British Airways Band** - Heathrow, Middlesex

[current band] - Founded in 1972 - Former names: Silver Wing Band, British Airways Clubs Band

**British Airways Clubs Band** - Heathrow, Middlesex

[previous name of current band] See: British Airways Band

**British Aluminium Band** - Camelon, Stirlingshire

[no information]

**British Coal Enterprise (St. Mary’s) Band**

Active in the 1990s

**British Insulated and Helsby Cables Band**

See: B.I.H.C. Band

**British Insulated Cables Band (Prescot)**

See: Prescot Cables Band

**British Insulated Cables Callender’s Band**

See: Callender’s Cable Works Band

**British Insulated Cables Company Brass Band**

See: B.I.H.C. Band

**British Iron Works Brass Band** - Cradley Heath, Staffordshire

Active in 1856

**British League Abstainers’ Brass Band** - Edinburgh, Midlothian

Founded in May 1865

**British M.A.R.C. Silver Prize Band**

Active in the 1960s and 1970s

**British Motor Corporation Band**

See: Morris Motors Band

**British Oil and Cake Mills Band** - Kingston upon Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)

Formed in 1926, conductor C.S. Moon. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s, remained active through to 1939.
British Order of Ancient Free Gardeners’ Brass Band - Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire
  Active in 1893, bandmaster Roderick Bishop, secretary Alexander Carnegie

British Railways (Eastern Region) Band
  See: L.N.E.R. (Gorton) Works Band

British Railways (Gorton Works) Band
  See: L.N.E.R. (Gorton) Works Band

British Railways (Manchester) Band
  See: L.N.E.R. (Gorton) Works Band

British Railways (Mirfield) Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Formed in 1946, active through the 1950s

British Railways (Sheffield) Band
  Active in 1949 and 1950s

British Railways Silver Band (Swindon) - Wiltshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Swindon Pegasus Brass

British Ropes Excelsior Band
  Active in 1969/72

British Ropes Silver Band - Doncaster, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1940s and 1950s

British School Brass Band - Frampton Cotterell, Gloucestershire
  See: Frampton Cotterell British School Brass Band

British Steel Band (Port Talbot) - Glamorgan
  [previous name of current band] See: Tata Brass Band

British Steel Company North Skelton Band
  See: North Skelton and District Band

British Steel Dodworth Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  [previous name of current band] See: Dodworth Colliery Miners Welfare Band

British Steel Teesside Band
  See: North Skelton and District Band

British Telecom Band
  See: Stockport Telephone Band

British Thompson Houston Band - Rugby, Warwickshire
  Between 1935-1946 Jephthah (Jeff) Baxter was Bandmaster. BTH was an engineering company from Rugby, and the band played on the B.B.C. Home Service during WW2.

British Timber Company Brass Band - Castleton, Rochdale, Lancashire
  See: Blue Pits Brass Band

British Vita Works Band - Middleton, Lancashire
  Active in the early 1970s

British Workman's Brass Band
  See: Pendleton Old Prize Band

British Workmen's Cocoa Rooms Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
  Formed in 1881, active through the 1880s

British Xylonite Works Band
  See: Xylonite Works Band

Briton Ferry Silver Band - Glamorgan
  [current band] - Founded in 1908

Britten Memorial (Spiritualists' Own) Band - Manchester, Lancashire
  Active in the early 1900s
Brixham Artillery Brass Band - Devon  
Active in the 1860s to 1890s

Brixham Brass Band - Devon  
Active in 1853 and in the 1890s

Brixham Excelsior Band - Devon  
Active in 1910

Brixham Town Band - Devon  
See: Brixham Brass Band

Brixham Town Band - Devon  
[current band]

Brixham Volunteers Band - Devon  
Active in the early 1900s

Brixton and Clapham Band - Surrey  
Active in the 1920s

Brixton Brass Band - Surrey  
Active in the early 1900s, conductor J.F. Beeson

Brixton Wesleyan Mission Band - Surrey  
Active in 1902, Mr McManus conductor

Brixworth Brass Band - Northamptonshire  
[no information]  

Brize Norton Brass Band - Oxfordshire  
Active in the 1880s

Broad Chalke Brass Band - Wiltshire  
Active from the 1890s to the 1950s

Broad Lane (Illogan) Band  
See: Illogan Broad Lane Band

Broad Street Brass Band - Coventry, Warwickshire  
Formed around 1913 - still active in 1916.

Broad Street Wesleyan Temperance Band - Nottingham, Nottinghamshire  
Active around 1910

Broadbottom Brass Band - Cheshire  
Active from 1862 to the 1880s

Broadchalke Band  
See: Broad Chalke Brass Band

Broadclough Amateur Brass Band  
See: Bacup Old Band

Broadclough Band  
See: Bacup Old Band

Broadheath Excelsior Brass Band - Worcestershire  
Active in the 1880s and 1890s

Broadheath Linotype Brass Band - Cheshire  
Active in 1898 - based at the Linotype works near Altrincham. Still active in 1904

Broadhembury Brass Band - Devon  
Active in 1862 to 1867

Broadhurst Brass Band - Lancashire  
Active in the 1870s and 1890s
Broadland Brass Band - Norfolk
   [current band] - Founded in 1930 - Former names: Blofield & District Silver Band

Broadstone Brass Band - Dorset

Broadway Brass Band - Worcestershire
   Active in 1873 and through to 1893 at least.

Broadway Secondary School Band - Sunderland, Durham
   Active in 1974, conductor Alan Hope.

Broadwell Brass Band
   Formed in 1906, a report dated 5th October said the band had started about 6 weeks earlier. The bandmaster was Captain Bosley of the Church Army - a local vicar supplied the instruments. Mentioned in news reports for 1906 to 1912. Last mention of the band is 6th August 1912.

Broadway Temperance Band - Dorset
   Active from the early 1890s, conductor F.W. Vallins. Conductor in 1901 and 1928 J. Billen. Still active in the 1930s. Also known as Broadway Brass Band

Broadwindor Saxhorn Brass Band - Dorset
   Founded in 1868

Broadwood Works Brass Band - Westminster, Middlesex
   Formed in 1854 - employees of the Broadwood Piano factory. It was initially formed as a brass and reed band, converting to all brass in 1893, conductor Fred W. Davies. Other reports give it as an all-brass ensemble in the mid 1860s, conducted by H. Sibold.

Brockdish Brass Band - Norfolk
   Active in the 1860s and 1870s

Brockenhurst Excelsior Brass Band - Hampshire
   Founded in 1891, still active in 1909

Brockhampton Band - Gloucestershire
   Active in the 1900s and 1910s. Conductor Mr Greenfield in 1908

Brockhampton Estate Band
   See: Brockhampton Band

Brockhurst Brass Band - near Monks Kirby, Warwickshire
   Active in 1875

Brocklesby Brass Band
   Active in the 1880s

Brodsworth Colliery (T.S.B) Band
   See: Brodsworth Colliery Welfare Band

Brodsworth Colliery Welfare and Institute Band
   See: Brodsworth Colliery Welfare Band
**Brodsworth Colliery Welfare Band** - Doncaster, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from the 1940s to the end of the 1980s. Competed in the Junior Shield in 1962, conducted by D.V. Hardy

**Brodsworth Main Club and Institute Band**
   See: *Brodsworth Colliery Welfare Band*

**Brodsworth Main Colliery Band**
   See: *Brodsworth Colliery Welfare Band*

**Brodsworth Main Workmen's Band**
   See: *Brodsworth Colliery Welfare Band*

**Bromborough Pool Silver Prize Band** - Cheshire
   Active in the 1880s to WW1. In 1896 the secretary was John Marshall and the band was known as Bromborough Village Band. In 1902 (known as Bromborough Pool Village Band, conductor A.B. Smith), and 1914, the secretary was James Harris

**Bromborough Pool Village Band**
   See: *Bromborough Pool Silver Prize Band*

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   See: *Bromborough Pool Silver Prize Band*

**Bromfield Brass Band** - Shropshire
   Active in 1853

**Bromham Brass Band** - Wiltshire
   Active in the 1920s

**Bromley and Bickley Brass Band** - Kent
   See: *Bickley and Bromley Brass Band*

**Bromley Borough Band** - Kent
   See: *Bromley Town Band*

**Bromley Brass Band** - Kent
   Active in the 1880s

**Bromley Brass Band** - Staffordshire
   Active in 1864

**Bromley Foresters Bass Band** - Kent
   Active in the 1890s

**Bromley Home Guard Band** - Kent
   Active in the 1950s

**Bromley Silver Band** - Kent
   See: *Bromley Borough Band*

**Bromley Town Band** - Kent
   Active in the 1890s to the 1930s. Known as Bromley Borough Band from 1903. Conductor J. Pemberton in 1903

**Bromley Volunteers Band** - Kent
   Active in 1906, bandmaster R.D. Cubitt

**Bromley, Bickley and Hayes Brass Band** - Kent
   See: *Bickley and Bromley Brass Band*

**Brompton and Gillingham Boys’ Band** - Gillingham, Kent
   Active in the early 1900s. Conductor Henry Allen in 1905

**Brompton Boys’ Band**
   See: *Brompton and Gillingham Boys’ Band*
Brompton Boys' Institute Band
See: Brompton and Gillingham Boys’ Band

Brompton Silver Band
Active in the 1930s

Bromsgrove Brass Band - Worcestershire
Active in the 1840s to 1870s

Bromsgrove Town Band - Worcestershire
Founded in 1900. Still active in 1960 when it celebrated its diamond jubilee.

Bromwich Subscription Band
Active in the early 1900s

Bromyard Amateur Brass Band - Herefordshire
Active from the mid-1860s to the 1880s. Conductor C. Williams in 1869

Bromyard Volunteers Band - Herefordshire
Active in the 1900s

Bronwydd and Llysnewydd Brass Band - Carmarthenshire
An account from 1st July 1895 - the day the railway opened between Newcastle Emlyn and Llandysul. “The whole town turned out to welcome the opening of the railway. Schoolchildren were given a day’s holiday and an organising committee had been hard at work making all the arrangements for the historic day. Shortly before 10 am the town’s schoolchildren all wearing rosettes and flowers marched in procession to the station headed by the Bronwydd and Llysnewydd Brass Band. There they boarded three special excursion trains of 12 carriages each for a return trip to Llandysul. According to the report in the Tivyside, saloon carriages were provided for the teachers and members of the organising committee. On the return of the excursion trains nearly 2,000 children and adults sat down to tea in the Market Hall. During the afternoon the band played through the streets and everything “wore a most festive appearance.”

Bronwydd Brass Band - Carmarthenshire
Active in 1854

Bronze Social Brass Band - Wallasey, Cheshire
Active in 1977

Brook Dale Brass Band - Newton Heath, Lancashire
Active in 1864

Brookhouse Brass Band - Blackburn, Lancashire
Active in the 1850s, leader W. Southworth. In January 1860 the band enrolled with the Blackburn Artillery Volunteers

Brook’s Band - Thwaites, near Keighley, Yorkshire, West Riding
[no information]

Brookwood Asylum Brass Band - Woking, Surrey
Founded in 1867

Broomhill and Chevington Collieries Band - Amble, Northumberland
Active from the mid-1850s to the 1950s. In 1874 the conductor was R. Curley and the secretary William McCloud. Bandmaster at one time was Edward Thirtle. A selection of his family and band photographs have been lodged with the Woodhorn Colliery museum in Ashington, Northumberland. Still active in the 1950s but had disbanded before 1961.

Broomhill Brass Band
See: Broomhill and Chevington Collieries Band
Broomhill Colliery Band
See: Broomhill and Chevington Collieries Band

Broseley Brass - Buckinghamshire
[previous name of current band] See: Milton Keynes Brass

Broseley Brass Band - Shropshire
Active in 1854

Brotherhood Brass Band - Eastleigh, Hampshire
Active in 1910

Brotherhood Brass Band - Haywards Heath,
See: Haywards Heath Town Band

Brotherton Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the early 1860s. Conductor in 1906, Thomas Hardy. Wound up in the courts as of 27th March 1962

Brotherton Old Band
See: Brotherton Brass Band

Brotherton United Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the early 1900s to the 1930s. Conductor in 1903, Mr Lee

Brotherton United W.M.C. Band
See: Brotherton United Brass Band

Brotton Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 2010

Brotton Old Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active from the 1870s (conductor B. Beaver in 1875) through to the 1900s

Brotton Temperance Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Formed in the 1890s, active in 1908, and probably folded during the Great War. Conductor in 1899 was John Champion

Brough Brass Band - Westmorland
Active in 1840s through to 1910. Conductor George William Bailey in 1869

Brough Temperance Brass Band - Westmorland
Active in 1853, 1863

Brough Union Brass Band - Westmorland
Active in 1860

Broughton Astley Brass Band - Leicestershire
Active in 1895

Broughton Brass Band - Hampshire
See: Broughton Temperance Band

Broughton Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in the 1880s to 1900s

Broughton Brass Band - Worcestershire
See: Broughton Hacket Brass Band

Broughton Brass Band (1) - Cumberland
Active in 1851

Broughton Brass Band (2) - Cumberland
See: Great Broughton Brass Band

Broughton Hacket Brass Band - Worcestershire
Active in 1867
**Broughton Public Brass Band** - Salford, Lancashire  
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

**Broughton Rechabites Band**  
See: *Great Broughton Rechabites Band*

**Broughton Silver Band**  
See: *Great Broughton Brass Band*

**Broughton Temperance Band** - Hampshire  
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

**Broughton Victoria Prize Band** - Salford, Lancashire  
Active in the early 1900s. Disbanded in 1904

**Broughton-in-Furness Band** - Lancashire  
Active in 1908

**Broughtons Brass Band** - Durham  
Originally formed as the Blackhall Youth Band by Albert Haswell in 1971 to teach young people to play brass and percussion instruments. Many successes included two major youth awards at the International Music Festival held in Rastede, Germany. The gradually brought in more senior players to enable younger players to benefit from their experience and expertise. In 1982 sponsorship was obtained from the American Oil Company A.M.O.C.O., which lasted until 1987. Following this, sponsorship was obtained from Broughtons Ltd, the Rolls Royce and Bentley distributors based in Cheltenham. Also at this time, it relocated in 1987 to South Hetton Community Centre, a building converted from the offices of the recently closed South Hetton Colliery. The band amalgamated with Hetton Silver Band in 2009 to form the Durham Miners Association Brass Band.

**Brown Edge Brass Band** - Staffordshire  
Active in the 1890s and 1900s, also in the 1950s

**Brownedge Brass Band** - Preston, Lancashire  
Active in the 1850s. It performed in “full uniform” at Brownedge in June 1851. Conductor John Walker in 1852. Funnily enough, a report in the Preston Guardian in June 1887 states: “At Brownedge a grand opera 'Britannia and Her Daughter was performed by the St. Mary's Girls' School. Mr Gray’s Military Band playing on the new instruments bought for the Brownedge Band.”

**Browney Colliery Band** - Brandon, Durham  
Formed in 1899, folded around 1938.

**Brownhills Brass Band** - Staffordshire  
Active in 1864 to 1869

**Brownhills Excelsior Brass Band** - Staffordshire  
Active in 1910, 1920s

**Brownhills Town Band** - Staffordshire  
Active in 1908, conductor S. Morris

**Brownhills Victoria Brass Band** - Staffordshire  
Active in 1869

**Browning Hall Mission Band** - Walworth, Surrey  
Active around 1900

**Brownlow Fold Brass Band** - Lancashire  
Active in 1887, conductor T. Taylor
Brown's Musical (Ransome) Band
See: Ransome Band

Brown's Works Band
See: Blaina Band

Brownsea Island Band - Dorset
Active in 1906, bandmaster A. Campbell.

Broxburn and Livingston Brass Band - West Lothian
[current band] - Founded in 2004 - Note: Formed by merger of Broxburn Public Brass Band and Livingston Brass Band

Broxburn Brass Band - West Lothian
Active in the 1860s through to the 1880s. Conductor Mr McElwee in 1872. Disbanded before 1890. A successor band was formed in 1891

Broxburn Catholic Silver Band - West Lothian
[previous name of current band] See: Broxburn Silver Band

Broxburn Oil Works Band - West Lothian
Possibly active in the 1870s. The company produced oil from shale. The band disbanded, its instruments being handed over by Mr N.M. Henderson of the Oil Company to the Broxburn Old Town Brass Band.

Broxburn Old Town Brass Band
See: Broxburn Brass Band

Broxburn Public Brass Band - West Lothian
Formed in 1891. Merged with Livingston Brass Band in 2004 to form Broxburn and Livingston Brass Band

Broxburn Silver Band - West Lothian
[current band] - Founded in 1891 - Former names: Broxburn Catholic Silver Band (to 1981)

Bruce Road Band - Bow, Middlesex
Founded in 1905, conductor E. Tyson

Brumby Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active around 1980

Brunel Brass - Swindon, Wiltshire
[current band] - Founded in 2006

Brunswick Brass Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1893

Brunswick Hall Brass Band - Whitechapel, Middlesex
Active around 1913 - it was attached to the Congregational Chapel.

Brunswick Model Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in the 1850s to 1880s

Bruton Brass Band - Somerset
Active in the 1920s, conductor Mr Chafey

Bruton Excelsior Brass Band - Somerset
Formed in 1892, still active in 1905

Brymbo and Broughton Brass Band - Denbighshire
Active in the 1850s

Brymbo Brass Band
See: Brymbo Steel Works Band
Brymbo C.E.T.S. Band - Denbighshire
Active in the 1890s, disbanded in 1902

Brymbo Steel Works Band - Denbighshire
Active in the 1890s through to the 1940s. Conductor in 1899, J. Davies, in 1913, David Mathias. Presumably folded by the early 60s, when a worker installing a crane in the loft space of the old steel works stores discovered a complete set of brass band instruments covered in dust, which looked as if they had been there for years. Inquiries were made with the steelworks management and several days later they had gone. The steelworks themselves closed in 1990.

Bryn Celynnog Youth Band - Pontypridd, Glamorgan
Active in the 1960s/1970s

Brynamman Old Band - Carmarthenshire
Active in 1905

Brynamman Silver Band
See: Brynamman Town Band

Brynamman Temperance Band - Carmarthenshire
Active in 1900, conductor Mr Payne

Brynamman Territorials Brass Band - Carmarthenshire
Active in the early 1900s through to WW1

Brynamman Town Band - Carmarthenshire
Active in the 1890s through to the 1920s when the conductor was Herbert Rees. The band’s instruments were destroyed in a fire in 1907. Conductor Arthur Jones in 1919

Brynamman Voluntary Band
See: Brynamman Territorials Brass Band

Brynegylwys Brass Band - Denbighshire
Active in 1869, playing at Towyn

Brynawr Brass Band - Montgomeryshire
Active in 1862

Brynawr Silver Band - Montgomeryshire
Active from the 1930s to the 1950s

Brynawr Town and District Silver Band
See: Brynawr Silver Band

Brynawr Volunteers Band
Active in the 1890s

Brynrefail Brass Band - Caernarfonshire
[no information]

BT Band
See: Stockport Telephone Band

Bubwith and Hemingbrough Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in the 1850s to the 1880s. Conductor R. Smith in 1860. Also known as Hemingborough Brass Band

Buchan Brass Band - Aberdeenshire
Active in the 1980s/90s

Buck Mills Brass Band - Huddersfield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1896
Buckden Brass Band - Huntingdonshire
Active in the 1890s to 1920s. Reputed to have been one of the largest village bands in the country at one time. Conductor G. Hardwick in 1905

Buckfastleigh Brass Band - Devon
Active from the 1870s to the late 1890s. Conductor F. Tolchard in 1892. Presumed to have folded prior to 1902 when the Hamlyn Brothers Band became Buckfastleigh Town Band

Buckfastleigh British Legion Band - Devon
Active in the late 1940s and 1950s

Buckfastleigh Town Band
See: Hamlyn Brothers Brass Band

Buckhaven and Methil Miners' Brass Band - Fife
[current band] - Founded in 1976 - Note: Formed by the amalgamation of Wellesley Colliery Band and Buckhaven Town Band

Buckhaven Town Band - Fife
Formed in 1905. Conductor Peter Brown in 1909. Joined S.A.B.B.A. in 1911 and entered the Scottish third section in 1912. in 1913 they competed in the Scottish third section championship and came joint first with Penicuik, Penicuik held the trophy for the first 6 months and Buckhaven for the last six months. A run of good results came to a halt as the first world war began and suspended contesting until 1918. On 1st December 1917, 4 contests commenced, all of which were for charity, returning bands to contesting, Buckhaven were awarded prizes for best soprano, best tenor horn and best baritone. On 13th December 1919 Buckhaven were promoted to second section after a joint third place at the Scottish championships, then competed in the second section championships on the 20th and took 4th place with only one point separating the first four bands. By 1925 a fourth section was introduced because of ever rising numbers of bands and regional qualifying competitions meant that the top 5 east and west bands were to compete against each other at the Scottish championships for grading (Buckhaven were third and Wellesley Colliery were fourth in the east). In the 1927 second section championships Buckhaven won, and for the first time the association presented 25 bronze medals to the winners along with best instrumentalist Buckhaven's solo euphonium, to top it all off they were promoted to the championship section were they stayed for eight years. In 1937 they returned to the second section and the Second World War put contesting into limbo until 1945. On the 15th October 1945 Buckhaven launched into the Scottish championships and took 2nd place and until the 1950s Buckhaven were in and out of competition after the retirement of Charles Terris. They then started annual visits to the C.I.S.W.O. championships in Blackpool. They amalgamated with Wellesley Colliery Band in 1976 to form the Buckhaven and Methil Miners Band

Buckhorn Weston Brass Band - Dorset
Active in the 1880s

Buckie and District Brass Band - Banffshire
Active in the 1970s

Buckie Brass Band - Banffshire
Founded in 1870. Active through to WW1

Buckingham Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
Active from the 1850s to WW1. Conductor Mr Bailey in 1905

Buckingham Rifle Volunteers Band - Buckinghamshire
See: Gawcott Brass Band
Buckingham Town Band  
See: Buckingham Brass Band  

Buckland Congregational Brass Band - Portsmouth, Hampshire  
Active in 1897  

Buckland Monachorum Brass Band - Devon  
Active in 1902  

Buckland Newton Brass Band - Dorset  
Active in the 1900s to WW1. Conductor Mr Paulley in 1905  

Buckley Brass Band - Flintshire  
[previous name of current band] See: Royal Buckley Town Band  

Buckley Engineers Volunteer Brass Band - Flintshire  
Formed in 1880. Known as the Mill Band as it rehearsed in the mill in Mill Lane, Buckley. It was still active in 1898 and won first prize at an Eisteddford in Holywell. Conductor Arthur Griffiths in 1902  

Buckley Hall Orphanage Brass Band - Rochdale, Lancashire  
Active in the 1900s. The orphanage opened in 1888. There was also a drum and fife band, and a choir at the home.  

Buckley Mill Band  
See: Buckley Engineers Volunteer Brass Band  

Buckley Slaughter House Band - Flintshire  
Founded in 1904, conductor William Ellis, later became Denbighshire Imperial Yeomanry Band  

Buckley Street Brass Band - Warrington, Lancashire  
Active around 1905 - based at the Buckley Street Methodist Church  

Buckley Town Band - Flintshire  
Active in 1902  

Bucknall Brass Band - Staffordshire  
Active in the 1890s  

Bucknall Ex-Servicemen's Band - Staffordshire  
[previous name of current band] See: Florence Brass  

Bucknall Ex-Servicemen's Band - Staffordshire  
Active in 1928, conducted by Mr Henshall.  

Buckrose Brass Band  
See: Sherburn and District Brass Band  

Bude Haven Brass Band - Cornwall  
Active in 1850  

Bude Metric Brass - Cornwall  
[current band] - Founded in 2003  

Bude Town Band - Cornwall  
[current band] - Founded in 1895  

Bude Volunteers Band - Cornwall  
Active in 1905  

Budleigh Salterton Brass Band - Devon  
Active in 1848  

Budleigh Salterton British Legion Silver Band  
Active in 1933, when the bandmaster was C.J. Bedwell and the secretary H.J. Burch
Budleigh Salterton Juniors Band - Devon
Active in the 1950s

Budleigh Salterton Town Band - Devon
Formed in December 1897. Instruments purchased via public subscription, conductor N. Wood. Conductor in 1909, M. Harding. Active through to 1916

Budock Brass Band - Cornwall
Formed in 1913

Budock Water Band - Cornwall
That there was a band under this title there is no doubt, but all that can be discovered is that it carried out two engagements in 1897, and that was that. Probably a makeshift band of players who wanted to earn a few extra pennies.

Bugbrooke Brass Band
See: Bugbrooke Excelsior Brass Band

Bugbrooke Excelsior Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active from the 1880s up to WW1. Conductor A.J. Lawrence in 1895, A. Ashby in 1899

Bugle Silver Band - Cornwall
[current band] - Founded in 1868

Builth Brass Band - Brecknockshire
Active in the 1900s

Bulford and Cholderton Brass Band
See: Cholderton and Bulford Brass Band

Bulford Band - Wiltshire
Active in 1903

Bulkington Brass Band - Warwickshire
[previous name of current band] See: Bulkington Silver Band

Bulkington Silver Band - Warwickshire
[current band] - Founded in 1848 - Former names: Bulkington Brass Band, “Bicknell's Band” to 1919 - Note: Formed during the Crimean War by George Bicknell and his five sons

Bullcroft Colliery Ambulance Band
See: Bullcroft Miners Ambulance Band

Bullcroft Main Colliery Band
See: Bullcroft Miners Ambulance Band

Bullcroft Miners Ambulance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Founded in 1917, bandmaster William Clark. Active through to the late 1960s. Competed in the Junior Cup in 1962, conducted by J. Woods

Bullcroft Welfare Band
See: Bullcroft Miners Ambulance Band

Bulmer Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1840, conductor Mr Spenceley

Bulwell Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in 1850 through to the late 1890s. Conductor in 1867 was William Thorpe. May have been superseded by the Bulwell Excelsior Band or renamed as such.

Bulwell Excelsior Prize Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in 1900, conductor Samuel Riffin. “The Kimberley Baptist Church Sunday School banner was paraded through Kimberley’s streets in June 1911 when the coronation of
King George V was celebrated. All of the local churches marched behind the Bulwell Excelsior Prize Band after assembling on the cricket field. “Still active in 1940.

**Bulwell Harmonic Brass Band** - Nottinghamshire  
Active in 1872

**Bunbury Brass Band** - Cheshire  
Formed in 1894

**Bungay Brass Band** - Suffolk  
Active in 1859

**Bungay Rifles Band** - Suffolk  
Active in the 1900s

**Buntingford Brass Band** - Hertfordshire  
Formed in the 1850s. Had folded prior to 1887 when there was some discussion about re-establishing the band, but it was rejected in favour of setting up a drum and fife band.

**Buntingford Silver Band** - Hertfordshire  

**Buntingford Town Band**  
See: Buntingford Silver Band

**Burbage Band** - Derbyshire  
[current band] - Founded in 1861

**Burbage Brass Band (1)** - Leicestershire  
Active in 1853 through to the early 1900s. Conductor Mr Campion in 1865

**Burbage Brass Band (2)** - Leicestershire  
The Burbage Band was first founded in 1907 by Edmond Evans and rehearsed at the Anchor Inn. By 1912, it became a full military group with approx 25 players, but then disbanded in the same year. It reformed in 1914 when it joined with another band in the village. All the band members enlisted en bloc in 1915. It dispensed with wind instruments in 1927, after which it was known as Burbage Silver Band. The new band entered its first contest at Crystal Palace in July 1929 and went on to participate in many contests until its success in the 1967 Daily Herald finals, after which it turned its attention to concerts. It merged with Nuneaton Borough Band in 1989 to form the current Burbage Silver Band.

**Burbage Military Band** - Leicestershire  
[previous name of current band] See: Burbage Silver Band

**Burbage Silver Band** - Leicestershire  
[current band] - Founded in 1907 - Former names: Burbage Military Band, Burbage Silver Prize (Hinkley) Band (1926 when converted to full brass) - Note: Nuneaton Borough Band amalgamated with Burbage Silver Band in 1989. As the band rehearsed in Hinckley it kept the name Burbage Silver Band.

**Burbage Silver Band**  
See: Burbage Brass Band (2)

**Burbage Silver Prize (Hinkley) Band** - Leicestershire  
[previous name of current band] See: Burbage Silver Band

**Burcombe Brass Band** - Wiltshire  
Active in 1862 to 1864

**Burford Brass Band (1)** - Oxfordshire  
Active in the 1860s, folding in the 1870s.
Burford Brass Band (2) - Oxfordshire
  Formed in 1888 by Dr Lane. Active through to the 1910s

Burgess Hill Brass Band - Sussex
  Formed in 1890, conductor C. W. Dunkinson in 1907, secretary R.A. (Bob) Beard in 1913. Was an active and successful band in the 1970/1980s, when it’s most successful Musical Director was Arthur Chapman, and the Band was very strong in contests. In the early 80's several of the senior players left to reform the then defunct Handcross Band and the fortunes of the band fell for several years. It amalgamated with the Haywards Heath Town Prize Silver Band in 1986 to form the the Mid Sussex Brass Band.

Burgess Hill Temperance Brass Band - Sussex
  Active in 1890

Burgh Brass Band - Burgh le Marsh, Lincolnshire
  Active in the 1890s

Burghclere Brass Band - Hampshire
  Founded in 1907

Buriton Brass Band - Hampshire
  Active around 1900

Burley and District Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1920s through to 1940s when it was rename Burley and Ilkley Band. Probably folded in the early 1960s

Burley and Ilkley Band
  See: Burley and District Band

Burley and Otley Band
  See: Burley and District Band

Burley Brass Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1913

Burley Brass Band - Hampshire
  Active from the early 1900s through to around 1970 when it merged with the Ringwood Band to form the Ringwood and Burley Band. Also known as Burley Silver Band.

Burley Road Adult School Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the early 1900s

Burley Silver Band
  See: Burley Brass Band (Hampshire)

Burley Silver Band
  See: Burley-in-Wharfedale Band

Burley Works Band
  See: Arthur Newsome Public Works Band

Burley-in-Wharfedale Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1865 and 1922. Rehearsed in the Township School in Burley-in-Wharfedale. Also known as Burley Silver Band.

Burmantofts Temperance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Founded in 1903

Burnage (Manchester) Band
  See: Burnage and District Band

Burnage and District Band - Lancashire
  Formed in the 1890s. Competed in the Junior Shield in 1962, conducted by W. Stopford. Later known as Burnage (Manchester) Band. Folded in the early 1990s
**Burnage Brass Band**
See: *Burnage and District Band*

**Burnbank Brass Band** - Lanarkshire
Active from the early 1890s through to the 1920s. Folded in 1903 only to be revived in 1905. Renamed Greenfield Colliery Band in 1908.

**Burneside Brass Band** - Westmorland
[current band] - Founded in 1993

**Burngreave Institute Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active the 1930s

**Burnham and Highbridge Band** - Somerset
[current band] - Founded in 1945

**Burnham and Highbridge Brass Band** - Somerset
Active in the 1870s. A successor band was formed in 1945

**Burnham Blue Ribbon Brass Band** - Burnham-On-Crouch, Essex
Active in 1882

**Burnham Brass Band** - Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex
Founded in 1863, active through to the 1920s. Conductor in 1863 was Dansey Hawkins

**Burnham Brass Band** - Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset
Active in the 1880s and 1890s through to the 1920s. Also known as Burham Town Band. Conductor Fred Luxon in the early 1900s, Thomas Stone in 1904

**Burnham Brass Band** - Buckinghamshire
Active in 1900

**Burnham Temperance Band** - Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex
Active in the 1880s and 1890s

**Burnham, Hitcham and Taplow Band** - Buckinghamshire
Active in 1904

**Burnhope Brass Band** - Durham
Active in the 1860s through to the 1890s

**Burnhope Colliery Band** - Durham
Formed in 1920s and folded in the late 1960s

**Burnhope Silver Band**
See: *Burnhope Colliery Band*

**Burnley Alliance Silver Band** - Lancashire
[current band] - Founded in the 1940s - Former names: Burnley Home Guard Band (to 1951)

**Burnley and District Band**
Active in the 1920s/40s.

**Burnley Artillery Band** - Lancashire
Active in the 1880s. Conductor Thomas Greenwood in 1905. Disbanded in 1908

**Burnley Band** - Lancashire
Active in the 1860s to 1890s

**Burnley Borough Band** - Lancashire
Active in the 1880s through to the 1920s. Bandmaster Peter Fairhurst in 1919

**Burnley Catholic Brass Band** - Lancashire
Formed in the mid-1880s by John Rafferty and others. Active in 1885, conductor J. Murphy. One founder member was E. Hassall, who died in 1941. The band was still active in 1920.
Burnley Comrades Band - Lancashire
   Formed after WW1 - active in 1920.

Burnley Home Guard Association Band - Lancashire
   Previous name of the current Burnley Alliance Silver Band

Burnley Home Guard Band - Lancashire
   [previous name of current band] See: Burnley Alliance Silver Band

Burnley Lane Band - Lancashire
   See: Burnley Lane Subscription Brass Band

Burnley Lane Subscription Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1890 through to WW2

Burnley Lane Temperance Band - Lancashire
   See: Burnley Lane Subscription Brass Band

Burnley Mechanics Band - Lancashire
   See: Burnley Mechanics Institute Brass Band

Burnley Mechanics Institute Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1851, 1854

Burnley Municipal Brass Band - Lancashire
   See: Burnley Borough Band

Burnley National Reserve Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1920

Burnley National Reserve Brass Band - Lancashire
   Formed afterActive in 1920

Burnley Old Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1860s

Burnley Police Band - Lancashire
   [no information]

Burnley Public Band - Lancashire
   Active from the 1880s - folded around 1936

Burnley Rifles Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1860s/1870s

Burnley Saxhorn Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1854

Burnley Subscription Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1892

Burnley Temperance Band - Lancashire
   Formed in 1887. Active in the 1890s and competed in the Grand Shield in 1933. (There is
   a newspaper report of the 21st anniversary “pie supper” in 1908). There may have been a
   previous band of the same name formed in 1873.

Burnopfield and District Band
   See: Burnopfield Colliery Band

Burnopfield Brass Band
   See: Burnopfield Colliery Band

Burnopfield Colliery Band - Durham
   Active between 1903 and 1939

Burnopfield Silver Model Band
   See: Burnopfield Colliery Band
**Burnt Heath Band** - Essex
Formed in the neighbouring hamlet of Crockleford Heath in the early 1900s, it folded in the 1940s. For more details, see “Grandad Played The Cornet: A History of Brass Bands in North East Essex”, by David Cawdell.

**Burnt Yates Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in the 1850s. Conductor Mr Hesling in 1855. It played on the green to mark the end of the Crimean War in 1856 and, in March 1863, went to Harrogate to celebrate the wedding of the Prince of Wales to Alexandra by playing on the Stray, although the performance was stopped by a snowstorm. It folded in 1885.

**Burnt Yates Old Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: *Burnt Yates Brass Band*

**Burntisland Burgh Band** - Fife
Active from 1860 through to at least 1960. There was talk, in 1860, of the band becoming associated with the local artillery volunteers

**Burntisland Silver Band**
See: *Burntisland Burgh Band*

**Burntwood Brass Band** - Staffordshire
Active in the 1870s

**Burntwood Loyal Union Brass Band** - Staffordshire
Active in the 1870s

**Burntwood Temperance Silver Prize Band** - Staffordshire
[no information]

**Burradon and Weetslade Band**
See: *Burradon Colliery Band*

**Burradon Brass Band**
See: *Burradon Colliery Band*

**Burradon Colliery Band** - Northumberland
Active in 1866, secretary W. Cowperwhite. Conductor J. Dixon in 1867. Active in 1883, conductor Thomas Hunn. Had folded by the end of the 1970s

**Burradon Silver Model Band**
See: *Burradon Colliery Band*

**Burrage Grove Board School Brass Band** - Woolwich, Kent
Active in the 1890s

**Burry Port Town Band** - Carmarthenshire
[current band] - Founded in 1972

**Burry Port Town Band** - Carmarthenshire
Originally formed as Elliotts Smelting Works Band in 1896. It quickly established itself playing at local fêtes and marches, raising money for both itself and worthy causes. One such example was a march for the destitute and unemployed people of Kidwelly, which raised about £8, a considerable amount of money at the turn of the century. Conductor Rufus Fletcher in 1899. The lifeblood for most bands is on the competing stage and this was as important in the 1920’s as it is today. In those days the band had to make it’s own way to contest venues by train. It was fortunate that the band’s rehearsal room was in the Neptune buildings adjacent to the station. Just before the outbreak of the Second World War the bands’ fortunes took a turn for the worse and they disbanded. A successor band was formed in 1972.
Burslem Borough Band
   See: Burslem Brass Band

Burslem Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in 1870s through to around 1891. Also known as Burslem Prize Band. Some of its members went on to form the new Burslem Town Band in 1892

Burslem Co-operative Band - Staffordshire
   Formed after WW2 - active through the 1950s

Burslem Imperial Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1930s

Burslem Port Vale Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1880s

Burslem Saxhorn Band - Staffordshire
   Active in 1849, conducted by Mr Hughes

Burslem Town Band - Staffordshire
   Formed in 1892

Burston Brass Band - Norfolk
   Active in 1907, conductor Mr Vanham

Burton Amateur Brass Band - Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire
   Active in 1906

Burton Borough Band
   See: Burton Brass Band

Burton Bradstock Youth Band
   See: Wessex Youth Burton Bradstock Band

Burton Brass Band - Burton upon Stather, Lincolnshire
   Active in 1864

Burton Brass Band - Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire
   Active in 1892. Conducted by Mr W. Twells, in 1897, when the new Burton Silver Prize Band was founded

Burton Constable Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in 1862, formed from workers on the estate of Lady Constable

Burton Constructional (Newhall) Band - Derbyshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Newhall Band

Burton Excelsior Brass Band (1) - Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire
   Active in 1876. Presumed to have folded prior to 1900. A successor band was formed in 1905.

Burton Excelsior Brass Band (2) - Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire
   Formed in 1905 by Ernie S. Cox, a Burton fruiterer. Rehearsed at the Robin Hood Inn at that time. The band’s uniform was very dark green with contrasting green piping on the trousers, tunic and cap. Ernie Cox conducted the band until the 1930s when Fred Adams took over the baton. Ernie Cox transported the band to and from engagements on the back of his fruiterer’s delivery lorry. Gained seventh place at the Derby Festival on 22 August 1912, and competed in a contest run by the Daily Herald at Skegness, with 30 bands, using the test piece “March of the Heralds”. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s, on one occasion a second place was obtained. Competed in a brass band contest at Overseal, Leicestershire in July 1921, under conductor E. Booth
(drawn 6 of 11 bands, they were not placed). The band folded at the outbreak of the Second World War.

**Burton Excelsior Silver Band**
See: *Burton Excelsior Brass Band (2)*

**Burton Latimer Brass Band** - Northamptonshire
Active in 1884 and the 1890s

**Burton Latimer Britannia Silver Band** - Northamptonshire
Formed in 1888. Active through until WW1.

**Burton Latimer Town Band**
See: *Burton Latimer Brass Band*

**Burton Leonard Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1860, 1864, 1889, 1909

**Burton Music Centre Brass Band** - Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire
Active in the 1980s/1990s

**Burton Pidsea Brass Band** - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in 1864, and in the 1890s and 1900s. Probably folded prior to or during WW1.

**Burton Pynsent Brass Band** - Curry Rivel, Somerset
Active in 1872. Possibly the same as Curry Rivel Brass Band

**Burton Silver Prize Band** - Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire
Formed around 1897 by Harry Reynolds. Competed at Tamworth Castle in 1907, Crystal Palace in 1908, took sixth prize at the Derby Festival on 22 August 1912, and first prizes at Moira in 1913 and 1914. It also gained second prize at the Crystal Palace Preliminary Shield Championships around that time. Further Crystal Palace appearances were made in 1921 (sixth prize in the third section), 1923 (fourth prize in the second section, playing Mendelssohn’s Ruy Blas against 26 other bands), and again in 1931. It broadcast on BBC Radio in May 1935 to great acclaim. The conductor was H.A. Reynolds. The band folded at the outbreak of the Second World War.

**Burton Stather Brass Band** - Lincolnshire
Active in 1865 to 1867

**Burton Town Silver Prize Band**
See: *Burton Silver Prize Band*

**Burton Victoria Brass Band** - Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire
Active in 1899

**Burton-on-Trent Band**
See: *Burton Brass Band*

**Burtonwood Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active in 1863

**Burwarton Brass Band** - Shropshire
Active in 1888

**Burwash Brass Band** - Sussex
Musical director at one time was Anthony Spurgin, well known for his musical compositions for brass band and orchestra.

**Burwash Common Brass Band** - Sussex
Active in the 1900s

**Burwell Brass Band** - Cambridgeshire
Active in 1850. After 1918 it was intermittently revived into the 1990s as the Excelsior Band
Burwell Excelsior Band
See: Burwell Brass Band

Bury Borough Band - Lancashire
Formed in 1848, took 4th prize at the first Bellevue contest in 1853. Folded during or prior to WW1.

Bury Brass Band
See: Ainsworth Brass Band

Bury Fire Brigade Band
See: Bury Public Silver Band

Bury Lane Brass Band - Glazebury, Lancashire
Active in 1857 to 1865

Bury Old Original Brass Band - Lancashire
Founded in 1884, bandmaster Abner Settle

Bury Police Band - Lancashire
Active in 1908

Bury Public Silver Band - Lancashire
Formed as Heap Bridge Brass Band in 1877 by members of Heap Bridge United Methodist Church, in 1881 became connected with the firm of Messrs. B. and G. Wrigley, woollen manufacturers. Began contesting that year and during the period to 1888 had won 14 prizes. A new set of instruments, value £400 and uniforms £120 were purchased in 1882. Known as 1st Volunteer Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers Band (later the Band of the Territorial Army 5th Battalion) between 1891 and 1918. After the war, they reverted to the title of Heap Bridge Brass Band. Became Bury Fire Brigade Band in 1939, and reformed in January 1946 as Bury Public Silver Band. Still active in 1956. Records of the band, from 1885-1914, are held at Bury Archive Service

Bury Silver Band
See: Bury Public Silver Band

Bury St Edmunds British Legion Band - Suffolk
Active in the 1970s

Bury United Mission Brass Band - Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk
Active in 1893

Bushbury Hill and District Band - Staffordshire
Active in 1904

Bushey Station Brass Band - Hertfordshire
Active in 1905

Bushley Amateur Brass Band - Worcestershire
See: Bushley Brass Band

Bushley Brass Band - Worcestershire
Active in 1865 to 1875

Busk 9th Boys Brigade Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Chadderton Band

Busk Congregational Prize Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Chadderton Band

Buslingthorpe Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in 1856

Buslingthorpe Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1855. Had been tutored by William Hesling
Busman's Band
   See: Yorkshire Transport Band

Bute Brass Band - Glamorgan
   Active in 1889

Butleigh and Glastonbury Brass Band - Somerset
   Active in the 1850s to 1858

Butleigh Brass Band (1) - Somerset
   Active in 1864, conductor G. Millard

Butleigh Brass Band (2) - Somerset
   Active in the early 1900s through to the 1930s. Conductor Mr Turner in 1903. H.
   Dunkerton secretary in 1905

Buttercrambe Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active in 1862, 1863

Butterfield's Tank Works Band
   Formed in the late 1930s at the W.P. Butterfield Tank Works, Shipley. Active through to
   the late 1950s

Butterfly Colliery Ambulance Band - Alfreton, Derbyshire
   Merged with Codnor Old Prize Band at some point.

Butterknowle Brass Band - Durham
   Formed in the 1880s, active through to the early 1950s. Conductor J. Teasdale in 1902

Butterknowle Colliery Band
   See: Butterknowle Brass Band

Butterley Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in 1870

Butterley Colliery Ambulance Band - Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire
   Active in the 1930s to 1940s

Buttershaw Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Buttershaw Mills Band

Buttershaw Mills Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from the early 1860s into the 1870s. The Mill was located in Buttershaw and was
   built by the Bottomley Brothers in the 1850s. It advertised for a new conductor in 1865, to
   lead and teach the band, noting that a “woolsorter or warpdresser would be preferred as
   he will be required to work at the place”. Conductor Mr Jackson in 1869

Butterworth Brass Band
   See: Milnrow Brass Band

Butterworth's Vale Brassworks Band - Rochdale, Lancashire
   Active in 1918

Buxted and Warbleton Band - Sussex
   [previous name of current band] See: Warbleton & Buxted Band

Buxted Brass Band - Sussex
   Active in 1861 to 1868

Buxted Silver Prize Band - Sussex
   Formed 1912 as Buxted Wesleyan Band. Merged with Warbleton Brass and Reed Band in
   1952 to form Warbleton & Buxted Band.

Buxted Wesleyan Band
   See: Buxted Silver Prize Band
Buxton Borough Band - Derbyshire
Active in the 1920s/30s. Disbanded after the Second World War

Buxton Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active from the 1850s through to WW1

Buxton Brass Band - Norfolk
Active in the 1860s

Buxton British Legion Band - Derbyshire
Formed after the Great War and practiced in the Peak Buildings, Buxton. It flourished between the wars, but struggled during and after WW2 and finally folded around 1948/49.

Buxton Town Band
See: Buxton Borough Band

Bwll-du Brass Band - Nant-y-glo, Monmouthshire
Active in 1854

Byers Green Brass Band - Durham
Active in the 1850s through 1880s and between 1919 and 1922. Probably later linked to Byers Green Colliery, run by Bolckow, Vaughan and Co.

Byfield Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in 1887, W.H. Potter conductor. Still active in 1901

Byfield Jubilee Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in 1894

C.E.F.A. Boys Band
See: Halifax C.E.F.A. Band

C.E.T. Band - Hexham
Active in 1909

C.I. Group Brass - Staffordshire
[previous name of current band] See: Staffordshire Band

C.V.F. Harold Memorial Band
See: Christian Volunteer Force Harold Memorial Band

C.W.A. Brass
Formed in 1994 by the merger of Carrick Whitehouse Silver (CWS) Band and Agnes Street Band. Further merged with the Ashgrove Band in 2009 to form Carrick With Ashgrove Brass

C.W.S. (Manchester) Band - Manchester, Lancashire
Formed in 1900 as the CWS Tobacco Factory Band, changed to CWS (Manchester) Band in 1937. It became the City of Manchester Band in 1985, finally disbanding in 1993. A group of workers from the CWS Tobacco Factory in Manchester got together to form a band in 1900, one which quickly made a name for itself on the concert and contest circuit. In September 1901 Mr J C Cragg, the manager of the CWS tobacco factory, built the ad hoc band of his employees, stumped up £300 for some second hand instruments and made himself bandmaster. In 1931 the old Tobacco Band, conducted by J. A. Greenwood was awarded first prize at the Grand Shield Competition at the Crystal Palace. In 1946 the directors of the CWS changed its name to the CWS (Manchester) Band. In 1947 Fred Roberts from Brighouse and Rastrick was offered the position of Bandmaster alongside their new professional conductor Eric Ball. In December 1947, at the age of seventeen, Derek Garside was invited from Brighouse and Rastrick to be the Principal Cornet at CWS - a position he was to hold with distinction for the next 25 years. The first major
success the new band had was at the British Open Championships at Belle Vue in 1948. In the Centenary British Open Championships of 1952 under the baton of Eric Ball, they were awarded the title of British Open Champions for the second time playing the Henry Giehl test piece ‘Scena Sinfonica’. Alex Mortimer was appointed as Musical Director in 1954. Between 1947 and 1970 they took part in the British Open Championships in the Kings Hall, Belle Vue on 18 occasions and won it 4 times and were placed on 12 occasions. They took part in the Daily Herald National Brass Band Finals in London practically every year following their contest successes as North West Area Champions in 1955, 1957, 1958, 1960, 1961 and 1962, which saw them crowned champions for the sixth time in eight years, also registering the area’s first senior class of hat trick wins. With the exception of 1961 when they were led to victory by their bandmaster Tom White, they were conducted by Alex Mortimer. In addition they were runners-up at six area championship contests and placed sixth in 1970 in the World Championships. Prior to competing in the 1962 National Finals they had already collected 5 second prizes and 3 third prizes in twelve appearances at the senior finals. In the eight Edinburgh International Festival contests the band entered, they took 4 first prizes, 4 second prizes and, with the exception of 1953 when they were conducted by Jack Atherton, they were conducted by Eric Ball (1949/50/51/52) and Alex Mortimer (1954/55/56). The band took part in the National Festival Concert at the Royal Albert Hall in 1955, 1957, 1958, 1960, 1961, 1968 and 1969. The band finally achieved their long awaited crowning glory on Saturday, 20th October 1962 when they won the Daily Herald National Brass Band Championships at the Royal Albert Hall with Musical Director, Alex Mortimer, playing Frank Wright’s arrangement of Verdi’s ‘Force of Destiny’. A performance which is still talked about today - forty years on? An achievement they went on to repeat the following year in 1963 playing ‘Belmont Variations’ by Sir Arthur Bliss. The band toured throughout the United Kingdom and went on numerous continental tours, including Canada in June/July 1972 with Fairey Aviation Band, Black Dyke Mills Band and G.U.S. (Footwear) Band. Owing to Alex Mortimer’s continuing ill health he was unable to go on this tour which meant Derek Garside the band’s Resident Conductor then became Musical Director and took charge of the band on that tour. A few months prior to Derek’s appointment the band had once again qualified for the national finals under the direction of what was to be Alex Mortimer’s last appearance on stage at an area contest. Although Derek led the band through that summer it was ‘Mort’ who had found sufficient strength and determination to lead them for just one more time at the Royal Albert Hall playing Eric Ball’s test piece ‘A Kensington Overture’ off number three but the results showed that it was not to be their year. In 1973 Derek led the band to qualification at the North West Area contest, ensuring they took part in the national finals once again. This was a memorable occasion for Derek on what was his first appearance at the Royal Albert Hall as Musical Director, leading them to second place behind B and R. Under Derek’s direction the band did well and was awarded first place in both 1975 and again in 1976 at the North West Area Finals - Derek had announced in advance of this performance that he would be leaving the band after the London finals. He was followed by Trevor Walmsley DFC as the last full time Musical Director of the band, followed by Frank Renton with Stan Whiteman as the Resident Bandmaster. Shortly before Frank arrived to take up the reins Maurice Handford the former Principal Horn player from the Halle Orchestra and Orchestral conductor took them for a short while. On Sunday, 3rd April 1977, at the Preston Guild Hall, conducted by Trevor Walmsley DFC the band could only
manage third place at the North West Area Contest, which ended a run of twenty four successive appearances at the national finals in London. In 1985 the C.W.S. Board of Directors decided that a brass band was not the image the Co-op wished to promote in the future and made the decision the band would cease to exist - for the record the last appearance of the band was at Dobcross Band Club on 31 March 1985, following which all instruments, music and uniforms were handed back to the company. Much of the band memorabilia is still stored in CWS's New Century House, Manchester (including the library of music). Manchester City Council then took over the band which was renamed The City of Manchester Band, which finally folded in March 1993.

C.W.S. Tobacco Factory Band - Manchester, Lancashire
See: C.W.S. (Manchester) Band

Cabin End Brass Band - Blackburn, Lancashire
Active in 1853.

Cable and Wireless Band - London
Formed in 1940, originally for boy messengers, but included girl messengers during the War. In 1947 there were “7 lady members” of the band. Still active in the late 1960s.

Cable and Wireless Messengers’ Band
See: Cable and Wireless Band

Cadbury Bournville Works Band
See: Bournville Silver Band

Cader Idris Brass Band - Dolgellau, Merioneth
Active in 1854 to 1863

Cadfan and District Band
Active in 1948

Cadfan Silver Band
Refused the right to bear the title “Royal” in 1934

Cadgwith and Ruan Minor Brass Band
See: Grade and Ruan Minor Brass Band

Cadishead Brass Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Cadishead Public Band

Cadishead Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1899

Cadishead Congregational Brass Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Cadishead Public Band

Cadishead Public Band - Lancashire
[current band] - Founded in 1877 - Former names: Cadishead Brass Band, Cadishead Congregational Brass Band (1890s), Cadishead Brass Band

Cadishead Wesleyan Band - Lancashire
Active in 1886

Cadland Brass Band - near Calshot, Hampshire
Active in 1860 to 1869. Cadland House and estate was the home of A.R. and Lady Elizabeth Drummond, who formed a brass band from the ploughmen who worked for them, conducted by D. Crook.

Cadnam Village Band - Hampshire
Active in the 1920s

Cadnoxton Brass Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1890s
Cadwgan Brass Band - Monmouthshire
  Active in 1895 and the 1930s

Caerau Silver Band - Glamorgan
  Active in the early 1900s through to the 1920s. Another report gives the band disbanding in 1906

Caergwrle Brass Band - Flintshire
  Active in 1891 and 1895, and in the 1920s

Caerhun Brass Band - Caernarfonshire
  Active in 1865

Caerleon Industrial Schools Band - Monmouthshire
  Active in the 1880s through to the closure of the school. The school was open in Caerleon from 1859 to 1902, the musical reputation of the school in Caerleon and in Newport was high. In 1878 there were 24 boys in the regular band who could “play moderately difficult music at sight besides a number of learners coming in”. the headmaster, Harding’s salary was increased in 1885 on account of the extra tuition given by him in drill to the band. He was also given permission to hold a concert in support of the band funds. The services of the band were in much demand locally, in 1880 the Caerleon Cricket and Football Club requested the presence of the band at their annual sports. A similar request came in 1887 from the organizers of the Caerleon Flower Show, and in 1888 the band proudly accompanied the demonstration of the Sunday Schools Union in Newport on the Whitsun Monday. In June 1884 the Mayor of Newport, accompanied by Captain Thurston and Lieutenant Jones of the 3rd Welsh Regiment, heard the band. Their opinion was that “The boys’ band is one of the best I have heard for a very long time and they are a credit to the Guardians”.

Caernarfon Amateur Brass Band - Caernarfonshire
  Active in 1877

Caernarfon Brass Band - Caernarfonshire
  Active in the 1860s

Caernarfon Town Band - Caernarfonshire
  Active in the 1920s/1930s

Caerphilly Brass Band (1) - Glamorgan
  Founded in 1837 as a brass and reed band, converted to all-brass in 1854. Folded prior to a successor band forming in 1877.

Caerphilly Brass Band (2) - Glamorgan
  Formed in 1877, bandmaster Joseph Burrows. Still active in 1907

Caerphilly Town Band
  See: Caerphilly Brass Band (2)

Caerwent Brass Band - Monmouthshire
  Active in 1940

Caerwys Brass Band - Flintshire
  Active in the 1850s to the 1890s

Cafferata’s Brass Band - Newark, Nottinghamshire
  Active in 1910 - linked to Cafferata and Company in Newark-on-Trent, which made bricks and plaster.

Cafferata’s United Band
  See: Cafferata’s Brass Band

Cainscross Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Formed in 1906

Cairnie Colliery Band
Active in 1862 - Took part in a gala procession in Musselburgh on July 17th

Caistor Amateur Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in 1844 and the 1850s

Caistor Brass Band (1) - Lincolnshire
See: Caistor Amateur Brass Band

Caistor Brass Band (2) - Lincolnshire
Formed in 1875, still active in 1925

Caithness Artillery Brass Band - Caithness
Active in 1893, conductor George Bruce

Caldbeck Brass Band - Cumberland
Active in 1850 to 1867

Calder Brass Band - Halifax, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1850s

Calder Vale Brass Band - Lancashire

Calder Vale Foresters’ Club Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in January 1862

Calder Vale Subscription Band
See: Calder Vale Brass Band

Caldew Vale Brass Band - Carlisle, Cumberland
Active in 1914 and through to the 1930s

Caldewgate Brass Band - Carlisle, Cumberland
Active in 1860, first public appearance in March 1860

Caledonian Brass Band - Middlesex
Active in 1861, conductor Mr Chattaway. It rehearsed at the Norfolk Arms Inn, “Charlotte Street, Caledonian Road” on Tuesdays (actually Leigh Street?).

Caledonian Instrumental Brass Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
Active in 1862

Caledonian School Brass Band - Middlesex
Active in 1866

Calfaria Clydach Brass Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1910s, re-organised in 1916 following the closure of Clydach Merthyr Colliery, but disbanded the following year in 1917
California Works Band - Gomersal, Yorkshire (West Riding)
[no information]

Callander and District Brass Band - Perthshire
[current band] - Founded in 2008

Callender's Cable Works Band - Erith, Kent
Formed in 1898 as the Belvedere Baptist Temperance Band. This arose when some members of the Belvedere Salvation Army Band were given an ultimatum to cease playing their favourite march “Now or Never”, which was a secular piece, or leave. They left and formed the Baptist Band, with J. Maycock as Bandmaster. They soon amalgamated with the Belvedere Military Band and were then renamed the Belvedere Excelsior Band, still with Maycock as bandmaster and E.H. Alder as conductor. In 1907 the entire membership was working for Callender’s and they sought and won sponsorship from the company. The band was at its height in the 1920s with three second places in the National Championships and the British Open, together with several recordings and many broadcasts which maintained the high profile of the band through the Second World War. When Callender's Cable and Construction Company merged with British Insulated Cables in 1945 to form British Insulated Callender's Cables, the band became the BICC Band. The band was still honouring commitments to play for the BBC in December 1960 when the following month BICC decided to close down the band. When it disbanded, its library was purchased by the current Haydock Band, the players retained their instruments and the bandroom at the works was eventually bulldozed to the ground.

Callington Brass Band - Cornwall
See: Callington Town Band (1)

Callington Town Band (1) - Cornwall
Active in the 1850s, first recorded appearance in 1859 leading a procession at the Philanthropic Society’s Festival. In 1886 the Band played at the opening of the first reservoir at Ashburton Farm, Florence Road. Bandmaster J.W. Ridson in 1891. In July 1892 the Band provided the music on a steamer trip from Calstock with the Cricket Club. In 1895 the Band led the Church Parade of the Foresters, Oddfellows and Rechabites. In 1902 they played when Lord Compton unveiled a fountain in the wall of the Primary School. In 1911 they played at the celebrations in the town to mark the Coronation of King George the Fifth. In 1912 they played at the opening of the New Market Hall and Fountain. In 1913 they played at Callington Cricket Club Annual Fete (conducted by Mr J Taylor) and for Carnival Day and Bonfire Night. In 1914 they played in the afternoon and evening at a Boy Scouts Grand Fete at Haye, and a Band of Hope Fete at St Ive. In 1921 the Band played at the Callington Show, conducted by Mr G Buzza. In 1923 the Band headed the procession for the Town Fete and Show. They also appeared at Pensilva Festival, a Picnic at Castleleigh, Callington Hospital Fete, and the Cricket and Football Clubs' Sports Day, conducted by Mr James Jago. Mr Jago conducted the Band until 1932, when he retired. The band probably disbanded in 1933 as no further records of it appear. A successor band was formed in 1996.

Callington Town Band (2) - Cornwall
[current band] - Founded in 1996

Calne Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active in 1854 to 1869. A successor band was formed in the 1880s
Calne Liberal Band - Wiltshire
[previous name of current band] See: Calne Silver Band

Calne Silver Band - Wiltshire
[current band] - Founded in the 1880s - Former names: Calne Liberal Band, Calne Town Band (1925-1946), Calne Town Prize Band

Calne Town Band - Wiltshire
[previous name of current band] See: Calne Silver Band

Calne Town Prize Band - Wiltshire
[previous name of current band] See: Calne Silver Band

Calstock Band - Cornwall
The Calstock Band was playing publically from c1858 to the late 1920's. There engagements were of a very local nature and in 1887, as a reward for playing at the Calstock celebrations of Queen Victoria's Jubilee, they were given £4 and a free tea! The man who conducted them from 1920 to 1925 was known as “Old Bob Presron” and seems to have been looked upon with great affection both by band and public.

Calverley and Greengates Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[no information]

Calverley Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1860s through to the 1890s. Conductor J. Wheatley in 1873. Named Calverley Prize Band by 1877.

Calverley Town Brass Band - Tunbridge Wells, Kent
Active in 1864

Calvert Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
Formed in 1902, bandmaster T. Holton. James Haynes conductor in 1908-1914. The band was still active in 1919

Calvert Brickworks Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
Active in the 1850s through to the 1900s. Conductor T. Holton in 1905

Calverton Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in the 1850s, conductor S. Morley. In 1878 the band played at the Calverton and District Floral and Horticultural Show on July 22nd. Conducted by Mr Morley, its concert programme was: Sympathy (R. Smith), Defence (J. Frost), Cavatina (Bellini), The Sea Lion (J. Wright), Rose of Love (R. Smith), Golden Sunbeam (H. Round), Killarney (T. Haigh), We Don't Want to Fight (J. Metcalf), Queen's Prize (H. Round), Every Land's My Home (Blair). The Band probably folded prior to 1914. From the Newark Advertiser, May 28 1902 - “The annual club feast in connection with members of the Ancient Order of Druids was held on Thursday last. The members marched in procession to the parish church, headed by the Calverton Brass Band”

Calverton Colliery Welfare Band - Nottinghamshire
Formed in the late 1940s, early 1950s, with instruments provided by the Miners Welfare Organisation. Won the third section in the Eighth Mineworkers' National Brass Band Contest at the Winter Gardens, Blackpool, in 1969. Disbanded in the early 1990s following the closure of the colliery.

Camberley and District Silver Band - Surrey
[current band]

Camberley Silver Band - Surrey
[current band]
Camberwell Borough Band - Surrey  
Active in the 1920s through 1940s

Camberwell Brass Band - Surrey  
Founded in 1908, bandmaster T. Wood

Camberwell Club Band - Surrey  
Active in 1900

Camberwell Free Salvationists Band - Surrey  
Active in 1902

Camberwell Silver Band - Surrey  
Formed in 1919, conductor W. Harrild, with remaining members of the pre-war Camberwell Temperance Band. Still active in the early 1960s.

Camberwell Temperance Silver Band - Surrey  
Active in the early 1900s through to WW1

Cambois Colliery Band - Northumberland  
Formed in the early 1900s and lasted until the 1960s

Cambois Workmen's Band  
See: Cambois Colliery Band

Camborne Town Band - Cornwall  
[current band] - Founded in 1841 - Note: Reformed 1896

Cambridge Albert Institute Brass Band - Cambridgeshire  
Active in 1885, bandmaster Joseph William Coulson

Cambridge Albion Band (1) - Cambridgeshire  
Active in 1894

Cambridge Albion Band (2) - Cambridgeshire  
Formed on November 18th 1921, at a meeting held at 17 Abbey Street, Cambridge. Those present were: D. Brown, Mr R.E. Austin (bandmaster), Mr D.J. Brown, Mr C. J. Brown, Mr H. Holder, Mr. F. Green, Mr. J. Barrett, Mr. H. Brown. It merged with the Cambridge Town Band in 1927, to form the Cambridge Town Silver Band. A report of the time states: “They proposed to buy a set of new triple silver-plated instruments made by Messrs Hawkes, London, with the now famous “Profundo” basses as played by the St Hilda Colliery Band. This would greatly improve the tonal qualities of the band; there was not another band in the Eastern counties with such instruments” For more details and information from the band’s record books, See: “Cambridge Albion Silver Band Records” at www.ibew.co.uk

Cambridge Amateur Brass Band - Cambridgeshire  
Active in 1866, conductor G. Jackson

Cambridge Band - Cambridgeshire  
[previous name of current band] See: City of Cambridge Brass Band

Cambridge Band of the British Legion - Cambridgeshire  
[previous name of current band] See: City of Cambridge Brass Band

Cambridge Borough Police Band - Cambridgeshire  
Active in 1904

Cambridge Co-operative Band - Cambridgeshire  
[previous name of current band] See: City of Cambridge Brass Band

Cambridge Excelsior Brass Band - Cambridgeshire  
Active in 1868
Cambridge People's Mission Brass Band - Cambridgeshire
Active in the 1900s and 1910s. Conductor Mr Coe in 1908

Cambridge Railway Band - Cambridgeshire
Active in the 1920s/1930s. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Took part in a contest in Cambridge Guildhall in 1925 which it won to great excitement. “There was a furore of applause from the large audience present, and the bandsmen themselves momentarily lost their heads in their enthusiasm. The dignity of the large hall, which had rung for well nigh two hours with the blare of brass instruments was quite forgotten. Hats were thrown high into the air and trombones and cornets waved to delighted friends among the audience.”

Cambridge Railway Silver Band - Cambridgeshire
See: Cambridge Railway Band

Cambridge Silver Prize Band - Cambridgeshire
Active in 1945

Cambridge Town Band - Cambridgeshire
[previous name of current band] See: City of Cambridge Brass Band

Cambridge Town Band - Cambridgeshire
Active in the early 1900s, A. Austin conductor in 1903, H. Wilson in 1906. Merged with the Cambridge Albion Band in 1927, to form the Cambridge Silver Band.

Cambridge University Brass Band (1) - Cambridgeshire
Active in 1867, 1868

Cambridge University Brass Band (2) - Cambridgeshire
[current band] - Founded in 1987

Cambridge University Press Brass Band - Cambridgeshire
Active in 1853. Formed from the men who worked at the press.

Cambridge University Volunteer Band - Cambridgeshire
Active around 1885-92. G.H. Kirkup played the baritone during that period. Still active in 1906

Cambusbarron Brass Band - Stirlingshire
Formed 1882, could not contest for the first five years due to lack of proper instruments. In 1886 a subscription sale on Art Union principles realised £190 which enabled them to purchase the necessary instruments. Still active in the 1900s, presumed to have folded by WW1.

Cambusnethan Brass Band - Lanarkshire
Formed in 1870 and, up to 1886 when it amalgamated with Newmains Band (forming Newmains and Cambusnethan Band), it had attended 18 contests netting 13 prizes worth £125 10s.
Cambusnethan Temperance Band - Lanarkshire
Active in the 1880s, conductor E. Murdoch

Cambusnethan Templar Band
See: Cambusnethan Temperance Band

Camden Borough Band - Middlesex
Active in 1905, conductor Mr Argent

Camden Boys Home Band - Middlesex
The boys home in Regents Park Road, Camden, which was operating from the 1860s to the early 1900s, had a brass band. "... but the most exciting occupation of the boys was playing in the band. By all accounts it was an excellent band and it was a fine sight to see them going over Primrose Hill on Wednesday afternoons... From the prospectus we learn that twenty-five performers with their bandmaster could be engaged for afternoon garden parties, athletic sports and school treats at a charge of three guineas. They were hired for several sessions by the London County Council and the Zoo." It was still active in 1911

Camden London and North Western Railway Band - Middlesex
Active in 1900, conductor W.T. Jackson

Camden Sons of Phoenix Brass Band - Middlesex
Active in the 1890s through to the 1920s. Became Camden Unity Brass Band in 1902

Camden Street Wesleyan Band - Middlesex
Active in 1904, conductor J. Punglove

Camden Unity Brass Band - Middlesex
See: Camden Sons of Phoenix Band

Camelford Town Band - Cornwall
[current band]

Camelon Brass Band - Stirlingshire
It was formed in 1832 as a more sophisticated form of a Flute Band which had been formed in 1830 mainly at the instigation of Robert Smith. The Smiths had a long and distinguished association with the Band. The father maintained his connection for forty years and his son Robert was leader of the Band for about forty years and was closely connected with it for over fifty. On Friday 10th November 1907 a presentation was made in The Victoria Inn when Robert Smith was presented with a long service gold medal and a gold Albert to mark his 52 years with the Band. In the Falkirk Mail of 16th November a poem appeared entitled "Auld Camelon Band", of which the first verse is: "There's Auld Camelon Band they're aye tae the fore; They started wi' flutes in the year'34, If you had only heard them their music you'd adore, ~ For always their number was less than a score, their auld flutes ha'e been turned into brass~ Three cheers tae the friends that gave them the cash, For we've all joined together to gi'e them a hand, and try and make good members tae the auld Camelon Band." The original founder had four sons all of whom played in the Band despite the fact only one of them, presumably Robert, could read music, he whistled the tunes and the others picked them up from this. Each of the sons had nicknames which were "Whip," "Radical," "Bit' and "8oosey." The latter name did not derive from an addiction to strong drink, but from the owner's predilection for musical instruments made by the famous London manufacturer of instruments of that name. In the programme for a Bazaar held at the beginning of the century to raise funds for the Band there is a brief sketch of the Band's history from which the following is an extract. "The chief industry of the village at that time was
Nailmaking, and the Nailers, whatever other virtues and vices they possessed, could not be accused of closefistedness. To a man they assisted their musical brethren to accomplish their purpose. Out of their comparatively slender earnings they contributed so liberally that in a short time the Band was furnished with all the instruments then considered necessary, namely, Keyed Bugles, French Horns, Trumpets, Trombones, Ophicleide, and a bass instrument called “The Serpent.” All these instruments, if we except the Trombone, are now obsolete.” The band was still active in 1913, and also in 1928, conducted by George Smith. Possibly folded in the early 1950s. A breakaway band was formed in the early 1890s by Charlie Wright, called the Wright Memorial Band.

Cameron Ironworks Band
See: Yorkshire Evening Post Band

Camerons Silver Prize Band
See: Whitworth Brass Band

Camerton and Clifton Band - Workington, Cumberland
[no information]

Cammell Laird Band - Birkenhead, Cheshire
Formed 1957, disbanded 1972. Originally conducted by Rex Mortimer, then James Scott, it gained success in contests through the 1960s, but was abruptly disbanded by the company in 1972. Tim Mutum recorded: The Cammell Laird Works Band was originally a combination of brass and reed. It was based in Birkenhead and all the players were employed by the ship building and ship repairing company of that name. Not surprisingly, it was formed to provide music for what is always the proudest moment of a shipyard’s life, the launching of a newly built vessel. The band dates from 1957 but whether that was the year of its formation or when it went all brass is not clear. However, in 1958 Rex Mortimer became musical director in addition to his main role with Fodens Band. In that year they entered their first competition, at Blackpool, and were placed a respectable seventh. In 1959 the band secured the Fourth Section North West title, going on to win the National title itself in London. The start of a remarkable ascent to the very top echelons of British banding had begun. In 1960 James Scott, then principal cornetist at Munn and Felton’s Band, was appointed bandmaster. James was at the peak of his playing career so this appointment was surprising. James says that he felt the time was right. In the spring of 1960 a letter arrived from the managing director of Cammell Laird asking if he would be interested in moving to become the musical director of the band. After a great deal of thought - it was a gamble with no guarantee of success - he decided to take the plunge, as his desire to conduct had to be met at some stage. He moved back north where he began what was to become a successful conducting career and, at the same time, gained valuable experience as a trumpet player with the major northern symphony orchestras. The first few months were not the success James Scott had hoped. The band was in the Third Section when he first joined them as bandmaster and Rex Mortimer was still professional conductor - James still thinks of it as his apprenticeship into the world of conducting. Rex stayed a couple years and then it was left to James and gradually they began to improve. In 1961 the band won both the Second Section North West Area and repeated their 1959 success by winning the National title in London too. Within four years the band had reached the Championship Section. James Scott attributed the success that followed to the fact that the membership of the band remained stable throughout the mid 1960s, with the exception of a couple of policemen who moved on through their police work. The band was a team. The band
won the Championship Section North West Area for the first time in 1964 and James Scott led them to their first appearance in the National Finals later that year. Drawn 24th and last band to play on Gilbert Vinter's 'Variations on a Ninth' they played far beyond their expectations and took 4th place. A year later, they repeated their North West victory, going onto London where they were runners-up behind Fairey. Further visits to the National Championships in London followed, as the band added two further runner up placings in Blackpool plus a third in subsequent years. In 1966 they were again placed fourth, and although they failed to gain a place in the 1967 and did not qualify in 1968, in 1969 James Scott led them to sixth place. The band’s final visit to the Royal Albert Hall was in 1970 after they won the North West Area for a third and final time. Despite the diluted field of rivals due to the World Championships, the band could not finish in the prizes. It was their last appearance at a major contest. The band's appearances at the British Open started in 1962 and ended in 1966 without them ever getting a mention in the prizes. By the early 1970s shipbuilding was in decline and the band’s future became uncertain. In April 1972 it was tersely announced that the band had been closed down, the instruments and uniforms called in and future engagements cancelled. A few years later James Scott had this to say, “The firm didn't realise what they'd got - they were Philistines. Shipbuilding began to decline and they finished the band - said they couldn't afford to run it. It was very sad”.

Cammell Laird Shipbuilding and Engineering Band
See: Cammell Laird Band

Campbeltown Brass - Argyllshire
[current band] - Founded in 1983

Campden Amateur Band
See: Campden Town Band

Campden Brass Band - Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire
Active in 1853

Campden Town Band - Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire
James Walter (Jim) Pyment was the Foreman of the Guild of Handicraft Woodworking Shop and a good organiser. The Town Band in Campden was formed earlier than 1862, when there is a record of it playing for a wedding. The Guild arrived in 1902, and Jim Pyment took over the leadership of the Band in 1903, using the School of Arts and Crafts lecture hall at Elm Tree House for practices and being warmly thanked in the end of Session reports for his attention and assistance. There is a photo of the band larking about in the garden of Elm Tree House at band practice. The Town Band was awarded First Prize for brass bands at the Madresfield Musical Competition in May, 1904. At the annual dinner in July, it was reported that an instrument fund was established and that monies gained from playing about the town most Saturdays was being collected to enable the Band to go to hear a Band contest at Crystal Palace in September. In 1905 the bandsmen were outfitted in new military style uniforms. The band continued into the 1920/30’s, even though the musicians were not all Campdonians. It probably disbanded towards the end of the 1930s. Bandsmen in 1904 were: James Walter (Jimmy) Pyment (Band leader, Senior Guildsman, since 1894, Foreman of the Wood shop); Charley Downer (Guildsman since 1898, Metal Worker and blacksmith); Bill Thornton (Guildsman since 1894, Metal Worker and blacksmith); Arthur Pyment (son of Jim Pyment); Algernon Hathaway (Morris man, killed in 1915 at Dardanelles); Fred Hathaway (Morris man, elder brother of Algernon); Dennis Hathaway (leader of Morris
men, eldest brother of Fred and Algernon); Bill Aston; Charley Aston; Frank Bennett; Fred Bennett (Stonemason); Noah Bennett; Jacky Webb; Charley Grove; Bill Harris; Fred Taylor; Gran Huckfield; Arthur Ernest Bunten (Guildsman since 1902, cabinet maker, played the lead cornet, half-brother of Jim Pyment); Charley Veale. List of some activities of the Campden Brass Band between 1862 and 1902, from the Evesham Journal: Oddfellows dinner (28-6-1862); Wedding (30-8-1862); Britannia Club Day (10-6-1865); OddFellows Day (24-6-1865); Britannia Club Day (26-5-1866); Britannia Club Day (15-6-1867); OddFellows Day (29-6-1867); Pic-Nic, Westonsting (31-8-1867); Britannia Club Day (13-6-1868); Oddfellows Day (11-7-1868); Annual Fete and Pic-Nic (11-7-1868); Penny Reading (13-2-1869); Gas Company Dinner (5-2-1870); Britannia Club Day (11-6-1870); Oddfellows Club Day (18-6-1870); Church Bazaar (6-8-1870); Spring Races (11-2-1871); Britannia Club Day (3-6-1871); Britannia Club Day (7-6-1873); Oddfellows Club Day (14-6-1873); Britannia Club Day (30-5-1874); Britannia Club Day (22-5-1875); Oddfellows Club Day (29-5-1875); Horticultural Show (11-9-1875); Britannia Club Day (10-6-1876); Oddfellows Club Day (17-6-1876); Jubilee Celebrations/ (25-6-1887); OddFellows Club Day (2-7-1887); Britannia Club Day (26-5-1888); Pic-Nic, Court House Grounds (2-6-1888); Sunday School Treat (28-7-1888); Corpus Christi Procession (29-6-1889); Britannia Club Day (31-5-1890); RC Church Opening (28-6-1890); Sunday School Treat (9-8-1890); Stroud Society Club Day (18-6-1892); Royal Wedding Celebration (8-7-1893); Corpus Christi Procession (2-6-1894); Sunday School Festival (25-8-1894); Stroud Society Club Day (15-6-1895); Sunday School Treat (23-5-1896); Friendly Societies Procession (25-7-1896); Sunday School Treat (21-8-1897); Sunday School Treat (5-8-1899); Benefit Nursing Association (16-9-1899); Stroud Society Club Day (16/06/1900); Baptist Sunday School Treat (14/07/1900); To Meet Returning Reservists (24/11/1900); Stroud Society Club Day (08/06/1901); Sunday School Treat (10/08/1901); Sunday School Treat (23/08/1902). The Campden Town Band continued in existence, but not quite continuously, until the 1950’s. In 1930’s it was called the Campden Town Prize Silver Band. It may have been linked to the North Cotswolds Volunteers in its earliest days.

**Camperdown Brass Band**

See: Camperdown Linen Works Band

**Camperdown Jute Works Band**

See: Camperdown Linen Works Band

**Camperdown Linen Works Band** - Lochee, Dundee, Angus

Active in the 1870s and 1880. It was re-organised in 1881, with a new committee and renamed the Lochee Operative Brass Band, with A. Johnston as the conductor. It seems to have reverted to Camperdown Brass Band by 1885 but was also known as Lochee Brass Band. Still active in the early 1900s. The Camperdown Works at one point employed almost 6,000 workers and was, for a time, the world’s largest jute works.

**Campsie Brass Band** - Lennoxown, Stirlingshire

Active from 1858 through to the 1890s

**Canal Ironworks Brass Band** - Shipley, Yorkshire (West Riding)

Active before WW1 and through to the 1940s.

**Canal Street Brass Band** - Derby, Derbyshire

Active in the late 1870s

**Candlish’s Bottle Works Band**

See: Seaham Harbour Bottle Works Band
Canklow Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from 1901 to the 1910s. Became Rotherham Main Colliery Band in 1906, conductor W. Wilson. Conductor in 1908 was William Lerigo and bandmaster, John Dowell.

Cannard's Grave Brass Band - Somerset
Active in 1926

Cannington Brass Band (1) - Somerset
Active in the early 1900s and was disbanded in May 1930.

Cannington Brass Band (2) - Somerset
Formed in 1947, conductor H. Burnell

Cannock Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in the 1860s through to early 1900s. Josiah Reeves was conductor in 1884, Charles Reeves in 1899. The band folded around 1906

Cannock Chase Colliery Band
See: Chasetown Brass Band

Cannock Mission Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in the early 1900s

Cannock St Luke's Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active from the early 1880s to the 1930s. Probably did not survive WW2.

Canon's High School Band - Edgware, Middlesex
Active in 1974/5

Canon's Marsh Gas Works Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
Active in April 1864, when they gave a concert in the Broadmead Rooms

Canterbury Brass Band - Kent
[current band] - Founded in 1969

Canterbury Brass Band - Kent
Active from the 1830s to the 1870s

Canterbury City Band
See: Canterbury Silver Band

Canterbury Silver Band - Kent
Formed in 1884. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Disbanded in WW2. A successor band was formed in 1969.

Canterbury Working Men's Club Brass Band - Kent
Founded in 1865, with 22 members, instruments costing over £100, conductor Thomas Allen

Cantium Brass - Kent

Canton Parochial Band - Cardiff, Glamorgan
Active in the 1890s and early 1900s, became Cardiff Brass Band in 1904

Canvey Brass Band
See: Canvey Subscription Band

Canvey Central and Youth Band
See: Castle Point Brass

Canvey Subscription Band - Essex
Formed in 1934, through the generosity of a local farmer, Mr Chambers, who lent money for instruments and uniforms. Mr Mackay was the conductor, and an early engagement was the Canvey carnival of 1936. The outbreak of war in 1939 brought a halt to the band's
progress, but it reformed in 1946. The next few years saw a number of engagements, including an appearance with the Rayleigh Band at Fielders holiday camp, and a regular Sunday afternoon booking on the bandstand outside the Monico hotel on the Canvey seafront. Mr Mackay passed the baton to Bill Scott (euphonium), who would apparently get rather carried away with his conducting and break into song! The Canvey floods of 1953 brought a halt to the band’s progress - music from the rehearsal room at the Green Glades Cafe was seen floating on the flood waters and band members (and instruments) were evacuated all over Essex.

**Canynge Amateur Brass Band** - Bristol, Gloucestershire  
Active in 1878

**Capel Village Band** - Surrey  
Active in the 1920s/1930s

**Capesthorne Brass Band** - Cheshire  
Active in 1863

**Capperata's Brass Band** - Newark, Nottinghamshire  
Active in 1910

**Carberry and Wallyford Brass Band** - Midlothian  
Active in the 1890s, re-organised in 1899 under Friend Farrand, still active in the early 1900s

**Carden Brass Band** - Cheshire  
Active in 1852 and 1854

**Cardiff Albion Brass Band** - Glamorgan  
Active in 1909

**Cardiff Brass Band** - Glamorgan  
See: **Canton Parochial Band**

**Cardiff City Tramways Band** - Glamorgan  
See: **Cardiff Corporation Transport Band**

**Cardiff Corporation Tramways Band** - Glamorgan  
See: **Cardiff Corporation Transport Band**

**Cardiff Corporation Transport Band** - Glamorgan  
Active from the early 1900s through to the 1960s.

**Cardiff County Borough Band** - Glamorgan  
See: **Cardiff Diamond Street Band**

**Cardiff Diamond Street Band** - Glamorgan  
Active in the 1890s. Conductor J. Rickers (J. Reickert) in 1893. Became Cardiff County Borough Band in 1903

**Cardiff Excelsior Brass Band** - Glamorgan  
Active in the early 1880s

**Cardiff Fleur-de-Lis Band** - Glamorgan  
Active in the early 1900s

**Cardiff Great Western Railway Good Depot Band** - Glamorgan  
See: **Cardiff Great Western Railway Workers Band**

**Cardiff Great Western Railway Workers Band** - Glamorgan  
Founded in 1901. Active through to the 1930s

**Cardiff Hall of Freedom Brass Band** - Glamorgan  
Active in the early 1900s
Cardiff Hibernian Brass Band - Glamorgan
Active in 1862

Cardiff Imperial Band - Glamorgan
Founded in 1905

Cardiff Mechanics Brass Band - Glamorgan
Active in 1869 and 1892. Bandmaster David Moore in the early 1900s. Still active in 1910

Cardiff Post Office Brass Band - Glamorgan
Active in 1887 and 1904. Conductor I. Sampson in 1893

Cardiff Recruiting Brass Band - Glamorgan
Founded in 1915

Cardiff St Albans Brass Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1900s to 1920s. Conductor Mr Howe in 1901, John Bond in 1903

Cardiff St Saviour's Brass Band - Splott, Glamorgan
Active from the 1900s to the 1930s

Cardiff Trains Brass Band - Glamorgan
See: Cardiff Great Western Railway Workers Band

Cardiff Transport Band - Glamorgan
See: Cardiff Corporation Transport Band

Cardigan Town Band - Cardiganshire
See: Aberteifi Town Band

Cardinal Newman School Brass Band - Warrington, Lancashire
Active in the 1980s

Cardington and Cople Brass Band - Bedfordshire
See: Cardington Brass Band

Cardington Brass Band - Bedfordshire
Founded in early 1864 by the local schoolmaster. Conductor H.E. Havergal in 1866. Also known as Cople and Cardington Brass Band. Still active in 1867

Cardynham Brass Band - Cornwall
This was a very “on/off” outfit that first appeared c1895, disbanded about 1898, reformed in 1909, disbanded again in 1928, reformed in 1930 but finally finished in 1933. A few contests were entered in 1914 under S Carne. It probably did not help matters when Bodmin Band, whist attempting to form their band in 1927, invited the players of Cardynham to join them.

Carfury Brass Band - Cornwall
This band was certainly functioning from 1911 to 1914, but more than that is not known at present.

Cargo Fleet Ironworks Band
See: Cargo Fleet Works Band

Cargo Fleet Steelworks Band
See: Cargo Fleet Works Band

Cargo Fleet Works Band - Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding)
Formed in the early 1900s or 1910s by bandmaster E.R. Pritchard on the behest of the steelworks manager, Mr. G.A. Wilson and active through to the late 1970s

Carharrack and St Day Temperance Silver Band - Cornwall
[previous name of current band] See: Carharrack & St. Day Silver Band
Carharrack and St. Day Silver Band - Cornwall
   [current band] - Founded in 1912 - Former names: Carharrack Brass Band, Carharrack and St. Day Temperance Silver Band (1932),
Carharrack Brass Band (1) - Cornwall
   Active in 1869
Carharrack Brass Band (2) - Cornwall
   [previous name of current band] See: Carharrack & St. Day Silver Band
Carisbrooke Archery Brass Band - Hampshire
   Active in 1841
Carisbrooke Brass Band - Hampshire
   Active in 1851
Carleton Brass Band - Carleton-in-Craven, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1870s through to the early 1900s. Conductor Mr Stamp in 1902. Acquired new uniforms in 1906, bandmaster Mr Bradley
Carleton Brass Band - Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancashire
   Active in 1939
Carlinghow Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the early 1900s
Carlisle Albert Brass Band - Cumberland
   Active in the 1850s
Carlisle Artillery Volunteers Brass Band - Cumberland
   Active in the 1860s through to the 1890s. Conductor W. Atkinson in 1895
Carlisle Buffalo's Brass Band - Cumberland
   Active from the early 1900s to the 1930s. Also known as Carlisle and District Buffalo's Band
Carlisle Catholic Brass Band - Cumberland
   Active in 1863
Carlisle City Brass Band (1) - Cumberland
   Original band formed in the 1850s but disbanded and reformed several times up to WW1.
Carlisle City Brass Band (2) - Cumberland
   Formed after WW2 and active into the 1960s.
Carlisle Denton Hill Brass Band - Cumberland
   Active in 1937
Carlisle Harmonic Union Brass Band - Cumberland
   Active in 1851
Carlisle Mechanics Brass Band - Cumberland
   Active in 1850
Carlisle Police Brass Band - Cumberland
   Founded in 1905
Carlisle Rechabite Brass Band - Cumberland
   Active in 1841
Carlisle Reformatory Brass Band - Stanwix, Cumberland
   Active in 1858 to 1864, a band consisting of 21 of the juvenile inmates.
Carlisle Rifle Volunteers Band - Cumberland
   Active in the 1890s to the 1900s. Conductor Felix Burns 1895-1906.
Carlisle St Stephens Silver Band - Cumberland
[current band]

Carlisle Temperance Brass Band - Cumberland
Formed in 1863, conductor Mr Stenton. The band was associated with the United Temperance Societies of Carlisle

Carlsberg Tetley Brass Band
See: Ind Coope Burton Brewery Brass Band

Carlton Amateur Brass Band - Cleveland, Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1878

Carlton and District British Legion Band - Nottingham, Nottinghamshire
See: Carlton British Legion Band

Carlton Brass (Nottingham) - Nottinghamshire

Carlton Brass Band - Kilburn, Middlesex
Active in 1900, bandmaster Mr Wornell

Carlton Britannia Brass Band - Nottingham, Nottinghamshire
Active in 1882

Carlton British Legion Band - Nottingham, Nottinghamshire
Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Carlton Foresters’ Brass Band - Nottingham, Nottinghamshire
Active in 1883, conductor A. Pounder

Carlton Iron Works Brass Band - Stillington, Durham
Active in 1891

Carlton Main Frickley Colliery Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1884 - Former names: South Elmsall Village Band (to 1924)

Carlton Main Frickley Colliery Junior Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Frickley & South Elmsall Brass Band

Carlton Main Youth Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Frickley & South Elmsall Brass Band

Carlton Silver Band - Nottinghamshire
[previous name of current band] See: Carlton Brass (Nottingham)

Carlton Silver Band - Nottinghamshire
See: Netherfield Railway Band

Carlton St Paul’s Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in 1886

Carlton Temperance Band - near Rothwell, Yorkshire (West Riding)
A newspaper report from around 1908: “Carlton Temperance Prize Band came into existence in 1895, starting with a mixed set of instruments. In the course of two or three years these were abandoned, a new set of Besson instruments being purchased. Soon after the band began to enter competitions. At Stanningley, in 1904, when ten bands competed, a third prize was gained. In 1905 a couple of firsts were annexed at Woodkirk. In 1906 the band faced twenty-one competitors at Ilkley. Here a fifth prize was won. Numerous other prizes then came its way, including a fourth prize at the Crystal Palace. The two succeeding years were most successful. Last year, when Mr. William Heap, who also conducts the Nazebottom Band, was appointed conductor, the “wins” included: At...
Ilkley, second prize and diploma; Lofthouse, third prize; Castleford, two second prizes; Batley, first prize, cup, and four special prizes; Morley, first prize and cup, also second prize in a march contest; Lofthouse Park, first prize, also first prize in march contest. Mr. Alfred Newton is the bandmaster, and I have the authority of the secretary, Mr. Walter Speake, for saying that before playing in the Carlton Temperance Band every man has to be a staunch teetotaler, a restriction which, of course, in no way impairs, but on the contrary adds to, the general efficiency of the band. The majority of the players are colliers, being employed in the coal mines owned by Messrs. Charlesworth.” Still active in the 1930s

**Carlton Temperance Band** - Nottinghamshire  
Active in 1883, conductor George Disney

**Carluke Brass Band** - Lanarkshire  
Active from 1862 onward. Bandmaster in 1900 was John Somerville. The constitution and rules of the band, from 1911, are held in Glasgow City Archives. Still active up to WW2.

**Carluke Instrumental Brass Band** - Lanarkshire  
See: **Carluke Brass Band**

**Carluke Old Band** - Lanarkshire  
See: **Carluke Brass Band**

**Carluke Silver Band** - Lanarkshire  
See: **Carluke Brass Band**

**Carmarthen and District Brass Band** - Carmarthenshire  
Active in the 1990s

**Carmarthen Artillery Brass Band** - Carmarthenshire  
Active in the 1900s, conductor W.H. Larkin in 1901

**Carmarthen Brass Band (1)** - Carmarthenshire  
Formed in 1854, and active through to the 1900s, when the instruments were held in trust by the town council.

**Carmarthen Brass Band (2)** - Carmarthenshire  
Formed after WW1 and active into the 1920s

**Carmarthen Rifle Volunteers Band** - Carmarthenshire  
Founded around 1875, conductor in 1882 R. Marks

**Carn Brea Brass Band** - Cornwall  
Active in 1888

**Carneddau Brass Band** - Llansantffraid ym Mechain, Montgomeryshire  
Active in 1862. Conductor John Hughes in 1865, Mr Baines in 1869. Still active in 1869

**Carnegie Trust Brass Band** - Dunfermline, Fife  
Founded in 1905 - the idea being to take the best players from the existing three bands in the town and create a new, better band. The band was still active in the early 1920s

**Carnforth Brass Band (1)**  
See: **Carnforth Iron Works Brass Band**

**Carnforth Brass Band (2)** - Lancashire  
Founded in 1882, conductor T. Lewis in 1888, active through to the 1920s

**Carnforth Iron Works Brass Band** - Lancashire  
Active in the 1870s

**Carnoustie Brass Band** - Angus  
Active in the 1880s through to the late 1940s. Conductor up to 1914 was Mr. Doig. From 1914 to 1946 the conductor was Charles Smith (a shoemaker).
Carnoustie Burgh Band
See: Carnoustie Brass Band

Carnwarth Brass Band - Lanarkshire
Active in 1863

Carpenters' Hall Brass Band - London (City)
Founded in April 1864. The players were in the employ of Messrs Waterlow and Sons, conducted by Mr Hirst. Still active in 1866

Carpenters' or Shipwrights' Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
See: Messrs Samuelson and Co. Brass Band

Carr Shield Brass Band - Northumberland
See: Carrshield Brass Band

Carr Works Vale of Eden Band - Carlisle, Cumberland
See: Carr's Biscuits Works Band

Carrbrook Brass - Cheshire
[current band] - Founded in 1975 - Former names: Micklehurst Brass Band, HMF
Micklehurst Brass Band

Carrick Amateurs Band
Founded in 1971 and amalgamated in 1985 with Whitehouse Silver Band to form C.W.S. (Carrick Whitehouse Silver) Band

Carrick Instrumental Band
See: Maybole Burgh Band

Carrick Whitehouse Silver Band
Was subsumed into the Agnes Street Band in 1994 to form C.W.A. Brass

Carrickfergus Boys' Brigade Band, 3rd
See: 3rd Carrickfergus Boys' Brigade Band

Carriden Band - West Lothian
[previous name of current band] See: Bo’ness and Carriden Brass Band

Carron Brass Band - Falkirk, Stirlingshire
See: Carron Works Band

Carron Ironworks Brass Band - Falkirk, Stirlingshire
See: Carron Works Band

Carron Works Band - Falkirk, Stirlingshire
Active from the 1850s through to the early 1900s. Gained four Second Section placings in the Scottish Championships of 1896, 97, 99 and 1900. Conductor F. Macdonald in 1900. The band was associated with the local Carron Iron Works which was founded in 1759 and was at the forefront of the Industrial Revolution becoming one of the largest ironworks in Europe throughout the 1800s.

Carronshore Brass Band - Stirlingshire
Active in 1864

Carrow Brass Band - Norwich, Norfolk
See: Carrow Works Band

Carrow Works Band - Norwich, Norfolk
Active at least between 1863 and 1913. Sponsored by Colman's the mustard makers. The firm's owner, Jeremiah James Colman, was a champion of new technology and installed the first private telephone line between his works in Norwich and the London office in Canon Street. In February 1878 Charles Noble, principal cornet with the band, played Gilbert and Sullivan's “Take a Pair of Sparkling Eyes” down the telephone line to
London, where a live audience gathered around the receiver. He was almost certainly the first bandsman to make a live broadcast. In 1873 they took second prize at the brass band section of the National Music Meeting at the Crystal Palace. Conductor in 1904, W.A. Pepperell

**Carr’s Biscuits Works Band** - Carlisle, Cumberland
Active before WW1 and also in the 1940s/50s. Based at Caldewgate

**Carr’s Works Brass Band**
See: **Carr’s Biscuits Works Band**

**Carrshield Brass Band** - Northumberland
Active in 1863. Probably composed largely of lead miners

**Carshalton Brass Band** - Surrey
Active in 1907, conductor Mr Hudson

**Carthorpe Excelsior Brass Band** - near Ripon, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in 1868

**Cartmel Amateur Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active in 1838

**Cartmel Brass Band** - Lancashire
Founded in 1866

**Castle Acre Brass Band** - Norfolk
See: **Castle Acre Nelson Brass Band**

**Castle Acre Nelson Brass Band** - Norfolk
Formed in 1905, bandmaster T. Ward

**Castle Bytham Brass Band** - Lincolnshire
Active in 1867, 1868

**Castle Cary Brass Band** - Somerset
Founded in 1863 as a temperance band. Active through to the 1900s. Conductor James Weeks in 1868-1877, Mr Hayter in 1884, Charles Gartell in 1886. Secretary W.T. Poole in 1895

**Castle Cary Temperance Brass Band** - Somerset
See: **Castle Cary Brass Band**

**Castle Combe Brass Band** - Wiltshire
Active in 1888

**Castle Donington Brass Band** - Leicestershire
Founded in 1863. Conductor Mr Hutchly in 1866, H. Hallam in 1869

**Castle Douglas Brass Band** - Kirkcudbrightshire
Active in the 1900s, Frank Lawson conductor in 1909

**Castle Eden Band** - Durham
[previous name of current band] See: **Consett Band**

**Castle Eden Brass Band (1)** - Leadgate, Durham
See: **Castle Eden Colliery Band (1)**

**Castle Eden Brass Band (2)** - Leadgate, Durham
See: **Whitbread Castle Eden Band**

**Castle Eden Colliery Band (1)** - Leadgate, Durham
Active in the 1850s

**Castle Eden Colliery Band (2)** - Leadgate, Durham
Formed in 1890 and still active in the 1950s. Probably folded soon after the colliery closed in 1959. A newspaper report from 1886 also has reference to the band.
Castle Green Brotherhood Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
Active in 1914

Castle Hall Brass Band - Stalybridge, Cheshire
Formed in September 1851 by public subscription.

Castle Hedingham Brass Band - Essex
Founded in early 1884 as a temperance band. Still active in 1888

Castle Hedingham Temperance Band - Essex
See: Castle Hedingham Brass Band

Castle Howard Farm School Band
See: Castle Howard Reformatory School Band

Castle Howard Reformatory School Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Formed around 1893 and disbanded in 1920. GW (Paddy) Berfert, formerly of the 10th Royal Hussars, was bandmaster before 1904. The boys were “always immaculately dressed in military style uniforms, their instruments polished to perfection”.

Castle Mills Brass Band - Kendal, Westmorland
Active in 1861 to 1867

Castle Point Brass - Canvey, Essex
Formed around 1968 as the Canvey Central and Youth Band. A Mr Clayton and Mr Perkins wanted to form a band from members of the ATC and GVC, and sought help from Fred Kingham (a well known band teacher and conductor). After Mr Kingham, the band had a number of conductors including Mr Fry and Mr Cyril Manning (ex Southend Silver Band). In 1975 the band was renamed “Castle Point” following a district amalgamation. Mr Manning returned to the Salvation Army, and handed the baton to Malcolm Lewis. The band first contested in the Third Section at Thurrock, on 23 April 1978. David Read adjudicated, awarding 169 points for 8th place. The band members also started playing in the local solo contests. In the 1978 Romford contest, it took 2nd place in the duets section with G. Lewis and K. Bennion, and 3rd with S. Flood and D. Andrews. It folded sometime around 2007

Castle Shaw Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the mid-1850s to 1868

Castle Street Brass Band - Todmorden, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from 1853 to the 1870s

Castle Street United Brass Band - Todmorden, Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Castle Street Brass Band

Castleford Albion Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1856

Castleford Borough Band
See: Castleford Town Band

Castleford Bradley Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1902

Castleford Brass Band (1)
See: Castleford Albion Band

Castleford Brass Band (2)
See: Castleford Old Band

Castleford Half Acres Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1888
Castleford New Subscription Prize Band
   See: Castleford Temperance Band

Castleford Old Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from the 1880s to the 1920s

Castleford Operatic Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1859 to 1862, conductor Mr Lockwood

Castleford Primitive Methodist Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1885, 1888

Castleford Prize Band
   See: Castleford Primitive Methodist Brass Band

Castleford Saxhorn Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1850s

Castleford Subscription Prize Band
   See: Castleford Temperance Band

Castleford Temperance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from the 1890s through to the 1950s. Later known as Castleford Subscription Prize Band

Castleford Town Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1900s to the 1920s

Castleshaw Brass Band
   See: Castle Shaw Brass Band

Castleside Band - Durham
   Formed in 1906, and still active in 1920.

Castleside Brass Band - Blackhill, Durham
   Active in the 1900s. Conductor Mr Stephenson in 1905, Saxon Raine bandmaster in 1908

Castleton Brass - Norfolk
   [current band] - Founded in 1937 - Former names: Drayton Band, Drayton Royal British Legion Band (to late 1950s), Drayton Band, Norwich Brewery Brass (from 1980s) - Note: Based in Eye, Suffolk. Reference (1): Formed by amalgamation of Ringland, St Faiths and Horsham Bands. Reference (2): Castleton Brass was formed at the turn of the last century [2000 that is!] when members of the Drayton Village Band amalgamated with several members of the Suffolk Fire Service band.

Castleton Brass Band - Derbyshire
   See: Castleton Independent Brass Band

Castleton Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active in the 1850s to the 1900s. Conductor in 1909 was W. Atkinson

Castleton Independent Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active from 1862 to the 1900s

Castleton Silver Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1950s to 1970s

Castleton Temperance Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1890s

Castletown Brass Band - Dorset
   Active in 1866

Castletown Brass Band - Durham
   See: Hylton Colliery Band
Castletown Brass Band - Isle of Man
Formed around 1865 and no longer in existence. Conductor Paul Collister in 1888. A breakaway group from the band formed the current Castletown Metropolitan Silver Band in 1893.

Castletown Colliery Band - Durham
See: Hylton Colliery Band

Castletown Metropolitan Silver Band - Isle of Man
[current band] - Founded in 1896

Castletown Rechabite Band - Isle of Man
Took part in the celebrations for Queen Victoria’s coronation in 1838, “At 11 o’clock, the members of the Independent Order of Rechabites (who celebrated their anniversary on this occasion), with the children of the various Sunday-schools of the town and neighbourhood to the number of about 1,000, assembled at the green, and walked in procession, accompanied by the Rechabite Band, to St. Mary’s Church. The Rechabites retired to the Tent, at the Schoolhouse, where a plentiful supply of tea, buns, and beef, was provided; after partaking of it, the band and a few of the members again walked through some of the streets.” Rechabite bands were formed in the Isle of Man very soon after the introduction of the Order of Rechabite, and no small part of the minute-books of the Order is taken up with purchases of instruments and arrangements for training adult and juvenile musicians. A Manx band took part in a great demonstration in Liverpool in 1839.

Castor Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in 1858 (ten players) and the 1860s, also in 1907, conductor William Newborn

Catbrook and District Silver Band - Monmouthshire
Active in the 1960s/1970s

Catchgate Brass Band - Durham
Active in the 1880s.

Catcliffe Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1891

Caterham Brass Band - Surrey
Active in the 1880s. Reformed as Caterham Silver Band after WW1. Active through to the 1950s

Caterham United Band - Surrey
Active in the early 1900s through to WW1.

Catford Diamond Jubilee Band - Kent
Founded in 1897, conductor J. Pemberton in 1901

Catford Town Band - Kent
Active in 1901

Cathays Working Men’s Conservative Club Band - Cardiff, Glamorgan
Founded in 1904

Catholic Young Men’s Society Brass Band - Workington, Cumberland
See: Workington Catholic Young Men’s Society Brass Band

Caton Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1879 when its conductor resigned. Also in 1882

Caton Subscription Brass Band
See: Caton Brass Band
Catrine Bleaching Works Brass Band - Ayrshire
Active in 1863 to 1906. Attached to the bleaching works at the James Finlay and Sons Cotton Mill. Mr John Carson was Bandmaster in 1903

Catrine Brass Band - Ayrshire
Robert Moore was the Bandmaster in 1903, Mr Townsend conductor in 1905

Catrine Town Band
See: Catrine Brass Band

Catsfield Brass Band - Sussex
Active in 1889 and the 1930s

Catshill Brass Band - Worcestershire
Active in 1865

Catshill Silver Band - Worcestershire
Active in the 1950s. 1951 - Bromsgrove - Catshill Silver Band delighted large audiences during concerts on the village recreation ground and at Rubery. It was the first time the bandsmen had worn their new uniforms of navy blue, piped with red, and military style caps. 1953 - Catshill Silver Band were seeking a bandmaster in the Bromsgrove Messenger's advertisement columns.

Catteral Amateur Brass Band - Preston, Lancashire
Active in 1839, when it played at Garstang

Catteral Brass Band - Preston, Lancashire
Active in 1868 to 1878

Catteral Works Brass Band - Preston, Lancashire
Active in the 1860s and 1870s

Catterick Brass - Yorkshire, North Riding
Formed in 2010, disbanded in 2013. Based at Catterick Garrison and sponsored by J Blenkiron and Sons Ltd.

Catterick Brass Band - Yorkshire, North Riding
Active in the 1890s, conductor T. MacKenzie. Also active in 1937

Catterick British Legion Band - Yorkshire, North Riding
Active in 1952

Catteris Brass Band
Active in the 1920s

Catton Brass Band - Northumberland
Active in the 1850s

Cauldon Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in 1863

Cave Brown Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1893. Based at the Cave Brown Church in Ashton-in-Makerfield. It is named after a Mrs Cave Brown who sent money to fund the building in the 1880s.

Caversham Academy Brass Band - Berkshire
Active in 1860, conducted by Mr Knighton. This was a juvenile brass band and consisted of 24 boys in 1861

Caversham Brass Band - Berkshire
Active in the mid-1840s to 1860s, also active in the 1900s

Cawston and District Silver Prize Band - Norfolk
[previous name of current band] See: Cawston Brass Band
Cawston Brass Band - Norfolk
[current band] - Founded in 1886 - Former names: Cawston & District Silver Prize Band

Cawthorne Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1976 - Former names: Pogmoor and Cawthorne Band - Note: Cawthorne Brass Band - merged with Pogmoor Band in 1984 to become Pogmoor and Cawthorne Band, then reverted to Cawthorne Brass Band

Cawthorne Brass Band (1) - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed on 5th November 1873, later called Cawthorne Subscription Band. The Band then had a Band Room in the upper storey of the coach house at the Spencer Arms. It was well established by 1920 when it featured prominently in “Cawthorne Hospital Sunday”, a musical festival in aid of Barnsley Beckett Hospital. The conductor at this time was W. Rusby. By the late 1940’s after briefly disbanding during the war years, the Band was well established. It’s conductor then was Ken Wood, who conducted the Band for many years and composed and arranged a great deal of music for the Band. Throughout the 1950’s the Band was to be seen regularly at village events and by 1959 it was able to acquire its first set of uniforms. It was a set of uniforms obtained second hand from Dodworth Band. It disbanded in 1961.

Cawthorne Brass Band (2) - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in 1976. Many of the original instruments had been damaged beyond repair and only a small number survived. However, through its own fundraising efforts and with a grant from Barnsley Council and the Cawthorne Parish Council it was eventually possible to buy a set of instruments, some second hand, and under the baton of Stanley Jagger the band was re-born. The first conductor was Eric Jessop. By 1980 the Band was being conducted by Ray Andrews. In 1984 it was once again becoming difficult to fill all the seats and a decision was made to merge with Pogmoor Band. The conductor then was Mr Brian Hepworth and the Band became known as Pogmoor and Cawthorne Band.

Cawthorne Subscription Band
See: Cawthorne Brass Band (1)

Cawthorpe Excelsior Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in the 1860s/1870s

Cedar Old Brass Band - Hulme, Lancashire
Active in 1912/3

Cedar Street Mission Brass Band - Hulme, Lancashire
Active in 1908, conductor H.C. Tideswell

Cefn Amateur Brass Band
Formed in 1875

Cefn Fforest Brass Band - Monmouthshire
Active in the 1930s

Ceirog Vale Band - Denbighshire
Active in 1865, and in 1895 when it competed at a contest at Chirk, conductor Lloyd Morris, and through to WW1. The band was still active in 1933. Also known as Glyn Ceirog Brass Band.

Celynen Band
Formed in 1888. A successor band, the Celynen Collieries Band, was formed in 1952

Celynen Collieries Band - Monmouthshire
[previous name of current band] See: Newbridge (Celynen) Band
Celynen Collieries Institute Silver Band - Monmouthshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Newbridge (Celynen) Band

Central Electricity Generating Board Band - Portishead, Somerset
   [previous name of current band] See: Portishead Town Band

Central Hall Mission Band - Salford, Lancashire
   See: Irwell Street Mission Prize Band

Central Hall Prize Band
   See: Central Hall Mission Band

Central Lewisham British Legion Band - Kent
   Active in the 1920s

Central London District School Brass Band - Hanwell, Middlesex
   This was a paupers' school originally founded in 1849, but moving to new premises near
   Hanwell in 1856. The band was formed in March 1859, conductor G. Kuster, and at that
   time consisted of 16 boys. Boys were taught to play musical instruments and in the 1860s
   the brass band often accompanied mealtimes. The band was still active in 1914,
   conductor Charles Gregory

Central London District Brass Band
   Active in the 1900s. A boys' band.

Central Manchester Band - Manchester, Lancashire
   The band was formed with the instruments from the former Stevenson Box Works Band.
   They rehearsed in the Grove Hotel on Every Street, Ancoats, Manchester, then moved to
   the New Inn on Cambrian Street off Bradford Road, Manchester in approximately
   1963. In 1969 they moved into the Central Fire Station on London Road, Manchester, then
   moved into the Railway Mens Club on Store Street (beneath Piccadilly Railway Station),
   where they performed regular monthly concerts up until 1994/5. They finally disbanded
   around 1996/7. Records show they were prize winners in the Junior Cup at the Belle Vue

Central Manchester Silver Band
   See: Central Manchester Band

Central Somerset Brass Band - Somerset
   Active in 1856, performing at Wedmore. Still active in 1860

Ceramia Goldthorpe Colliery Band
   See: Yorkshire Main Colliery Band

Ceramic Brass - Staffordshire
   [current band] - Founded in 2007

Ceramic Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Formed in Stoke-on-Trent in 2007 with six players, no music no instruments and
   nowhere to meet! However, with a lot of hard work and determination since 13th April
   2007 it grew to 26 players of all ages and abilities. It appeared to have folded sometime in
   2013/14

Ceramic City Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1980s

Ceres Brass Band - Fife
   Active in 1864 to 1869

Cerne Abbas Brass Band - Dorset
   Active in 1868
Cerrigydrudion Brass Band
   Active in 1878

Cerryg-y-Druidion Brass Band
   See: Cerrigydrudion Brass Band

Certified Industrial School Band - Manchester, Lancashire
   See: Ardwick Green Industrial School Brass Band

Cestrian Amateur Brass Band - Chester, Cheshire
   Active in 1860, conductor C. Hull

Chacewater Amateur Brass Band - Cornwall
   Formed around 1842, still active in 1870s

Chadderton and District Band - Lancashire
   [previous name of current band] See: Chadderton Band

Chadderton Band - Lancashire
   [current band] - Founded in 1927 - Former names: Busk 9th Boys Brigade Band, Busk Congregational Prize Band (1932), Chadderton & District Band (1950s onward)

Chadderton Brass Band
   See: Heald’s Green Brass Band

Chadderton Christ Church Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1930s

Chadderton Christ Church Scouts Band
   See: Chadderton Christ Church Brass Band

Chaddleworth Brass Band - Berkshire
   Active in 1905

Chadkirk Temperance Band - Marple, Cheshire
   [no information]

Chadwell Heath Brass Band - Essex
   Active in 1889

Chadwick Memorial School Band - Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland
   Probably formed in the 1880s at this Roman Catholic school for boy offenders. The band and the school closed in 1906.

Chadwick’s Mill Brass Band - Westhoughton, Lancashire
   Active in 1856. Formed by employees of John Chadwick’s Silk Mill

Chagford Brass Band - Devon
   Active in 1857. September 1858 - Harvest Home celebrations at Cheriton Bishop.
   August 1877 - Chagford Race Meeting. August 1879 - Chagford Temperance Fete. Active through the early 1900s. Presumed to have folded before or at the outbreak of WW2. During WW2 the instruments travelled about Europe, and were finally given to the local Primary School.

Chagford Town Band
   See: Chagford Brass Band

Chailey Brass Band - Sussex
   Active in 1861

Chailey Industrial Band - Sussex
   Played at Sheffield Park, July 30th 1900
Chain Bar Methodist Band - Manchester, Lancashire
   Active in the 1940s. Amalgamated with the Moston and Beswick Band in the early 1980s.

Chalfont St Giles Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
   Active in the 1880s through to WW1.

Chalford Academy Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   [current band]

Chalford Band - Gloucestershire
   [current band] - Founded in 1885 - Former names: Chalford Brass Band

Chalford Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   [previous name of current band] See: Chalford Band

Chalford Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   Active from the 1850s to 1882. A successor band was formed in 1885 (the current Chalford Band)

Chalgrove Band - Oxfordshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1972

Chalgrove Brass Band
   See: Chalgrove Temperance Band

Chalgrove Temperance Band
   Formed in the 1890s, later known as Chalgrove Brass Band. Folded in 1956. A successor band was formed in 1972.

Chalke Valley Brass Band - Wiltshire
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Chalke Valley United Band - Wiltshire
   Formed after WW1. Active in the 1920s

Chalton Band - Hampshire
   Active in 1911

Chalvey Brass Band
   See: Slough and Chalvey Brass Band

Chalvey Methodist Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
   [no information]

Chance Brothers Brass Band - Oldbury, Worcestershire
   See: Messrs Chance Bros. and Co. Brass Band

Chancery Lane Mission Band - St Helens, Lancashire
   Active in 1884, conductor Alf Holmes

Chance's Glass Works Band - Smethwick, Staffordshire
   Founded in 1906, based at the glassworks in Spon Lane, which specialised in blown window glass (having provided glass for the Crystal Palace and the Palace of Westminster)

Chandlers Ford Brass and Reed Band
   Active in 1913

Chandlers Ford British Legion Band
   Active in 1925

Chandos School Brass Band - Stanmore, Middlesex
   Active in the late 1960s through to c.1974. The school merged and was renamed in the mid 1970s when, presumably, the band folded.

Change Amateur Brass Band - Bacup, Lancashire
   Active in 1878 through to c.1910
Change Brass Band
   See: Change Amateur Brass Band

Chapel Allerton Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1863 to 1868. Conductor Mr Buckton

Chapel End Brass Band - Warwickshire
   Active in the 1870s. Competed in a brass band contest at Bedworth in 1888, still active in 1894

Chapel End Victoria Brass Band - Warwickshire
   Active in 1889

Chapel Green Brass Band - Hindley, Lancashire
   Active in the 1870s

Chapel-en-le-Frith Town Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Founded in 1882. Amalgamated in 2002 with Whaley Bridge Band to form High Peak Brass Band

Chapel-en-le-Frith Volunteers Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1900s

Chapel-en-le-Frith West End Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1890s

Chapeltown Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Chapeltown Silver Prize Band

Chapeltown Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1860. Presumed to have folded by the 1870s when a successor (the current Chapeltown Band) was formed

Chapeltown Silver Prize Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [current band] - Founded in the 1870s - Former names: Chapeltown Brass Band

Chapeltown Silver Prize Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Chapeltown Silver Prize Band

Chapeltown Silver Prize Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Chapeltown Silver Prize Band

Chapwell Colliery Band
   [no information]

Chard Amateur Brass Band - Somerset
   Active in 1874

Chard Brass Band - Somerset
   Active from the 1830s through to the 1890s. Conductor in 1877, Mr Johnstone, bandmaster in 1878, Mr Larcombe, Mr Hockey in 1880

Chard Concert Brass - Somerset
   [current band] - Founded in 1947 - Former names: Chard Town Band

Chard Municipal Band - Somerset
   Formed in the early 1900s and folded during WW2. Conductor in 1903, Mr Tucker. A successor Chard Town Band was formed in 1947.

Chard Town Band - Somerset
   [previous name of current band] See: Chard Concert Brass

Chard Town Band - Somerset
   See: Chard Municipal Band
Chardstock Brass Band - Dorset
Formed in 1898

Charlbury Brass Band - Oxfordshire
Active in 1858

Charlbury Town Band - Oxfordshire
Active in the 1890s. Played at Cornbury Park on 7 August 1897

Charlecote and Hampton Lucy Brass Band - Warwickshire
The earliest mention of the band is at Charlecote May Day Festivities on 26th May 1903. Mentioned in news reports for 1903 to 1911. The bandmaster in 1907 was Mr J.B. Thorpe. Last mention of the band is 13th January 1911.

Charles Church Camberley Band - Surrey
[current band] - Founded in 1960 - Former names: Camberley & District Silver Band, Camberley Silver Band (to 1983)

Charles Street Wesleyan Mission Band - Newark, Nottinghamshire
Formed in 1908, conductor A.F. Coyne

Charlestown Brass Band - Cornwall
Active in 1900

Charlestown Colliery Band - Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire
Active in 1988

Charlesworth Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in 1889 and 1899

Charlton Adam Brass Band - Somerset
Active in 1888, bandmaster A. Hodges

Charlton and Guisborough Band
See: Charlton Star of Hope Band

Charlton Brass Band - Charlton Adam, Somerset
Active in the 1880s

Charlton Star of Hope Band - Guisborough, Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in the 1890s and early 1900s

Charltons Mines Brass Band
See: Charlton Star of Hope Band

Charltons Star Band
See: Charlton Star of Hope Band

Charminster Brass Band - Dorset
Founded in 1905

Charmouth Brass Band - Dorset
Active in 1863, 1908

Charnock Richard Brass - Lancashire
[current band] - Founded in 2009

Charnwood Brass
Formerly Loughborough Band? Merged with Leicestershire Co-operative (SMW) Band in 1999 to form Leicestershire Co-op Snibston Charnwood Brass.

Chase Cross County Boys School Band - Romford, Essex
Active in the late 1960s and 1970s.

Chase Farm School Brass Band - Enfield, Middlesex
Formed in 1886. The School was opened in March 1886 by the Edmonton Union and the 300 pauper boys and girls were transferred to it from the workhouse (the school had a
capacity at that time of 400). The band's first public appearance was in January 1887, bandmaster Mr Tye. The band was still active in 1904, conductor W. Styles

**Chase High School Brass Band** - Worcestershire
[previous name of current band] See: *Malvern Chase Brass Band*

**Chase Terrace and Boney Hay Brass Band**
See: *Boney Hay Mission Band*

**Chase Terrace Victoria Brass Band** - Staffordshire
Active in 1880

**Chasetown Brass Band** - Staffordshire

Formed in 1862, linked to the colliery, it soon became known as the Cannock Chase Colliery Band. In the late 1870s it played at the athletic sports meeting and led processions. By 1893 it was performing at the Lichfield Greenhill Bower. Conductor in 1899 was T. Davis, and W. Earp in 1908. Having won second prize in a competition in 1919, it became known as the Cannock Chase Colliery Silver Prize Band and competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. It was still active in the mid 1960s.

**Chasetown Temperance Band** - Staffordshire

Formed in 1897, and in the summer of 1899 it gave sacred concerts on Sundays on the dam of Norton Pool. Bandmaster in 1900 was Thomas Richards. Still active in 1908

**Chatburn Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active in the 1880s and 1890s

**Chatburn Parish Church Brass Band**
See: *Chatburn Sunday School Brass Band*

**Chatburn School Brass Band**
See: *Chatburn Sunday School Brass Band*

**Chatburn Sunday School Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active in 1882 and 1899

**Chatham Borough Band**
See: *Chatham Town Band*

**Chatham Foresters’ Brass Band** - Kent
Active in the early 1860s, consisting of 15 performers, conductor G. Fullager

**Chatham Town Band** - Kent
[previous name of current band] See: *Medway Band*

**Chatham Town Band** - Kent

Formed in 1928, the band continued until the out break of war in 1939, when it became a section of the Home Guard - 12th Bn. Royal West Kent Guards Band (Home Guard). Reformed following the war in 1945 as Medway Imperial Silver Band, the band continued to thrive until 1957 when it amalgamated with the City of Rochester Band to form the current Medway Towns Band.

**Chatteris Brass Band** - Cambridgeshire
[previous name of current band] See: *Chatteris Town Band*

**Chatteris Brass Band** - Cambridgeshire
Active in 1856. A successor band was formed in 1882 (the current Chatteris Band)

**Chatteris Town Band** - Cambridgeshire
[current band] - Founded in 1882 - Former names: Chatteris Brass Band

**Chatterley Whitfield Colliery Band** - Chell, Staffordshire
Active in the 1950s.
Chatterton Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1870s to 1890s

Chaucer Street Mission Band
   See: Ebor Excelsior Silver Band

Chawleigh Brass Band - Devon
   Active in the early 1900s, folded before or during WW1

Cheadle Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1850s to the 1880s

Cheadle Subscription Band - Staffordshire
   [no information]

Cheadle Town Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1900s

Cheddington Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
   Active from the 1880s to the 1920s. Conductor David Gower in the 1890s and 1900s

Cheddington Temperance Band - Buckinghamshire
   Active in 1897

Cheddleton Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1890s to the 1900s

Cheddleton British Legion Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1920s/1930s

Cheddleton Ex-Servicemen’s Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1950s

Chedgrave and Loddon Brass Band
   Active in 1930

Chedworth Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   [previous name of current band] See: Chedworth Silver Band

Chedworth Silver Band - Gloucestershire
   [current band] - Founded in 1905 - Former names: Chedworth Brass Band (until the 1930s)

Cheetham Hill Prize Band
   See: Cheetham Hill Public Subscription Band

Cheetham Hill Public Brass Band
   See: Cheetham Hill Public Subscription Band

Cheetham Hill Public Subscription Band - Manchester, Lancashire

Chelmondiston Gospel Band - Suffolk
   Active from 1966-1980 with mainly Methodist band members only one of whom could play a note when they started. The inspiration for the band came from David Welham who taught himself to play the trumpet after buying one for his son. He gathered together several willing volunteers including a David Cordle, currently Chairman of the Chelmondiston Parish Council. The twelve strong band used to practice in the Methodist Schoolroom on instruments begged or borrowed from various sources. Their uniforms were cast offs from a brass band near Peterborough and their first music books were a set of SA Tune Books. Yet within a short time they were accompanying the hymns at the Chelmondiston Methodist Church and later played at all the services. Like a true village
band they provided the music for harvest festivals, Christmas carol services and Remembrance Sunday event. Not content with supporting their own local village events they bought an old bus and travelled around the area conducting services sometimes in the open air. Sadly the band broke up after a management disagreement.

**Chelmsford Amateur Brass Band**
See: Chelmsford Brass Band (2)

**Chelmsford Arc Works Band (1) - Essex**
Active in 1891, conducted by F. Webb and up until the mid/late 1890s, when it folded.

**Chelmsford Arc Works Band (2) - Essex**
Founded in March 1911, by the firm of Messrs Crompton and Co. Electrical Engineers, Chelmsford, selecting Mr W. Hall as the bandmaster (having conducted Ferranti’s and Chatterton Prize bands). Still active in the mid 1920s.

**Chelmsford Brass Band (1) - Essex**
Active in the 1840s and early 1850s. Conductor Oswald Dunt in 1847, Mr Seaman in 1850. Disbanded prior to 1854

**Chelmsford Brass Band (2) - Essex**
Formed in 1855 under the tutelage of Mr Allen, from London, consisting of 25 young men of the town. First public performance on Christmas Eve 1855. They held open practices in the summer months (in 1857 and 1858 at least) in the gardens behind Mr Sparrow & Co.’s bank. Still active in the early 1860s

**Chelmsford Brass Band (3) - Essex**
Active in the 1930s

**Chelmsford Brotherhood Silver Band**
Formed in 1936. Active through to the 1950s. The instruments, costing £333, were donated by Mrs J.H. Keene. A Chelmsford Brotherhood Band had previously existed before WW1, but that was not a brass band.

**Chelmsford Industrial School Brass Band - Essex**
Active in 1894, conductor W. Free. Conductor H.C. Cooper in 1903. Still active in 1913. The school was opened in 1872 at Baddow Road, Chelmsford. By 1876 there was a drum and fife band and this had become a “brass” band by 1893.

**Chelmsford P.S.A. Brass Band - Essex**
Active in the 1890s

**Chelmsford Silver Band - Essex**
[current band] - Founded in the 1950s - Former names: Chelmsford Silver Band, Chelmsford Star Silver Band (from 1930)

**Chelmsford Star Silver Band - Essex**
[previous name of current band] See: Chelmsford Silver Band

**Chelmsford Yeomanry Club Band - Essex**
Active in the 1900s

**Chelsea Borough Band - Middlesex**
Active in 1902

**Cheltenham Amateur Brass Band**
See: Cheltenham Brass Band

**Cheltenham Brass Band - Gloucestershire**
Active from the 1840s through to the 1920s. Conductor J.P. Hatton in 1863, C. Preston in 1899. A successor band was formed in 1937.
Cheltenham Excelsior Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active in 1883

Cheltenham Rifle Volunteers Band - Gloucestershire
Active in 1904

Cheltenham Silver Band - Gloucestershire
[current band] - Founded in 1937 - Former names: Aircraft Components Limited Band (to 1946), Cheltenham Spa Silver Band (to 1968)

Cheltenham Spa Silver Band - Gloucestershire
[previous name of current band] See: Cheltenham Silver Band

Chepstow Brass Band - Monmouthshire
Active in the 1880s

Chepstow Town Band - Monmouthshire
[current band] - Founded in 1997

Cheriton Band - Hampshire
Active in 1905

Cherry Hinton Band - Cambridgeshire
Formed in 1880. It initially borrowed its instruments from the Fulbourn Hospital band, performing at harvest festivals and meetings of the Garden Society c. 1880-94. From 1902 the band practised in the parish room, newly opened for social activities. Although the band flourished in the early 20th century, winning prizes, it folded in the late 20th century.

Cherry Orton Brass Band - Peterborough, Northamptonshire
Active in the early 1900s. One bandmaster was Boss Pauley, owner of a wheelwright and undertaking business, who taught a number of local youths to play various instruments. This band was kitted out in a heavy uniform with silver braiding, and was much in demand throughout the district for various functions. Practice would take place in the wheelwright's shop on winter nights just lit by one or two oil lamps, and warmed by the dying embers of the forge. When the bandsmen complained that it was too cold for their fingers to feel the stops of their instruments, Boss Pauley would say, 'Alright Abide With Me and then bugger off'. The bandsman who beat the large drum was a larger short rotund figure who had difficulty seeing over his drum. He was once seen marching down Bridge Street alone, unaware that the rest of the band had turned down Albert Place. It folded some time in the 1930s

Chertsey Brass Band - Surrey
Active in 1862, conductor Mr Forster, consisting chiefly of mechanics, rehearsing twice weekly on Mondays and Thursdays

Chertsey School of Handicrafts Band - Surrey
Active in the 1900s, conductor A. Montgomery

Chertsey Town Band - Surrey
Formed in 1892. Active in 1913 - with A.J. Allen secretary, of London Street. Later became Chertsey Town Silver Prize Band, then merged with Addlestone Temperance Band in 1942.

Chertsey Town Silver Prize Band - Surrey
See: Woking Brass Band

Chertsey Volunteers Band - Surrey
Active in 1892
Chesham Brass Band (1) - Buckinghamshire
Active from 1861 to 1868

Chesham Brass Band (2) - Buckinghamshire
First formed in the 1880s, it was obviously much in demand in those early days. Conductor William Greenwood in the early 1900s. The band had, by 1907, become a Silver band. The next 20 years were surely the band’s heyday; they were much in demand for shows, fetes, open air dances, and indeed, almost any gathering in the town and district. They entered competitions in Aylesbury, High Wycombe and Reading, where cups and medals for excellence were won, hence the word ‘prize’ being added to their title. (More information can be found in a chapter of “Tales of Old Chesham” by George Piggin, ISBN 0 948929 70 7). Records of the band from 1912-35 are held by the Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies, Aylesbury. Memories of Herbert Wingrove who has lived in Chesham for over 80 years - he remembers the band playing at major events in the town, in Lowndes Park and in the Broadway on Saturday afternoons when the Salvation Army were not playing there. The players were all male and had a smart uniform with peaked caps. They led the crowd at every football match and were a vital part of Chesham. Sydney Mcdonald was the conductor and a Mr Reading played the Last Post on the cornet at the Remembrance Day services. Herbert said he contributed to collections towards the upkeep of the band. They must have had 20 or 30 beautiful silver instruments of which none remain. Roderick John Macdonnell born 1876 died 1967, was bandmaster and/or conductor. He originally played and taught the cornet. He worked in a cycle factory and then the boot and shoe industry until he was 73, then he worked at Sundt plastics until his death. He studied music and played the cornet in various brass and silver bands. He taught music as an extra income, and his pupils included Harry Mortimer. He had to stop playing when he had dentures, instead became a conductor and bandmaster. Played in and conducted the Chesham Town Silver Prize Band from 1914 until his death. It is presumed to have folded prior to or during WW2.

Chesham Town Silver Band
See: Chesham Brass Band (2)

Cheshire County Youth Brass Band - Cheshire
Founded and conducted by Peter Room in 1970, rehearsing at Hartford College, near Northwich. A later conductor was David Lancashire. It disbanded in 2012.

Cheshire Home Guard Band, 38th Battalion
See: 38th Battalion Cheshire Home Guard Band

Cheshire Lines Railway Brass Band - Birkenhead, Cheshire
Active from the 1890s through to the 1930s. Conductor in 1902 was Mr Meredith

Cheshire Yeomanry Stockport Band
See: Stockport Yeomanry Brass Band

Cheshunt Brass Band - Hertfordshire
Active in the 1860s

Cheshunt Old Band - Hertfordshire
Active in 1909

Cheslyn Hay Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in 1868, 1869
Cheslyn Hay Star Band - Staffordshire
Formed before 1883 and was conducted by Mr Teddy Turner, the landlord of the White Lion on Chapel Square. This did not last long and some of the remaining members formed the Cheslyn Hay Victoria Brass Band in 1883.

Cheslyn Hay Victoria Brass Band - Staffordshire
Formed in 1883 by Mr Joseph Kingston together with three of his brothers. Teddy Turner from the Star Band was the conductor but it was only when he relinquished his position in favour of Joseph Kingston that the Victoria became established as a first class village band. With the decline of the Cannock Town Band it soon became the leading band in the district and consequently was in great demand at all the village and town festivals. At the Christmas Festive Season they would parade around the village playing the carol tunes composed by Cornelius Whitehouse but their fame also extended to the outer areas of the Chase, appearing at Brewood, Wheaton Aston and Shropshire. By now, as the old members left the band there was no difficulty in recruiting new volunteers and the band continued to progress under Mr Kingston's leadership until, on account of his advancing years, he was obliged to lay clown the baton. Mr Thomas Holcroft then became conductor and the high standards of their performances were maintained until the First World War. It was during the period between the two wars that the band seemed destined for great honours. They strengthened their membership and engaged the services of a full time conductor in the personage of Mr Hart of Wolverhampton and a late member of the famous 'Bess o' the Barn Band'. Under his conductorship they were successful in gaining several awards of merit and the band took on the name of the Cheslyn Hay Prize Band. The progress did not last, however, for Mr Hart found a more lucrative position in the same capacity in Wolverhampton and from that time onwards the band gradually declined until it finally broke up some time before WW2. Reference from 1903 - “The Victoria Brass Band will play selections of music at the workhouse this Saturday afternoon. The inmates are sure to have a treat.” Joseph Kingston started work at Wyrley Colliery when he was ten years old in 1866. Joseph retired in 1919 after working fifty-three years and he died in 1936.

Chester Blue Coat Hospital Band
See: Chester Blue Coat School Band

Chester Blue Coat School Band - Cheshire
Active in the 1930s and 1940s. The school, which was based in the old Blue Coat Hospital building, closed in 1949, ending the band.

Chester Bluecoat Band - Cheshire
Active in the 1960s and 1970s

Chester City Band - Cheshire
Active in 1896 when it competed at a contest at Hawarden.

Chester General Station Band - Cheshire
Active in the early 1900s and through to 1939.

Chester Mechanics Institute Brass Band - Cheshire
Founded in 1856, conductor R. Jones

Chester Moor Brass Band - Durham
Active in the 1870s

Chester Ragged School Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in 1872
Chester Railway Brass Band - Cheshire
   Active in 1840

Chester South Moor Brass Band
   See: Chester Moor Brass Band

Chesterfield and Brampton Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1840s to 1860s

Chesterfield and District Brass Band
   See: Chesterfield Brass Band

Chesterfield and Hasland Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the late 1870s and 1880s, conductor Mr. Mountney. Renamed Sheepridge and Hasland Prize Band in 1884

Chesterfield and Hasland United Band
   See: Chesterfield and Hasland Brass Band

Chesterfield Borough Temperance Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1890s and early 1900s. Founded by J.G. Wood.

Chesterfield Brass Band (1) - Derbyshire
   Formed in the 1850s. Conductor H. Slack in 1860. In 1879, when it was reported that it was “celebrated for the numerous prizes it has earned in all the great contests”.

Chesterfield Brass Band (2) - Derbyshire
   Formed in the late 1960s. Later known as Chesterfield and District Brass Band, Pearsons Pottery Chesterfield Band. Merged with Ireland Colliery Band in the late 1980s to form Ireland Colliery Chesterfield Band.

Chesterfield Matlock and Clay Cross United Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1870s

Chesterfield Old Borough Temperance Band
   See: Chesterfield Borough Temperance Band

Chesterfield Rifles Band
   See: Chesterfield Volunteer Band

Chesterfield Temperance Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1890s (separate to the Chesterfield Borough Temperance Band). Conductor J.J. Wood in 1899

Chesterfield Town and Old Comrades Band
   See: Chesterfield Town Silver Band

Chesterfield Town Silver Band - Derbyshire
   Formed in the late 1900s or early 1910s, active through the 1920s. At some point after WW1 became the Chesterfield Town and Old Comrades Band.

Chesterfield United Band
   See: Chesterfield Matlock and Clay Cross United Band

Chesterfield Volunteer Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1860s through 1880s

Chester-le-Street Church of England Temperance Society Band
   See: Chester-le-Street Temperance Band

Chester-le-Street Prize Saxhorn Band
   See: Chester-le-Street Saxhorn Band

Chester-le-Street Saxhorn Band - Durham
   Active from the early 1860s to the 1870s.
Chester-le-Street St Andrews Brass Band - Durham
   Founded around 1892. Also known as St Andrews Pelton Fell Band

Chester-le-Street Temperance Band - Durham
   Formed in 1875, still active in 1920

Chester-le-Street Town Band - Durham
   Active in 1899 - disbanded in 1919

Chesterley Brass Band - Cambridgeshire
   Active in 1869

Chesterfield Town Band - Derbyshire
   Active in 1869

Chesterfield Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active from 1853 to 1882

Chesterfield Colliery Band - Derbyshire

Chesterfield Colliery Band - Derbyshire

Chetham's College Band - Manchester, Lancashire
   Active from 1856 to WW1. Bandmaster in 1899 was Mr Rostron

Chetham's Hospital Boys Band - Manchester, Lancashire
   Formed in 1847, the first bandmaster was Mr Hadfield. In addition to the brass band there was a separate cadre of drum and fife players. The first players consisted of drum and cymbals, 3 ophicleides, a clavichoir, 2 bass, 1 tenor and 1 alto trombones, and 6 cornopeans. Active through to the 1900s. Their uniform in 1850 consisted of blue cloth gowns, blue worsted stockings, blue cap or bonnet, and a pair of linen bands.

Chettle Brass Band - Dorset
   Active in 1882

Chetwode Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
   Active in the 1850s to the 1880s, conductor William Horwood in 1878

Chevelah Brass Band - Cornwall
   Active in 1898. Located at Kenwyn.

Chevin Brass Band - Belper, Derbyshire
   Active in 1856

Chevington Model Band - near Alnwick, Northumberland
   Linked to Chevington Colliery, and active between 1914 and 1933

Chew Stoke Brass Band - Somerset
   Active in 1864 to 1867

Chewton Mendip Brass Band - Somerset
   Active from the 1890s. Conductor C.F. Goodwin in 1895, W. Clarke in 1898. It disbanded in 1902 and had reformed again by 1907, when the conductor was Walter Seymour. The band was still active in 1925.

Chichester Amateur Brass Band - Sussex
   Active from the 1850s to the late 1880s. Conductor Mr Hunt in 1888. A successor band was formed in 1897

Chichester Asylum Band - Sussex
   Active in the early 1900s
Chichester Brass Band (1)
See: Chichester Amateur Brass Band

Chichester Brass Band (South Ward) - Sussex
[previous name of current band] See: Chichester City Band

Chichester City Band - Sussex
[current band] - Founded in 1897 - Former names: Chichester Brass Band (South Ward)

Chichester Unity Brass Band - Sussex
Conductor G. Gray, leader C. Bishop in 1860.

Chiddingfold Brass Band - Surrey
Founded around 1884, bandmaster Henry Berry. Re-organised in 1908 under Mr Bartlett. Probably folded prior to or during WW1.

Chiddingly Brass Band - Sussex
Formed in the 1890s and active through to WW2. Jim Coleman was the bandmaster in the 1930s. A member of the band remembered: “I joined the band when I was twelve. Practised the cornet in somebody’s house. We used to be about 23 in the band then. We used to go to Tunbridge Wells and the Crystal Palace for contests. We could always get a second, but we could never get a first! Then after the War, Uckfield started up a band and they bought all the instruments. One thing from the old days was the Flower Show. It was so outstanding. You had a large marquee up in the field, with the Chiddingly Brass Band in attendance. I don't expect there are many brass bands where the drummer would go along with his pipe resting on top of his drum!”

Chigwell Row Brotherhood Brass Band - Essex
Formed in 1908 or 1909. Part of the Pleasant Sunday Afternoons Brotherhood.

Chilcompton Brass Band - Somerset
Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Childs Hill Excelsior Band
See: Childs Hill Silver Band

Childs Hill Silver Band - Middlesex
Active from the 1890s. Bandmaster in 1899 was F. Watson. “1914 - The Elstree Scouts put on a 15 minute display of bridge building, and the Child's Hill Prize Silver Band played throughout the day, and during a dance that started at 7.15pm and carried on until 10pm, when the day was wound up with a rendition of God Save the King.” The Childs Hill (Silver) Prize Band was engaged to play in Roundwood Park for £100 for the season. This was repeated in 1931, but the Council were concerned that in the depression as many unemployed musicians should be employed as possible, and the engagement went to Harlesden and District British Legion Military Band in 1933.

Childwall Church School Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1861 to 1864, conductor F.A. Emidy

Chilmark Brass Band - Wiltshire
[no information]

Chilsworthy Brass Band - Cornwall
An article in the Cornish Times of 1863 reads “CHILSWORTH BRASS BAND. The members of the Chilsworthy and Latchley “Brass Band” respectfully beg to inform the public generally, that they are now open to treat with all parties for further engagements, and having selected suitable music for all occasions, arranged by some of the best men of the day, (the same, being under the management of J.C. PURTOX, Esq, Plymouth), they hope as hitherto to give satisfaction to their emplyers. Applications to be made to MR W
STENLAKE, Chilsworthy, Gunnislake, Calstock.” A photograph of the 1907 band shows a well balanced band of 15 players. A non contesting band, the village of Chilsworthy can be found 2/3 miles west of Tavistock, near the Cornwall/Devon border. This is not to be confused with the Devon village of Chilsworthy. In 1860 the band was present at a ceremony known as “hunting the stag”, which consists of carrying the efigy of a man known to have violated the sanctity of a neighbour’s household. John Bodenner (a member of the band) and Richard Piper had a bare-knuckle fight over some girls, egged on by a crowd of over 200 people. Sadly, Bodenner was knocked to the ground and fatally injured after nearly two hours of battle.

Chiltern Hills Brass - Cressex, Buckinghamshire
[current band] - Founded in 1998 - Former names: Denham Hendon Brass (to 2013) - Note: Formed by the merger of Denham Brass with John Laing Hendon Band

Chilton and Windlestone Band - Durham
Active in 1934

Chilton Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
Active in 1850. Conductor Rev. G. Chetwode in 1851, E. Shrimpton in 1858

Chilton Colliery Band - Durham
Active in 1906 and 1925

Chingford Brass Band - Essex
Active in the 1880s, conductor A. Fleming.

Chingford British Legion Band - Essex
Active in the 1940s

Chinley and Buxworth Band - Derbyshire
Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Chinnor Silver Band - Oxfordshire
[current band] - Founded in the 1850s

Chippenham Amateur Brass Band
See: Chippenham Brass Band

Chippenham Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active in the 1860s to 1880s

Chippenham British Legion Band - Wiltshire
Active in the 1930s

Chippenham Town Silver Band - Wiltshire
Founded in 1891 and disbanded in 1953. In 1912, 17 of the 24 players worked at the Westinghouse Foundry.

Chipping Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1844 when it played at Goosnargh, 1862, and 1884, when it played at Calder Vale.

Chipping Campden Town Band - Gloucestershire
See: Campden Town Band

Chipping Catholic Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1865

Chipping Norton Amateur Brass Band - Oxfordshire
See: Chipping Norton Brass Band
Chipping Norton Borough Band - Oxfordshire
See: Chipping Norton Town Band

Chipping Norton Brass Band - Oxfordshire
Formed in the mid 1860s. Active through to the 1890s. P. Hopgood was a member on his birthday on 16th May 1866

Chipping Norton Primitive Methodist Brass Band - Oxfordshire
Active in the 1900s. Conductor Mr Titcomb in 1907

Chipping Norton Silver Band - Oxfordshire
[current band] - Founded in 1935 - Former names: Chipping Norton Temperance Silver Band

Chipping Norton Temperance Silver Band - Oxfordshire
[previous name of current band] See: Chipping Norton Silver Band

Chipping Norton Town Band - Oxfordshire
Active in the 1920s. It folded prior to 1935 when the current Chipping Norton Silver Band was formed.

Chipping Norton Wesleyan Band - Oxfordshire
See: Chipping Norton Primitive Methodist Brass Band

Chipping Sodbury Quarry Works Brass Band - Gloucestershire
See: Sodbury Quarry Works Brass Band

Chiseldon Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active in 1865

Chislet Colliery Welfare Band - Kent
Active from the 1920s through to the early 1960s

Chislet Silver Band - Kent
See: Chislet Colliery Welfare Band

Chiswick Town Band - Middlesex
Active in 1901 and 1914 - John Thomas Sampson was then the secretary.

Chiswick Works (L.G.O.C.) - Middlesex
Formed in 1922, conductor William Heath.

Chisworth and Charlesworth Band - Derbyshire
Active in the 1880s through to WW1.

Chisworth Brass Band
See: Chisworth and Charlesworth Band

Chitterne Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active in 1860, 1862, conductor Abdon Polden

Chivenedge Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1910

Chobham Band - Surrey
Active in 1966. Pictures of the band are held in the Surrey Heath Museum.

Cholderton and Bulford Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active in the 1850s

Cholderton Brass Band - Wiltshire, ## 6 ##, Active in 1903, disbanded in 1907, ## 7 ##, West Cholderton Brass Band

Cholsey Brass Band - Berkshire
[previous name of current band] See: Cholsey Silver Band

Cholsey Silver Band - Berkshire
[current band] - Founded in 1847 - Former names: Cholsey Brass Band
Choppington Brass Band
See: Choppington Colliery Band

Choppington Colliery Band - Northumberland
Active from the early 1860s through to WW1. In 1865 conductor was T. Bowman, in 1867, F. Armstrong, in 1883, Thomas Miller, in 1894, George Young

Choppington Saxhorn Band - Northumberland
See: Choppington Colliery Band

Chopwell Colliery Band - Durham
Formed in the late 1890s. Bandmaster Mr Birkett in 1907. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Still active in the 1960s

Chorley Borough Band - Lancashire
Active in 1887

Chorley Brass Band - Lancashire
See: Chorley Silver Band

Chorley Rifle Volunteers Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1880s, M. Devery bandmaster to 1886.

Chorley Silver Band - Lancashire
[current band] - Founded in 1996 - Former names: Chorley Youth Band (to 2000) - Note: The original Chorley Silver Band adult section disbanded through lack of players and handed over instruments and music to the younger players, who adopted the name and remain a youth band

Chorley Silver Band - Lancashire
Active from the 1870s and through the 20th century. Folded in 2000. The name and property were subsequently taken over by the then Chorley Youth Band which had been founded in 1996.

Chorley St George's Brass Band
See: St George's Church Institute Band

Chorley Subscription Band - Lancashire
Active in the early 1900s and 1919. Bandmaster Thomas Mackrael.

Chorley Temperance Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1880s

Chorley Victoria Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1876

Chorley Youth Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Chorley Silver Band

Chorlton Brass Band - Lancashire
See: Chorlton-cum-Hardy Brass Band

Chorlton Voluntary Band - Lancashire
Active in June 1888 when it played at the inauguration of the new lych gate and bells at Chorlton-cum-Hardy parish church.

Chorlton-cum-Hardy Brass Band - Lancashire
Active from the 1850s. For more details see: “Chorlton cum Hardy Brass Band 1820-1945” at www.ibew.co.uk

Chorlton-cum-Hardy Temperance Band - Lancashire
formed by the Wesleyan Band of Hope Committee in 1876, folded in 1879.

Chosen Brass Band - Churchdown, Gloucestershire
Active in 1862, 1863
Chowbent Brass Band - Atherton, Lancashire
   Active in 1863

Christ Church (Manchester) Band - Lancashire
   See: Christ Church Silver Band

Christ Church (Patricroft) Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1880s

Christ Church Band - Blackburn, Lancashire
   See: Blackburn Christ Church Band

Christ Church Band - Leytonstone, Essex
   See: Leyton Christchurch Brass Band

Christ Church Brass Band - Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire
   Active in 1866

Christ Church C.L.B. Band - Manchester, Lancashire
   Active in the 1950s

Christ Church Chadderton Band
   See: Chadderton Christ Church Brass Band

Christ Church Church Lads' Brigade Band
   See: Christ Church C.L.B. Band

Christ Church Excelsior Band - Brighton, Sussex
   Formed in 1904, first performance in 1905

Christ Church Juvenile (Bradford) Brass Band
   See: Bradford Christ Church Juvenile Brass Band

Christ Church P.S.A. Band - Balham, Surrey
   Active in the 1900s

Christ Church Saxtuba Band - Derby, Derbyshire
   Active in the 1880s

Christ Church School Brass Band - Accrington, Lancashire
   See: Accrington Christ Church School Brass Band

Christ Church School Brass Band - Blackburn, Lancashire
   See: Blackburn Christ Church Band

Christ Church Silver Band - Bradford, Lancashire
   Active from the 1930s to the 1980s

Christchurch and Highcliffe Brass Band - Hampshire
   [current band] - Founded around 1906 - Former names: Highcliffe British Legion Silver Band (to late 1950s), Highcliffe Men's Club Band (to 1997)

Christchurch Band - Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [no information]

Christchurch Silver Band - Leyton, Essex
   See: Leyton Christchurch Brass Band

Christchurch Silver Band - Hampshire
   See: Christchurch Town Band

Christchurch Town Band - Hampshire
   Active from the 1920s through to the 1950s

Christchurch U3A Vintage Brass - Hampshire
   [current band] - Founded in 2006

Christian Cabmen's Association Band - London
   Active in 1907, conductor Mr Pursglove
Christian Volunteer Force Harold Memorial Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
  Active in the late 1930s.

Christleton Brass Band - Cheshire
  Active in the 1880s to the 1900s. Bandmaster Mr Webb in 1885, J.P. Byrnes in 1893, James Lunt in 1897

Christow Brass Band (1) - Devon
  Active from the 1880s, conductor George Horrell in 1902. Folded in 1914. A successor band was formed in 1924

Christow Brass Band (2) - Devon
  Founded in 1924, conductor George. Horrell, and still active in 1939. Originally based at the Methodist’s Chapel, it was run on a self-financing basis and played at local functions.

Christ's Hospital Boys School Band
  Active in the early 1900s

Chronicle Employees Band
  See: Manchester Chronicle Employees Band

Chyrston Brass Band - Lanarkshire
  Active from the 1860s through to the 1900s. Conductor John Wotherspoon in 1905

Chudleigh Brass Band (1) - Devon
  Active from the 1840s through to WW1.

Chudleigh Brass Band (2) - Devon
  Formed in August 1924, bandmaster G. Barber, active through to WW1.

Chudleigh Town Band
  See: Chudleigh Brass Band (2)

Chulmleigh Amateur Brass Band - Devon
  Active in 1872

Chulmleigh Brass Band - Devon
  Founded in April 1855, starting with six men, led by John Keenor

Chulmleigh Subscription Brass Band - Devon
  Founded in 1886

Chulmleigh Subscription Brass Band
  See: Chulmleigh Town Band

Chulmleigh Town Band - Devon
  Active in 1888, 1893 and 1899 when William Parsons was bandmaster

Church and Oswaldtwistle Subscription Prize Brass Band - Lancashire
  Active in the 1880s through to WW2.

Church and Oswaldtwistle Temperance Band - Lancashire
  See: 3rd Lancashire Artillery Volunteers (Oswaldtwistle) Band

Church Artillery Band
  See: Church and Oswaldtwistle (3rd L.A.V.) Temperance Band

Church Brass Band - Lancashire
  Active in 1869

Church Fenton Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1900s and 1910s, Mr Karley bandmaster in 1906

Church Gresley Colliery Band - Derbyshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Gresley Colliery Band

Church Gresley Garibaldi Brass Band - Derbyshire
  See: Gresley and Swadlincote Garibaldi Brass Band

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Church Gresley Prize Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1890s, disbanding in 1904

Church Knowle Brass Band - Dorset
   Active in 1865

Church Lads Brigade Band - Upton Park, Essex
   Active in the early 1900s, based at St Stephens

Church Nursing and Ambulance Brigade Ladies’ Brass Band - London
   Active in 1915

Church of England Brass Band - Preston, Lancashire
   Newly formed in 1844, it played for the Church of England School Sick Society
   procession on Whit Monday in Preston and on the following day at Goosnargh for the
   Amicable Sick Society.

Church of England School Band - Preston, Lancashire
   See: Church of England Brass Band

Church of the Messiah Domestic Mission Schools Juvenile Brass Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
   Formed in 1866 in Broad Street, Birmingham

Church Stretton Brass Band - Shropshire
   Active in 1934, conductor Mr. Butler

Church of the Messiah Domestic Mission School’s Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
   Formed in 1866 in Broad Street, Birmingham

Church Temperance Band
   See: Church and Oswaldtwistle (3rd L.A.V.) Temperance Band

Churchdown Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   Active in 1885 through to the 1900s. Members had new uniforms in 1894. Conductor in
   1903 was Thomas Merrett.

Churchstanton Brass Band - Devon
   Active in 1866

Churchtown Brass Band - near Southport, Lancashire
   Active in 1852 to 1864

Churton Band - Cheshire
   Active in the 1920s and 30s, they had folded by the 1960s and remaining members joined
   the neighbouring Farndon Band.

Churwell Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from the 1840s through to the 1900s. It was re-organised in 1906. Conductor W.
   Hesling, leader James Stanhope in 1860

Cilcain Brass Band - Flintshire
   Active in 1867, conductor Robert Jones

Cilfynydd Albion Brass Band - Glamorgan
   Formed in 1905, conductor Gus Foxall

Cinderella Shoe Works Brass Band - Worcester, Worcestershire
   See: Willis Shoe Works Brass Band

Cinderford Ark Mission Band
   Active in 1904, folded prior to WW1.

Cinderford Excelsior Band - Gloucestershire
   Formed in the 1920s with the instruments of the old Ark Mission Band. The band broke
   up prior to World War 2. Another source has the band founded before 1897, and meeting
   at the Methodist chapel in Church Road, folding in the mid 20th century.
Cinderford Mission Brass Band - Gloucestershire
  See: Cinderford Ark Mission Band
Cinderford Rifles Band - Gloucestershire
  Active in the 1900s
Cinderford Silver Band - Gloucestershire
  [current band] - Founded in 1879 - Former names: Cinderford Town Band, Cinderford Swanbrook Band (1986) - Note: “The Town brass band originated in 1896 as a military recruiting band”
Cinderford Swanbrook Band - Gloucestershire
  [previous name of current band] See: Cinderford Silver Band
Cinderford Town Band - Gloucestershire
  [previous name of current band] See: Cinderford Silver Band
Cinderford Volunteer Artillery Band - Gloucestershire
  Active in the early 1900s, disbanding in 1906
Cinderford Wireworks Band - Gloucestershire
  Active in the 1870s/1880s. The Forest Vale Iron Works was established around 1850 and by 1856 the works had come to be known as the Cinderford Wireworks, and by 1880 took the form of a well equipped factory with a foundry, rolls and shears, employing 100 men. It had a huge steam hammer, which gave its name to the nearby beer house the “Forge Hammer”. The works closed around 1895.
Cinque Ports Volunteer Brass Band - Kent
  Active in 1875
Cirencester Band - Gloucestershire
  [current band] - Founded in 1919 - Former names: Comrades of the Great War Band, Cirencester Silver Band (1922-1972)
Cirencester Brass Band - Gloucestershire
  Active in the 1870s to the 1900s. A successor band was formed in 1919
Cirencester Silver Band - Gloucestershire
  [previous name of current band] See: Cirencester Band
Cirencester Town Band
  See: Cirencester Brass Band
Cirque Unique Brass Band
  See: Messrs Pinder’s Brass Band
City and Finsbury United Sawyers’ Brass Band - Middlesex
  Active in 1860
City Mission Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
  See: Bristol Central Mission Brass Band
City of Birmingham Brass Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
City of Bradford Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  [current band] - Former names: Hawley Band, Hammonds Hawley Band (to 1993), Yorkshire Building Society Concert Brass (to 2006), YBS Concert Brass (to 2009)
City of Bristol Brass Band (1) - Gloucestershire
  Active in 1858. Conductor Mr Paine in 1865. Took part in the processions celebrating the official opening of the Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol in 1864. Still active in 1868. A successor City of Bristol Band was formed in 1936
City of Bristol Brass Band (2) - Gloucestershire
[current band] - Founded in 1936 - Former names: Fishponds British Legion Band (to early 1970s)

City of Cambridge Brass Band - Cambridgeshire
[current band] - Founded in 1901 - Former names: Cambridge Town Band, Cambridge Band of the British Legion, City of Cambridge Band, Cambridge Band, Cambridge Co-operative Band - Note: “The Cambridge Albion Band and the Cambridge Town Band have decided to amalgamate and will be known in future as the Cambridge Silver Band. They proposed to buy a set of new triple silver-plated instruments made by Messrs Hawkes, London, with the now famous “Profundo” basses as played by the St Hilda Colliery Band. This would greatly improve the tonal qualities of the band; there was not another band in the Eastern counties with such instruments.” (from the Cambridge News, January 1927)

City of Canterbury Brass Band (1) - Kent
See: Canterbury Silver Band

City of Canterbury Brass Band (2) - Kent
[current band] - Founded in 1969

City of Cardiff (Melingriffith) Brass Band - Glamorgan

City of Chester Brass Band - Cheshire
[current band] - Founded in 1853 - Former names: Blue Coat Band,

City of Coventry Band - Warwickshire
Formed in 1939, composed of ex-Salvation Army bandsmen, conductor W.B. Major. Achieved some success under Albert Chappell, amongst others, as well as a fine recording under their new name of Jaguar Cars (City of Coventry), under Ray Farr. The band folded when Jaguar discontinued their sponsorship.

City of Coventry Brass - Warwickshire

City of Coventry Junior Band - Warwickshire
See: Coventry Imperial Band

City of Discovery Brass Band - Dundee, Angus
[current band] - Founded in 1996

City of Edinburgh Band - Edinburgh, Midlothian
See: Grassmarket Brass Band

City of Edinburgh Rifles Band - Edinburgh, Midlothian
Active in the 1860s

City of Ely Brass Band
See: Ely City Band

City of Exeter Railway Band - Devon
[current band] - Founded in 1945 - Former names: Exeter & District Southern Railways Band, Exeter British Railways (Southern Region) Band, Exeter British Rail Band
City of Gloucester A.T.C. Band - Gloucestershire
   Active in 1946 when it competed in the GBBA Annual Contest that year.

City of Gloucester Band - Gloucestershire
   [previous name of current band] See: Flowers Band

City of Gloucester Rifles Band - Gloucestershire
   Active in the 1860s

City of Gloucester Silver Band - Gloucestershire
   Formed around 1946, held its inaugural concert on 7 June 1947, conducted by G. Beckingham. Folded before 1967, when a successor City of Gloucester Band was formed.

City of Hereford Brass Band - Herefordshire
   Active in the early 1900s and through to the early 1970s

City of Hull Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: East Yorkshire Motor Services Band

City of Hull Central Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in 1909, conductor A. Piercy

City of Lancaster (Storey's) Band - Lancashire
   See: Standfast Works Band

City of Leicester Band - Leicestershire
   Formerly Everards Brewery Band and Bond Street Working Mens Club Band, Bond Street Imperial Silver Band, Leicester Club and Institute Band (1933). Competed in the Junior Cup in 1962, conducted by R. Jackson. It ran into difficulties around 1994 and decided to amalgamate with Barlestone Band in 1995, unfortunately after much effort by many of the players this didn't work and the combined band decided to call it a day at the end of 1996.

City of Leicester Club and Institute Band - Leicestershire
   See: City of Leicester Band

City of Leicester SP Constabulary Band - Leicestershire
   [no information]

City of Leicester Special Constabulary Band - Leicestershire
   [previous name of current band] See: Foresters Brass 2000

City of Leicester W.M.C. Silver Prize Band - Leicestershire
   See: City of Leicester Band

City of Lincoln Band - Lincolnshire

City of London Brass Band - Middlesex
   Active in 1861, conductor Mr Chattaway. It rehearsed at the Fortune of War Inn in Smithfield on Thursdays.

City of Manchester Band - Lancashire
   See: C.W.S. (Manchester) Band

City of Oxford Silver Band - Oxfordshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1887 - Former names: Headington Brass Band (to 1893), Headington Wesleyan Temperance Band (to 1912), Headington Subscription Band (to 1914), Headington Silver Band (to 1951)

City of Oxford Silver Training Band - Oxfordshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Oxford Templars Brass Band
City of Perth Corporation Band - Perthshire
  Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Conductor Mr Becker in 1901, R. McFarlane in 1905

City of Ripon Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  [previous name of current band] See: Ripon City Band

City of Rochester Band - Kent
  See: Hobourn Aero Works Band

City of Rochester Brass - Kent
  See: Strood Gospel Mission Silver Band

City of Sheffield Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  [previous name of current band] See: Unite the Union Brass Band

City of Southampton (Albion) Band - Hampshire
  [current band] - Founded in the 1920s - Former names: All Saints Scouts Band, Southampton Albion and Scouts Band (1922), Southampton Albion Band (1928), Southampton Band (1970s), City of Southampton Band (1979-1986)

City of Southampton Band - Hampshire
  [previous name of current band] See: City of Southampton (Albion) Band

City of Stoke on Trent Brass Band - Staffordshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Trentham Brass Band

City of Stoke-on-Trent Brass Band - Staffordshire
  Active in the 1990s. Also known as Stoke-on-Trent Brass

City of Stoke-on-Trent Special Constabulary Band - Staffordshire
  See: Stoke-on-Trent Special Constabulary Brass Band

City Of Sunderland Band - Durham
  [previous name of current band] See: City of Sunderland Brass Band

City of Sunderland Brass Band - Durham
  [current band] - Founded in the 1890s - Former names: Sunderland Temperance Band, Sunderland Tramways Employees Band, Sunderland Transport Employees Band, Sunderland Borough Band (1974), City Of Sunderland Band (when Sunderland achieved city status) - Note: Amalgamated with Sunderland International Concert Band c. 1981/1982, which was a former Sunderland Education Authority Band that achieved high standards in the youth band scene, then later in the adult arena with good contest results before suddenly fading away hence the need to amalgamate!

City of Truro Band - Cornwall
  [current band] - Founded in 1975

City of Truro Brass Band - Cornwall
  Formed in 1853 as Truro Saxhorn Band. Also known as Truro Town Band. Conducted by J.F. Mark in 1876. In 1900 it was conducted by H. Phillips. Won third prize at the Crystal Palace in the the Junior B section in 1924 - the first cornish band to win a prize there. Notable conductors of the band were Mr Tom Hubbard, Mr G.W. Cave in the 30s and Mr A.W. Parker. Folded some time before 1970. A successor band was formed in 1975

City of Wakefield Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1954

City of Westminster Employees Band - Middlesex
  Founded in 1906, conductor E. Campbell

City of Winchester Brass - Hampshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Otterbourne Brass
City of Wolverhampton Brass Band - Staffordshire
City Pioneer Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
   Active in 1899
City Royal Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
   See: Manchester City Royal Brass Band
Civil Service Brass Band - London
   Active in the 1860s
Clackmannan Brass Band - Clackmannanshire
   Active in 1862
Clackmannan District Brass Band - Clackmannanshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1991 - Note: Merger of the former Alloa Burgh Band and
   Alva Town Band
Clacton Brass Band - Essex
   Active in the 1890s and through the 1930s, it folded before the current Clacton Band was
   formed in 1948. Bandmaster in 1899 was George Gatfield
Clacton Silver Band - Essex
   [previous name of current band] See: Clacton-on-Sea Co-Operative Band
Clacton Town Band - Essex
   See: Clacton Brass Band
Clacton-on-Sea Band - Essex
   [previous name of current band] See: Clacton-on-Sea Co-Operative Band
Clacton-on-Sea Co-Operative Band - Essex
   [current band] - Founded in 1948 - Former names: Clacton Silver Band (to 1965), Clacton
   on Sea Band (to 1978)
Clacton-on-Sea Excelsior Brass Band - Essex
   Active in 1892
Clanfield Brass Band - Oxfordshire
   The Parrott family made up a good proportion of the band at one time.
Clapham Excelsior Brass Band - London
   Active in the 1920s
Clapham Junction Brass Band
   Active around 1880/1890
Clare Brass Band - Suffolk
   Active in 1854, taking part in the celebrations on the consecration of the South Suffolk
   Freemasons Lodge. On May 25th 1861 when the first news came through that the railway
   was soon to connect Clare with Sudbury and Cambridge. “The band paraded the streets
   and a huge bonfire of old tar barrels and sugar hogsheads was ignited and burnt in
   profusion”. Possibly not a true brass band but a band nevertheless. Two months later the
   band were out again when “on receiving intelligence of the decision of the Committee of
   the House of Lords in favour of the Eastern Counties Railway Bill on Saturday night, the
   town was in quite a commotion, the band was mustered in ten minutes and the streets
   resounded to “see the conquering heroes come” the bells also pealed to welcome the
   joyous news”. Note that “The Band was mustered in ten minutes”. They were probably
   all in the same place - the local pub! On July 11th 1862, the paper celebrates the news
   that; “On Saturday last, the village of Cavendish (next village to Clare) was aroused from
   its usual quietness by the turning of the first sod of the new railway line from Clare to
Sudbury on the Cavendish Hall estate. The Clare Band was engaged and at 3 o’clock workmen belonging to Mr Garrett formed a procession carrying flags and banners and headed by the band marched through the village to the ground where a great number of the leading families of the neighbourhood was assembled. The ceremony was performed by Miss Yellowly, nearly 100 persons sat down to luncheon provided by Mr Bear of the Rose and Crown Inn at Clare, the band played selected numbers of popular music, the chairman, Mr Ilinchcliffe proposed the health of the Queen and the band played the National Anthem followed by Rule Britannia”. A Mr Lee was prosecuted at Clare Petty Sessions for fishing without permission. Charges were also laid against several other people who said they had angled in the river for 30 years or more. The fishing case occasioned great excitement in the town and a subscription has been raised to defray costs for the defence. In the evening a large bonfire was lit on the Market Hill and the band paraded to celebrate. In January 1921 the Clare Brass Band was present at the unveiling of the war memorial at Belchamp Otten. The Clare Brass Band also played at the unveiling of the Clare war memorial by Col Sir Courtenay Warner in October 1921 The band at this time was conducted by a Mr Alfred Lawson a retired army musician. In 1911, Alfred Melville Lawson age 59, and born in Woolwich was a retired musician, and lived with his wife at Clopton Hall, Poslingford. In 1911, he was an orchestral musician, living in Lewisham with his wife and brother. In 1881 he was a soldier in 1st Life Guards at the Cavalry Barracks at New Windsor, Berkshire.

Claremont Brass Band

See: Claremont Mission Brass Band

Claremont Mission Brass Band - Islington, Middlesex
Active in the 1900s to WW1, Mr Roch bandmaster in 1908. The mission was located in White Lion Street.

Clarence Brass Band - Mold, Flintshire
Active in 1900

Clarence House Brass - Portishead, Somerset
[previous name of current band] See: Portishead Town Band

Clarendon Brass Band - Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1882. It is not clear if this is Bradford, Yorkshire or Bradford, Manchester.

Clark and Sons Brass Band - Walsall, Staffordshire
Active in the late 1880s. D. Clark and Sons were wholesale and retail brush manufacturers, which came to an end in or around WW1, as there was a report in 1917 of some “corruption” which had indirectly caused the demise of the company.

Clark’s Mills Brass Band - Worsley, Lancashire
Active in 1858

Clarks Nichols and Combes Works Band
See: Clarnico Works Band

Clarkston Brass Band - Airdrie, Lanarkshire
Active in 1899 when it promoted a band contest and through to WW1.

Clarnico Fire Brigade Band
See: Clarnico Works Band

Clarnico Works Band - Leytonstone, Essex
Active in the early 20th century. Clarnico is an amalgamation of Clarks Nichols and Combes who used to have a sweet factory at Leytonstone in Essex. It was later taken over by Trebor Bassett.
Claverdon Village Band - Warwickshire
  Active in the early 1900s
Clawson Brass Band - Leicestershire
  See: Long Clawson Brass Band
Clay Cross and District Brass Band - Derbyshire
  Formed after WW1 and active through to 1939
Clay Cross Brass Band - Derbyshire
  Active from 1860 to 1900
Clay Cross Model Brass Band - Derbyshire
  See: Clay Cross Brass Band
Clay Cross Silver Band - Derbyshire
  See: Clay Cross and District Brass Band
Clay Cross Volunteer Band - Derbyshire
  See: Clay Cross Brass Band
Claydon Brass Band - Oxfordshire
  Active in 1860
Claygate Brass Band - Thames Ditton,
  Active in the early 1900s
Claypole Brass Band - Lincolnshire
  Active in 1852
Clayton Aniline Works Band - Manchester, Lancashire
  Formed in December 1943, disbanded in 1956. They shared the bill with a young Julie
  Andrews in a charity concert at Belle Vue, Manchester on October 5th 1955.
Clayton Brass Band - Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  See: Clayton Subscription Band
Clayton Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
  Active in 1880, in 1907 and in the 1910s, being conducted by Joe Dyson at one time.
Clayton Silver Band
  See: Clayton Subscription Band
Clayton Sports Band - Lincoln, Lincolnshire
  Formed in July 1922
Clayton Steam Sheds Band
  See: Clayton Subscription Band
Clayton Subscription Band - Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active from the 1870s through to WW2. Lost some players to Bradford City Band in 1899.
  Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Also known as Clayton
  Silver Band, and referred to as Clayton Steam Sheds Band in 1936.
Clayton West Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active from the 1850s to around 1965 when it amalgamated with Emley Public Band to
  form Clayton West and Emley Band (forerunner of the current Emley Brass Band.
Clayton West Independent Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1853
Clayton-le-Moors Band - Lancashire
  Active in 1875. On the 4th September 1882 the 30th Annual Brass Band Contest took
  place at the Belle Vue Gardens in Manchester. Of the 30 bands entered there was only 18
  that put in an appearance one of which was the Clayton le Moors Rifle Volunteers Brass
  Band – this was their Greatest Achievement. The music required to play was a selection
from “Il Seraglio” by Mozart which was arranged expressly for the occasion by Mr Charles Godfrey, the bandmaster of the Royal Horse Guards and the scores of which were supplied to the contesting bands, six weeks ago. The proceedings lasted over six hours. Several bands exhibited great ability, but on the whole, there was a falling off in the excellancy of the playing. The first prize of £30 went to Clayton le moors Rifle Volunteers, surprising really when you hear the story ~ not only that they all received a gold medal each value of £3 but was presented an electro-plated “Echo” cornet of the value of £22. Ned Holditch was the principle cornet player and conductor of the Band. He couch the band for the Belle Vue contest and as was usual in those days they engaged Mr Alex Owen of Bessie of the Barn conductor. When they got to Belle Vue, Ned warned all the bandsmen to keep away from the marquees containing the bars and then they could easily win the contest. Apparently Ned’s advice didn’t apply to himself because when he went onto the platform to play the contest piece, Mr Owen accused Ned of being drunk of which he didn’t deny the statement but told the conductor just before they started that the band would win and he would also collect the solo cornet prize. His predictions proved correct and Ned won a Silver Cornet trophy for first prize. When the band arrived back at Rishton they wanted to show off their “winnings” and sent round to Ned’s for the prize he had won. He replied by sending back the pawn brokers ticket ~ for he had “hocked” in prize at “Uncles” and used the proceeds to get drunk. [Edward “Ned” Holditch was born Edwin Henry Holdship in Portsmouth, 1847]. Band was still active in 1925.

Clayton-le-Moors Rifle Volunteers Band
See: Clayton-le-Moors Band

Cleadon Brass Band - Durham
Active in 1859

Clearwell Brass Band - Monmouthshire
Active in 1865, conductor James Packer. Still active in the 1870s

Cleator Brass Band - Cumberland
Active in 1860, when the members included: Thomas Harrison (bandmaster), Thomas Parker, Thomas Richardson, Nicholas Blacklock, Mark Richardson and J. Tyson (drummer)

Cleator League of the Cross Band
See: Cleator Moor St Mary’s Brass Band

Cleator Moor Band of Hope Brass Band - Cumberland
See: Cleator Moor Teetotal Brass Band

Cleator Moor Brass - Cumberland
[current band] - Founded in 2007

Cleator Moor Brass Band - Cumberland
Active in 1861 to 1867

Cleator Moor League of the Cross Band
See: Cleator Moor St Mary’s Brass Band

Cleator Moor St John’s Brass Band - Cumberland
Active around 1919

Cleator Moor St Mary’s Brass Band - Cumberland
Active from the 1890s through to WW1. Also known as Cleator Moor League of the Cross Band. It was re-organised in 1901
Cleator Moor Teetotal Brass Band - Cumberland
Active in 1861. Conductor Thomas Harrison in 1864

Cleator Moor Temperance Brass Band - Cumberland
See: Cleator Moor Teetotal Brass Band

Cleator Moor Town Band - Cumberland
Active from the 1890s through to the early 1900s

Cleckheaton Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Commenced contesting in 1878 and over the next 10 years attended over 40 contests amassing prizes totalling some £400. Still active in 1896

Cleckheaton Old Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[no information]

Cleckheaton Temperance Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Minutes of the band, from 1886-99, are held by West Yorkshire Archive Service, Kirklees. The band was formed as the Nook Chapel Band in Cleckheaton, becoming the Cleckheaton Temperance Brass Band when it broke away from the Chapel. It was still active in the 1900s, conductor Mr Tyson in 1908. Disbanded in 1916

Cleckheaton Victoria Silver Prize Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Founded in 1849. Won the first South Yorkshire Brass Band Contest, in Doncaster, on 29 August 1859 playing a medley from Verdi’s “La Traviata”. and took part in the second South Yorkshire Brass Band Contest, at Nether Hall Park, Doncaster, on 25th June 1860. Conductor Benjamin Robinson in 1860. Active in 1903 to 1911. Achieved sixth place at the National Championships at the Crystal Palace in 1903 under the baton of Angus Holden. Probably did not survive WW1, although there was a Cleckheaton Band in 1921.

Cleethorpes Band - Lincolnshire
[previous name of current band] See: Kingsway Printers Cleethorpes Band

Cleethorpes Borough Band - Lincolnshire
[previous name of current band] See: Kingsway Printers Cleethorpes Band

Cleethorpes Brass Band (1) - Lincolnshire
Active in 1840

Cleethorpes Brass Band (2) - Lincolnshire
See: Cleethorpes Fishermen’s Band

Cleethorpes Fishermen’s Band - Lincolnshire
Active from the early 1850s to the late 1860s. Conductor Mr Acey in 1859. Also known as Cleethorpes Brass Band

Cleethorpes New Brass Band - Lincolnshire
[previous name of current band] See: Kingsway Printers Cleethorpes Band

Cleethorpes Sacred Band - Lincolnshire
Founded in 1882, conductor A. Brannan

Cleethorpes Silver Prize Band - Lincolnshire
[previous name of current band] See: Kingsway Printers Cleethorpes Band

Cleland Brass Band - Lanarkshire
Active from the 1870s through to the 1930s. Conductor James Jenkins in 1890, John Somerville in 1900

Cleland Instrumental Band
See: Cleland Brass Band
Cleland Silver Band
See: Cleland Brass Band

Clent Brass Band - Worcestershire
Active in 1888

Cleobury Brass Band - Shropshire
Active in 1851

Cleobury Mortimer Concert Brass - Shropshire
[current band] - Founded in 1900 - Former names: Cleobury Mortimer Town Band (to 1970), Cleobury Mortimer Silver Band (to 1984), Muller Cleobury Mortimer Band (to 2006)

Cleobury Mortimer Silver Band - Shropshire
[previous name of current band] See: Cleobury Mortimer Concert Brass

Cleobury Mortimer Town Band - Shropshire
[previous name of current band] See: Cleobury Mortimer Concert Brass

Clerkenwell Amateur Brass Band - Middlesex
Active in 1864 - rehearsing at the Red Lion, Rosoman Street, Mondays and Fridays at 8pm

Clerkenwell Temperance Amateur Brass Band - Middlesex
Active in 1860 - based at St John’s Temperance Hall, 7 Corporation Row, Clerkenwell

Clevedon Brass - Somerset
[current band] - Founded in 1964 - Former names: Clevedon Youth Band (to 1984), Clevedon Brass Band

Clevedon Brass Band (1) - Somerset
Active in 1864

Clevedon Brass Band (2) - Somerset
See: Clevedon Silver Band

Clevedon Brass Band (3) - Somerset
[previous name of current band] See: Clevedon Brass

Clevedon Silver Band - Somerset
Formed in the 1870s as the 5th Gloucestershire Royal Artillery Band. It entered a contest in Windsor Park in 1881 and played to commemorate the jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1887. Renamed Clevedon Silver Band in 1905, under the baton of Mr Fred Ware, it competed at the Crystal Palace in the 1930s. From the “Clevedon Mercury” c.1925, “The Clevedon Band, under the baton of Mr F Mogg, played a varied and well-chosen programme. Although small in number they are effective and have a sound idea of the qualities requisite to render brass music pleasingly. They were heard to the best advantage in what were the most difficult items in their repertoire. The soloists played with true regard to phrasing, and gave a fine interpretation of the various songs. Mr Mogg, the conductor, was excellent in his rendering of ‘Alas! Those chimes’ on the cornet. The obligato passages were played with unusual restraint and feeling, the ensemble being perfect. The balance was perfectly maintained and the expression fully sustained but not unduly stressed. Mr Mogg has the band well under control, getting an instant response to his baton and he is to be congratulated on his work”. The band folded at the start of WW2.

Clevedon Town Band - Somerset
See: Clevedon Silver Band
Clevedon Volunteers Band - Somerset
   Active in 1899, bandmaster Mr Court

Clevedon Youth Band - Somerset
   [previous name of current band] See: Clevedon Brass

Cleveland County Youth Brass Band
   Active in the 1980s and 1990s

Cleveland Ironworks Band
   See: Cleveland Steelworks Band

Cleveland Police Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   [current band] - Founded in 1971 - Former names: Teesside Constabulary Band

Cleveland Steelworks Band - South Bank, Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Formed in 1888 and active through to WW1. Conductors A. Blackburn in 1899, T. Winter in 1907

Cliff Brass Band - Whitby, Yorkshire (North Riding)
   See: Whitby West Cliff Brass Band

Cliffe Brass Band - Northamptonshire
   See: King’s Cliffe Brass Band

Clifford Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1864

Cliff’s Brass Band - Wortley, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Messrs Cliff and Son’s Brass Band

Cliff’s Brass Band - Wortley, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1850s.

Clifton and Lightcliffe Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [current band] - Founded in 1838 - Former names: Clifton Brass Band, Clifton Prize Band (to 1932) - Note: Records of the band (1882-1921) held in Halifax Public Library

Clifton and Pendlebury Brass Band
   See: Pendlebury and Clifton Brass Band

Clifton Brass Band - Great Clifton, Cumberland
   Active in the 1860s

Clifton Brass Band - Bedfordshire
   Active in the 1880s

Clifton Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
   Active in the 1840s and 1850s

Clifton Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Clifton and Lightcliffe Band

Clifton Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1870s and 1880s

Clifton Certified Industrial School Band
   See: Clifton Industrial School Band

Clifton Colliery Brass Band - Great Clifton, Cumberland
   Formed in July 1860, still active in 1864

Clifton Colliery Prize Band - Nottingham, Nottinghamshire
   Active around 1900 and through to the 1930s.

Clifton Industrial School Band - Cliftonwood, Gloucestershire
   Active in the 1880s. The school was established in 1849. The object of the school was “to save lads from the streets when driven to them by the loss or misconduct of their
parents, to give them a handicraft and to train them in honest principles”. The brass band was under instructor Henry Miles, and 2 members of it had enlisted for the Band of the Scots Fusiliers and 1 for the Rifles Band. The Annual Report in April 1884 gave details of the activities of the school and a summary of the last 3 years. The average number of boys was 210 and during 1883 47 had been admitted. 10 were of the 1st class, 15 of the 2nd, 1 of the 3rd, 9 of the 4th and 3 transferred from other schools. Only 3 could read and write above the 2nd standard. Altogether over the 3 previous years 143 boys had been discharged. Situations had been found for 78 of these. 70 of them were doing well, 2 had been convicted, 1 was doubtful, 4 could not be trusted and 1 had died. 17 had been returned to friends. Of these 13 were doing well, 2 had been convicted and 2 could not be traced. 14 had gone to sea. Of these 12 were doing well. 1 had been convicted and 1 had died. 28 had emigrated. This was to Canada and situations were found for them by an agent. Of these 27 were doing well, 1 was doubtful. 5 had been discharged on account of disease. Of these 4 were doing well, 1 unknown. 1 had enlisted and was doing well. The band was still active in the early 1900s.

Clifton Prize Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Clifton and Lightcliffe Band

Clifton Public Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
Active in the early 1900s

Clifton Subscription Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
Active in 1851

Clifton Victoria Brass Band - Bedfordshire
Founded in June 1886, secretary Mr Cook.

Clifton West End Silver Band
Active in 1959, competing in the Spring Festival Junior Cup.

Clifton Wood Industrial School Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
The Clifton Industrial School was established in 1849 and moved to the former parish workhouse premises at Clifton Wood in 1866. The band was formed some time after 1870, and in 1896 it consisted of 28 performers. Still active in 1903

Clio Training Ship Band - Bangor, Caernarfonshire
See: Training Ship Clio Band

Clio Training Ship Brass Band - Bangor, Caernarfonshire
Active in 1878

Clipstone Colliery Welfare Band - Nottinghamshire
Active from the early 1930s. Sponsored by Torque Tension Ltd in the late 1970s, still active in the 1990s.

Clitheroe Borough Band
See: Clitheroe Brass Band

Clitheroe Brass Band - Lancashire
Founded in 1889, bandmaster Joseph Douglas 1899-1901. Active through to 1932. The Clitheroe Brass Band Company Limited was incorporated in 1889 and dissolved between 1933 and 1948.

Clitheroe Catholic Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1880s to early 1900s

Clitheroe Catholic Schools Brass Band
See: Clitheroe Catholic Brass Band
Clive Vale Brass Band
   See: Ore and Clive Vale Brass Band

Cliviger Brass Band - near Burnley, Lancashire
   Active from the 1880s to the early 1960s.

Clock Face and Sutton Manor Collieries Band
   See: Clock Face Colliery Band

Clock Face Colliery Band - St Helens, Lancashire
   Active in the 1920s/1930s. Also known as Clock Face and Sutton Manor Collieries Band.
   Still active in 1964. Folded later in the 1960s, thought to have been a Championship band
   at some point. A lot of the band's music was inherited by the Bold Miners' Welfare Band
   which formed in 1970.

Clotton and Tarporley Brass Band - Cheshire
   See: Tarporley and Clotton Brass Band

Clotton T.O.R. Brass Band - Chester, Cheshire
   Active in 1897

Cloughfold Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1870s

Cloughton Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active in the 1870s and 1900s

Clowes Primitive Methodist Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
   Active in 1894

Clowne Brass Band
   See: Clowne Silver Prize Band

Clowne Rechabites Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Founded in 1890, renamed Clowne Silver Band in 1892, bandmaster Mr Taylor. Acquired
   new instruments in 1901, George William Bowes conductor 1906. Active through to
   WW1

Clowne Silver Band
   See: Clowne Rechabites Brass Band

Clun Brass Band (1) - Shropshire
   Active in the 1840s to 1880s

Clun Brass Band (2) - Shropshire
   Formed in the early 1900s by Will and John Roberts, the former being the bandmaster
   through to the 1930s

Clunie Brass Band - Perthshire
   Active in 1867

Cluny Brass Band - Fife
   Active from the 1850s to 1890s.

Clutton Brass Band - Somerset
   Active in the early 1900s and the 1920s. In 1926 some of its members were engaged to
   help out the Downend Reed and Brass Band on Whit Monday. They were happy to be
   given ten shillings and six pence, plus meals and board, for a rehearsal and one
   engagement.

Clydach Brass Band - Brecknockshire
   Active in from the 1850s through to 1910, and 1948

Clydach Public Subscription Band
   See: Clydach Brass Band
Clydach St John’s Brass Band - Brecknockshire
   Active in 1912/1913

Clydach Town Band
   See: Clydach St John’s Brass Band

Clydach Vale Band - Brecknockshire
   Active in the 1880s to early 1900s

Clyde Collieries and Tollcross Band - Midlothian
   Active in the 1900s, conductor Forbes Taylor in 1907

Clyde Colliery Brass Band - Midlothian
   Founded around 1905, conductor Mr Forsyth

Clyde Workers Brass Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
   Active in the 1920s, conducted by W.H.P. McGowan in 1928

Clydebank Brass Band - Dunbartonshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Clydebank Burgh Band

Clydebank Brass Band - Dunbartonshire
   Founded in 1891. Still active in 1907

Clydebank Burgh Band - Dunbartonshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1891 - Former names: Clydebank Brass Band, Clydebank District Band (1989-95)

Clydebank Congregational Band - Dunbartonshire
   Active in 1929

Clydebank District Band - Dunbartonshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Clydebank Burgh Band

Clydebank Orange Band - Dunbartonshire
   Active in the 1900s

Clydebank R.C. Band - Dunbartonshire
   Active from the early 1900 to the 1930s

Clydebank Reserves Brass Band - Dunbartonshire
   Active in the 1890s

Clydebank Town Band - Dunbartonshire
   See: Clydebank Brass Band

Clytha Brass Band - Monmouthshire
   Active in 1861 to 1867

Coal and Wagon Works Band - Radstock,
   See: Radstock Coal and Wagon Works Brass Band

Coal Porters' Union Brass Band - London
   Active in 1890

Coal Products (CPL) Band - Durham
   [previous name of current band] See: Fishburn Band

Coalbrookdale Brass Band - Shropshire
   Active in the 1850s. Played at the Ironbridge Fete in 1868. From the Wellington Journal and Shrewsbury News, 9th September 1905: “Broseley Wood Potato Show - The second annual potato show was held on Saturday on Mr. M. Davies’s premises, and was largely attended. The potatoes were of splendid quality. The room was tastefully decorated, and outside the premises hung a beautiful festoon containing a suitable motto. ......... During the afternoon the Coalbrookdale Band discoursed an excellent selection of music, under the direction of Mr. G. Beardshaw” From the Wellington Journal and Shrewsbury News,
25th September 1909: “On Saturday the members of this band, presenting a neat and smart appearance in their new uniform, paid a visit to Broseley, and played a Choice selection of music in High Street. A collection was taken in aid of the funds.” Played at the Willey Fete in 1924. Still active in the 1930s.

**Coalburn Silver Band** - Lanarkshire  
[current band] - Founded in 1902

**Coalpit Heath Brass Band** - Gloucestershire  
Active in the 1850s to 1859

**Coaltown of Balgorie Brass Band** - Fife  
Active in the 1900s

**Coaltown of Wemyss Brass Band** - Fife  
Active in the early 1900s to WW1.

**Coalville Band** - Leicestershire  
[previous name of current band] See: *Ibstock Brick Brass*

**Coalville Coronation Band** - Leicestershire  
[previous name of current band] See: *Snibston & Desford Colliery Band*

**Coalville Coronation Band** - Leicestershire  
See: *William Davis Construction Group Band*

**Coalville Ebenezer Band** - Leicestershire  
See: *William Davis Construction Group Band*

**Coalville Town Band** - Leicestershire  
Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Conductor T. Dooley in 1902

**Coalville Youth Brass Band** - Leicestershire  
Active in the 1980s

**Coatbridge All Saints Band** - Lanarkshire  
Active in 1922

**Coatbridge Burgh Band**  
See: *Coatbridge Town Band*

**Coatbridge Concert Brass** - Lanarkshire  
[current band] - Founded in 2011

**Coatbridge Instrumental Band**  
See: *Coatbridge Town Band*

**Coatbridge League of the Cross Brass Band** - Lanarkshire  
Active in the 1890s

**Coatbridge St Augustine’s Band** - Lanarkshire  
Active from the 1890s to WW2

**Coatbridge Town Band** - Lanarkshire  

**Coatham Brass Band** - Yorkshire (North Riding)  
Active in 1851, conductor James Earle

**Cobden Brass Band** - Nottingham, Nottinghamshire  
Active in the 1870s.

**Cobden Chadwick Band** - Oldham, Lancashire  
Formerly known as the Zion Methodists Band from Lees, it amalgamated with the Lees and Glodwick Band to form Oldham Brass 97, in 1997. Sponsored by the Cobden Chadwick Engineering Company from the mid 1980s.
Cobden Street Primitive Methodists Band - Peterborough, Northamptonshire
   Active in 1897
Cobham and District Band - Surrey
   [previous name of current band] See: Cobham Band
Cobham Band - Surrey
Cobridge Catholic Brass Band
   See: Cobridge St Peter’s Brass Band
Cobridge St Peter’s Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1870s and 1880s
Cobridge St Peter’s Roman Catholic Band
   See: Cobridge St Peter’s Brass Band
Cockermouth Borough Band - Cumberland
   [no information]
Cockermouth Brass Band - Cumberland
   [previous name of current band] See: Cockermouth Mechanics Band
Cockermouth Engineers Brass Band - Cumberland
   [previous name of current band] See: Cockermouth Mechanics Band
Cockermouth Industrial School Band - Cumberland
   The school was established in 1881 as the Cumberland County Industrial School. A report in 1882 stated “A band had been formed and the boys were being regularly drilled”. The band was still active into the early 1900s
Cockermouth Mechanics Band - Cumberland
   [current band] - Founded in 1825 - Former names - Cockermouth Brass Band, Cockermouth Engineers Brass Band
Cockermouth Rifles Band - Cumberland
   Active in the 1870s and 1880s
Cockerton Brass Band - Durham
   [previous name of current band] See: Cockerton Prize Silver Band
Cockerton Prize Silver Band - Durham
   [current band] - Founded in 1864 - Former names: Cockerton Saxhorn Band, Cockerton Brass Band - Note: Other related bands: Darlington Saxhorn Band (1858)
Cockerton Saxhorn Band - Durham
   [previous name of current band] See: Cockerton Prize Silver Band
Cockerton Sons of Temperance Band - Durham
   Active in 1910
Cockfield Brass Band
   See: Cockfield Prize Silver Band
Cockfield Prize Silver Band - Durham
   Formed in the 1890s. Remained active through to the 1930s
Cockshut Hill School Brass Band - Yardley, Warwickshire
   Active in the 1980s
Codford Brass Band - Wiltshire
   Active in 1857 to 1866
**Codicote Brass Band** - Hertfordshire
Active in the 1870s and 1880s. Conductor F.A. Bachelor in 1879, W. Baldwin in 1885. Still active in 1932

**Codnor Brass Band** - Derbyshire
See: Codnor Old Prize Band

**Codnor Old Prize Band** - Derbyshire
Founded in July 1860 by Mr William Eyre (conductor) and his brother Joseph, it was for many years the only source of entertainment (apart from the annual wakes) in Codnor, and right royally they enlivened the village with their stirring music. The various chapels could always rely on the band on anniversaries and wakes to lead processions and parades in the village and elsewhere, and at Christmas they would play hymns in front of the big house at Hall Farm. They also had a high reputation when they competed in numerous contests and won many prizes. It was at the height of its fame around 1905. Weekly practices were held at the Miner's Arms, the band-master and conductor being Mr William Eyre for a number of years. The band ultimately merged with the Butterfly Colliery Ambulance Band some time after 1918.

**Codnor Park Brass Band** - Derbyshire
Active in 1851 to 1874

**Codnor Primitive Methodist Brass Band** - Derbyshire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

**Codnor U.M.F.C. Sunday School Brass Band** - Derbyshire
See: Codnor United Brass Band

**Codnor United Brass Band** - Derbyshire
Active from the late 1860s to the 1890s - linked to the Codnor United Methodist Free Church. Took part in the 44th Annual Temperance procession on Whit Monday in 1915, starting from Somercotes, a sea of banners, flags and gaily decorated floats proceeded through Leabrooks and Riddings, gathering strength as it marched, and parading the village of Ironville before winding its way up to the Jessop Monument in Codnor Park.

**Codnor Volunteers Band** - Derbyshire
Active in the 1890s

**Codnor Wesleyan Brass Band** - Derbyshire
See: Codnor United Brass Band

**Coed Talon Brass Band**
Active in 1928

**Coedely (Rockwool) Band**
See: Coedely Colliery Band

**Coedley Colliery Band** - Glamorgan
Active from the 1950s to the 1990s. Competed in the 1964 West of England Regional Championships (Champ. Section), conducted by W.J. Priday. Also known as Coedely (Rockwool) Band. Won the Second Section at the Eighth Mineworkers' National Brass Band Contest, at the Winter Gardens, Blackpool, in 1969.

**Coedpoeth Brass Band (1)** - Denbighshire
Active from 1864 to the early 1880s. Folded sometime in the 1880s.

**Coedpoeth Brass Band (2)** - Denbighshire
See: Coedpoeth Silver Band

**Coedpoeth Public Band** - Denbighshire
Active in the 1940s
Coedpoeth Silver Band - Denbighshire
Formed by Joseph Wilcoxon (b. 1855), in September 1889. Conductor was Edward Roberts from 1889. In 1900 it bought a new set of Besson instruments and was to be organised by a new local committee. Active in 1910. Correspondence and papers pertaining to the band (1948) are held by Denbighshire County Council. Still active in the late 1940s

Coed-Talon Brass Band - Flintshire
Active in the 1930s and 1940s.

Coed-y-Mynach Brass Band - Monkswood, Monmouthshire
Active in the 1990s

Coggeshall Brass Band - Essex
Founded by Thomas Crow. Active from 1860 to the 1900s. Conductor Thomas Crow in 1861

Coggeshall Church School Brass Band - Essex
Founded in 1885, bandmaster Thomas Crow

Coggeshall Town Band
See: Coggeshall Amateur Brass Band

Coggeshall Young Men’s Friendly Society Band - Essex
Active in 1904, conductor H.J. Smith

Cohen’s (600) Brass Band
Active in the 1940s and 1950s. Based at the George Cohen’s Works in Stanningley, Leeds. Cohens was a metal merchants company. The “600” in the name refers to the company’s original address at 600 Commercial Road, London.

Cohen’s Works Stanningley Band
See: Cohen’s (600) Brass Band

Colchester Band - Essex
[current band] - Founded in 1860 - Former names: Colchester Town and Volunteer Rifle Band, Colchester Town Band, Colchester Silver Band (1946-1994), Hatfields of Colchester Band

Colchester Brass Band - Essex
Active in 1851. A successor band was formed in 1860

Colchester Brotherhood Band - Essex
Active in the 1950s

Colchester Excelsior Band - Essex
Active in 1895 and 1905, when the bandmaster was W. Fisher

Colchester Mile End Band
See: Mile End Brass Band

Colchester Old Heath Band - Essex
Active in the 1900s

Colchester Silver Band - Essex
[previous name of current band] See: Colchester Band

Colchester Town and Volunteer Rifle Band - Essex
[previous name of current band] See: Colchester Band

Colchester Town Band - Essex
[previous name of current band] See: Colchester Band

Cold Ash Brass - Berkshire
[current band] - Founded in 2003
Cold Ash Brass Band - Berkshire
Active in the 1900s. Folded in the 1930s. A successor band was formed in the village in 2003.

Coldharbour and Leith Hill Band - Surrey
Active in the 1920s and 1930s, conductor C.J. Murrell.

Coldharbour Brass Band
See: Coldharbour and Leith Hill Band

Coldstream Brass Band - Berwickshire
Formed in 1898. Active through the 1900s. Conductor in 1901, William Proud, when a grand bazaar was held to raise money for new instruments (aiming for £300). There had been three earlier brass bands in Coldstream.

Coleford Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active from 1859 through to the 1920s.

Coleford Temperance Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active in 1869

Coleford Town Band - Gloucestershire
Formed 1945, amalgamated with Yorkley Onward Band in 1994 to form Forest of Dean Brass.

Coleorton Brass Band (1) - Leicestershire
Founded in 1858. Active to the 1870s

Coleorton Brass Band (2) - Leicestershire
Formed in 1904, conductor J. Clifford

Coleridge Road School Band - Cambridge, Cambridgeshire
Active in the 1970s

Colerne Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active from the early 1890s to 1926. Conductor W. Philpott in 1934. Known as Mrs Walmesley's Colerne Brass Band in 1894

Coleshill and District Brass Band - Warwickshire
[previous name of current band] See: Coleshill Town Band

Coleshill and Maxstoke Ex-servicemen's Club Band - Warwickshire
[previous name of current band] See: Coleshill Town Band

Coleshill Concert Band - Warwickshire
[previous name of current band] See: Coleshill Town Band

Coleshill Silver Band - Warwickshire
[previous name of current band] See: Coleshill Town Band

Coleshill Town Band - Warwickshire

Colinton Brass Band - Midlothian
Active in the early 1900s

Collingwood Street Mission Band - Lambeth, Surrey
Active in the 1900s. Based at the working men's mission in New Cut.

Collinson's Brass Band - Preston, Lancashire
Active in the 1840 and 1850s. In 1845 “the Oddfellows of the Pleasant Retreat Lodge met at the Exchange Rooms where a portion of the excellent Collinson's Band played”. In
January 1846 a fund raising tea party was held in the Exchange Rooms in aid of St. Ignatius's Boy's Schools. “Tea being over, the rooms were cleared for dancing and promenading. The band (Collinson’s) strikes up, and a thousand twinkling feet are in motion, dancing without cessation, in every mood and measure”. In June that year some 2,000 persons attended an afternoon’s wrestling at the rear of the Dog and Partridge on Friargate. “Collinson’s Brass Band was on the ground enlivening the assemblage with favourite airs in their best style”. They played at a processing at Garstang in 1849, together with the Chipping Band. In August 1850 “Collinson's Band, together with the National School Band, walked in procession with some 1,570 workpeople employed by Horrocks, Miller and Co, as they made their way to Maudland Station to travel to Blackpool. On arriving at Blackpool the holidaymakers walked in procession, accompanied by the two bands, to the beach where, in addition to having donkey rides and suchlike, a considerable number of lads and lasses enjoyed a merry dance on to the lively strains of Collinson's Band”.

**Colyhurst Public Brass Band** - Lancashire
   Active in the 1890s and early 1900s. Conductors W. France in 1899, Mr Abel in 1906

**Colyweston Brass Band** - Northamptonshire
   Active in the 1890s through to WW1.

**Colnbrook Brass Band** - Buckinghamshire
   Active in 1854 and 1857

**Colne and Trawden United Band** - Lancashire
   See: Colne Borough Band

**Colne Borough Band** - Lancashire
   Active from 1861 to the 1970s

**Colne Borough Brass Band** - Lancashire
   [current band] - Founded in 1862. Also known as Colne Original Band

**Colne Brass Band** - Lancashire
   See: Colne Borough Band

**Colne Free Church Sunday School Brass Band** - Lancashire
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Secretary William Moore in 1902. Conductor J. Duerdin in 1908

**Colne Methodist Free Church Sunday School Brass Band** - Lancashire
   See: Colne Free Church Sunday School Brass Band

**Colne Mount Zion Brass Band** - Lancashire
   See: Mount Zion Brass Band (Colne)

**Colne Original Band** - Lancashire
   See: Colne Borough Band

**Colne United Methodist Free Church Brass Band** - Lancashire
   See: Colne Free Church Sunday School Brass Band

**Colsterworth Brass Band** - Lincolnshire
   Active in the 1840s and 1850s

**Colston’s Hospital Brass Band**
   See: Colston School Brass Band

**Colston’s School Brass Band** - Stapleton, Gloucestershire
   Active in 1860 to 1884. The school was founded by Edward Colston as Colston’s Hospital, later known as Colton’s School
Coltness Brass Band - Lanarkshire

Active in the 1880s. Presumed to have folded before the Coltness Works Band was formed.

Coltness Iron Works Silver Band - Lanarkshire

Formed in 1898 and became First Section Scottish Champions in 1907, 1941-3, 1945 and 1949. Following a difficult period after the ravages of the 1914-18 War, the band regained its former level and glory during the 1930s and 1940s. It became Newmains and District Colliery Band in the 1950s to 1970s, then Hutchinsons Coaches Band in the 1980s and early 1990s, reverting to Newmains Band before folding in the late 1990s. Report from the Motherwell Times, Friday 14th. June 1901: “The New Masonic Halls - Laying the Memorial Stone. The procession which was marshalled at the Town Hall by Brother W. McKean, Provincial Grand Marshal, and which was the largest Masonic gathering ever seen in Motherwell, marched by the way of Clyde Street, Merry Street, Dalziel Street, Coursington Street, Park Street, Crosshill Street, Brandon Street and Muir Street to the Halls in Hope Street. The procession which was accompanied by Coltness Iron Works Band was witnessed by large crowds all along the route. When the front of the procession arrived at the building the ranks opened up to allow the Provincial Grand Officials to pass through, and to take up their position near the stone. ................Three cheers were then given, and the choir gave a spirited rendering of the “Hallelujah Chorus”, after which corn was sprinkled on the stone, and the oil and wine was poured over it. The Coltness band then struck up the “Mason's Anthem” and other three cheers were given....................The ceremony concluded with the playing of the “ Mason's Anthem”, by the band, after which the Provincial Grand Officers returned to the platform, where they were greeted with three cheers by the brethren. Everyone joined in the rendering of “Rule Britannia”, at the close of which the assemblage was photographed for the “Hamilton Herald “ Supplement, by Mr. T. Johnston, photographer, Camp Street. Thereafter the company was again arranged in processional order, and proceeded by way of Muir Street, Milton Street, Calder Street, and Merry Street to the Town Hall, where the Lodge was closed in due form. The bands which accompanied the procession were the Coltness Silver Band, and the Motherwell Town Silver Band both of which more than maintained their reputation for first class music. Report from Livingstone, 17th September 1904: - The next item of importance was the laying of the Memorial Stone of the Public Library in Clyde Street. On this occasion there was a joint Lodge of St. John Dalzell, No. 406, and Lodge Livingstone St. Andrew, No. 573, with Brother Alexander Findlay, M.P., M.M. Lodge Irvine St. Andrews, No. 149, acting as Right Worshipful Master. The Office-bearers were selected from the R.W.M.s., P.M.s, Wardens and Brethren of both Lodges. The Brethren met in the Lodge-room, then paraded the principal streets (headed by the Motherwell Silver Band and Coltness Silver Band) In September, 1937, the 1st Bonkle Scout Troop celebrated its 25th anniversary. On Sunday a special “All Scout” service was held in the Scout Hut grounds. Neighbouring companies of Scouts and Guides paraded with the Bonkle companies. The address was given by the Rev. George Fraser, MA, Stoneyburn, a former minister of the church who was the first Scoutmaster of the troop. The praise was led by the Coltness Silver Band.

Coltness Works Band

See: Coltness Iron Works Silver Band

Colwall Amateur Brass Band - Worcestershire

Active in 1865
Colwall Brass Band - Worcestershire
  Active between 1905-1953

Colwell Brass Band - Northumberland
  Active in the 1880s, conductor E.C. Nixon

Colwick Railway Men’s Band - Nottinghamshire
  Active in the 1900s

Colwyn Bay Brass Band - Denbighshire
  Active from the 1880s to the 1930s.

Colwyn Borough Band
  See: Colwyn Town Band

Colwyn Brass Band - Denbighshire
  Active in the 1870s, known as Old Colwyn Band by the early 1890s when it became associated with the newly formed Colwyn Volunteers. Conductor Edwin Jones in 1895. Known as Colwyn Silver Band in the 1900s to WW1.

Colwyn Town Band - Denbighshire
  Active in the early 1930s through to the 1980s.

Colyton Brass Band - Devon
  Formed in 1850, still active in 1932

Colyton Excelsior Silver Band - Devon
  Active after WW2 in the 1940s and 1950s, conductor J. Isaacs

Combe Brass Band - Oxfordshire
  Active in 1847, 1894

Combe Down Amateur Brass Band - Somerset
  Active in 1909

Combe Martin Brass Band - Devon
  Active in 1887

Combmartin Brass Band - Devon
  Active in 1865

Combmartin Wesleyan Mission Brass Band - Devon
  Active in 1892

Combroke Brass Band
  Played at the Newbold Pacey and Ashorne Coronation Festivities on 22nd June 1911, there were also earlier reports of this band. It is possible that the band was part of the Compton Verney Estate.

Combroke Brass Band
  See: Combroke Brass Band

Combs Brass Band - Suffolk
  Founded in 1893, it was made up of employees of Webb and Sons (Combs Tannery) and of men living in the village of Combs; it existed for over half a century until it was disbanded in the mid 1950's. In 1885 the Tannery employed 150 persons. There were five Williams brothers in the band and when Frank Williams got married the band presented him with a silver teapot. Conductor was R.J. Vince in 1900. The Band disbanded in 1953, the Bandmaster at that time was a Mr. Maurice Laflin The instruments were stored in a cupboard or shed and were later discovered in the 60's. They were then refurbished and loaned to the Stowmarket Schools Band, (later the Stowmarket Concert Band)

Combs Ford Band - Suffolk
  Active in the 1890s
Combs Silver Band - Suffolk
  See: Combs Brass Band

Combwich Brass Band - Somerset
  Active in 1864 to 1868

Commercial Travellers' Schools Brass Band - Pinner, Middlesex
  Active in 1865 to 1868

Compstall Brass Band - Cheshire
  Founded in 1850. Conductor Henry Tymm in 1860. Still active in the 1920s and disbanded sometime in the 1950s. Its last conductor was J Dearden. A band pavilion was erected by George Andrew for the use of the band in the grounds of the Athenaeum in Compstall in 1859. This bandstand was demolished during WW2

Compstall Bridge Band - Cheshire
  See: Compstall Brass Band

Compstall Mills Band - Cheshire
  See: Compstall Brass Band

Compton Brass Band - Compton Chamberlayne, Wiltshire
  Active in 1853 and 1855. Described by a “communicative and good natured rustic” as a “terrible tidy band”

Compton Brass Band - Compton Pauncefoot, Somerset
  See: Compton Pauncefoot Brass Band

Compton Brass Band - East Compton, Somerset
  Active in the 1860s

Compton Brass Band - Easter Compton, Gloucestershire
  See: Easter Compton Brass Band

Compton Brass Band - Wiltshire
  Active in 1855

Compton Dundon Brass Band - Somerset
  Active in 1863

Compton Greenfield Brass Band - Gloucestershire
  Active in 1890

Compton Pauncefoot Brass Band - Somerset
  Active in 1853 to 1869, largely consisting of men in the employ of John Pope - a local farming landowner.

Compton Primitive Methodist Brass Band - Hampshire
  Founded in 1888, conductor A.J. Sopp

Comrades of the Great War Band - Cirencester, Gloucestershire
  [previous name of current band] See: Cirencester Band

Comrades of the Great War Band
  A good number of “Comrades of the Great War Bands” were formed following the end of WW1. These were, in the main, fairly transient groups, mainly brought together to show solidarity at civic and rememberance occasions. A few lasted into the 1920s. The members of these bands gradually picked up with the reforming and new brass bands once life began to get back to normal.

Comrades United Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active after WW1.

Conacher's Brass Band - Huddersfield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  See: Messrs Conacher and Co.'s Brass Band
Coney Weston Brass Band - Suffolk
Active in the 1890s, conductor Robert Hogg

Congden’s Shop Amateur Brass Band - Cornwall
Only one reference to this band has been found - when they appeared at a Temperence Festival in 1886. One does wonder if they were formed for this one event. The village called “Congden’s Shop” can be found a few miles south west of Launceston.

Congleton Borough Band - Cheshire
Active from the 1870s to the 1930s

Congleton Brass Band (1) - Cheshire
Active in 1852 to 1867

Congleton Brass Band (2) - Cheshire
See: Congleton Borough Band

Congleton Brass Band (3) - Cheshire
See: Berisfords Band

Congleton Excelsior Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in the 1870s to 1890s

Congleton Old Band - Cheshire
See: Congleton Borough Band

Congleton Volunteers Band - Cheshire
Active in the 1890s to early 1900s

Congresbury Brass - Somerset
[current band] - Founded in 1999

Conisbrough Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Took part in the first South Yorkshire Brass Band Contest, at Doncaster, on 29th August 1859, conducted by Henry Thickett. Folded in the late 1920s.

Conisbrough United Subscription Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the early 1900s

Coniston Brass Band (1) - Lancashire
Active in the 1840s and 1850s, conductor John Hodgson in 1858

Coniston Brass Band (2) - Lancashire
Active in the 1890s to the 1920s

Connahs Quay Silver Band - Chester, Cheshire
Formed in March 1894. Its first secretary was T.H. Haswell (headmaster of St Ethelwold’s School, Shotton) and the first conductor was John Griffiths of Buckley (formerly a member of the Flintshire Militia Band). The band played in early May 1894 to welcome John Rowden Freme back to Connahs Quay for his 21st birthday when he would come in to his inheritance of Wepre Hall and Estate and so become squire of Connahs Quay. Amalgamated with the John Summers and Sons Steelworks Band in 1972 to form the new Deeside Silver Band. The 1 July 1911 edition of the Chester Chronicle reported: “The participants assembled near Mollington Post Office at 12.30 precisely. The Rev. J.M. New formed them into a procession and they marched to the spot (on Townfield Lane) where the tree was to be planted. In advance came the Connah’s Quay Silver Prize Band, and after the band walked Mrs and Miss Olive Frost (of Mollington Hall) followed by Parish Councillors wearing rosettes of white ribbon. Next came the festivities committees wearing their badges, then the children of the parishes carrying Union Jacks, and at the rear the residents.”

Connells Sounding Brass - Ipswich, Suffolk
Founded in 1982, then amalgamated with the Orwell Band in 1983, retaining its name. It amalgamated again, in 1985, with Ipswich Town Band, once more keeping the Connells Sounding Brass name. This band ultimately became the current Ipswich and Norwich Co-op Band following sponsorship by the Co-op in 1992 and being renamed the Ipswich Co-op Band.

**Connells Sounding Brass** - Suffolk
[previous name of current band] See: *Ipswich & Norwich Co-op Band*

**Cononley Prize Brass Band** - Keighley, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in 1906 by conductor J. Marston, who remained at the helm until 1924. Still active in 1951.

**Cononley Subscription Band**
See: *Cononley Prize Brass Band*

**Consall Bridge Brass Band** - Staffordshire
Active in 1864

**Consett Band** - Durham

**Consett Brass**
See: *Morrison and Busty Collieries Band*

**Consett Brass** - Durham
[current band] - Founded in 1973

**Consett BSC Works Band** - Durham
[previous name of current band] See: *Consett Band*

**Consett Colliery Band** - Durham
Active in 1931

**Consett Gospel Temperance Silver Model Band** - Durham
Active in the early 1900s

**Consett Iron Company Workmen’s Band**
See: *Consett Iron Works Band*

**Consett Iron Works Band** - Durham
Active in 1884, when it arranged a band contest in June that year. Formerly known as Blackhill Teetotal Band. Still active in 1912. Probably folded during WW1.

**Consett Mission Brass Band** - Durham
Founded in 1890. Active through to 1936

**Consett Steel Works Band** - Durham
[previous name of current band] See: *Consett Band*

**Consett Temperance Band** - Durham
Active in 1933

**Consett Town Band** - Durham
Formed in 1936

**Consett Whitbread Band** - Durham
[previous name of current band] See: *Consett Band*

**Consett Whitbread Trophy Band**
See: *Morrison and Busty Collieries Band*

**Constantine Brass Band** - Cornwall
Formed in 1848, shortly after the 'Wheal Vyvyan Mine' was opened. The first mention of a band in Constantine was in the Falmouth Packet and Cornwall Advertiser dated 18th July 1857. Around 1887 the band had a change of name, being referred to as The Volunteer Band. The explanation of this name appears quite simple, after the episode with Russia in the Crimea and the trouble with India at the time of the mutiny, it was decided the army might serve overseas in increasing numbers and that the army at home should be bolstered by a reserve force, many of whom played in the band. By 1908, after the formation of the Territorial Army, the Volunteer Band once again became Constantine Band. It is believed that when the Great War broke out the band became involved with the Territorials and joined them. When the war ended they once again reverted back to Constantine Band, and they were back in business playing at local functions like Regattas and Traditional Tea Treats. They disbanded sometime later. A successor band was formed in 1977

**Constantine Silver Band** - Cornwall  
[Current band] - Founded in 1977

**Constantine Teetotal Brass Band** - Cornwall  
Active in 1862

**Conway**  
See: **Conway**

**Conwy Borough Band**  
See: **Conwy Town Band**

**Conwy Brass Band (1)** - Caernarfonshire  
Active in the 1840s and 1850s

**Conwy Brass Band (2)** - Caernarfonshire  
Formed in 1861, first public engagement in March 1862. Seemed to have faded into obscurity in 1864 only to rise again “with proof that if they occasionally indulge in a long fit of slumber, they are not really defunct”. Active to the 1900s. Also known as Royal Conwy Band. Forerunner of the band which was “reformed” in 1972.

**Conwy Castle Band** - Caernarfonshire  
Active in the 1890s

**Conwy Town Band** - Caernarfonshire  
Formed in 1972. Disbanded 2007

**Conwy Volunteer Band** - Caernarfonshire  
Active in the 1890s

**Cookley Brass Band** - Worcestershire  
Active in 1855

**Coombe Bissett Brass Band** - Wiltshire  
Active in the early 1900s

**Coombe Dingle Band** - Bristol, Gloucestershire  
Active in 1910

**Coome's Excelsior Brass Band** - Okehampton, Devon  
See: **Okehampton Excelsior Brass Band**

**Coombs Silver Band**  
Active in 1953

**Co-operative Funeralcare Band** - Lanarkshire  
[Current band] - Founded in 1918 - Former names: CWS (Glasgow) Band, Glasgow (CWS) Band, Scottish CWS Band, (to 2003), Scottish Co-op Band (to 2009)
Co-operative Funeralcare Band North West - Crewe, Cheshire
   [current band] - Former names: Crewe 95th ATC and Old Comrades Band, Crewe Co-operative Band, United Co-op Band (Crewe)

Co-operative Society Prize Band (Burslem and District) - Staffordshire
   Formed in 1884 as a military band, transformed to all brass in 1920 and renamed Longton Town Band until change of name to Co-op in 1946

Co-operative Tobacco Factory Band - Manchester, Lancashire
   See: C.W.S. (Manchester) Band

Co-operative Wholesale Society's Factory Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
   Active in 1907. This was the Tobacco Factory.

Co-operative Yorkshire Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Yorkshire Co-operatives Band

Cooper's Royal Brass Band - Barnsley, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1880s through to WW1. Nicknamed the Steeplejack band after they played on top of 140 foot chimney belonging to the Co-op.

Cope Brothers and Co. Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
   Founded in the early 1880s, conductor J.B. Ridge in 1885. Cope Brothers were tobacco manufacturers

Copeland Borough Band - Cumberland
   [previous name of current band] See: Whitehaven Brass Band

Copford Brass Band - Essex
   Active the 1890s to the 1900s. Bandmaster was F. Neer in 1905 and the band was re-organised in 1906

Cople and Cardington Brass Band - Bedfordshire
   See: Cardington Brass Band

Copleston Brass Band - Ipswich, Suffolk
   Active in the 1970s.

Copley and Skircoat Band - Halifax, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Formed in the 1880s - active through to the 1920s

Copley Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1850s to 1859

Copley Mill Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1857

Copley Mills Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)

Coppenhall Brass Band - Cheshire
   Active in 1893 when it promoted a contest

Copperfield Brass - Weston-Super-Mare, Somerset
   Named after the road (Copperfield Drive, Weston-Super-Mare) in which the first bandmaster (Dave Tilling) lived. The band was formed in 1979 by Dave Tilling, Eileen and John Ludlow, after being approached by some students from Bristol University. They grew to a full band by 1980 and then started contesting. The band folded in the early 1990s. It rehearsed in Worle in Weston-super-mare initially and then moved to Congresbury (Somerset). Some remnants of it now exist in a band called Congresbury Brass. While it existed the band was pretty sucessful in 4th and 3rd Section competitions. It was a member of the SWBBA.
Copperhouse Brass Band - Cornwall
Copperhouse, close to Hayle, had a brass band for at least twenty years (1891-1911). They never attended any contests.

Coppin's Hall Barn Wesleyan Mission Band - Clacton-on-Sea, Essex
Active in 1891

Coppull and Standish Band - Lancashire
[current band] - Founded in 2005

Coppull Subscription Band - Lancashire
Formed in 1888 and merged in 2005 with the Standish Band to form the Coppull and Standing Band. Bandmaster in 1908 was Thomas Fishwick. An anecdote from the memoirs of William Halliwell, as related by Alan Littlemore: Mr Halliwell had a special affection for the Coppull Subscription Band, and one of his favourite stories (which he included in his memoirs 'Sixty Years with Brass Bands') concerns a certain Frank Smallshaw, who was for some time euphonium player with Coppull. Mr Smallshaw who was a native of Crawford village, near Upholland, interested himself in brass bands as a young man, and he played with various bands in the Wigan district. On going to live in Coppull his services were soon requisitioned by the local band, and in September, 1901, he won a gold medal for euphonium playing at a Darwen contest, beating the then famous Herbert Scott of the Besses o' th' Barn Band, and other equally well known. Now let me quote the personal account of this gold medal exploit of Mr Smallshaw from Mr Halliwell's memoirs. "An incident with an interesting sequel stands out clearly and pleasantly in my memories of Coppull Subscription Band's contesting efforts in 1901. The band had been successful in several minor contests, and decided to enter a contest at Darwen. This entry was considered to be a too ambitious venture of them, because brass bands bordering on the top class frequently completed there. Mr Richard Stead, a famous euphonium player of the Meltham Mills Band, was appointed judge. The test piece was H Round's "Songs of England", and included the "Pilgrim of Love" song as a euphonium solo. This solo was normally rather outside the scope of the band's solo euphonium player Frank Smallshaw - but he was a trier. Smallshaw could do quite well in the dashing music of marches, quadrilles and waltzes, but a beautifully quiet sentimental song, requiring a smooth, flexible, quiet tone, with delicate articulation was rather beyond his normal capacity as a player. The bands success depended on him, and in order to improve the quality of his playing I adopted the unusual method of securing from Smallshaw a pledge that during private practice, or with the band, he would play the solo very, very quietly until I gave him leave to open out and play freely. Smallshaw's quiet play mystified his fellow bandsmen, and he had to face up to some bitter criticism and gibes from them,' Mr Halliwell goes on to relate, 'but he loyally kept his pledge to me. When the ban was lifted Smallshaw was a new man as far as that solo was concerned. At the contest he played beautifully, and Mr Richard Stead referred to his performance in the following words: "Euphonium cadenza a very artistic performance. Andante moderato?soloist plays beautifully, and with excellent taste - not overdone and Mr Stead awarded Smallshaw the medal for the best euphonium solo." "The sequel to this event", Mr Halliwell adds in telling the story, "was that Smallshaw brought the medal to me and said, 'Here Mr Halliwell, this is your medal, not mine.' Of course, I refused it and expressed a hope that we should win some more medals to keep it company. Smallshaw's reply was startling, 'There'll be no more - not for me - I'm stoppin' while I'm a good un.' And so Smallshaw went into honourable retirement from
brass band contesting. Years later he visited the Belle Vue Championship Contest, and I had the opportunity of indulging a gentle “leg pull” by enquiring for the other medals.” Competed in the Junior Shield in 1962, conducted by R. Evans.

**Copthorne Silver Band** - Sussex
[current band] - Founded in 1902

**Cora Corson’s Instrumentalists**
Active in 1918. A professional touring brass band of American ladies

**Corah and Sons’ Brass Band** - Leicester, Leicestershire
See: *St Margaret’s Works Brass Band*

**Corbett's Family Silver Band** - Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland
Active in 1878 to 1899. A band formed and owned by Mr E.R. Corbett. John Thompson, bandmaster, was associated with the band until his death in 1882.

**Corbridge Brass Band** - Durham
Active from 1861 to the 1890s. Conductor Mr Grey in 1867, J. Walton in 1895

**Corby Beanfield School Band** - Corby, Northamptonshire
Active from the late 1960s to the late 1990s. In 1981 the band had reached the 2nd section after winning the 3rd section finals in 1979 - one of the few school bands to reach this level. The conductor at the time was Donald Manning who also conducted the Kettering Citadel Band. The school closed several years ago and along with this the band.

**Corby Brass Band** - Northamptonshire
[previous name of current band] See: *Corby Silver Band*

**Corby Brass Band** - Northamptonshire
Formed in 1904, conductor George Rice. Richard Dixon was treasurer. He was still playing in the band in 1935, together with two other founding members, Charles Dixon (his son), and Fred Brooks. Conductor W. Boon in 1933/34. Also known as Corby Charter Band, and Corby Silver Band

**Corby Charter Band**
See: *Corby Brass Band*

**Corby District Brass Band** - Northamptonshire
Active in the 1980s and early 1990s

**Corby District Council Band**
See: *Corby District Brass Band*

**Corby Silver Band** - Northamptonshire
[current band] - Founded in 1902 - Former names: Corby Brass Band - Note: Formed for the 1902 Corby Pole Fair, and has been going ever since, with their own Club, The Corby Silver Band Club, in Denford Road Corby

**Corden Street Brass Band**
See: *Corden Street Methodist Brass Band*

**Corden Street Methodist Brass Band** - Derby, Derbyshire
Active from the 1890s to the 1930s. Fred Cripps conductor in 1908. C. James conductor in 1929

**Corden Street Mission Silver Band**
See: *Corden Street Methodist Brass Band*

**Cordes Works Brass Band** - Newport, Monmouthshire
Active in 1859. J.J. Cordes & Co. Ltd was a firm of nail manufacturers

**Corfe Band of Hope Brass Band** - Dorset
Active in 1863
Corfe Castle Brass Band - Dorset
   Active from the early 1860s. Conductors Mr Upwards in 1867, F. White in 1869, H. Stockley in 1902, and W. Wiseman in 1914. One of their instruments, an Ophicleide possibly, is on display in the Corfe Castle Museum. The band was re-organised in 1908

Corfe Mullen Brass Band - Dorset
   Active in the 1870s and 1880s. Secretary Edwin Lucas in 1877

Cornerstone Brass Band - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [current band] - Founded in 2008

Corngreaves Brass Band - Cradley Heath, Staffordshire
   Active in 1855. Possibly linked to the British Iron Company works at that location.

Cornholme Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active from the mid-1860s through to the end of the 1920s. Took part, with 9 other bands in June 1873, in the Third Todmorden Brass Band Contest. In July 1891, they came first in a contest at Belle Vue Manchester winning £20 and a cornet worth £12 12/- . They performed well at local and national contests in subsequent years. On 24th July 1875, they won the first prize - £25 and an instrument worth £15 15/- at the Grand National Brass Band Contest in Hawick. Mr E. Swift conducted the band at many events.

Cornsall Colliery Band - Durham
   Active from the 1870s to the 1930s, and may have had a resurgence after WW2. Re-organised in 1906. Folded around 1950 and some surviving members joined the newly formed Esh Winning Colliery Welfare Band.

Cornsall Institute Band
   See: Cornsall Colliery Silver Band

Cornsall Orchestral Band - Durham
   Active in 1891

Cornsall Prize Silver Band
   See: Cornsall Colliery Silver Band

Cornwall Band
   See: Training Ship Cornwall Brass Band

Cornwall Training Ship Band
   See: Training Ship Cornwall Brass Band

Cornwall Youth Brass Band - Cornwall
   [current band] - Founded in 1955

Corporation Cleansing Department Holt Town Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
   Active in 1892

Corporation Cleansing Department Water Street Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
   Active in 1892

Corpus Christi Brass Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [current band] - Founded in 2008

Corpusty and Saxthorpe Brass Band - Norfolk
   Active in the 1900s and 1930s

Corpusty Brass Band
   See: Corpusty and Saxthorpe Brass Band

Corringham Brass Band - Essex
   Active in 1902 and 1904, uniforms of blue and gold.

Corris and Aberllefenni Band - Merioneth
   Active in the 1890s
Corris and District Band
See: Corris Brass Band

Corris Brass Band - Merioneth
Active from the late 1860s to the 1920s. Known as Corris and District Band from the 1930s to the early 1950s. Still in existence in the 1980s

Corse Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active in the 1880s. Conductor G. Stafford in 1887

Corse Lawn Brass Band - Worcestershire
Active in the 1880s and the 1910s. Conductor S. Upton in 1904

Corsham Brass Band (1) - Wiltshire
Active in 1865 to 1867

Corsham Brass Band (2) - Wiltshire
[current band] - Founded around 1880

Cortonwood Colliery Band - Barnsley, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1950/60s. Competed in the Senior Trophy, in 1962, conducted by M Thompson

Corus (Port Talbot) Brass Band - Glamorgan
[previous name of current band] See: Tata Brass Band

Corus Concert Band - Glamorgan
[previous name of current band] See: Tata Brass Band

Corwen Brass Band - Merioneth
Active in 1857, conductor T. Smith. Still active in 1865

Cory Band - Glamorgan
[current band] - Founded in 1884 - Former names: Ton Pentre Temperance Band, Cory Workmen's Silver Band (1895), Cory Band, Christie Tyler Cory Band, Just Rentals Cory Band, Buy As You View Cory Band, Buy As You View Band (to 2007) - Note: Originally formed by conductor John Treharne the band played at the opening of the Colliery Library in Gelli in 1895 where the ceremony was led by the mining magnate Sir Clifford Cory. He employed Mr Ambler from Black Dyke as professional conductor and the band rehearsed in the blacksmith's shop at the Gelli Colliery. Claim to have been the first brass band to broadcast on the radio.

Cory Junior Band - Glamorgan
[current band] - Founded in 1999 - Note: Original formed in 1934

Cosby Amateur Brass Band - Leicestershire
Formed in the mid 1870s, through the instrumentality of Mr Lloyd of the New Inn. Still active in 1894

Cosby Brass Band - Leicestershire
See: Cosby Amateur Brass Band

Cosby St Michael's Brass Band - Leicestershire
Active in the 1880s

Cosby Temperance Brass Band - Leicestershire
Active in the 1880s

Coseley Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active from the 1890s to the 1930s. Known as Coseley Excelsior Band from 1906, bandmaster Thomas Porter.

Coseley Excelsior Band
See: Coseley Brass Band
Cosgrove Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in the 1890s, conductor F. Green

Cosgrove's Brass Band - Great Yarmouth, Norfolk
Active in the 1850s and 1860s

Cosham Concert Brass Band - Hampshire
[previous name of current band] See: Denmead Brass Band

Cossall Brass Band
See: Cossall Colliery Band

Cossall Colliery Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in the 1880s and 1890s. In 1894 it rehearsed on Tuesdays at the Commercial Inn, with John Hunt, conductor; William Hardy, secretary (30 Norman Street, Cotmanhay)

Cossham and Wethered's Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
See: Kingswood Colliery Brass Band

Costessey School Brass Band - Norfolk
Active in the 1970s

Cotgrave and Nottingham Brass Band
See: Cotgrave Teetotal Brass Band

Cotgrave and South Nottingham Teetotal Band
See: South Nottinghamshire Temperance Band

Cotgrave Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in the 1870s and 1880s

Cotgrave Miners Welfare Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in the 1970s, 1980s

Cotgrave Teetotal Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active from 1875 to the 1930s. Renamed Cotgrave and Nottingham Brass Band in 1881, then South Nottinghamshire Temperance Band. Won the “Iles Challenge Shield” in the Crystal Palace Championships of 1926

Cotleigh Brass Band - Devon
Active in 1863 to 1866

Cotmanhay Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in 1850

Coton Brass Band - Cambridgeshire
Active in 1866

Coton Brass Band - Derbyshire
See: Coton in the Elms Brass Band

Coton Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in 1919 - based near Tamworth.

Coton Hill Hospital Band - Staffordshire
Active in the 1900s. Coton Hill Institution for the Insane was opened in 1854. A Theatre and Recreation Room was erected around 1890 which may have sparked the birth of the band.

Coton in the Elms Brass Band - Derbyshire
Formed around 1910 with Harold Coates as bandmaster. Renamed Coton Silver Prize Band following successes at contests at Leicester and Belle Vue. Folded at the start of the Second World War.

Cotswold Brass Band - Cheltenham, Gloucestershire
Active from 1864 to 1871
Cottage Homes Bands

For more about the Cottage Homes movement and care of orphan children, see: www.childrenscottagehomes.org.uk. See also a list of industrial and reformatory schools, which often had bands as part of their “education” - www.missing-ancestors.com

Cottage Homes Brass Band - Banstead, Surrey
See: Banstead Cottage Homes Band

Cottage Homes Brass Band - Countesthorpe,
See: Countesthorpe Cottage Homes Band

Cottage Homes Brass Band - Culcheth, Lancashire
See: Culcheth Cottage Homes Band

Cottage Homes Brass Band - Fulwood, Lancashire
See: Fulwood Cottage Homes Band

Cottage Homes Brass Band - Greenwich and Deptford Union,
See: Greenwich and Deptford Union Cottage Homes Band

Cottage Homes Brass Band - Hornchurch, Essex
See: Hornchurch Cottage Homes Band

Cottage Homes Brass Band - Medomsley,
See: Medomsley Cottage Homes Band

Cottage Homes Brass Band - Salford, Lancashire
See: Salford Cottage Homes Band

Cottage Homes Brass Band - Shenley Fields,
See: Shenley Fields Cottage Homes Band

Cottage Homes Brass Band - Styal, Cheshire
See: Styal Cottage Homes Brass Band

Cottenham Brass Band - Cambridgeshire
[current band] - Founded in 1975

Cottenham Brass Band - Cambridgeshire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s. A successor band was formed in 1974

Cotteridge Brass Band - Worcestershire
Active in the 1890s to 1910s. Albert Woodbine conductor in 1906. Acquired new uniforms in 1900

Cottingham Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Formed in 1859. Conductor Mr Johnson in 1869. Later known as Cottingham Prize Silver Band, then reverted to Cottingham Band. Folded in 2010.

Cottingham Model Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in the 1890s and 1900s. G. Bruce bandmaster in 1899

Cottingham Prize Silver Band
See: Cottingham Brass Band

Cottingham Subscription Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in 1875

Cottingham Wesleyan Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
It boasted an extensive repertoire. One of the highlights of their year was leading the annual Sunday School outing that continued right up until 1939. The band reformed for a short time after World War II.
Cotton Lane Brass Band - Litchurch, Derbyshire
Active in 1863. The band was formed of workmen from Messrs Eastwood and Sons’ at the Railway Iron Works, Cotton Lane, Litchurch, Derby. In 1864 they led the company workers on a procession to the station, and thence to Buxton for a day’s excursion.

Coughton Brass Band - Herefordshire
Active in 1851

Councillor Barton's Brass Band - Preston, Lancashire
Active in 1897

Coundon Brass Band - Warwickshire
Active in the 1880s.

Coundon Silver Band
See: Keresley and Coundon Brass Band

Coundon Star Brass Band - Durham
Active in the 1860s to 1890s

Coundon Wedge Concert Band - Warwickshire
Active in the 1980s.

Countess of Zetland’s Brass Band - Gilling West, Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1843

Countesthorpe Brass Band - Leicestershire
Active in the 1860s, with conductor Felix Gill. Raised £10 towards the new church clock. Conductor in 1894/1899 was Frederick Johnson

Countesthorpe Cottage Homes Brass Band - Leicestershire
Active in the 1890s to the 1920s, conducted by F. Green in 1895, R. Iliffe in 1905. The home was opened in 1884 consisting of eleven “cottages”

Court Bishop Latymer Foresters’ Brass Band - Hammersmith, Middlesex
Active in 1862

Courtois Brass Band Union - London
Active in 1867, 1868. A professional band based in London

Cove Brass - Farnborough, Hampshire
[current band] - Founded in 2015

Covenham Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in 1865

Coventry and Keresley Colliery Band
See: Coventry Colliery Band

Coventry Boys Band - Warwickshire
[previous name of current band] See: Jaguar Land Rover Band

Coventry City Police Band - Warwickshire
[previous name of current band] See: West Midlands Police Band

Coventry City Police Band
See: Coventry Police Band

Coventry Colliery Band - Warwickshire
Active in the 1930s through to the late 1950s

Coventry CPA [Centre for the Performing Arts] Band - Warwickshire
[previous name of current band] See: City of Coventry Brass

Coventry Festival Band - Warwickshire
[previous name of current band] See: Jaguar Land Rover Band
Coventry Festival Band - Warwickshire
[current band] - Founded in 1980 - Former names: Coventry Festival Junior Band

Coventry Festival Junior Band - Warwickshire
[previous name of current band] See: Coventry Festival Band

Coventry Imperial Band - Warwickshire
Began life in the 1960s as Coventry City Junior Band or “B” Band, the renamed Coventry Imperial in the 1970s. Folded in the mid 1980s.

Coventry Juvenile Temperance Brass Band - Warwickshire
Active in 1857, conductor Mr Sleath. Still active in 1859

Coventry Model Brass Band - Warwickshire
Active in 1860

Coventry Police Band - Warwickshire
Active in the 1960s and 1970s

Coventry Public Band
See: Coventry Ragged School Brass Band

Coventry Ragged School Brass Band - Warwickshire
Active in the 1870s and 1880s. Renamed Coventry Public Band in 1885, conductor W.H. Lower

Coventry Rifles Band - Warwickshire
Active in the 1870s

Coventry Saxhorn Band - Warwickshire
Active in 1860. Conductor Thomas E. Carter in 1863. Still active in 1865

Coventry School of Music Band - Warwickshire
[previous name of current band] See: City of Coventry Brass

Coventry School of Music Brass Band - Warwickshire
[previous name of current band] See: Jaguar Land Rover Band

Coventry Silver Band - Warwickshire
Active in the 1900s and 1912, when S.A. Dyche was conductor. Still active in the 1950s.

Coventry Temperance Brass Band (1) - Warwickshire
Active in 1861. Folded prior to 1900.

Coventry Temperance Brass Band (2) - Warwickshire
Founded in 1901, disbanded in 1905

Coventry United Temperance Band
See: Coventry Temperance Brass Band (2)

Coventry Vauxhall W.M.C. Band - Warwickshire
Active in the 1920s and 1930s. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Coverdale Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Based at Carlton-in-Coverdale. Active in the 1860s and the 1920s.

Cowbridge Town Band - Glamorgan
Active in 1890 and 1901

Cowden Brass Band - Kent
Active in 1857

Cowdenbeath Brass Band - Fife
Active from the 1890s. The Band instructor in 1908 was Mr Muddiman. Earlier name: Cowdenbeath Public Band. Later became Longannet Colliery Band (Cowdenbeath).
Active in 1948. Merged with Kelty and Blairadam Band in 1999 to form Kingdom Brass.
Cowdenbeath Burgh Band
See: Cowdenbeath Brass Band

Cowdenbeath Public Band
See: Cowdenbeath Brass Band

Cowes Concert Band - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
[current band] - Founded in the 1890s - Former names: East and West Cowes Town Band (to 1980s)

Cowgill Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1858

Cowie Colliery Band
See: Bannockburn Colliery Band

Cowley Boys Brass Band - Oxfordshire
Active in the 1900s

Cowley Brass Band (1) - Oxfordshire
Active in the 1880s

Cowley Brass Band (2) - Oxfordshire
See: Morris Motors Band

Cowling Temperance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in 1896 and folded around 1954. Tom Snowden, trombone, was a founder member, and later M.P. for Accrington. Bandmaster A. Bradley in the 1900s. The band did not contest between 1943 and its demise. Kenneth Smith was a member from 1945 to 1954, and his father and two grandfathers played in the band, and appear in a photograph of 1926. An article from the “Craven Herald” 1st July 1932. - “Mr. John Smith of no. 9 Middleton, Cowling, on Saturday attained his 84th birthday, which was celebrated by a gathering at his home by members of his family and friends. He also developed a liking for instrumental music, and became a well-known cornet player and brass band conductor. He was the solo cornet player in the first Cowling Brass Band, which had its headquarters in Winkholme. There are now only two surviving members of this band, Mr. John Smith and Mr. Edward Smith of Summerhouse Farm. The conductor of this band was Mr. Simm Redman, also a noted musician in his day. During his residence in Lothersdale, Mr. Smith formed a Brass Band, of which he was conductor, and on returning to Cowling also formed the present Cowling Temperance Brass Band, which he served as conductor for many years. From early youth Mr. Smith has possessed a remarkable facility for music writing. In the old days he often copied out parts for choirs when printed copies were too expensive to buy, and has done much work in the way of transposing music for brass bands. Some years ago he published a book of hymn-tunes, containing a collection of tunes which he had composed during his life, and this publication has been much in demand. Brass Bands in many parts of the country have played his hymn tunes, and he has had many letters of appreciation of his music, including some from abroad. The first of these tunes called “The Green” was composed on the village green at Cowling Hill when he was 20, and the last, appropriately named “Eventide”, he wrote at the age of 80. He gave many of his tunes attractive titles derived from local place names, such as “Cowling”, “Wood House”, “Scar View”, “West View”, and “Gill Top”.

Cowmes Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1869, conductor J. Mallinson
Cowpen and Crofton Band - Northumberland
Formed in the 1880s as Cowpen Colliery Band, but was supported by both collieries. It was actively contesting up to 1986 when it folded shortly after the closure of Bates Colliery which had supported the band.

Cowpen and Crofton Workmen's Band - Northumberland
See: Cowpen and Crofton Band

Cowpen Colliery Band (1) - Northumberland
Active in 1865. In 1867 it played at the launch of a new lifeboat at Blyth in May that year. Conductor George Garrett in 1871. Still active in the 1880s

Cowpen Colliery Band (2) - Northumberland
See: Cowpen and Crofton Band

Cowpen Quay Band - Northumberland
Active in 1878

Cowshill Band
See: Upper Weardale Band

Coxhoe Brass Band - Durham
See: Coxhoe Temperance Band

Coxhoe Silver Band - Durham
Formed in the 1890s, and supported by the Coxhoe Colliery. Folded in the late 1930s.

Coxhoe Temperance Band - Durham
Formed in the 1860s and active through to the early 1880s. Conductor W. Davison in 1865, T. Bell in 1867. Probably had folded by the time the Silver Band arose in the 1890s.

Coxlodge and Hazelrig Colliery Band - Northumberland
Active in the early 1960s when it rehearsed in the “Victoria and Comet” pub directly opposite the Newcastle Upon Tyne Central Railway Station.

Coxlodge and Walker Brass Band - Northumberland
Active in 1914

Coxlodge Colliery Band - Northumberland
See: Coxlodge Institute Band

Coxlodge Institute Band - Northumberland, ## 6 ##, Thought to have been formed in 1808, was an important feature in the social life of the area. It was particularly known for having provided the music for a ball held underground to mark the opening of Gosforth Colliery in 1823. On Christmas mornings in the early 1900s carols were played at various parts of the village, the last performance being at the Coxlodge Hotel where each bandsman received a 10s note and a free drink. The band folded in the late 1950s. A successor band was formed shortly afterwards - ## 7 ##, Coxlodge and Hazelrig Colliery Band

Cradley Excelsior Band - Worcestershire
Active in the 1920s

Cradley Forge Saxhorn Band - Worcestershire
Active in 1867

Cradley Heath Brass Band - Worcestershire
Active in the early 1860s to 1890s. Conductor Mr Wallis in 1866. Also active in 1950

Cradley Heath Town Prize Band - Worcestershire
Active in the 1900s to the 1930s

Cradley Heath Victory Brass Band - Worcestershire
Active in the 1920s
Cragg Vale and Mytholmroyd Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed prior to 1938. In 1939 the musical director, J.W. Lawton, resigned. T. Radcliffe and Co. Ltd., the manufacturers of Moderna blankets in Mytholmroyd, took over Cragg Vale and Mytholmroyd band in Feb 1948 and gave them 12 months to prove their worth. On 1st January 1949 it changed name to Moderna Blanket Works Band. The band remained active through to the mid 1950s at least.

Cragg Vale Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1860s and 1880s

Cragg Vale Subscription Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[no information]

Craghead Colliery Band - Stanley, Durham
[previous name of current band] See: Reg Vardy Band

Craghead Colliery Band - Durham

Craigmillar and Duddingston Brass Band
See: Duddingston Brass Band

Craike Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
See: Crayke Brass Band

Cramlington Brass Band - Northumberland
Active in 1860. Conductor J.R. Mason in 1865. Won a contest in North Shields in 1877, £10, conducted by Mr Wood

Cramlington Colliery Band - Northumberland
Active in 1859 when it came second at a contest at Cramlington. Still active in 1894

Cramlington Colliery Excelsior Brass Band
See: Cramlington Colliery Band

Cramlington Saxhorn Band - Northumberland
Active in 1859 when it won a contest at Felton

Cramlington Village Brass Band - Northumberland
Active in 1887

Cranborne Brass Band - Dorset
Active in 1861 to 1869

Cranbrook Brass Band - Kent
Founded in 1864 by the local organist Mr Pain. Conductor Rowland Small in 1865. A successor band was formed in the 1920s

Cranbrook Town Band - Kent
[current band] - Founded in the 1920s

Crane Moor and Stainborough Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Crane Moor Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1870s through to the 1900s

Cranham Band - Essex
Extracts from MR J D Birchall’s Diary refering to a Cranham band (Mr Birchall was one of the two Lords of the Manor to the village he lived nearby at Bowden Hall in Upton St Leonards). “April 7th 1874 (Tuesday) - Invited 180 school children to tea and an entertainment in the grounds nothing could be more successful we obtained the service of the Cranham band. We had incalculable quantities of cake and bread and butter. (Cranham children were included)”. “December 26th 1874 (Saturday) - Most Brilliant day
we had the Cranham band to enliven us whilst we skated.” Active in 1895, conducted by Mr Gilbanks. From a village memoir: “Mr Clash one time publican at the Black Horse in the 1920’s. His band used to provide music for the regular dances held at the Institute in the village. The instruments were stored in his garage. However on one occasion a fight broke out and the instruments were used as weapons of war, most were so twisted or damaged that it was the end of the band, and thereafter bands from outside the village had to be brought in.” There has been a regular feast in Cranham for very early times. Since before the First World War the feast became associated with the Holloway Society. The marching brass bands that accompanied the boundary beaters usually came from surrounding villages. This marching was later reduced and became a march through the village playing at stops on the way to the church for a service. Slowly this is a feature that has been lost due to the difficulty of getting a marching band. Today the Salvation Army band just comes to play at the service.

**Cranleigh Brass Band (1)** - Surrey
Active in the 1890s and 1900s, conductor Mr Blackledge

**Cranleigh Brass Band (2)** - Surrey
See: Cranleigh Youth Band

**Cranleigh Youth Band** - Surrey
Formed in November 1971 by its Musical Director, Norman Every, with 6 children and 1 trumpet, 2 cornets, a tenor and baritone horn. Became Cranleigh Brass Band in the 1980s. Probably folded as a full brass band in the 1990s, although various youth music bands carried on in the town.

**Cranswick Brass Band** - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in the 1850s and the 1890s

**Cranstock Brass Band** - Cornwall
A mile or so south of Newquay, this band was in existence in 1888. This is the only reference found to an engagement. Not surprisingly, they were not a contesting band.

**Craven Amateur Brass Band** - Silsden, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1863, conductor G.O’Brien

**Craven Brass Band** - Middlesex
Active in 1898. Based at the Craven Park Mission.

**Craven’s Works Brass Band** - Darnall, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1890s and through to at least 1919.

**Crawley Down Band** - Sussex
Active in 1904

**Crawley Silver Band** - Sussex
Active in the 1950s

**Crawley Temperance Band** - Sussex
Active in the 1880s to early 1900s

**Crawley Town Prize Band** - Sussex
Formed in 1861 and still active in 1935

**Crawley Village Band** - Sussex
Active in 1905

**Crawshawbooth Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active in 1858 and in the early 1900s

**Cray Temperance Band**
See: St Mary Cray Temperance Band
Cray Valley School - Sidcup, Kent
   Active in the 1970s
Crayford Amateur Brass Band - Kent
   Active in 1858
Crayford Brass Band - Kent
   Active in the 1870s to 1880s
Crayke Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active in 1859
Crays and Orpington Brass Band - Kent
   See: Orpington and Crays Brass Band
Crediton Community Brass - Devon
   [previous name of current band] See: Crediton Town Band
Crediton Engineers Band - Devon
   Active in 1881
Crediton Subscription Band - Devon
   Active in the 1860s
Crediton Town Band - Devon
   [current band] - Founded in 1984 - Former names: Crediton Community Brass
Crediton Town Band - Devon
   It can trace its origins back to the middle of the nineteenth-century and it is quite possible that it functioned before then. It was active in 1862. Its fortunes were somewhat sporadic and lapsed, probably around the Great War. For most of the inter war period it was headquartered at the King’s Arms and used the Inn for practice. In those days the bandmaster was Mr J Bennellick. It was subsidised by a small grant from the Urban District Council and in return they were required to play at a certain number of events each year. They gave regular concerts in Newcombes Meadow roughly where the St. Boniface Statue now stands. In the 1930s there were rows of wooden seats built into the hillside. Ron Hamlin remembers that it was a very cold spot, and some evenings they would play to an audience that consisted purely of one or two friends and relatives of the Band. They also used to play in the High Street and each year lead the Carnival and Armistice Day processions. It experienced a great revival in the 1930s, when it became the tradition for the band to play at the April Great Market when drovers brought their cattle into the High Street for sale. In 1950 players started to go to other bands, and there was bad feeling among the members. The minutes for a meeting in 1954 record that: “The bandmaster Mr S W Setter thanked the Band for their support in the past and expressed the hope for renewed enthusiasm and full practices in the future. Without good practices the Band can do nothing, with such a small party we must be all in”. In fact the Band continued until 1963 but with very limited support. A successor band was formed in 1983.
Creech Brass Band - Creech St Michael, Somerset
   Active in 1867
Creed Church Institute Brass Band - Cornwall
   Active in 1895
Creetown Silver Band - Kirkcudbrightshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1880
Cremorne Brass Band - Chelsea, Middlesex
Active in 1852 to 1862. This band was the “house” band of the Cremorne Gardens, popular pleasure gardens by the side of the River Thames

Crescent Iron Works Band - Salford, Lancashire
Active in the 1870s and 1880s

Cressage Brass Band - Shropshire
Active in 1862

Cressbrook Band - Derbyshire
[current band] - Founded in 1881 - Former names: Cressbrook Silver Band

Cressbrook Silver Band - Derbyshire
[previous name of current band] See: Cressbrook Band

Creswell Colliery and District Band - Derbyshire
[previous name of current band] See: Creswell Colliery Brass Band

Creswell Colliery Brass Band - Derbyshire
[current band] - Founded in 1899 - Former names: Creswell Colliery & District Band, Creswell Colliery Brass Band, Creswell Rexco Band

Creswell Rexco Band - Derbyshire
[previous name of current band] See: Creswell Colliery Brass Band

Crewe 95th ATC and Old Comrades Band - Cheshire
[previous name of current band] See: Co-operative Funeralcare Band North West

Crewe Borough Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Crewe Brass - Cheshire

Crewe Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in 1856, 1862

Crewe Carriage Works Silver Band - Cheshire
Active in the 1880s to 1900s

Crewe Co-operative Band - Cheshire
[previous name of current band] See: Co-operative Funeralcare Band North West

Crewe Engineers Band - Cheshire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Crewe Locomotive Steam Works Band - Cheshire
See: Crewe Steam Sheds Band

Crewe Squadron A.T.C. Band - Cheshire
Active in the 1940s to 1950s

Crewe St Barnabas’ Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Crewe Steam Sheds Band - Cheshire
Founded in 1863. Active to the 1930s. Leader Mr Lockey (manager of the steam sheds department at the railway works) in 1863. Conductor George Rogerson in 1868. Competed in the Grand Shield in 1936 and the Senior Cup in 1937.

Crewe Temperance Silver Band - Cheshire
Active in the 1890s through to WW2.
Crewe West End Silver Band - Cheshire
 Active from the early 1900s through to the 1960s. Competed in the Senior Cup in 1949.

Crewkerne Brass Band - Somerset
 See: Crewkerne Town Band

Crewkerne Concert Band - Somerset
 [current band] - Founded in 1922 - Former names: Crewkerne Town Silver Band

Crewkerne Concert Band - Somerset
 Active from the late 1960s / early 1970s through to the early 1990s. The band’s instruments and music were taken up by the current Phoenix Brass Band which formed in 1995.

Crewkerne Town Band - Somerset
 Active in the 1850s to the 1980s. Conductor G. Frost in 1884.

Crewkerne Town Silver Band - Somerset
 [previous name of current band] See: Crewkerne Concert Band

Crewkerne Volunteer Band - Somerset
 Active in the 1880s and 1900s, T. Sibley conductor in 1904

Crich Brass - Derbyshire
 [current band] - Founded in 2001

Crich Brass Band - Derbyshire
 Formed in 1885 by George Hawksley and others. One member, in 1902, was William (Bill) Barnes (George Hawksley’s brother-in-law) who played BBb bass. Band was still active in the 1950s under the name of Crich United Silver Prize Brass Band, conducted by Sam Hollinsworth. The band folded in the early 1960s.

Crich Carr Brass Band - Derbyshire
 Active in the 1890s

Crich United Silver Prize Brass Band
 See: Crich Brass Band

Crichel Brass Band - Dorset
 Active in the 1900s, conductor G. Harris. Located at either Long Crichel or More (Moor) Crichel

Crick Brass Band
 See: Crick Excelsior Band

Crick Excelsior Band - Northamptonshire
 Active in the 1900s to late 1920s. W. Simms conductor in 1906 and 1911. T. Lewis also in 1911

Cricklade Band - Wiltshire
 [current band] - Founded in 1887

Cricklade Brass Band
 See: Cricklade Town Band

Cricklade Excelsior Band - Wiltshire
 Active in the 1920s.

Cricklade Primitive Methodist Brass Band - Wiltshire
 Active in 1891 and 1904

Cricklade Town Band - Wiltshire
 Active from the 1890s to the 1930s. Bandmaster Mr Nash from the 1890s to 1914

Cricklewood Midland Locomotive Brass Band - Middlesex
 Active in the 1890s
**Crieff Brass Band** - Perthshire
*See: Crieff Town Band*

**Crieff Town Band** - Perthshire
Active from 1858. Folded in the 1980s

**Crigglestone Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the 1890s to the 1930s

**Crigglestone Colliery Temperance Band**
*See: Crigglestone Brass Band*

**Crigglestone Welfare Band**
*See: Crigglestone Brass Band*

**Cripplestyle Brass Band** - Dorset
Active in the 1870s and 1880s

**Critalls Works Band** - Braintree,
Active in the 1930s. Took part in the Colchester Carnival in 1937, conducted by AM Knight.

**Crockerton Brass Band** - Wiltshire
Active in 1863 to 1869

**Croesoswallt Brass** - Oswestry, Shropshire
Youth band active in the 1980s.

**Croft and Hurworth Saxhorn Brass Band**
Active in 1871

**Croft Brass and Reed Band** - Leicestershire
Formed in 1913, disbanded in 1914.

**Croft Brass Band** - Leicestershire
[previous name of current band] *See: Croft Silver Band*

**Croft Brass Band** - Leicestershire
Active in the 1880s to 1910s. Conductor, Mr Robinson in 1894, W. Hutchinson in 1895-1900, S. Armston in 1900

**Croft Silver Band** - Leicestershire
[current band] - Founded in 1924 - Former names: Croft Band - Note: Earlier Croft Brass and Reed band founded in 1913, but did was disbanded in 1914.

**Crofthead Brass Band (1)** - Fauldhouse, West Lothian
Active in from the 1850s to the 1880s

**Crofthead Brass Band (2)** - Fauldhouse, West Lothian
Active in from 1903 in the early 1900s, presumably replacing the failed Crofthead Public Brass Band

**Crofthead Public Brass Band** - Fauldhouse, West Lothian
Revived in 1893, it's demise was subsequently reported in 1901. Conductor George Peacock in 1899

**Crofthouse Brass Band**
Formed in 1840, still active in 1896

**Crofton Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] *See: Crofton Silver Band*

**Crofton Silver Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1873 - Former names: Crofton Brass Band, Crofton Silver Band (1936), Nostell Colliery Band (1955-93)
Crofton Workmen's Band - Blyth,
Between 1959 and 1962 it rose from the 4th Section to the 1st Section in successive years, the first band to do so. It folded around 1983.

Crofts End Brass Band
See: Crofts End Mission Band

Crofts End Mission Band - Gloucestershire
Active in the 1900s to the 1950s. William Brown (d. 1910) was its president. Conductor G.A. Brown in 1913, George Brown in 1930

Crofts End Mission Silver Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
[current band] - Founded in 1907

Cromer and Sheringham Brass - Norfolk
[current band] - Founded in 1956 - Former names: Cromer and Sheringham Silver Band

Cromer and Sheringham Silver Band - Norfolk
[previous name of current band] See: Cromer and Sheringham Brass

Cromer Boys Band - Norfolk
Formed in 1948. Merged with Sheringham Temperance Band in 1956 to form Cromer and Sheringham Silver Band

Cromford Brass Band - Derbyshire
Formed in 1859. Still active in 1861

Crompton Brass Band - Lancashire
See: High Crompton Brass Band

Cromwell Juvenile Temperance Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
Active in 1887

Crondall Schools Brass Band - Hampshire
Active in the 1900s. The District Pauper School, for the pauper children of Hartley-Wintney, Farnham, and Alton Union, was built at Crondall in 1856, with room for about 200 children.

Cronkeyshaw Brass Band - Rochdale, Lancashire
Active in 1855

Crook Brass Band - Durham
See: Crook Saxhorn Band

Crook Saxhorn Band - Durham
Active in 1864, conductor G. Elgey. Still active in the 1880s

Crook Wesleyan Mission Brass Band - Durham
Active in 1890

Crooke and Kirkless Band - Lancashire
See: Standish Band

Crooke and Kirkless Welfare Band - Lancashire
See: Standish Band

Crooke Brass Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Standish Band

Crooke Brass Band - Lancashire
See: Standish Band

Crooke Miners Welfare Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Standish Band

Crooke Miners Welfare Band - Lancashire
See: Standish Band
Crookes Brass Band - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1880s through to the 1920s

Crookes Wesley Hall Brass Band - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1910s

Crookhall Bradley Band
See: Crookhall Colliery Band

Crookhall Colliery Band
Founded in 1924 as the Victory Pit Crookhall Colliery Band, led the championship tables in the North-East in the 1950s and 60s. Known as Crookhall Bradley Band in 1966/7. Following the colliery's closure sponsorship came from Patchogue Plymouth, a fibres division of the American oil company Amoco, and the band became the Patchogue Plymouth Amoco Band. The parent company were impressed with the band to the extent it took over the sponsorship and the band became the Amoco Band in around 1976. However it did not last and the band folded around 1980.

Crookhall Model Band
See: Crookhall Colliery Band

Crookhall Patchoque Band
See: Crookhall Colliery Band

Crook's Brass Band - Ryde, Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
Active in the 1850 and 1860s

Cropredy Brass Band - Oxfordshire
Active in 1893

Cropwell Brass Band - Cropwell Butler, Nottinghamshire
Active in 1862

Crosby Brass Band - Isle of Man
Formed in December 1878, conducted by Thomas Teare. Renamed Crosby Diamond Jubilee Band in 1897. Still active in the 1900s

Crosby Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1872, playing at the Crosby Hall estate at Little Crosby.

Crosby British Legion Silver Prize Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1940s into the early 1960s.

Crosby Diamond Jubilee Band
See: Crosby Brass Band (Isle of Man)

Crosby Ravensworth Brass Band - Westmorland
Active in the 1890s

Crosby St Luke's Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1880s and 1890s

Crosby Villa Brass Band - Cumberland
Active in the 1890s

Crosfields Perfection Soap Works Band - Warrington, Lancashire
Founded in 1899. Active to the late 1930s. Bandmaster George Bedforth in 1908.

Crosland Moor Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1930s and 1940s

Cross Gates Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[no information]

Cross Hills Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1850s to 1870s. Conductor G. Holloway, leader G. Smith in 1860
Crossford Brass Band - Lanarkshire
Active in 1863

Crossgates Brass Band - Fife
See: Crossgates Instrumental Band

Crossgates Brass Band - Radnorshire
Active in 1858, conductor Mr Wilding (who ran the Builder's Arms Inn)

Crossgates Instrumental Band - Fife
Formed in 1865 or 1866 following a subscription fund being set up. Over £20 had been collected by August 1865. Active through to WW1. Re-organised in 1905, conductor R. Gillies

Crossgates Public Band - Fife
See: Crossgates Instrumental Band

Crosshouse Brass Band - Ayrshire
Active in 1863

Crosskeys Brass Band - Monmouthshire
[previous name of current band] See: Crosskeys Silver Band

Crosskeys Silver Band - Monmouthshire
[current band] - Founded in 1902 - Former names: Crosskeys Band, Crosskeys Prize Band
- Note: First conductor was M. W. Treasure and founding players included members from the Risca North Colliery Band and the Risca Town Military Band

Crossley Brothers Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
Active in the 1940s and early 1950s. Crossley Brothers made stationary engines and internal combustion engines, and later became part of the Rolls Royce group. Known as 49th Lancashire Home Guard Band during WW2.

Crossley Lads Club Brass Band - Openshaw, Lancashire
Joseph Frith was asked by Sir William Crossley, the founder of the Lads' Club, in 1892 to start a brass band there. He remained as it's bandmaster until 1922. He gave up 2 evenings a week and a Sunday afternoon for band practice. Highly successful, the band won many prizes in festivals and competitions. Still active in 1935

Crossley's Carpet Works Band - Halifax, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in 1950, wound up in 1969. Records of the band 1950-1969 held in Halifax Public Library. Tim Mutum recorded: The origins of the band date back to December 1949 when fifteen workers at the Crossley factory near Halifax and two others, provided the music for the firm's works carol service. From that nucleus the band quickly became established aided by generous support from the company, winning its first contest in 1951 - the Fourth Section Area contest. Like many a band it secured a quality conductor, this time in the shape of John Harrison who joined in 1952, and who became the driving force behind the band's subsequent successes. Harrison had conducted Brighouse and Rastrick although he was only musical director for a year, whilst his major playing success had been with Cresswell Colliery where he played cornet and soprano. He left Crossley in 1955 but returned in 1958. During the 1960s he continued to conduct Crossley until its demise, and from 1964, was also professional conductor for a time at Cory, commuting from Halifax. There was to be no further lower section Area titles for the band, but promotion through the sections meant that by 1953 they were competing in the Championship Section against the likes of Black Dyke and Brighouse. In 1955 Crossley Carpet Works Band were competing in the Nationals at the Royal Albert Hall, courtesy of coming runner up at the Yorkshire Area. Harrison, having left earlier in the year after
the Area success, Willie Wood took them to the Final. It was the sign that the band had arrived in the 'big time', and help retain. Their new found status quality players such as Bernard Bygraves, previously of Brighouse and Black Dyke (and Ferodo as mentioned previously) were persuaded to join. Eventually, this led to a large reduction in the number of players employed by Crossleys, and by the early 1960s only about 20% of the band were employed by the company. Crossley was now a force in Yorkshire, coming third at the Area in 1959 and 1961, winning the title in 1962 and coming runner up in 1964. They were placed third at the Nationals in 1961, and in 1962 went one better finishing second to CWS (Manchester), beaten only by one of the truly great contest winning performances on Verdi's overture 'The Force of Destiny'. Their last appearance at London in 1964 saw them drawn 16 on 'Variations on a Ninth' - coming out of the prizes. Their first appearance at the British Open came in 1956, although the band had failed to win the Grand Shield in the previous few years. The 'one off' appearance under Willie Wood saw them finish out of the prizes, but they returned in 1962 (following their Area win) and were placed fourth. The band continued to appear at Belle Vue until 1968, but never again came in the prizes. By 1969 the band had ceased contesting. It was overdrawn at the bank by £1,000 and only a few of the players worked for Crossleys. Furthermore, the parent - company at that time was in critical talks for a merger with a major rival. In its edition of 28th June 1969, British Bandsman reported that the band had been wound up by the directors who, through company press officer Willa Mooje, also stated that it was not company policy to create work for musicians.

Crossley's Old Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
Active in 1902

Crosspark Brass Band - Montgomeryshire
Active in 1906

Crossway Mission Brass Band - Southwark, Surrey
Active in the 1900s, disbanding in 1908. The mission was located on the Old Kent Road. Some of the band members went on to form the Lambeth Borough Band

Croston Subscription Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1891. The band is mentioned in the Bretherton Congregational church magazine of 1916 in connection with a visit to region of King George V and the Queen.

Croswells' Brewery Band
Active in April 1886, when they were allowed to play one night per week at Walsall Arboretum on condition that there was no product advertising!

Crouch End Brass Band - Middlesex
Active around 1900, conductor W. Whare

Crow Edge Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1880s to the 1900s. Obtained new uniforms in 1903

Crowan Brass Band - Cornwall
Active from 1860 to the 1890s

Crowborough Beacon Brass Band - Sussex
Active from the 1890s to the late 1950s. It won the silver challenge cup won at the Southern Counties contest at Dorking in 1908, conductor, Mr Tommy Briggs. The bandsmen at that time were L Walters, G Stiller, A Arnold, E Berry, W Mackellow, A Jacques, A Smith, W Bassett, A Stiller, E Piper, E Brooks, F Standen, C Smith, T Brooks, A Mackellow, P Mackellow, A Staples, B Blackford, G Smith, S Pollington, and bandmaster A Smith. The band had to leave for home before the final results were announced. When
they reached Crowborough, a message was waiting for them. They had won first prize in
the selection class and had placed third in the march section against competition from 13
other bands. Not bad for amateur musicians. Their prizes, a challenge cup, a cornet, and
medals for each of the bandsmen, arrived by train a week or two later to the applause of
a large crowd of supporters. Mrs Bowen, the wife of the band’s president, presented the
prizes at a ceremony at Crowborough cricket ground on Monday, June 22. During
the evening the band played the contest test pieces, a selection of songs by Handel, and a
march, “The Life Guards”, by J Jubb. Mr Bowen told the applauding audience that Sir
Arthur Conan Doyle and Mr HE Sheppard, a county councillor, magistrate, and
prominent Crowborough resident, had agreed to become vice-presidents, and such
assistance should help to further the interests of the band. In future, he said, the band
would play every Wednesday and Sunday. Once a month, on Wednesdays, they would
play in that field, and on the other Wednesdays they would play at the residences of the
subscribers. The 1909 Southern Counties contest was held at Sutton, and the band took
second place in the selection class and fourth prize in the march section. By 1910, the
brass band had become Crowborough Silver Band. At Whitsun the country was
mourning King Edward VII, and instead of taking part in a contest the band played at a
memorial service at All Saints’ Church. The Southern Counties event was held at
Crowborough in 1911 and again in 1913 when, in spite of the rain large crowds gathered
in the Broadway to witness the march section of the competition. The selection class was
held in the grounds of The Grange on Crowborough Beacon, the home of Mr Frank
Gresson, who was president of the event. Twenty bands took part, and Mr Briggs and his
merry men took joint-third place. On Whit Monday, 1914, the band played a special
programme of dance music at a Scout rally.

Crowborough Silver Band
See: Crowborough Beacon Brass Band

Crowcombe Brass Band - Somerset
Active in the 1880s

Crowfield Brass Band - Suffolk
Active in the 1900s

Crowland Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in from the 1850s through to the 1920s

Crowle Adult School Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in the 1900s

Crowle Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Founded in 1860

Crowle Brass Band - Worcestershire
Active in the 1850s to the 1890s

Crowle Foresters’ Brass Band - Worcestershire
Active in 1882, conductor Mr Scott, G.W. Churchill conductor in 1883. Still active in the
mid-1890s

Crowle Town Silver Band - Lincolnshire
Active in 1871 through to about 1950

Crown Farm Colliery Band
Active around 1920

Crown Point Brass - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Denton Brass
Crown Point Brass
   See: Denton Original Band

Crown Tube Works Brass Band - Wednesbury, Staffordshire
   Active from the early 1860s to WW1. In 1862, bandmaster was W. Blandford. Russell & Sons Crown Tubeworks Wednesbury.

Crowthorne Brass Band - Berkshire
   Active in the 1890s

Croxley Green Brass Band - Hertfordshire
   Active around 1905

Croxton Kerrial Brass Band - Leicestershire
   Active in 1913, J. Wildman secretary

Croxton Kerrial Coronation Brass Band - Leicestershire
   Active in 1927, secretary H.A. Jackson

Croy Parish Band - Dunbartonshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Croy Silver Band

Croy Silver Band - Dunbartonshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1875 - Former names: Smithstone Band (to 1908), Croy Parish Band - Note: North Lanarkshire

Croydon and Shirley Victoria Brass Band - Surrey
   Active in the 1880s and 1890s. Conductor Phil Peters in 1893

Croydon Borough Band - Surrey
   [previous name of current band] See: Croydon Brass Band

Croydon Brass Band - Surrey
   Active from the 1870s to the 1890s.

Croydon Brass Band - Surrey

Croydon Co-op Brass Band - Surrey
   [previous name of current band] See: Croydon Brass Band

Croydon District Postal Musical Society Band
   Active around 1910

Croydon Mechanics Brass Band
   Active between 1900 and 1910. Became 1st Volunteer Battalion Queen's Regiment Band in 1906

Croydon Temperance Band - Surrey
   [previous name of current band] See: Croydon Brass Band

Croydon Workmen's Club Brass Band - Surrey
   First public appearance, with 20 players, in January 1866

Crumlin and District Band
   See: Crumlin Silver Band

Crumlin Silver Band - Monmouthshire
   Active in the 1900s and the 1930s to 1940s

Crumpsall Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Crusaders Brass Band - Kent
   See: Berger Hall Brass Band
Crwbin Silver Band - Carmarthenshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1891

Crystal Palace Band - Surrey
   [current band] - Founded in 1901 - Former names: Upper Norwood Temperance Band, Upper Norwood Temperance Prize Band (to 1924)

CSD Brass (Cambridge) - Cambridgeshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1993

Cubbington Brass Band (1)
   Earliest mention of the band is at Cubbington Oddfellows anniversary on 31st May 1887. Mentioned in news reports from 1887 to 1897. Possibly folded around then, as a successor band was formed in 1900

Cubbington Brass Band (2)
   Formed in 1900 following the relief of Mafeking. Renamed Cubbington Excelsior Silver Band in 1904. Bandmasters: 1907 George Carr, 1912 Fred Gilbert, 1923 F. Hickman. This Band continued until it disbanded in 1956, its last conductor was Johnny Buberle. The remaining players joined the Royal Leamington Spa Silver Band. A successor band was formed in 1995.

Cubbington Excelsior Band
   See: Cubbington Brass Band (2)

Cubbington Silver Band
   See: Cubbington Brass Band (2)

Cubbington Silver Band - Warwickshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1995

Cubert Band - Cornwall
   They existed in 1897 and were probably formed just for the village celebrations of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. Situated a mile or so south of Newquay, they also did no contesting.

Cubitt's Brass Band - London
   Active in 1866. William Cubitt & Co were contractors and property developers, responsible for much of the changing face of Victorian London

Cuckfield Brass Band - Sussex
   Active from the 1850s through to 1914. Conductor Mr Dumsday in 1856

Cuddington and Nether Winchendon Brass Band
   See: Cuddington Brass Band

Cuddington and Winchendon Band
   See: Cuddington Brass Band

Cuddington and Winchendon Robin Hood Brass Band
   See: Cuddington Brass Band

Cuddington Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
   Active in from the early 1900s to the 1930s. Conductor in 1904 was George Watson, J. Cremer Clarke in 1911, H, Smith in 1930. Also known as the Cuddington and Winchendon Robin Hood Brass Band in the 1910s

Cudham Brass Band - Kent
   Active in 1904 when it was revived, bandmaster A.E. Newton

Cudworth Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1856 through to at least 1906, and probably the outbreak of WW1. Bandmaster in 1905 was James Cavill. Later known as Cudworth Old Band. The Grimethorpe
Colliery Band was originated in 1917 at the incentive of 7 ex-Cudworth bandmen, Cudworth having recently disbanded. George Cook was bandmaster of Cudworth Band at one time, he died in 1932.

**Cudworth Independent Band**  
See: **Cudworth Brass Band**

**Cudworth Juvenile Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
Active in 1855

**Cudworth Old Band**  
See: **Cudworth Brass Band**

**Culcheth Cottage Homes Brass Band** - Lancashire  
Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Bandmaster Robert Bonner in 1908

**Culcheth Sunday School Brass Band** - Lancashire  
Active around 1900

**Culgaith and Temple Sowerby Brass Band** - Cumberland  
Bandmaster at one time was James Huddart, who was succeeded by Albert Kitchen.

**Cullen Brass Band** - Banffshire  
Active in the 1880s and 1910s. The first bandmaster was Charles Middleton

**Cullen Ladies' Brass Band** - Banffshire  
Active in 1920

**Cullompton Brass Band** - Devon  
Active in 1858. Conductor Mr Underhill in 1862

**Cullompton Town Band** - Devon  
Active in 1884 and also in 1913, when it performed in Wellington, Somerset - bandmaster: J.P. Rutey

**Culworth Brass Band** - Northamptonshire  
Active in 1865

**Cumberland Artillery Band, 2nd**  
See: **2nd Cumberland Artillery Band**

**Cumberland Reformatory Brass Band** - Stanwix, Cumberland  
See: **Carlisle Reformatory Brass Band**

**Cumbernauld Brass Band** - Dunbartonshire  
Active in the 1880s through to 1928, when conducted by H. Bennett

**Cumbernauld Public Band**  
See: **Cumbernauld Brass Band**

**Cumbernauld Silver Band** - Dunbartonshire  
Formed in 1970 through the merger of Bonnybridge and District Band and Parkhead Forge Band. Active through to the late 1980s

**Cumnock Youth Band** - Ayrshire  
Active in the 1970s and 1980s.

**Cunard SS Company's Employees Band** - Liverpool, Lancashire  
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

**Cupar Brass Band** - Fife  
Active in 1866 through into the 1880s, folded before 1899.

**Cupar Foresters' Brass Band** - Fife  
Active in the late 1870s and early 1880s
Cupar Town Band - Fife
  Formed in 1899, conductor John Peattie. Still active in 1933, and in 1967, conducted by Duncan Campbell.

Curbridge Village Band - Oxfordshire
  Active in the 1980s

Curry Mallet Brass Band - Somerset
  Active in 1859 to 1868. Conductor J. Woolmington in 1867, G. Giles in 1869

Curry Rivel Brass Band - Somerset
  Founded in 1865. Secretary Thomas Podger in 1878. Also occasionally known as Langport and Curry Rivel Brass Band. Possibly the same as Burton Pynsent Brass Band

Curtis and Harvey Brass Band - Glyn Neath, Glamorgan
  [previous name of current band] See: Glynneath and District Silver Band

Curtis and Harvey Brass Band
  See: Glynneath District Silver Band

Cury Brass Band - Cornwall
  Active in 1850

Curzon Street Brass Band - Burnley, Lancashire
  Active in the 1890s

Cusson's Excelsior Band - Blackpool, Lancashire
  Active in the 1930s, conductor G.J. May

Cutthorpe Brass Band - Derbyshire
  Active in 1862 through to the early 1900s. Conductor W. Needham in 1901

Cwm and District Band - Flintshire
  Active in the 1900s

Cwm Brass Band - Flintshire
  See: Cwm and District Band

Cwm Brass Band - Monmouthshire
  See: Cwm Town Band

Cwm Liberal Band
  Active in 1912

Cwm Town Band - Monmouthshire
  Active from the early 1900s and through to the 1990s. Also known as Cwm Town Workmen’s Band. Amalgamated with Ebbw Vale Town Band in 2011 to form Ebbw Valley Brass.

Cwm Town Workmen's Band
  See: Cwm Town Band

Cwmafan (Talbach) Brass Band - Glamorgan
  Conductor W. Baillie in 1860.

Cwmafan and District Band - Glamorgan
  Active after WW1 through to the 1950s

Cwmafan Brass Band - Glamorgan
  Active in the 1880s

Cwmafan Copper Miners' Tin Plate Band - Glamorgan
  See: Cwmafan and District Band

Cwmaman Institute Silver Band - Glamorgan
  [current band] - Founded in 1876
Cwmavon - Glamorgan
See: Cwmafan

Cwmbraon Brass - Monmouthshire
[current band] - Founded in 1820 - Former names: Cwmbraon Town Band? Cwmbraon Urban District Silver Band? Cwmbraon Brass Band (to 2006) - Note: Amalgamated with Cwmbraon Youth Band in April 2006 to form Cwmbraon Brass

Cwmbraon Brass Band - Monmouthshire
See: Cwmbraon Subscription Brass Band

Cwmbraon Subscription Brass Band - Monmouthshire
Active from the 1880s to WW1. In 1914, Lewis Edwards was conductor (resident in Malpas Street)

Cwmcyuch Band - Carmarthenshire
Active in the early 1900s

Cwmfelin Brass Band - Glamorgan
Active in the early 1900s to the 1920s. Bandmaster Alf Williams in 1918

Cwmfelin Workmen's Band
See: Cwmfelin Brass Band

Cwmmllynfella and District Silver Band - Glamorgan

Cwmmllynfella Brass Band
See: Cwmmllynfella and District Silver Band

Cwm-mawr Brass Band - Carmarthenshire
Active in the 1890s through to WW1. Played for the Professional Foot Races at the Mansel Athletic Grounds, Carmarthen in 1901, when they were conducted by T. Harris

Cwpmparc Silver Band - Glamorgan
[previous name of current band] See: Parc & Dare Band

Cwpmparc Silver Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1890s to WW1. Conductor in 1900, J.D. Treharne. In the 1890s a contest was held at Pontycymmer and the musicians carried their instruments on the six-mile trek across the mountain tops. Under the baton of Mr Treherne they performed brilliantly, even if all the lights in the hall blew out, and left with the first prize. Obtained a new bandroom in 1903

Cwpmparc Temperance Drum and Fife Band - Glamorgan
[previous name of current band] See: Parc & Dare Band

Cwmsyfiog and Brithdir Brass Band - Monmouthshire
Active in 1912

Cwmtawe Brass Band - Brecknockshire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Conductor Evan John Evans in 1899. Took second prize in the Bangor Eisteddfodd in 1894.

Cwmtillery Brass Band - Monmouthshire
Active in the 1890s

Cwmtwrch Brass Band
Active in 1890

CWS (Glasgow) Band - Lanarkshire
[previous name of current band] See: Co-operative Funeralcare Band
CWS (Manchester) Band
   See: C.W.S. (Manchester) Band

Cyclops Works Brass Band - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Founded in 1865. Still active in 1868. The Cyclops Iron and Steel Works were based in Saville Street, owned by Charles Cammell & Co.

Cyfarthfa and Merthyr Municipal Band
   See: Cyfarthfa Band

Cyfarthfa Band - Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan
   Founded in 1838 by iron magnate Robert Thompson Crawshay, whose father owned the huge Cyfarthfa Works at Merthyr Tydfil. The original 1838 band was quickly disbanded as the players, who were mainly local, did not live up to the Crawshays’ expectations. Professional, mainly English, players were imported and formed the basis of what was the arguably the first virtuoso brass band. It went on to great success in the contest field. “Christ Church, in Georgetown, Merthyr Tydfil, was completed in 1857, and consecrated on April 30th of that year. The Sunday of the consecration was a great day and many were invited to the Crawshay Castle for lunch. The famous Cyfarthfa Works Band, which had played at the great opening of the Crystal Palace in London (1851) played the services as there was no organ.” The band won the Crystal Place Contest in 1860, playing Nabucco, conductor R. Livesey. Whilst they competed rarely, they still won the Welsh National Eisteddfod held in their home town in 1881. Some of the music and instruments from the band still exist, the instruments and pieces, in their original bound folios, are displayed at Cyfarthfa Castle, One such piece is the ‘Tydfil Overture’ written by the great Joseph Parry (he of Myfanwy fame) and probably the first specific, original brass band work. Following Crawshay’s death in 1879, and the passing of the age of iron, the band declined. With no formal support the band limped on until 1908, when the local authority took over the band with a strict set of guidelines. It became the Cyfarthfa and Merthyr Municipal Band, which survived until 1928.

Cymmer (Porth) Colliery Band - Glamorgan
   [previous name of current band] See: Lewis Merthyr Silver Band

Cymmer Colliery Band - Glamorgan
   Active in 1888, conductor R. Martin

Cynfi and Ebenezer Band - Caernarfonshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Deiniolen Silver Band

Cynfi Ebenezer Band
   See: Cynfi Silver Band

Cynfi Silver Band - Caernarfonshire
   Founded in 1904. Active through to the 1930s. Linked to the slate quarries around Llanberis. Obtained new instruments in 1905

Cynon Valley Band - Glamorgan
   Active in the 1930s

D and L Redcar Works Band
   See: Dorman Long and Company Works Band

D Company Band, 2nd Volunteer Battalion North Staffordshire Regiment
   See: Rugeley Company Band

D Division Police Brass Band - Marylebone, Middlesex
   Active in 1865, conductor Mr Keighley. See also B, E, G, H, K, L, N, P, S and T Division Police Brass Bands
Dafen Tin Works Brass Band - Carmarthenshire
   Active in 1859. The Dafen Tinplate Works was established in 1845

Dagenham Brass Band - Essex
   Active in the 1880s to the 1920s. Conductor in 1902 was J. Ketley, in 1882 was Mr Kingsnorth.

Dagenham Home Guard O.C.A. Band - Essex
   Active in the 1940s to late 1950s. The Old Comrades Association of the Home Guard kept up links between wartime Home Guard and other forces members.

Dagenham Silver Band - Essex
   Active in the 1970s, folded around 1980. Later known as Barking Concert Band.
   Remaining players help to form the Becontree Brass Band in 1981

Daily Chronicle Band - Sittingbourne, Kent
   [previous name of current band] See: UK Paper Band

Daily Chronicle Paper Mills Brass Band - Sittingbourne, Kent
   [previous name of current band] See: UK Paper Band

Dairy Coates Brass Band (1) - North Ferriby, Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in 1863. Possibly the same as the Dairy Coates Engine Works Brass Band. Still active in 1868

Dairy Coates Brass Band (2) - North Ferriby, Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Founded in 1912, still active in 1916

Dairy Coates Engine Works Brass Band - North Ferriby, Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in 1868

Dairycoates Brass Band
   See: Dairy Coates Brass Band

Daisy Hill Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from the 1850s through to the 1950s. Louis Allison took over as conductor in 1905.

Daisy Hill Subscription Band
   See: Daisy Hill Brass Band

Dakeyne Street Boys' Brigade Band - Nottingham, Nottinghamshire
   Active in 1909

Dalbeattie Town Band - Kirkcudbrightshire
   Founded in 1902, bandmaster Frank Lawson. Subsequent bandmasters were W. Wildon and W. Bryce. Probably folded at the start of WW1. The band's instruments were given to the local Volunteer Training Corps in 1915.

Dalbeattie Volunteers Band - Kirkcudbrightshire
   Founded in 1915 using the instruments of the earlier Dalbeattie Town Band. Frank Lawson was their bandmaster

Dale Abbey Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active from the mid-1860s through to the early 1900s

Dalkeith and Bilston Glen Colliery Band
   See: Dalkeith Burgh Band

Dalkeith and Monktonhall Brass Band - Midlothian
   [current band] - Founded in 1989 - Note: Amalgamation of Dalkeith Burgh Band and Monktonhall Colliery Silver Band

Dalkeith and Westfield Trades Band - Midlothian
   Founded as Westfield Brass Band - it was in existence 1876, and also in 1892 when it led a procession to welcome a visit from William Gladstone. In 1904 the band changed its
name to the Dalkeith and Westfield Trades Band in order to gain a wider support. That same year the band led a parade in honour of Winston Churchill. In 1905 the band received a grant from the town council after a vote. There’s no trace of when the then band went out of being, but it must have been before 1911 as it didn’t take part in various reported occasions thereafter.

**Dalkeith Burgh Band** - Midlothian

Formed after the end of WW1 as the Westgate band. Changed name to Dalkeith Burgh Band sometime before 1929, as it led the Gala Day procession in that year, in the gap left by the earlier Dalkeith and Westfield Trades Band. It played at the local gala day crowning in 1953 in King’s Park - the same day as the Queen’s coronation. Merged with Monktonhall Colliery Silver Band in 1989 to form Dalkeith and Monktonhall Brass Band.

**Dalkeith Trades Band**

See: *Dalkeith and Westfield Trades Band*

**Dalmellington Band** - Ayrshire

[current band] - Founded in 1864 - Former names: Dalmellington Subscription Brass Band, Dalmellington Silver Band

**Dalmellington Brass Band** - Ayrshire

Active in 1855. A successor band (the current Dalmellington Band) was formed in 1864

**Dalmellington Silver Band** - Ayrshire

[previous name of current band] See: *Dalmellington Band*

**Dalmellington Subscription Brass Band** - Ayrshire

[previous name of current band] See: *Dalmellington Band*

**Dalmeny Brass Band** - West Lothian

Active from the 1870s to 1890s. May have merged with the Queensferry Brass Band at some time.

**Dalry Brass Band** - Ayrshire

Active in 1872, when they participated in the celebrations for the opening of the new Orange Hall in Irvine. In October 1903 the Kilwinning Co-op Society’s new £7,000 building in main Street was formally opened following a procession round the town comprising nearly 1000 persons and led by Dalry Brass Band. In January 1905, at a singing competition under the auspices of Dalry Silver Band, Miss Anniw Frew, New Street, Stevenston, was winner of the gold medal. In September 1905 the Dalry Silver Prize Band provided musical entertainment during the afternoon of the Grand Quoiting Exhibition Game, held under the auspices of Dalry Quoiting Club,

**Dalry Instrumental Band**

See: *Dalry Brass Band*

**Dalry Silver Band**

See: *Dalry Brass Band*

**Dalston Central Mission Band** - Middlesex

Active in the 1900s, J.R. Saywell bandmaster in 1907, disbanded in 1908

**Dalston Village Brass Band** - Cumberland

Active in 1886

**Dalton Amateur Brass Band** - Dalton-in-Furness, Lancashire

In January 1897 the annual meeting of the Dalton Town Band was held at the Wellington Hotel. Very soon after this meeting had taken place, there was some disagreement among the members of the band which made some of them terminate their association with the town band and start a band of their own. This was officially formed as the
Amateur Brass Band at a meeting held in the Wellington Hotel in March 1897. Mr. A. Baker was appointed as conductor of the new band which survived for many years, and frequently performed at concerts, parades, etc. A Baker later went on to conduct the Brotton Old Band, the Anaconda Copper Mines Band (U.S.A.), then to the Barrow Iron and Steel Works Band in 1921.

**Dalton Glee Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1879. A small brass ensemble.

**Dalton Rifle Volunteers Band** - Dalton-in-Furness, Lancashire
Active in the 1870s to the early 1900s

**Dalton Temperance Band** - Dalton-in-Furness, Lancashire
Formed in 1891

**Dalton Town Band** - Lancashire
[current band] - Founded in 1870 - Former names: Dalton Town Band, Dalton Town Prize Band

**Dalton Union Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1870s, near Huddersfield.

**Dalton Volunteers Band**
See: **Dalton Rifle Volunteers Band**

**Dalton-in-Furness Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active in 1866 - precursor to the current Dalton Town Band formed in 1870

**Dalzeil Steelworks Silver Band** - Motherwell, Lanarkshire
Active in the 1920s

**Danby Brass Band** - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1856, when the conductor was Mr Robert Duck

**Danesmoor Brass Band** - Derbyshire
Active in the 1880s and 1890s

**Danesmoor Temperance Band** - Derbyshire
Active in the 1880s, conductor James Elliott in 1887

**Danetre Brass** - Northamptonshire
[previous name of current band] See: **Daventry Brass**

**Daniel Street Mission Band** - Ancoats, Lancashire
Active in the 1900s. Based at the Victoria Hall Wesleyan Mission

**Dannemora Prize Band** - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1891

**Dannemora Steel Works Brass Band** - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1884. Won the selection contest held in Doncaster at the Salutation Inn on 14 April 1900. Active in 1931. Competed in the Junior Shield in 1962, conducted by E. Foster. Active in 1965

**Dannemora Steelworks Band** - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: **Dannemora Steel Works Brass Band**

**Darcy Lever Brass Band (1)** - Lancashire
James Halliwell joined Darcy Lever Band at the age of 12 in 1853 and played with them for 15 years while their uniform was a Black Frock Coat, tall hat and white waistcoats. The band dispersed in 1874, where upon Mr Halliwell went as bandmaster to the 9th Lance Volunteer Band.
Darcy Lever Brass Band (2) - Lancashire
In 1886 James Halliwell reformed the Darcy Lever Band and was bandmaster until the band dispersed for the last time in 1906. James Halliwell died in 1924. Several members of the Halliwell family played in the band

Darenth Home for Boys Band - Kent
Active in 1911

Darenth Vale Brass Band - Kent
Active in the early 1900s to 1910s

Darfield Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1863 to 1895.

Darfield District Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Wombwell Temperance Band

Darfield District Houghton Main Colliery Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
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See: Wombwell Temperance Band

Darfield Silver Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in 1901 as Darley Temperance Band. Seven of its members were of the Skaife family and five others were Housemans. Their first conductor was Redford Procter from Dacre, was in demand for agricultural shows around the district, for which in the early days it was necessary to hire a wagonette and horses for the journey. They played at annual village school fetes, and at the Darley Hospital Sunday Event on Stocks Green, local hospitals benefiting from collections at this event and others at churches and chapels. They led the procession through Darley at the Annual Rechabite Band of Hope Festival on Whit Monday, and were involved locally whenever there were national festivals, coronations, peace celebrations etc, and at many other local events, performing in their uniform of blue, red and gold. From 1932, the band rented a room in Wall Square for their weekly practices. They kept going when many such bands disbanded, two members, Joe Furniss and J R Houseman, completing forty-five and thirty-eight years
service respectively. Rename Darley Silver Band by the 1940s. When it was in a low period in 1936 Walter Aldon bought new uniforms to boost the morale. As with all the other bands it ceased to function during the war but re-formed in time to play for the opening of the Memorial Hall in 1947. The band merged with Summerbridge and Dacre Band in 1959.

**Darley Temperance Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: **Darley Silver Band**

**Darlington Borough Band** - Durham
Active in 1930 and into the 1950s

**Darlington Brass Band** - Durham
Active in 1867, with 20 performers

**Darlington British Legion Band** - Durham
Active in the 1920s

**Darlington British Railways Band** - Durham
See: **Darlington North Eastern Railway Band**

**Darlington Catholic Brass Band** - Durham
See: **Darlington Saxhorn Band**

**Darlington Corporation Band** - Durham
See: **Darlington Borough Band**

**Darlington Foresters’ Brass Band** - Durham
Active in 1850

**Darlington Forge Band** - Durham
Active from 1919 through to the 1930s. Newspaper report from April 1924 - “Opening of Darlington’s new lake. With 3,000 people watching and Darlington Forge Band playing, the Mayor stepped ceremonially into a motor boat, which promptly failed to start.”

**Darlington Forge Company Band** - Durham
See: **Darlington Forge Band**

**Darlington L.N.E.R. Band** - Durham
See: **Darlington North Eastern Railway Band**

**Darlington Music Centre Band** - Durham
See: **Darlington Youth Brass Band**

**Darlington N.E.R. Band** - Durham
See: **Darlington North Eastern Railway Band**

**Darlington North Eastern Railway Band** - Durham
Formed in the late 1830s and became all brass by 1860. Active in 1913 and through to the 1960s

**Darlington Operatic Brass Band** - Durham
Active in 1870s and 1898, conductor J.A. Hoggett

**Darlington Philharmonic Band** - Durham
Active in 1864

**Darlington Regional Schools Band** - Durham
See: **Darlington Youth Brass Band**

**Darlington Rifles Band** - Durham
Active in the 1880s

**Darlington Saxhorn Band** - Durham
Formed in 1858. Conductor Henry Hoggett in 1860. From a newspaper report in 1862 - “Darlington Total Abstinence Society sponsored a new water fountain and it was ready
for opening on June 10, 1862. Led by Dr Fothergill's successor as president, William
Thompson, and the Darlington Sax Horn Band, the abstainers paraded from the
Mechanics Institute, in Skinnergate, along Blackwellgate and High Row and up
Bondgate to the fountain. There Mr Thompson, whose bankruptcy in the late 1870s
allowed Darlington to acquire a vast chunk of South Park very cheaply, ceremonially
drank the first glass of water from the fountain.” Still active in 1876. The band was also
known as Darlington Catholic Band and played sacred music exclusively.

Darlington Sons of Temperance Brass Band - Durham
   See: Darlington Temperance Band

Darlington Temperance Band - Durham

Darlington Volunteer and Operatic Brass Band - Durham
   See: Darlington Operatic Brass Band

Darlington Volunteer Band - Durham
   Active in 1904

Darlington Works Brass Band - Southwark, Surrey
   See: Messrs Stevens and Sons Brass Band

Darlington Youth Brass Band - Durham
   Active in the 1970s and 1980s. Conducted by ARJ Price in the early 70s and A. Hind
   thereafter.

Darnall Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1850s through to WW1. In 1913 Henry Sybray Wall and Charles Foster, both
   members of the band committee, came to blows at a committee meeting over remarks
   made about free beer. Charles Foster was summoned and fined 10s, with £1 4s 6d costs.

Darnall Club and Institute Band
   See: Darnall Silver Band

Darnall Silver Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Formed some time after WW1. Active in the 1930s and 1940s

Darnall Working Men's Club Band
   See: Darnall Silver Band

Dartford and Erith Silver Band - Kent
   Formed around 1953 by the merger of Darford Borough Band and Erith British Legion
   Band. Active into the early 1960s.

Dartford Borough British Legion Band - Kent
   Active in the 1930s through to 1953, when it merged with Erith British Legion Band to
   form Dartford and Erith Silver Band. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in
   the 1930s.

Dartford Borough Silver Band
   See: Dartford Borough British Legion Band

Dartford Christian Mission Band - Kent
   Active in the 1900s, conductor H. Coveney in 1904

Dartford Silver Band
   See: Dartford Volunteers Silver Band

Dartford Town Band - Kent, ## 6 ##, Active in the 1900s. E. Allder bandmaster, ## 7 ##, Dartford
   Silver Prize Band

Dartford United Brass Band - Kent
   Active in 1921
Dartford Volunteers Silver Band - Kent
   Active in the 1900s through to the early 1930s. Renamed Dartford Silver Band in 1908, conductor H. Giles.

Dartmoor Prison Officers’ Brass Band - Princeton, Devon
   Active in the 1900s

Dartmouth Borough Band - Devon
   Active in the 1900s to the 1950s. The Bandmaster was J. Courtney in 1939 and 1947. When it folded the equipment was passed on to the Kingsbridge Band. Some of the historic pieces, including a drum, were returned to Dartmouth Museum.

Dartmouth Park Brass Band - West Bromwich, Staffordshire
   Active in the 1880s to the 1900s. Conductor J. Tonks in 1887

Dartmouth Town Band
   See: Dartmouth Borough Band

Darton Brass Band
   See: Dartmouth Borough Band

Darton Main Colliery Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Founded in 1917. Active to 1927, conductor Noel Thorpe.

Darton Subscription Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1930s

Darvel Brass Band
   See: Darvel Burgh Band

Darvel Burgh Band - Ayrshire
   Formed in 1846 as Darvel Brass Band, adopted “Borough” in 1901. In 1879 it took part in a procession in August to inaugurate the Kilmarnock Burns Monument and Kay Park, accompanying the Kilmarnock wood-workers. In 1935 it performed a concert at the National Government Fair held at Loudon Castle, on Saturday June 29th. Still active in 1949.

Darvel Instrumental Brass Band
   See: Darvel Burgh Band

Darwen and Hoddleston Silver Prize Band - Lancashire
   [previous name of current band] See: Blackburn & Darwen Band

Darwen Borough Brass Band
   See: Darwen Temperance Band

Darwen Brass - Lancashire
   [current band] - Founded in 2007 - Note: Formed as the “middle” band in the Blackburn and Darwen Band Organisation.

Darwen British Legion Band - Lancashire
   [previous name of current band] See: Blackburn & Darwen Band

Darwen Rifle Corps Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1860s to 1900s. Also known as 2nd Lancashire Rifle Volunteers Band and Over Darwen Rifles Band

Darwen Temperance Band - Lancashire
   Formed in 1840 on strict teetotal principles. In the event of breaking a pledge of abstinence a member had to pay a fine of 2s, 6d, for the first offence, for the second offence he would pay 5s and the third time he was expelled. It is believed that a couple of the founder members had to re-mortgage their own houses in order to buy their instruments. At first the band had no rehearsal room and therefore they had to practise
in various member's houses. Finally they were able to move to a bandroom in Foundry
Street, Darwen. Conductor J. Briggs, leader T. Hindle in 1860. The band took part in the
British Open contest in 1872. Secretary F.B. Ashworth in 1887. In 1901 the band changed
from the Darwen Temperance Band to Darwen Borough Band. The band struggled to
survive due to the effects of World War I. Local rivals Pickup Bank Band gained the
upper hand, partly due to backing from local firm Carus mills. Following World War II
Hoddesden also struggled to find players. In 1950 It was requested that both bands have
a joint committee meeting to discuss the shortage of players. The conclusion was that
both bands amalgamated to form the Darwen and Hoddesden Silver Band.

Daubhill Temperance Band (1) - Lancashire
Active in the 1890s

Daubhill Temperance Band (2) - Lancashire
Formed in 1924, the band packed up when most of the lads joined the forces in 1939.
Three of the bandsmen, Billy Holt, Walter Price and Ralph McCarthy were killed in
Japanese POW camps. It competed in the Senior Cup contest in 1937. From the Coventry
Evening Telegraph, of March, 1954: “The brass band associations of the Evans family
began many years ago in Bolton, where John Evans and his two brothers, all keen
bandsmen, decided to form a brass band of their own. Under the title Daubhill
Temperance Band, the Evans brothers gathered together a group of brass instrument
players, several of them relatives. As time passed, the membership of the band became
more and more predominantly Evans, until eventually all its 24 players had either been
born in, or married into, the family. Then, in 1936, John Evans’ oldest son decided to
move south from Lancashire to try his hand at a job in Coventry. He settled there with
his family. Gradually, on his recommendation, other members of the family followed,
until Bolton's Daubhill Temperance Band had to be abandoned due to lack of (Evans)
membership. The pioneer of the family, who first came to Coventry, was killed during
the war, but three of his brothers are still active players with Coventry Silver Band” One
tale of this band is while carrying out an engagement in Rufford, the band was marching
down a narrow country lane when a car came up behind the band and could not pass.
After a while Mr J Evans signalled to the band to move to the side of the road,
unfortunately the driver mistook this as a signal to pass and ended up with the drummer
seated on the bonnet of his car! Mr Evans noted with a smile that the drummer never
broke his beat!

Davenham Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in the 1890s and 1902

Davenport Road Wesleyan Silver Band - Derby, Derbyshire
Active in the early 1930s

Daventry and District Silver Band - Northamptonshire
[previous name of current band] See: Daventry Brass

Daventry and District Silver Band - Northamptonshire
Formed in the late 1940s by the amalgamation of Daventry Town Band, Long Buckby
Town Band and Long Buckby Temperance Band

Daventry Brass - Northamptonshire
[current band] - Founded in 1946 - Former names: Daventry and District Silver Band,
Danetre Brass (to 1999) - Note: Other related bands: Daventry and District Silver Band
formed in late 1940s by amalgamation of Daventry Town Band, Long Buckby Town
Band and Long Buckby Temperance Band
Daventry Brass Band
See: Daventry Town Band

Daventry Town Band - Northamptonshire
Active from the 1870s until the late 1940s when it merged with Long Buckby Town Band and Long Buckby Temperance Band to form Daventry and District Silver Band

Davey Paxman Standard Ironworks Band - Colchester, Essex
Formed in 1884 under the patronage of the works owner, James Paxman. The first bandmaster was Mr McQuade. Following the wane of the Paxman empire in 1908 the band folded.

David Brown Tractors Band
Active in 1941

Davidstow Temperance Brass Band - Cornwall
This band carried out engagements over a period of at least four years - 1872-76. Davidstow is a few miles north of Camelford.

Davis Derby Brass Band - Derbyshire
See: Derby Railway Works Band

Davis Lifeboat Mission Band - Leytonstone, Essex
Active in the 1900s

Daw Green Band - Dewsbury, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1856

Daw Mill Colliery Band - Warwickshire
See: Arley Welfare Band

Daw Mill/Arley Welfare Band - Warwickshire
See: Arley Welfare Band

Dawdon Brass Band
See: Dawdon Lodge Silver Band

Dawdon Colliery Band
See: Dawdon Lodge Silver Band

Dawdon Lodge Silver Band - Seaham, Durham

Dawley (Telford) Brass Band - Shropshire
Formed some time after the 1970s and was still active in the 1990s

Dawley Brass Band (1) - Shropshire
Active in 1856, 1860

Dawley Brass Band (2) - Shropshire
Active in the early 1900s. An old tradition in Dawley was a pig would be placed on a wall in the town to watch the old Dawley band marching by! Also known as Dawley Town Silver Prize Band. Still active in 1953.

Dawley Green Band
Active in 1857, 1860, conductor Thomas Chirm, 1862

Dawley New Town Band - Shropshire
Formed around 1961, with many players coming from the defunct Hadley Sankeys Castle Band. It later became Telford Concert Band, then Telford Brass Band. Ceased in the late 1980s after rising to 2nd section in the Nationals and section A in the Birmingham and District Association. The Band was formed under the baton of Ted
Baldwin who eventually stood down to be replaced by a Denis Emery around 1969/70. Around 1969 there was a split in the band, with some of the players leaving to form the South Telford Band.

**Dawley Town Silver Band** - Shropshire
See: *Dawley New Town Band*

**Dawlish Amateur Brass Band** - Devon
Founded in 1860, conductor W. Cotton

**Dawlish Brass Band (1)** - Devon
See: *Dawlish Subscription Brass Band*

**Dawlish Brass Band (2)** - Devon
See: *Dawlish Amateur Brass Band*

**Dawlish Rifles Brass Band** - Devon
Active in the 1860s

**Dawlish Subscription Brass Band** - Devon
Active in the 1840s and 1850s. Folded before 1860, when plans for a new amateur band were mooted.

**Dawlish Town Band** - Devon
Active in the 1890s to the 1920s

**Daylesford Borough Band** - Worcestershire
Active in the 1880s

**De Havilland Works Band** - Hertfordshire
Active in the 1940s, linked to the factory at Hatfield.

**De Jong's Select Professional Brass Band** - Edinburgh, Midlothian
Active in 1890

**Deacon Street Brass Band** - Leicester, Leicestershire
Active in the 1870s

**Deaf Hill Colliery Band** - Durham
Formed in the early 1900s and still active in 1960

**Deaf Hill Colliery Miners' Welfare Band**
See: *Deaf Hill Colliery Band*

**Deal Brass Academy** - Kent
[current band] - Founded in 2013

**Dean and Chapter Colliery Band** - Ferryhill, Durham
Formed in 1906 - the Dean and Chapter Colliery opened in 1904 - and was still active in 1947

**Dean Bank Band** - Durham
Formed in the early 1900s, and was still active in 1915, but probably did not survive the First World War.

**Dean Head Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: *Scammonden Brass Band*

**Dean Mills Brass Band** - Halliwell, Lancashire
Active in 1851

**Dean Works Brass Band** - Halliwell, Lancashire
See: *Dean Mills Brass Band*

**Deansgate Mission Brass Band** - Manchester, Lancashire
Active in 1884, conducted by Alfred Alsop
Deanston Brass Band - Perthshire
Formed in May 1853, conductor Mr Watts. Still active in 1865. Mr Watts was the manager of the Adelphi Cotton Mill in Deanston, where most, if not all, of the band were employed. The mill was the first in Britain to produce its own coins and paper money for issue to its workers. This was designed to overcome a shortage of currency in circulation at the time (the late 1700s). When the mill closed it was converted into a whisky distillery. In 1858, a young boy named Daniel McDonald, who was a drummer in the band, lost an arm in an accident at the mill where he worked. Also known as Doune Brass Band by the locals

Deanston Works Brass Band - Perthshire
See: Deanston Brass Band

Dearham Band - Cumberland
[current band] - Founded in 1896 - Former names: Dearham United Brass Band - Note: Originally formed as a Drum & Fife Band in 1881 - converting to brass in 1896

Dearham Brass Band - Cumberland
Active in 1851. A successor band was formed in 1896

Dearham Church of England Band - Cumberland
Active in 1892

Dearham United Brass Band - Cumberland
[previous name of current band] See: Dearham Band

Dearne Valley Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the 1990s to around 2012.

Debenham Boys Brass Band - Suffolk
Active in 1906, conductor Mr Whitmore

Debenham Brass Band (1) - Suffolk
Active in 1887 to 1896

Debenham Brass Band (2) - Suffolk
Active in the 1960s. At a British Legion parade in 1978 the solo comet player Ted Perry collapsed and died. The parade tried to carry as best they could but the evening’s concert was cancelled.

Debenham Volunteer Band - Suffolk
Active in 1900

Decorative Art Works Band
See: Sunbury Brass Band

Dedddington and Bloxham Brass Band - Oxfordshire
Active in the 1840s and 1850s

Dedddington Brass Band (1) - Oxfordshire
See: Dedddington and Bloxham Brass Band

Dedddington Brass Band (2) - Oxfordshire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Dedham Band
Formed in 1899 and still active in 1906

Dee Oil Works Band - Saltney, Flintshire
Active in the 1880s

Deene Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in 1867
Deepcar Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  [current band] - Founded in 1988

Deepcar Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1860s, conductor J. Beever in 1860. Still active in 1869. A successor band was formed in 1988.

Deepcar School Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Formed in 1859

Deeping St James Brass Band - Lincolnshire
  Active in the 1880s and 1890s. Conductor George Samuel Perkins appointed in 1890

Deeside Brass Band - Chester, Cheshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Deeside Silver Band

Deeside Silver Band - Chester, Cheshire
  [current band] - Founded in 1972 - Former names: Deeside Brass Band - Note: Formed by the amalgamation of Connah's Quay Town Band and the John Summers Steelworks Band

Defries and Sons Brass Band - London (City)
  See: Messrs Defries and Sons Brass Band

Deighton and Sheepridge Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Formed in 1859 to 1894

Deighton Brass Band - Huddersfield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active from 1859 to the 1890s. Competed in the Crystal Palace contest in July 1860, conducted by P. Robinson, playing a selection from “Ernani”. New instruments in 1869, costing £83 3s 6d

Deighton Mills Band - Huddersfield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  See: Deighton Brass Band

Deiniolen Silver Band - Caernarfonshire
  [current band] - Founded in 1835 - Former names: Cynfi and Ebenezer Band

Delabole Brass Band - Cornwall
  See: Delabole Temperance Band

Delabole British Legion Band - Cornwall
  See: Delabole Temperance Band

Delabole Ex-Servicemen's Band - Cornwall
  See: Delabole Temperance Band

Delabole Silver Band - Cornwall
  See: Delabole Temperance Band

Delabole Temperance Band - Cornwall
  This band, formed in 1864, became a very popular and successful group, changing its title in 1919 to Delabole Ex-Servicemen's Band and then to Delabole British Legion Band, this probably in 1921 on the formation of the British Legion. 1930 and they changed once again, this time to Delabole Silver Band. They were eventually disbanded c1953. Their known conductors were Mr Horne: J David Smith: WH Hawke: Mr Ough: B Parsons: John Males: Jim Avy: WB Williams and Leslie Prout who served them from 1933 until their demise in 1953. From 1928, under WB Williams, they began sporadic contesting, and whilst not achieving any notable results, the feeling today is that this was a very happy band.

Delph Amateur Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  [previous name of current band] See: Delph Brass Band
Delph Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [current band] - Founded in 1850 - Former names: Delph Amateur Band, Delph Saxhorn Band, Delph Prize Band

Delph Prize Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Delph Brass Band

Delph Saxhorn Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Delph Brass Band

Denaby and Cadeby Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1900s

Denaby Brass Band
   See: Denaby Main Brass Band

Denaby Main Ambulance Band
   See: Denaby Main Brass Band

Denaby Main Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1871 through to WW1

Denaby Main Institute Brass Band
   See: Denaby Main Brass Band

Denaby Main St John Ambulance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1950s and 1960s

Denbigh Borough Band - Denbighshire
   See: Denbigh Town Band

Denbigh Brass Band - Denbighshire
   Active in 1868

Denbigh Guard Brass Band - Denbighshire
   Active in the 1850s to 1880s.

Denbigh High School Brass Band - Luton, Bedfordshire
   Active in the 1960s

Denbigh Town Band - Denbighshire
   Active from the 1870s to 1890s

Denbighshire Imperial Yeomanry Band
   See: Buckley Slaughter House Band

Denbighshire Technical College Band
   Active in the 1950s

Denbighshire Yeomanry Cavalry Band
   See: Denbigh Guard Brass Band

Denby Bottles Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1890s

Denby Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Derbyshire

Denby Dale Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from 1867 through to the 1960s

Denby United Silver Prize Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Formed 1922 - active through to the early 1950s.

Denham Brass Band (1) - Buckinghamshire
   Active in the 1870s and 1880s

Denham Brass Band (2)
   See: Hayes and Harlington Silver Band
Denham Hendon Brass - Cresssex, Buckinghamshire
[previous name of current band] See: Chiltern Hills Brass

Denholme Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1870s through to the 1930s. Conductor Thomas Pickles in 1888, T. Dean in 1904

Denholme Subscription Band
See: Denholme Brass Band

Denman Street Brass Band
See: Denman Street Sunday School Brass Band

Denman Street Sunday School Brass Band - Leicester, Leicestershire
Active in 1885. Played a march called “The Denman”, composed by the band’s conductor J. Freeston.

Denman's Head Band - Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire
Active in 1864 when it combined with the Scott and Limb’s Band. It practiced in the Denman’s Head Inn. At the time of the merger the players included: B Scott (conductor of Scott and Limb’s), Jas. Handley, E. Dennis, S Cauldwell, H. Oscroft, E. Handley, S. Hall, W. Green, A. Caunt J. Naylor (well-known as “Spring”), W. Bryan, G. Scott S. Oldham, J. Searson, E. Limb, and Jos. Dennis (conductor of Denman's Head).

Denmead Brass Band - Hampshire
[current band] - Former names: Cosham Concert Brass Band (to 2005)

Dennis Bayley Hunmanby and District Silver Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Hunmanby Silver Band

Dennis Bayley Hunmanby Silver Band
See: Hunmanby Silver Band

Dennison’s Borough Band
See: St Hilda Colliery Band

Dennison’s Family Band
See: St Hilda Colliery Band

Denny Brass Band - Stirlingshire
Active in the 1880s through to 1915

Denshaw Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1870s to 1930s. Bandmaster Thomas Needham in 1904. Denshaw Orchestral Band and Denshaw Reed Band both existed before 1900.

Dent Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active around 1900

Denton and Haughton Old - Lancashire
Active in 1873

Denton Brass - Lancashire
[current band] - Founded in 1990 - Former names: Denton Original “B” Band, Crown Point Brass (to 1999) - Note: The original Denton Original Band was formed in 1859. After a difference of opinion about the running of the band the “B” Band broke away and became Crown Point Brass. The band still have in their possession the Denton “B” Band marching bass drum with the shield bearing the name, which although indistinct is still readable, this drum is now used as a concert drum.

Denton Fire Brigade Band - Lancashire
Active in the late 1890s
Denton Original "B" Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Denton Brass

Denton Original Band - Lancashire

The Earl of Wilton persuaded Thomas Baxendale to introduce the cotton trade into Denton, and as an inducement gave the land on which Mr Baxendale built in 1862 the Alpha Mill - so called because it was the first cotton mill in Denton. His generosity to the town, particularly to the United Methodist Church, was great. He formed a brass band at his works, which was known for a time as Baxendale's Band, but afterwards became the Denton Original Band. He built 47 houses opposite his mill, which he named Alpha Terrace. The Denton Original Band began its existence in 1859, its promoters receiving the generous support of some of the hat manufacturers and local gentry. The first headquarters were at Baxendale's, at the top of Taylor Lane, but after a short time they were removed to a room behind the Bowling Green Inn. The band has a wonderful record, the crowning triumph coming in London in 1900 when the Denton Band won the thousand guinea cup which was open to Great Britain and the Colonies. There were great rejoicings in Denton when the result of the Crystal Palace contest became known. The magnificent cup was kept at Denton Town Hall and security of 1,000 pounds had to be given for its custody. After this the band ranked with the highest class bands in the country and was in great demand in all parts. During the twentieth century the band maintained its reputation as one of the leading bands of the Manchester district. Following a fire in the Denton band room the band folded (according to a relative of a band member the band room may have been bombed in the second world war). Some items of the band are still in existence. The mace is still held by a former member - it is in the form of a solid silver bowler hat at the end of the mace to signify that the band was the hatters band (Denton being a hat making town). The Denton "B" Band ultimately broke away from Denton Original and became Crown Point Brass, later Denton Brass.

Deptford Amateur Brass Band - Kent
See: Deptford Brass Band

Deptford Artizans' Brass Band - Kent
Active in 1861

Deptford Borough Band - Kent
Active in the 1890s and early 1900s

Deptford Brass Band - Kent
Active in the 1850s and 1866 when it played at the Foresters' Fete at the Crystal Palace. Conductor J. Smith in 1860. Also known as Royal Deptford Brass Band

Deptford Central Hall Brass Band - Kent
Founded around 1903. Linked to the Deptford and Greenwich Mission

Deptford Central Hall Methodist Brass Band - Kent
See: Deptford Central Hall Brass Band

Deptford Central Hall Mission Band - Kent
See: Deptford Central Hall Brass Band

Deptford Pier Brass Band - Kent
See: Deptford Pier Saxhorn Band

Deptford Pier Saxhorn Band - Kent
Active in the late 1850s and early 1860s, conductor W. Frogitt (M. Froggitt) in 1860. The band was associated with John Penn and Sons Company, which was an engineering factory making engines - originally agricultural and later marine.
Deptford Railway Amateur Brass Band - Kent
  Active in 1845

Deptford Temperance Band - Kent
  Active in the 1910s, reorganised as Deptford Town Band in 1919

Deptford Town Band (1) - Kent
  See: Deptford Borough Band

Deptford Town Band (2) - Kent
  See: Deptford Temperance Band

Derby Albion Brass Band - Derbyshire
  Active in 1888

Derby Blue Ribbon Mission Band - Derbyshire
  Active in the 1900s

Derby Borough Brass Band - Derbyshire
  Active in the 1960s.

Derby Borough Police Brass Band - Derbyshire
  Formed 1936, still active in 1952.

Derby Charity Brass Band for the Blind - Derbyshire
  Active in 1908

Derby Christ Church Sax Tuba Brass Band - Derbyshire
  See: Derby Saxtuba Brass Band

Derby Constabulary Band - Derbyshire
  See: Derby Borough Police Brass Band

Derby Corden Street Mission Band - Derbyshire
  See: Corden Street Methodist Brass Band

Derby Derwent Silver Band - Derbyshire
  Active in 1912 through to 1939

Derby Excelsior Brass Band - Derbyshire
  Active in the early 1900s

Derby Harmonic Brass Band - Derbyshire
  Active in 1861, conductor Mr Allsopp

Derby Junction Street Brass Band - Derbyshire
  See: Junction Street Brass Band

Derby Kedleston Street Band - Derbyshire
  See: Kedleston Street Brass Band

Derby Life Brigade Brass Band - Derbyshire
  See: 1st Derby Company Boys Life Brigade Brass Band

Derby Midland Railway Brass Band - Derbyshire
  Active in 1858, conductor Mr Cubley. Conductor P Crompton in 1860, W. Waring in 1866

Derby Model Brass Band - Derbyshire
  Active in 1861

Derby Old Harmonic Brass Band - Derbyshire
  Active in 1902, 1913. Conductor Frederick Cawrey between 1902 and 1910.

Derby P.S.A. Brass Band - Derbyshire
  Active in the 1890s to the 1920s. Conductor W. Joint in 1895, G. Herbert in 1896 - 1900, T. Mossley in 1919.

Derby Police Band - Derbyshire
  See: Derby Borough Police Brass Band
Derby Post Office Brass Band - Derbyshire
   See: Derby Postmen’s Brass Band

Derby Postmen’s Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in 1908, conductor T. Mosley, and also in the 1920s

Derby Primitive Methodists Band - Derbyshire
   See: Kedleston Street Brass Band

Derby Railway Iron Works Band - Derbyshire
   See: Cotton Lane Brass Band

Derby Railway Works Band - Derbyshire
   Active in 1959. Changed sponsor and became Davis Derby Brass Band in or around 1985, then amalgamated with Neville Brass to form Derwent Brass in 1992.

Derby Rifles Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in 1860s to 1890s

Derby Sax Tuba Band (1) - Derbyshire
   Founded in 1872, by Frederick Cawrey, who conducted it until it folded in 1884.

Derby Sax Tuba Band (2) - Derbyshire
   Formed after 1884. Active in 1889 and through to at least 1910.

Derby Silver Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1900s

Derby Tabernacle Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1930s. Conductor Mr Gent in 1932

Derby United Prize Band - Derbyshire
   Active from the 1880s to WW1. Bandmaster A.R. Seddon in 1888 (they took £118 10s in fees in 1887). Played at Etwall Horticultural Show in 1891.

Derby Victoria Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1890s

Derby Victoria Street Brass Band - Derbyshire
   See: Victoria Street Congregational Brass Band

Derby Wesleyan Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in 1880

Derby West End Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1890s

Derby Working Men's Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in 1861, associated with the local Working Men's Association

Dereham Band - Norfolk
   [current band] - Founded in 1931 - Former names: Dereham British Legion Band

Dereham Brass Band - Norfolk
   See: East Dereham Brass Band

Dereham British Legion Band - Norfolk
   [previous name of current band] See: Dereham Band

Derham's Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
   See: Messrs Derham Brothers’ Brass Band

Deri Brass Band - Glamorgan
   Active around the 1890s through to WW1.

Deritend Luton Band - Bedfordshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Luton Band
Derker Adult School Brass Band - Oldham, Lancashire
   Founded in 1906
Derker Council School Boys Band - Oldham, Lancashire
   Founded in 1899. Active in 1908, conductor Sam Howcroft.
Derwent Brass - Derbyshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1992 - Note: Formed through the amalgamation of Davis
   Derby Band with Neville Brass Band
Derwent Brass Band - Derwent Haugh, Durham
   See: Derwent Haugh Brass Band
Derwent Haugh Brass Band - Durham
   Active in 1855 and the 1870s
Derwent Iron and Steel Works Band - Seaton, Cumberland
   Active in the 1890s
Derwent Tinplate Works Brass Band - Seaton, Cumberland
   Active from 1859. In 1892 it took part in a concert with Workington Vocal Union Voice
   Choir. Band of the Tinplate Works in Seaton, it won a prize at a contest in the Crystal
   Palace in the 1890s, in the presence of Queen Victoria - one of the players, apparently,
   was not impressed with the Queen and said she looked like “any old washerwoman”. The
   prize included a silver plate presentation cup on a black wooden base, and the
   conductor at the time was John Grayburn.
Derwent Vale Brass Band - Rowlands Gill, Durham
   Active in the 1890s
Derwent Valley Brass Band
   See: Swalwell Brass Band (1)
Desborough Old Brass Band - Leicestershire
   Active in the 1850s to 1890s
Desford Brass Band - Leicestershire
   Active in 1859
Desford Colliery Band - Leicestershire
   [current band] - Founded in 1898 - Former names: Ibstock United Band (to 1956)
Desford Industrial School Brass Band - Botcheston, Leicestershire
   Active in the 1880s through to 1913. Conductor G. Payne in 1889. The school was built at
   Botcheston and opened in 1881, housing 192 boys by 1886
Deudaeth Brass Band - Merioneth
   Active from the 1860s. The band was refused the right to bear the title “Royal” in 1923. Still
   active in the late 1960s
Deudaeth Silver Band
   See: Deudaeth Brass Band
Deulyn Brass Band - Caernarfonshire
   Active in 1878, conducted by William E. Evans.
Deveral Brass Band - Cornwall
   There was a brass band existing in Deveral accepting engagements from 1897 to 1914.
   Bandmaster T. Pascoe in 1901. They did no contesting.
Deverill Brass Band - Wiltshire
   See: Longbridge Deverill Brass Band
Deveron River Brass - Banff, Banffshire
   [current band] - Founded in 2009
Devizes Brass Band - Wiltshire
   Active in the 1840s and 1850s.

Devizes Town Band - Wiltshire
   Active from the 1890s. Henry Snook was bandmaster in 1911. Still active in the 1930s, but probably folded around WW2. It was re-formed in 1959 from a band started at Devizes Grammar School in 1957, and then at the Three Crowns, Devizes, and then with its own wooden ex-RAF hut at the Wharf, Devizes. The band disbanded in the early to mid 1980's. It was re-formed again in 1999 as the Alpha Wind Band at the Wyvern Club, Church Walk, Devizes as a brass band, but did not turn away woodwind players when they asked to join. The band changed to Devizes Town Band in 2001. It is now a symphonic wind band with around 35 members.

Devon and Exeter Boys' Industrial School Band - Devon
   The home opened in 1869 at Church Stile, Exminster and soon established its own band from which many boys progressed to serving with regimental bands.

Devonport Brass Band - Devon
   Active in 1863, conductor Mr Marshall

Devoran Brass Band - Cornwall
   Devoran Brass Band was active from c.1866 to 1888. In 1887 they played during a church service celebrating Queen Victoria's Jubilee, a type of engagement that was not usually trusted to a Cornish brass band of that time. The reason could well be because they were, at that time, most certainly one of the leading bands in the county, taking 1st place in the few contests they entered.

Dewsbury A1 Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1873

Dewsbury Amateur Brass Band
   See: Dewsbury Brass Band

Dewsbury Borough Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from the 1860s through to the 1930s.

Dewsbury Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Formed in 1850 and contested keenly over the next 20 years to 1870, entering some 107 contests winning 98 prizes value £1779 10s. 10d. Then, due to lack of good instruments it ceased contesting until 1887. Conductor John Peel in 1860 when, returning by coach from the Bradford Peel Park contest, the wheels of the vehicle suddenly broke, precipitating its heavy load into the highway. Several of the members were severely bruised. Jeremiah Lee (cornopean) had his collar bone broken, and another his arm put out. Most of their instruments were broken, some being completely spoiled.

Dewsbury Juvenile Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1855

Dewsbury Music Centre Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1980s

Dewsbury Musical Palace Brass Band
   See: Palace Fleet Brass Band

Dewsbury Old Band
   See: Dewsbury Brass Band

Dewsbury Old Borough Band
   See: Dewsbury Borough Brass Band
Dewsbury Public Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Founded in 1907

Dewsbury Rifle Corps Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1860s and 1870s

Dewsbury Schools Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1970s

Dewsbury Temperance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from the 1850s to the early 1900s

D’Hautree Brass - Isle of Jersey
   Active in the 1980s

Diamond Street Brass Band
   See: Cardiff Diamond Street Band

Dicconson Lane Temperance Band - Westhoughton, Lancashire
   Active in 1879

Dick Kerr Brass Band
   See: Electric Tramway and Tramway Carriage Brass Band

Dick Kerr English Electrical Works Band
   See: Electric Tramway and Tramway Carriage Brass Band

Dickinson’s Apsley Mills Silver Band
   See: John Dickinson (Apsley) Band

Dickinson’s Silver Band - Hertfordshire
   See: John Dickinson (Apsley) Band

Dickleburgh Brass Band - Suffolk
   [no information]

Didcot and Northbourne Silver Band - Berkshire
   Formed in the early 1920s, probably disbanded around WW2. The area around the
   Didcot railway station in Station Road was truly the social - and commercial - centre of
   Didcot and Northbourne in the early twenties. This is where everybody met. The Red
   Triangle club and the area around it were known colloquially as the Wangle. Many
   activities were staged there, and it was open several days of the week; and run by a
   committee, composed mainly of railwaymen and their wives. In January 1925, a report
   issued by the Committee stated that it was... a hall let to all kinds of organisations; home
to the Didcot Band?.. The club was soon renamed the Didcot and Northbourne Social
Club. In the early days as it was closely linked to the GWR, its twice-weekly dances were
   often to the music of the Swindon GWR Concert Band; they also gave concerts. The costs
   of hiring this and other bands, especially from Oxford, led eventually to the setting up of
   the Didcot and Northbourne Silver Band; Bandmasters were A.R. Faraday and Harold
   Bellamy.

Didcot and Northbourne United Band
   See: Didcot and Northbourne Silver Band

Didcot Silver Band - Berkshire
   Probably formed after WW2 and active from 1947 through to the mid 1960s at least.

Didlington Brass Band - Norfolk
   Active in the 1900s, J. Wall conductor in 1904

Didmarton Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   Active in 1872
Didsbury and Barlow Moor Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1870s and 1880s.

Didsbury Brass Band (1) - Lancashire
Active from the 1870s through to WW1. Conductor John White in 1906. Took part in the Coronation Festivities held at Didsbury on June 22nd, 1911.

Didsbury Brass Band (2) - Lancashire
Active in the 1980s

Digbeth Institute Adult School Brass Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
Active in 1910, conductor T.B. Southall. The Institute was designed by Arthur Harrison, it was officially opened on January 16, 1908 by the wife of the Pastor of Carrs Lane Church, John Henry Jowett, as an institutional church attached to Carr's Lane Congregational Church.

Digby Ambulance Band - Nottinghamshire
Based at the Digby Colliery, Eastwood. Active in the 1900s

Digby Colliery Band
See: Digby Ambulance Band

Diggle Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1996

Diggle Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the 1870s until it folded in 1927. A successor band was formed in 1996

Dinas and District Band
See: Dinas Brass Band

Dinas Brass Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Dinas Institute Silver Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1900s, bandmaster J.H. Lloyd in 1905

Dinas Powis Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1890s

Dinas-Mawddwy Brass Band - Merioneth
Active in 1860 to 1868

Dingle Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Dingwall Town Band - Ross-shire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Dingwall Volunteer Band
See: Dingwall Town Band

Dinnington (Middleton) Silver Prize Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Dinnington Colliery Brass Band

Dinnington Colliery Brass Band - Northumberland
Active in 1883. The colliery was near Newcastle, at Dinnington. (Not to be confused with the current Dinnington Colliery Band, originally linked to Dinnington Main Colliery in South Yorkshire)

Dinnington Colliery Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Dinnington Main and Middleton Prize Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Dinnington Colliery Brass Band

Dinorwig Brass Band
See: Llandinorwic Ebenezer Band

Dinton Excelsior Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
Active from the 1880s through to the 1920s

Dipton Brass Band
See: Dipton Colliery Band

Dipton Colliery Band - Durham
Active in the 1880s and 1890s. Conductor J. Pewton in 1883

Dipton Temperance Band - Durham
Active in the 1870s

Discharged Sailors' and Soldiers' Association Brass Band - Darlington, Durham
Founded in 1919, bandmaster H. Lambeth

Diseworth Brass Band - Leicestershire
Active in 1864

Disley Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in 1850, 1860

Diss Brass Band - Norfolk
Active in 1833 to the late 1860s. Conductor Mr Garrett in 1866-1868

Diss Town Band - Norfolk
Founded in 1906, active into the 1920s

Distin's Employees Brass Band - London
Active in 1861. Formed from employees at the Distin Factory in Great Newport Street, London, conducted by M. Urban.

Ditchingham Brass Band - Norfolk
Active in 1859

Ditton Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1856, conductor J.P. Broadhurst. Still active in 1887

Ditton Priors Brass Band - Shropshire
Active in 1894

Dixon Green Band - Bolton, Lancashire
Active in the 1860s. Also known as Will Owen's Band, named after the conductor and founder who lived at the King's Arms on Plodder Lane, Farnworth. They had a series of falling outs over the division of the proceeds from their engagements and eventually several of the principal players including William Owen left and joined Barnes' Band.

Dixon's Green Amateur Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in 1858

Dixon's Orpheus Band - Lincolnshire
See: Stickney Orpheus Brass Band

Dob Lane Brass Band - Failsworth, Lancashire
Formed in 1886/1887, bandmaster Mr Frost. Still active in 1902

Dob Lane Sunday School Brass Band - Failsworth, Lancashire
Active in the 1870s to 1900s

Dobcross Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Dobcross Silver Band
Dobcross Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1850s to the 1860s. Had folded prior to 1875 when the current Dobcross Band was formed.

Dobcross Silver Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1875 - Former names: Hurley Moate Dobcross Band

Dobson and Barlow Ltd. Band - Bolton, Lancashire
Active in 1930s and 1940s. The sponsoring firm were cotton machinery manufacturers. Competed in the First Annual Brass Band Contest organised by Wigan Borough Prize Band in 1943 (conducted by J.W. Hughes). They won 2nd prize at Walkden Prize Contest in 1931, they were also entered for a contest in Wigan in 1945 but were unplaced. Dobson and Barlow ceased trading in 1963. The band had disbanded previous to this date.

Dock Labourers' Union Brass Band - London
Active in 1890

Docks and Marine Band - Southampton, Hampshire
Active in 1930, when it took part in a massed concert with the Thornycroft Band and the recently formed Southampton Albion Silver Band. It was financed by the Docks Board and based in Southampton Docks where a number of the members were employed. After WW2 economies had to be made and the band was one of the things the Board decided should go. It was disbanded around 1949. Some of the members of this band, went to join Southampton Royal British Legion Band.

Dodbrooke Amateur Brass Band - Devon
Active in 1879

Doddington Brass Band - Kent
Active in 1864. Conductor Mr Emerson in 1869

Dodford Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in 1865

Dodington Parish Band - Gloucestershire
[current band] - Founded in 1996

Dodsworth's Brass Band - Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Bradford Brass Band

Dodworth and Higham Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1900s. Bandmaster Mr Moorhouse in 1904

Dodworth Auxilliary Fire Service Band
Active in the 1940s

Dodworth Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Dodworth Colliery Miners Welfare Band

Dodworth Colliery Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Dodworth Colliery Miners Welfare Band

Dodworth Colliery Miners Welfare Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)

Dodworth Miners Welfare Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Dodworth Colliery Miners Welfare Band

Dodworth Miners Welfare Phoenix Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Dodworth Colliery Miners Welfare Band
Dodworth Phoenix Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Dodworth Colliery Miners Welfare Band

Dodworth Prize Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Records of the band, from 1887-1942, are held by Barnsley Archive and Local Studies Department

Dodworth Victoria Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Conductor G. Wray in 1860.

Doe Lea Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1890s to the 1910s

Dolgellau Brass Band - Merioneth
   Active from the 1860s to the 1890s

Dolgellau Institute Brass Band - Merioneth
   See: Dolgellau Brass Band

Dolgellau Silver Band - Merioneth
   Founded in 1906, conductor Taliesin Davies

Dolgellau Temperance Band - Merioneth
   Active in 1908, conductor Mr Meredith

Dolgelly Brass Band - Merioneth
   See: Dolgellau Brass Band

Dolton Brass Band - Devon
   Active in 1856, 1860

Dolwyddelan Brass Band - Caernarfonshire
   Active in the 1890s

Don Valley Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Oughtibridge Brass Band

Don Valley Working Men's Brass Band - Oughtibridge, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1920s

Doncaster Borough Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Formed in 1893, under the baton of David Cameron. Had folded by 1907

Doncaster Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1872

Doncaster Britannia Silver Prize Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1930

Doncaster Druids Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [no information]

Doncaster Excelsior Silver Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Formed in December 1909, competed at the Crystal Palace in 1910, the bandmaster, Mr Fox, emigrated to New Zealand in 1911.

Doncaster Loco Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Formed in June 1852 with £50 spent on instruments. Celebrated an anniversary supper on 28 June 1853 with 66 persons present. On 5 June 1854 it accompanied the children of the Doncaster Plant Works school to Askern Spa on the occasion of the laying of the Plant School foundation stone. It did not survive much beyond this and did not have a regular bandmaster or musical director.

Doncaster National Union of Railwaymen Band
   See: Doncaster NUR Band
Doncaster NUR Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active around 1928 until at least 1931, the National Union of Railwaymen’s band played in Elmfield Park, Doncaster on 16 August 1931 under the baton of JW Ellis.

Doncaster Plant Works Band
See: *Great Northern Railway Plant Works Band*

Doncaster Public Band
See: *Doncaster Temperance Band*

Doncaster Public Subscription Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: *Doncaster Temperance Band*

Doncaster Railway Foundry Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1850s and 1860s. Took part in the first South Yorkshire Brass Band Contest, at Doncaster, on 29th August 1859

Doncaster Rifles Band
See: *20th West Riding Yorkshire Volunteer Band*

Doncaster Subscription Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: *Doncaster Temperance Band*

Doncaster Temperance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed around 1898, conductor A.W. Bone. Renamed Doncaster Temperance Prize Band shortly afterwards. Several disputes between players and trustees were heard in the courts in 1902, even with a submission to wind up the band, by its founder, but it survived, renaming as Doncaster Public Subscription Band in 1908, under conductor J.M. Ellis. Active through to the 1920s

Doncaster Volunteers Band
See: *20th West Riding Yorkshire Volunteer Band*

Donhead St Mary Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active in the 1890s

Donibristle Brass Band - Fife
Active in 1861 to 1866

Donington Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in 1859

Donington Brass Band - Shropshire
Active in 1863

Donnington Brass Band - Shropshire
Active in 1855, 1870

Donnington Wood Brass Band - Shropshire
Active in 1863 to 1866. Bandmaster Mr Grant, leader Mr Bradeley in 1866

Donnington Wood Institute Band - Shropshire
Presumed to have been formed in the 1890s and folding before 1900. In 1902, William Lawrence, a talented euphonium and violin player already with an excellent reputation, offered his services and the Donnington Wood Institute Band was resurrected. He became bandmaster and in September 1904 the band won the Quickstep contest at St Georges Wakes. They entered more competitions during the next few years, achieving several placings but never a first. In 1907 the band was catastrophically unplaced in a competition at Shrewsbury which led to William Lawrence appealing to his band to 'think musically'. They did. In June 1908 they won the County Championship and arrived home very late. The people of Donnington Wood were woken up by the band playing 'See the conquering hero comes!' as they strolled along the dark lanes back to
The Bell. The band went on to win more competitions, including the County Championship an unprecedented four times in succession. St Georges Temperance Band made an official objection to the result of the 1910 competition but their appeal was rejected; in an act of mischievous jubilation, the Donnington Wood Band gave an impromptu performance at the crossroads in St Georges, rubbing salt into a very open wound. The rivalry between the (by that time) three St Georges bands and the Donnington Wood Brass Band continued for several years. The outbreak of the First World War brought an end to the Donnington Wood Brass Band. Many of its members perished during the war. The band was revived for a short time in 1924, again under the leadership of William Lawrence. He died in December that year and was buried in St Matthew’s Churchyard. The band played him out. William’s son, also named William, took up the reins of office and, despite another ten years or so of public appearances, things were never the same and the band eventually ceased to function. A last attempt to resurrect failing fortunes occurred during the 1940s under the leadership of Tom Dodd, without success.

**Donnington Wood Silver Prize Band** - Shropshire
Formed in the 1950s. The band had ceased playing by 1961 and passed their instruments and library to Trench Secondary Modern School. The school had a Brass band for about 2 years but started to incorporate clarinets and a saxophone by 1963. The band carried out a number of public concerts and garden fetes outside of the school remit. The school band conductor was Derrick Ball.

**Dorchester Brass Band** - Dorset
Active from the 1830s through to the 1900s. Conductor Mr Palmer in 1865

**Dorchester Brass Band** - Oxfordshire
Active from the 1840s through to the 1890s

**Dorchester Prison Guards Band** - Dorset
Active in the early 1900s through to WW1

**Dordon Brass Band** - Warwickshire
Active in the early 1890s through to WW1

**Dordon Sunday School Brass Band** - Warwickshire
Active in 1894

**Dore Brass Band** - Derbyshire
Founded in 1877 by the Vicar of Dore, Rev. Alred. First conductor George H. Elliott, Joseph Marshall in 1885. Henry Taylor became conductor in 1886, remaining so until shortly before his death in 1932. He was succeeded by his son, Shirley Taylor. As Shirley Taylor lived in Totley the band was often thereafter referred to as the Totley Brass Band

**Dorking Brass Band** - Surrey
Active from the 1850s to 1956. Conductor Mr Gosling in 1859, George Snelling in 1888. In the Dorking Town Museum archives documents mention the band at an entertainment in 1882, open air concerts at the Rotunda, South Street and at Milton Heath, appearance in Dorking Town Day in 1956. The band played weekly in the bandstand in Dorking in the early part of the 20th century. There are also the “Recollections of Dorking Town Band pre 1939” by Jim Aslett, who joined the band in 1933 aged 18. In the book “Dickens’ Christmas”, a collection of articles either by Dickens himself or writers of the same generation, there is an item ‘Singers from Afar’ by Charles Rose and is headed ‘This recollection of Charles Rose, a draper from Dorking in Surrey, who was born in 1818 and died in 1879, was published in book form in 1878 and looks back to a time ranging from
the days of George the 4th to the earliest days of Victoria's reign (1830s)'. Included in the article is this 'The Dorking Town Band, which at that time favourably compared with the bands of the neighbouring places, heralded the season by playing for some nights previous to Christmas in front of the residences of the principal inhabitants.' and 'Christmas Day was ushered in by the ringing of the church bells and the strains of the band. The tunes of the latter were usually of a sacred character, but I remember the band playing on one or two Christmas mornings, forty or forty five years ago (1835?) the tune 'Get up! Get up! And put the Pudding in the Pot'.

Dorking Town Band - Surrey
See: Dorking Brass Band

Dorman Long and Company Works Band - Redcar, Yorkshire (North Riding)
Formed as Dorman's Works Band in 1875, and still active in 1950

Dorman's Works Band
See: Dorman Long and Company Works Band

Dormansland Brass Band - Surrey
Active from 1913 to the early 1970s. W. A. Bryant was conductor from the 1950s onwards.

Dornoch Brass Band - Sutherland
Active from the mid-1860s to the 1900s. Conductor James Gunn in 1892, played at the opening of the Dornoch Railway in 1902, still active in 1905

Dorrington Brass Band - Shropshire
Active in the 1840s to the 1860s and in the 1930s. Conductor Mr Cover in 1860

Dorset County Industrial School for Boys Band - Milborne St Andrew, Dorset
The school was established as a Reformatory School in 1856, converting to an Industrial School in 1881. The band was active from 1866 to the 1890s.

Dorset Teetotal Brass Band - Weymouth, Dorset
Active in 1855

Douglas Brass Band - Lanarkshire
Active in the 1860s through to 1918. Conductor Mr Watson in 1867. Renamed Douglas Silver Band, probably after WW1. Still active in the 1930s

Douglas Colliery Band - Lanarkshire
The colliery was sited at Rigside on the banks of Douglas Water. Active from the 1890s to the 1950s. Also known as Douglas Water Brass Band or Rigside Brass Band

Douglas Silver Band - Lanarkshire
See: Douglas Brass Band

Douglas Town Band - Isle of Man
[current band] - Founded in 1887

Douglas Volunteers Brass Band - Isle of Man
Active in the 1890s and early 1900s

Douglas Water Brass Band - Lanarkshire
See: Douglas Colliery Band

Doune Brass Band - Perthshire
See: Deanston Brass Band

Doura Brass Band - Ayrshire
Active in 1872, when they participated in the celebrations for the opening of the new Orange Hall in Irvine.
Douro House School Brass Band - St John's Wood, Middlesex  
   Active in 1861

Dove Holes Brass Band - Derbyshire  
   [current band] - Former names: Dove Holes Public Band

Dove Holes Prize Band  
   Active in 1926

Dove Holes Public Band - Derbyshire  
   [previous name of current band] See: Dove Holes Brass Band

Dove Valley Brass Band  
   Active around 1910

Dovedale Alliance Band - Derbyshire  
   Active in the 1980s

Dover Town Band - Kent  
   Active between 1893 and 1910

Dover Youths' Institute Brass Band - Kent  
   Active in 1862, conductor T. Browning

Dovercourt Brass Band - Essex  
   Active in the 1990s

Dovercourt Corporation Band - Essex  
   Active in 1912

Dowlais Brass Band - Glamorgan  
   Active from 1853 to the early 1900s.

Dowlais Rifles Band  
   See: Dowlais Volunteers Band

Dowlais Silver Band - Glamorgan  
   Active in the 1920s through to the 1950s

Dowlais Town Band  
   See: Dowlais Silver Band

Dowlais Volunteers Band - Glamorgan  
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Dowlish Wake Brass Band - Somerset  
   Active in the 1890s through to WW1. G.E. Fowler conductor in 1895 to 1914

Downall Green Band - Lancashire  
   [previous name of current band] See: North Ashton Brass Band

Downall Green Brass Band - Lancashire  
   Active in the 1930s

Downend Brass Band - Gloucestershire  
   Active from the early 1860s to the 1930s. Took part in the processions celebrating the official opening of the Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol in 1864. Conductor C. Greenway in 1864-7, W. Davies in 1881, James Punter in 1884-1903, and A. Smith in 1927. In 1894 it took part in a temperance procession at Downend on July 11th. Also known as Greenway's Brass Band or Greenway's Brass and Reed (Downend) Band.

Downer Grammar School Brass Band - Edgware, Middlesex  
   Active in the early 1970s

Downham Brass Band  
   See: Little Downham Brass Band
Downholland Brass Band - Lancashire
   Formed in 1881

Downton Band - Wiltshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1889 - Former names: Downton Band, Downton Huntsman Band

Downton Brass Band - Wiltshire
   Active in 1853. A successor (current) band was formed in 1889

Downton Huntsman Band - Wiltshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Downton Band

Dowty Equipment Brass Band - Northway, Gloucestershire
   Active during WW2.

Doynton Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   Active in 1859, leader Evan Perry, farmer (d. 1860). Conductor Mr Greenway in 1862

Dr Barnardo's Homes Brass Band
   Active in the 1920s

Dr Bell's School Band - Leith, Midlothian
   Founded in 1926.

Dr Guthrie's Industrial School Brass Band - Edinburgh, Midlothian
   Active in the 1880s. The Ragged Schools were formed by Thomas Guthrie in the city. The schools eventually closed in the 1980s.

Drakelow Mission Chapel Brass Band - Worcestershire
   Active in 1912

Drake's Alliance Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Leeds Alliance Brass Band

Drax Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Records of the band, from 1927-1951, are held by York University: Borthwick Institute of Historical Research

Draycott Brass Band - Draycott in the Moors, Staffordshire
   Active in 1861

Draycott Brass Band - near Wells, Somerset
   Active in 1864

Draycott Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in 1855

Draycott Coldstream Brass Band - Somerset
   Active in the 1880s

Drayton Band - Norfolk
   [previous name of current band] See: Castleton Brass

Drayton Brass Band - Shropshire
   See: Market Drayton Brass Band

Drayton Brass Band - Somerset
   Active in the 1880s and 1890s

Drayton Juniors Brass Band - Norfolk
   Active in the 1970s and 1980s

Drayton Royal British Legion Band - Norfolk
   [previous name of current band] See: Castleton Brass

Drefach Brass Band
   [no information]
Dreghorn Brass Band - Ayrshire
   Active in 1863
Dreghorn Youth Band - Ayrshire
   Merged with Irvine Youth Band in 1983 to form the current Irvine and Dreghorn Brass Band
Dresden Victoria Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1870s and 1880s
Dreudraeth Brass Band - Merioneth
   [no information]
Driffield Glee Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in 1862
Driffield Primitive Methodist Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Founded in 1906, conductor A. Marshall
Driffield Rifles Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in the 1900s
Driffield Silver Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   [current band] - Founded in 1857 - Former names: Driffield Town Band (a brass and woodwind band) formed in 1828, converted to all brass in 1857
Driffield Town Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Driffield Silver Band
Driffield United Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Driffield Silver Band
Drift Brass Band - Cornwall
   Competed in Penzance in 1893. Played at the Wesleyan Sunday school tea treat in St Buryan in 1895. Still active in 1898
Drigg and Irton Brass Band - Cumberland
   Active in 1865, conductor Thomas Richardson. Still active in 1867
Drighlington and Adwalton Band
   See: Drighlington Brass Band
Drighlington and Adwalton Comic Prize Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1911, when it brought up the rear of the procession at the Co-op Children’s Gala in Drighlington, a special treat for all the children, aged 4 to 15, of the Drighlington and District Co-operative Society.
Drighlington Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [current band] - Founded in 1976 - Former names: Drighlington Brass Band, Yorkshire Electricity Drighlington Band
Drighlington Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1850s to the 1890s. It had been renamed the Drighlington and Adwalton Band by 1879. Joseph Wilson secretary in 1885. A successor band was formed in 1976
Droitwich Amateur Brass Band - Worcestershire
   See: Droitwich Brass Band
Droitwich Brass Band (1) - Worcestershire
   Active in the early 1860s. Conductor J. Holyoake in 1862. Folded some time prior to 1869 when a successor band was formed (including a few of the remaining members of this band)
Droitwich Brass Band (2) - Worcestershire
   Formed in 1869. Active through to the 1900s. Conductor Mr Loughton in 1875
Droitwich Foresters’ Brass Band - Worcestershire
   Formed in 1878, conductor A. Loughton in 1879-1884. Still active in the mid-1890s

Droitwich Institute Brass Band - Worcestershire
   Formed in 1858, conductor Joseph Greaves

Droitwich Mechanics’ Literary Institute Band
   See: Droitwich Institute Brass Band

Dronfield Band - Derbyshire

Dronfield Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active from the 1850s to the 1910s. Conductor W. Cook in 1859. Acquired new instruments in 1095

Dronfield Mission Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in 1900

Dronfield Steel Works Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in 1878

Dronfield Temperance Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Wound up in the late 1940s, known as Dronfield Temperance Brass and Reed Band in the early 1900s

Dronfield Town Band
   See: Dronfield Brass Band

Droxford Circuit Brass Band
   See: Droxford Methodist Brass Band

Droxford Methodist Brass Band - Hampshire
   Active between 1910 and 1976

Droylsden and District Brass Band
   Active from the 1960s to the 1980s

Droylsden Brass Band
   See: Droylsden Village Band

Droylsden Church Sunday School Brass Band
   Active in 1857, conductor J. Melling

Droylsden District Brass
   See: Droylsden and District Brass Band

Droylsden Village Band
   Active from the 1850s to 1914. James Tomlinson bandmaster in the 1880s

Druids Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
   See: Hull Druids’ Brass Band

Druids Brass Band - Rochdale, Lancashire
   See: Rochdale Druids Brass Band

Druids Brass Band - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1870s to 1890s

Drumpellier Instrumental Brass Band - Lanarkshire
   Active in 1860, 1863

Drumpellier Saxhorn Band - Lanarkshire
   Active in 1872
Drury Lane L.C.C. School Band - London
Active in 1908

Dry Clough Band
See: Ponden Band

Drybrook and District Band - Gloucestershire
[previous name of current band] See: A W Parker (Drybrook) Band

Drybrook Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active in the early 1880s, conductor F. Beechey in 1881. Active to WW1, folded at the end of the war. A successor band was formed in 1924 (purchasing a new set of instruments costing £385)

Dubs Loco Works Brass Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
Founded in 1900. Dbs and Company was a locomotive works in Polmadie, Glasgow, founded by Henry Dbs in 1863. 1903 It became part of the North British Locomotive Company. They built 4,485 locomotives. The band was still active in 1906

Duddingston and Craigmillar Brass Band
See: Duddingston Brass Band

Duddingston Brass Band - Midlothian
Active in the early 1900s up to WW1. Bandmaster Mr Hogg in 1907

Dudley and District Band - Staffordshire
Active in the early 1900s, 1920s and 1970s

Dudley Brass Band - Northumberland
Active from the early 1860s to the 1880s. Conductor T. Carter in 1867, Thomas Dunn in 1869. It did have links with the colliery. Presumably replaced by the colliery band which formed in 1890.

Dudley Brass Band (1) - Staffordshire
Active from the 1850s to the 1860s

Dudley Brass Band (2) - Staffordshire
See: Dudley and District Band

Dudley Colliery Band - Northumberland
Formed in 1890. Changed its name to Hartley Main Colliery Band before 1939, but reverted to Dudley Colliery Band in 1947. Competed in the Junior Shield in 1962, conducted by K. Bond. Another report gives its formation in 1894 as a brass and reed band, converting to all-brass in 1896.

Dudley Colliery Excelsior Band - Northumberland
See: Dudley Colliery Band

Dudley Colliery Workmen's Prize Band - Northumberland
See: Dudley Colliery Band

Dudley District Band - Staffordshire
Active in 1970s through 1990s. Renamed Hanger Motors Band, and then Banks Brewery Band by the 1990s through sponsorship.

Dudley Excelsior Band - Northumberland
Active in the 1900s to WW1

Dudley Hill Band - Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the mid-1860s to the 1880s

Dudley Hill Imperial Brass Band - Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Dudley Hill Band
Dudley Metropolitan Brass Band - Staffordshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1979

Dudley Old Band - Staffordshire
   See: Dudley Brass Band (Staffordshire)

Dudley Port Excelsior Band
   See: Revo Works Brass Band

Dudley Port Prize Band
   See: Revo Works Brass Band

Dudley Port Temperance Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Dudley Saxhorn Band
   See: Dudley Brass Band (Northumberland)

Dudley Silver Model Prize Band - Northumberland
   Active in 1903

Dudley St Martin's Band
   See: Revo Works Brass Band

Dudley Temperance Band - Northumberland
   See: Dudley U.M.F.C. Temperance Brass Band

Dudley Temperance Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1880s

Dudley Town Band
   See: Dudley and District Band

Dudley U.M.F.C. Temperance Brass Band - Northumberland
   Active in the 1890s to 1900s. Bandmaster Mr Haskin in 1899. The United Methodist Free Church (U.M.F.C.)

Dudley Workmen's Silver Model Prize Band
   See: Dudley Colliery Band

Duffield Ambulance Band - Derbyshire
   Formed in 1901, active through to WW1

Duffield Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in 1855, 1863 and the 1880s

Duffield Subscription Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Duffield Temperance Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in 1867

Duffield Victoria Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in 1912

Dufftown Brass Band - Banffshire
   Active in 1863 to 1868. Bandmaster Mr Grant in 1866

Dufton Brass Band - Westmorland
   Active in the 1850s and 1860s. Formed by Mr Deighton, the schoolmaster. Conductor John Wilson in 1857, Mr Cockburn in 1867. Still active in the early 1900s

Duggleby Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in 1851

Duke and Sons Brass Band - Penshurst, Kent
   Active in 1855 and 1859. Duke and Sons manufactured sports equipment and made the first-ever six-seam cricket ball in 1780.
Duke Brass Band
   See: Ashington Duke Brass Band

Duke of York’s School Brass Band - Dover, Kent

Duke Street Gospel Mission Band - Workington, Cumberland
   Active in the 1900s and 1910s

Dukinfield Druids’ Brass Band - Cheshire
   Founded in 1861

Dulais Valley Silver Band
   Competed in the 1964 West of England Regional Championships (4th Section),
   conducted by Stanley Dodd

Dulverton Brass Band (1) - Somerset
   Active in 1866, conductor Mr Sanger

Dulverton Brass Band (2) - Somerset
   See: Dulverton Silver Band

Dulverton Silver Band - Somerset
   Founded in 1870 as Dulverton Subscription Band, then Dulverton Brass Band. Silver
   Band title adopted in 1929

Dulverton Subscription Band - Somerset
   See: Dulverton Silver Band

Dulwich Grove Mission Band - Surrey
   Active in 1908, conductor Mr Hunter

Dulyn Brass Band - Nantlle,
   Active in 1905

Dumbarton Brass Band - Dunbartonshire
   Active in 1866

Dumbarton Burgh Band - Dunbartonshire
   Active in the early 1900s through to the 1950s. John Donovan conductor in 1904

Dumbarton Town Band
   See: Dumbarton Burgh Band

Dumfries and Area Youth Band - Dumfriesshire
   Active in the 1970s

Dumfries Brass Band - Dumfriesshire
   See: Dumfries Instrumental Band

Dumfries Instrumental Band - Dumfriesshire
   Founded in 1852, president Sheriff Trotter, vice-president William Gregan, secretary and
   treasurer John Taylor, committee members Messrs Harkness, Tibbetts and Riddick.
   Conductor Thomas Brydone in 1857

Dumfries Town Band - Dumfriesshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1873

Dumfries Volunteers Band - Dumfriesshire
   Active in 1866

Dunaskin Doon Silver Band - Ayrshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1869 - Note: Originally the works band for the
   Dalmellington Iron Company at Waterside
Dunbar Burgh Brass Band - East Lothian
   Active in the 1890s. It folded around 1900 due to lack of support in the poor economic
   conditions in the area at that time.

Dunbar Instrumental Band - East Lothian
   Founded in 1898, conductor Mr Mortimer. Held weekly practices with “a full
   membership” in 1906. The band was dissolved in November 1924 due to the difficulties
   of finding a conductor and through members of the band having left the district.

Dunbartonshire Rife Volunteers (Bonhill) - Dunbartonshire
   Active in the 1860s, conductor George Park in 1864

Dunblane Brass Band
   See: Dunblane Town Band

Dunblane Town Band - Perthshire
   Active from the early 1860s, re-organised in 1906, folding in 1914 through lack of support
   from the public.

Dunchurch Band - Warwickshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1909 - Former names: Dunchurch Silver Band

Dunchurch Silver Band - Warwickshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Dunchurch Band

Dundee Band of Hope Brass Band - Angus
   Active in 1858, 1859, conductor John Thow. This was a juvenile band

Dundee Band of Hope Juvenile Brass Band - Angus
   See: Dundee Band of Hope Brass Band

Dundee Corporation Employees Band - Angus
   Founded in 1909

Dundee Excelsior Brass Band - Angus
   Active in 1859, 1864.

Dundee Forebank Brass Band - Angus
   Active in 1859, conductor James McInroy. Still active in 1862

Dundee Instrumental Band (1) - Angus
   Active in 1863, contemporary with the Dundee Thistle Brass Band

Dundee Instrumental Band (2) - Angus
   [current band] - Founded in 1893 - Former names: St Margaret’s (Old) Silver Band

Dundee Juvenile Temperance Brass Band - Angus
   See: Dundee Band of Hope Brass Band

Dundee Naval Band (H.M.S. Unicorn) - Angus
   Active in the 1900s, bandmaster J. Dow in 1908

Dundee R.N.V.R. Band
   See: RNR (Tay Division) Brass Band

Dundee Thistle Brass Band - Angus
   Active in 1863, contemporary with the Dundee Instrumental Band

Dundee Trades Band - Angus
   Active in the 1880s. Practised in Dudhope Barracks. Bandmaster A.A. Patterson in 1900.
   Also active between the 1930s and 1960s

Dundee Volunteers Band - Angus
   Active in the 1890s. Folded prior to 1908

Dundry and Chew Working Men's Club Brass Band - Somerset
   Active in 1869
Dunfermline Rifle Volunteers Band - Fife
   Active in the 1880s and 1890s. Conductor David Johnstone in 1890

Dunfermline Town Band - Fife
   [current band] - Founded in 1882

Dungworth Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1911

Dunham Woodhouses Band - Cheshire
   Active from 1890s to the early 1960s. After WW2 the bandmaster was Waclaw Piekarski, a Pole who had been a guard at the Dunham Massey P.O.W. camp. The band met at the Downs Hotel, Altrincham.

Dunlop Works Brass Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
   Active in the 1920s and 1930s. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Disbanded during WW2.

Dunmow Brass Band (1) - Essex
   Formed in 1848, active in the 1850s

Dunmow Brass Band (2) - Essex
   Formed in 1883, with their first public performance in December 1883, consisting of 17 members. Bandmaster H. Juler in 1886, J.T. Martin in 1888, A.T. Wilton in the 1890s to 1910s. The band was still active in 1913

Dunnikier Brass Band - Fife
   Formed around 1872, still active in 1919. Conductor D. Day in 1890

Dunnikier Colliery Band - Fife
   Active from the 1880s to c. 1930

Dunning Brass Band - Perthshire
   Active in 1857

Dunn's Tailors' Labour Agency Literary Institute Brass Band - Newington, Surrey
   Active in 1866 to 1869

Dunoon Brass Band - Argyllshire
   Active in the 1860s. Also in 1904 when they were provided with new uniforms by the town council.

Duns Brass Band - Berwickshire
   Active in 1853, conductor Mr Donaldson

Duns Tew and Aston Brass Band - Oxfordshire
   Active in 1857

Dunscar Brass Band - Lancashire
   [previous name of current band] See: Bolton Brass Works

Dunscar Brass Band - Lancashire
   See: Dunscar Works Band

Dunscar Works Band - Lancashire
   Founded in 1887, bandmaster R. Kay. Active into the 1890s. They attended a contest in Bromley Cross arranged by the Eagley Band in 1888. The contest took the form of a quickstep from Eagley Bridge to the Spread Eagle Pub were the band secured a first prize of £1. Later in the day the bands played a Waltz and Polka, but unfortunately the band could not repeat its success of the morning. The Dunscar Works were a cotton manufactory, which were the first to introduce “beetling” - pounding the fabric to give a flat, lustrous effect.
Dunstable Borough Brass Band - Bedfordshire
Formed as the Dunstable Rifle Volunteer Band around 1860. The first bandmaster was Henry Farrer. It became the Dunstable Borough Band around 1864. In 1898 the bandmaster was George Franklin of Church Street. 1914, the bandmaster was Frederick Franklin, of 4 Princes Street. 1937, the conductor was F. Duncombe. The band did not survive WW2.

Dunstable Brass Band - Bedfordshire
Active in 1851, conductor E.B. Donne. Still active in 1864

Dunstable Excelsior Prize Band - Bedfordshire
Founded in 1865 as the Dunstable Temperance Band. Conducted by H. Watson in 1871. In 1885 it amalgamated for a brief period with the Houghton Regis Band, to form the Dunstable Promenade Band. The bands split thereafter to go their separate ways again, the Temperance Band renaming itself as the Excelsior Band by 1898. In 1903/1914 - W. Dolman was the bandmaster, of Icknield Street. It folded around 1963.

Dunstable Excelsior Silver Prize Band - Bedfordshire
See: Dunstable Excelsior Prize Band

Dunstable Promenade Band - Bedfordshire
See: Dunstable Excelsior Prize Band

Dunstable Temperance Band - Bedfordshire
See: Dunstable Excelsior Prize Band

Dunstable Temperance Excelsior Brass Band - Bedfordshire
See: Dunstable Excelsior Brass Band

Dunstable and Nocton Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in the 1890s, conductor Mr Greenwood. Still active in 1909

Dunston Brass Band - Durham
See: Dunston Wesleyan Mission Band

Dunston Brass Band - Lincolnshire
See: Dunston and Nocton Brass Band

Dunston Colliery Band - Durham
Active in the early 1900s, bandmaster Mr Hacker. Folded in 1906 with its instruments being bought by the Rye Hill Mission Band

Dunston Excelsior Band - Durham
Active in the 1950s

Dunston Silver Band - Durham
[current band] - Founded in 1902 - Former names: Dunston Temperance Band

Dunston Temperance Band - Durham
[previous name of current band] See: Dunston Silver Band

Dunston Temperance Band - Durham
See: Dunston Wesleyan Mission Band

Dunston Wesleyan Mission Band - Durham
Founded in 1887 by Joshua Greenwood, later renamed Dunston Temperance Band, also known as Dunston-on-Tyne Brass Band. Still active in 1908

Dunston-on-Tyne Brass Band - Durham
See: Dunston Wesleyan Mission Band

Duntocher Brass Band - Dunbartonshire
[current band] - Founded in 1829 - Former names: Spinner's Band, Duntocher Brass Band (1870s),
Duntocher Brass Band - Dunbartonshire
Active from the 1890s to the 1950s

Duntocher Silver Band - Dunbartonshire
See: Duntocher Brass Band

Duple Coachworks Brass Band - Hendon, Middlesex
Active in the 1940s and 1950s

Dupplin Castle Brass Band - Perthshire
Active in 1867. Formed from tenants of the estate of the Earl of Kinnoull

Durham Artillery Silksworth Band - Durham
[previous name of current band] See: RMT Silksworth Band

Durham City Brass Band - Durham
Active from the 1850s to the 1930s. Secretary R. Dalby in 1856. Conductor Henry Cusworth in 1859, William Teasdale in 1868

Durham City Old Brass Band - Durham
See: Durham City Brass Band

Durham Colliery Mechanics Band - Durham
[previous name of current band] See: Ferryhill Town Band

Durham Constabulary Brass Band - Durham
[current band] - Founded in 1967

Durham Imperial Lads Brigade Band - Durham
Active in the 1900s

Durham Miners' Association Brass Band - Durham
[current band] - Founded in 2009 - Note: Amalgamation of Broughtons Brass Band and Hetton Silver Band

Durham Old Brass Band - Durham
Active in the 1860s and 1870s

Durham Shakespeare Prize Band - Durham
Founded 1910. New instruments in 1914. 19 men enlisted in 1915. The band enlisted en mass in 1939 as the Band of the 11th Durham Light Infantry. All the instruments and nine bandsmen were left behind in the Dunkirk evacuation and two lost their lives. The band was reformed in England and went on to play across Europe during the War. It resumed its civilian status on demobilisation. As Durham Shakespeare Temperance Band it competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Probably folded in the early 1960s

Durham Shakespeare Temperance Band - Durham
See: Durham Shakespeare Prize Band

Durham Street Mission Band - Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding)
Formed in the 1900s and still active in 1931. The Mission was established in 1891 and was intended as a rescue home and food and shelter depot. It included a home for working men and a rescue home, shelter and laundry for girls. The band went out inviting people to the mission and sometimes had open-air meetings in the market on a Saturday night. Some members: Mr Cook (caretaker and tenor horn player), Dave Chilvers (trombone), Mr and Mrs G Manton (euphonium). The Mission closed around 1936.

Durham Temperance Band - Durham
Active in 1906

Durham Union Brass Band - Durham
See: Durham Union Workhouse Brass Band
Durham Union Workhouse Brass Band - Durham
Active from 1863 to the mid-1880s. Consisting of youths from the workhouse aged 6 to 14. 14 boys in the band in 1868, conductor George Richardson

Durham University Brass Band - Durham
[current band] - Founded in 2002

Durham Workhouse Brass Band - Durham
See: Durham Union Workhouse Brass Band

Durley Brass Band - Hampshire
Active in the 1920s. Used to play in the “Little Yard” by the Sawmill on Sundays and were a reasonably large group in the 1920s, even if a number of the musicians, like bandmaster Edgar Adams from Bishop’s Waltham, came from outside the parish.

Durnovaria Silver Band - Dochester, Dorset
[current band] - Founded in 1936

Dursley Territorial Band
See: Dursley Volunteers Band

Dursley Volunteers Band - Gloucestershire
Active in the early 1900s to WW1

DUT Yorkshire Imperial Band
See: Yorkshire Imperial Band

Dutton Forshaw Motors Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Blackpool Brass

Dyffryn Brass Band - Merioneth
Active in the 1850s to 1868

Dyffryn Silver Band - Merioneth
Active in 1948

Dykehead Brass Band - Lanarkshire
Active in 1864, conductor Mr Chalmers, and through to the 1940s

Dykehead Instrumental Band
See: Dykehead Brass Band

Dysart Colliery Silver Band - Fife

Dysart Town Band - Fife
[previous name of current band] See: Dysart Colliery Silver Band

E Division Police Brass Band - Holborn, Middlesex
Active in 1863 to 1868. Conductor Mr Lane in 1863, Mr Pierce in 1868. See also B, D, G, H, K, L, N, P, S and T Division Police Brass Bands

E. R. Youth Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
See: Hessle Youth Band

Eagley Brass Band - Lancashire
[current band] - Founded in 1850 - Former names: Eagley Sunday School Band, Eagley Band, Eagley Mills Band, Eagley Mills Prize, Band

Eagley Mills Brass Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Eagley Brass Band
Eagley Sunday School Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Eagley Brass Band

Ealing Auxiliary Fire Service Band - Middlesex
Active in 1941

Ealing Borough Silver Band - Middlesex
Active in 1914 - Thomas J. Allen, secretary of 4 Alexandria Road

Ealing Central Band - Middlesex
Founded in 1945. The band was founded as a junior band to teach youngsters by former members of the Ealing Auxiliary Fire Service Band, and gradually expanded, it was transferred to the next Borough of Southall as the Southall Brass Band around 1950 because of lack of support from the Ealing Council. Then known as Southall Borough Band. Dan Burgess was the conductor.

Ealing Town Band - Middlesex
Active in from the 1890s to the 1930s. Bandmaster W.J.D. Sheriff in 1901

Earby Brass Band - Lancashire
[current band] - Founded in 1840 - Former names: Earby Prize Brass Band

Earby Mechanics Institute Band
Active in the 1860s

Earl of Carlisle's Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
See: Welburn Brass Band

Earl of Kinnoull's Brass Band - Perthshire
See: Dupplin Castle Brass Band

Earl of Strathmore's Brass Band - Glamis, Angus
Active in 1862, and 1863, when it played at the opening of Dundee People's Park. Conductor Mr Anderson in 1867. Still active in the mid-1870s. Also known as Strathmore Brass Band, Glamis Brass Band

Earl Shilton Brass Band - Leicestershire
Active in 1880/82 with conductor J. Smith. Known as Earl Shilton New Brass Band in 1884 (conductor George Rowley). James Lynes was conductor in 1893, when known as Earl Shilton Britannia Prize Brass Band. Henry Cook was bandmaster c. 1947

Earl Shilton Britannia Prize Brass Band
See: Earl Shilton Brass Band

Earl Shilton Excelsior Band - Leicestershire
Active in 1880s. Amalgamated with Earl Shilton Old Band around 1900 to form Earl Shilton United Band.

Earl Shilton New Brass Band
See: Earl Shilton Brass Band

Earl Shilton Old Band - Leicestershire
Active in 1880s. Amalgamated with Earl Shilton Excelsior Band around 1900 to form Earl Shilton United Band.

Earl Shilton Silver Prize Band - Leicestershire
Formed some time after 1918 - Secretary was Arthur Coley in 1936.

Earl Shilton United Band - Leicestershire
Formed by the amalgamation of Earl Shilton Old Band and Earl Shilton Excelsior Band. It folded after the outbreak of WW1.

Earle Bourne and Co. Brass Band - Rotton Park, Warwickshire
Active in the 1900s. Earle Bourne was a Rolling and Tube Mills works.
Earle's Shipbuilding Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in the 1890s

Earlestown Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1863

Earlestown Viaduct Brass Band - Lancashire
Founded around 1886. Active through to the late 1940s.

Earls Barton Brass Band - Northamptonshire
See: Earls Barton Old Silver Band

Earls Barton Britannia Band - Northamptonshire
Founded in 1885 by Walter Reynolds. Active through to the early 1900s. Disbanded prior to 1908

Earls Barton Old Silver Band - Northamptonshire
Active from the 1880s through to the 1990s. Bandmaster G. Ashton in 1882. Charles Stewart, secretary in 1914. Horace F. Brawn was bandmaster prior to WW1, when he went into service. He was killed March 28th 1918, while acting as a stretcher bearer; a brilliant cornet player, he used to play with Wellingborough Temperance, Rushden Rifles, and Earls Barton bands; had thrice previously been wounded. The band had folded by 2008 when its music library was saved from a skip.

Earls Colne Band - Essex
From their formation in 1888, leader O. Smith, the Earls Colne Band provided musical accompaniment for many local events, their final performance was in 1953.

Earls Colne Total Abstinence Band - Essex
Active in 1895

Earls House Industrial School Band - Witton Gilbert, Durham
Active between 1905 and 1914

Earl's House Industrial School Band - Witton Gilbert, Durham
Active in the 1890s and 1900s. The Durham Industrial School for Boys was opened in 1885, and the band, consisting of 24 boys, was active by 1896.

Earlsheaton Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[no information]

Earlswood Asylum Brass Band - Redhill, Surrey
Active in 1862 - composed principally of officers and attendants, but including a few patients.

Earsdon Brass Band - Northumberland
Active in 1860, conductor John Potts

Easdale Brass Band - Argyllshire
Active in 1867, 1868

Easington Brass Band - Durham
See: Easington Lane Brass Band

Easington Colliery Band - Durham
[current band] - Founded in 1913 - Former names: Easington Colliery Band (to 2006), RMT Easington Colliery Band (to 2009) - Note: Merged with Easington Public Band in 1956
Easington Colliery Band - Durham
Formed in 1913. Merged with the Easington Public Band in 1956, retaining the colliery band name, to form the current Easington Colliery Band

Easington Colliery Youth Band - Durham
[previous name of current band] See: Easington Public Band

Easington Colliery Youth Band - Durham
See: Easington Public Band

Easington Lane and South Hetton Band - Durham
See: Easington Lane Brass Band

Easington Lane Brass Band - Durham
Active in 1859 and through to the early 1900s

Easington National Fire Service Band - Durham
[previous name of current band] See: Easington Public Band

Easington Public Band - Durham
[current band] - Founded in 1915 - Former names: Easington Colliery Youth Band (to 1940), National Fire Service Band (to 1945), Easington National Fire Service Band - Note: Merged with Easington Colliery Band in 1956

Easington Public Band - Durham
Founded in 1915 as Easington Colliery Youth Band, became the National Fire Service Band during World War 2 and thereafter Easington Public Band. Merged with Easington Colliery Band in 1956.

Easingwold Brass - Yorkshire (North Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1901 - Former names: Easingwold Town Band

Easingwold Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in the 1830s to the 1860s. A successor band was formed in the 1890s

Easingwold Primitive Methodist Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
See: Easingwold Temperance Band

Easingwold Temperance Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1887, and in 1899 when it played at a grand ball in Husthwaite. Isaac Fox was a cornet player and conductor and was band master of the band. When the band folded, sometime before 1930, he became conductor of the Easingwold Town Band.

Easingwold Town Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Easingwold Brass

East and West Cowes Town Band - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
[previous name of current band] See: Cowes Concert Band

East and West Ilsley Baptist Brass Band - Berkshire
Formed in 1889, leader Alfred Horsman. Still active in 1895.

East Anglian School Band - Norfolk
[previous name of current band] See: Great Yarmouth Brass

East Ardsley and Thorpe Temperance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: East Ardsley Brass Band

East Ardsley Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1880s through to the 1920s, bandmaster William Davey in 1906

East Ardsley Old Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: East Ardsley Brass Band

East Barkwith Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in the 1890s
East Beckham Brass Band
   [no information]

East Benhar Instrumental Brass Band
   Active in 1886

East Bergholt Brass Band - Suffolk
   Active in the 1900s

East Berks (Reading) Band
   See: Waltham St. Lawrence Silver Band

East Berks Silver Band
   See: Waltham St. Lawrence Silver Band

East Brent Brass Band - Somerset
   Active from 1861

East Bristol Temperance Band
   See: Bristol East Temperance Band

East Budleigh Brass Band - Devon
   Active in the 1880s to the 1930s. Conductor Mr Clotworthy in 1894. In 1929 the band acquired a new set of 15 silver instruments and renamed itself the East Budleigh Silver Band. The old instruments were handed over to “young enthusiasts”.

East Challow Brass Band - Berkshire
   Active in the 1850s

East Clwyd Youth Brass Band
   Active in the 1970s. It was formed in the county of the then Clwyd and the players were all pupils of various schools in the county. They usually practised at Ysgol Mold Alun, Maes Garmon and Buckley Elfed. In the summer of 1976 they toured in Germany and Holland, playing at several venues, including the forces theatre in Rheindalren, Germany. The conductor at that time was Graham Jones, who went on to conduct various well known bands in North Wales.

East Compton Brass Band
   See: Easter Compton Brass Band

East Cowes Town Band - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
   [current band]

East Cramlington Brass Band - Northumberland
   Active in the 1890s

East Dean Brass Band - Hampshire
   Active in the 1920s. Conductor in 1924 was W. Gumbleton.

East Dean Brass Band - Sussex
   In 1877 the opening of a temperance hotel and hall in the town was disturbed by the playing of a band employed by a local publican.

East Dereham Brass Band - Norfolk
   Active in 1860, leader W. Raymond King. Still active in 1865

East Dereham Mechanics Brass Band - Norfolk
   Founded in 1868

East Dereham Temperance Brass Band - Norfolk
   Founded in 1886

East End Brass Band
   See: East End Harmonic Brass Band
East End Harmonic Brass Band - Sunderland, Durham
A number of men from the East End of Sunderland had the idea of forming a brass band and this was achieved in 1887. Many of the East End Prize Band were paying members but did not play instruments, they did, however, play football. The officials knew that by keeping the men together their interest in the band would be maintained. Therefore, they helped them form a football club: East End Black Watch. The title Black Watch did not have a local connection, a committee man thought “the name would encourage the players to succeed as had the famous Highland regiment.” On April 19th, 1893 a game was played on the Town Moor between Black Watch and the East End Brass Band, with the referee in Chinese costume. A collection was taken during the match for the benefit of the band.

East Essex Brass Band - Essex
See: Tiptree Brass Band (2)

East Finchley Mission Band
See: East Finchley Wesleyan Band

East Finchley Wesleyan Band - Middlesex
Active in 1904-1909

East Grafton Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active in the early 1900s

East Grinstead Brass Band - Sussex
Active in the 1850s to the 1870s

East Grinstead Town Band - Sussex
Founded around 1884, conductor Mr Pocock. Active to the 1930s. Amalgamated with the East Grinstead Volunteers Band in 1905, and briefly known as East Grinstead Volunteer and Town Band, soon reverting back to East Grinstead Town Band

East Grinstead Volunteer and Town Band
See: East Grinstead Town Band

East Grinstead Volunteers Band - Sussex
Active in the 1890s and early 1900s. Amalgamated with the East Grinstead Town Band in 1905

East Halton Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in the 1870s and 1880s, conductor Edward Westoby in 1879, and W. Walker in 1881.

East Ham Borough Band (1) - Essex
Active in 1908 - possible rival to Grangewood Silver Band at that time - although the latter was known as East Ham Borough Band at a later date.

East Ham Borough Band (2)
See: Grangewood Silver Band

East Ham Silver Band
See: Grangewood Silver Band

East Ham Town Band
See: East Ham Borough Band (1)

East Ham Wing ATC Band - Essex
Active during WW2.

East Harling Brass Band - Norfolk
Active in the 1870s, conductor Mr Tillott.
East Hartlepool Temperance Band - Durham
   Active around 1900

East Holywell Brass Band - Northumberland
   Active in the 1880s

East Home League Band - Reading, Berkshire
   [no information]

East Horndon Brass Band
   See: Ingrave and East Horndon Brass Band

East Howle Brass Band
   See: East Howle Colliery Band

East Howle Colliery Band - Durham
   Active in the 1880s to 1900s

East Hull Brass Band
   See: East Hull Prize Silver Band

East Hull Men's Institute Brass Band
   Active in 1933

East Hull Prize Silver Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Originally formed as Holborn Street Brass Band, renamed East Hull Band around 1891.
   Active from the 1880s to 1930s. Conductor J.H Rimmer in 1903-1905. Concert for the
   Victoria Hospital for Sick Children (Working Men's Committee) at East Park, Hull,
   Sunday 20th August 1905 from 3pm to 5pm. The programme was Mephistopheles (S.
   Douglas), Crown of Merit (C.W. Bennet), La Traviata (W. Rimmer), Excelsior, A Casket
   of Gems (H. Round), The Lost Chord (Sullivan), We Never Will Bow Down (Handel),
   Maidstone (J. Ord Hume). The Conductor was Mr W. Milsom.

East Ilsley Brass Band - Berkshire
   Formed in 1895. Active to the 1930s. Conductor Alfred Horsman in 1895-1904, Herbert
   Wells 1904-.

East India Company Brass Band - Warley, Essex
   Active in the 1840s and 1850s.

East Kilbride Burgh Band
   See: East Kilbride Silver Band

East Kilbride Silver Band - Lanarkshire
   Active in the 1970s and 1980s

East Kirkby Brass Band
   See: East Kirkby Temperance Band

East Kirkby Colliery Band
   See: East Kirkby Miners Welfare Band

East Kirkby Miners Welfare Band - Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire
   Reformed in 1973 - which implies there was an earlier band. Conductor in 1976 was Roy
   Waters.

East Kirkby Temperance Band - Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s

East Kirkby United Band - Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire
   Founded in 1897, active into the 1900s

East Knoyle Brass Band - Wiltshire
   Active in the 1880s to the 1920s. Conductor Mr Snook in 1888, E. Matthews in 1891, H.
   Fry in 1919.
East Lancs Paper Group Band - Lancashire
   [previous name of current band] See: Radcliffe Brass Band

East Lancs Paper Group Band
   See: Radcliffe Borough Band

East Leake Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
   Active in the 1870s to the 1900s. Conductor E. Goodacre (1880-1893)

East Leicester Brass Band
   Active in the 1880s

East Linton Brass Band - East Lothian
   Active from the 1880s to WW1. A. P. Walker was Bass Drummer in the band (as noted in his obituary in 1935). The band folded for a while around 1902 due to lack of support in the poor economic climated in the area at the time.

East London Brass - Essex

East London Brass Band
   Active in 1860

East London Brass Ensemble
   See: Grangewood Silver Band

East London Industrial School Band - Lewisham, Kent
   Active from the 1890s to the 1920s. The School opened in 1873 at 43 Leman Street, Whitechapel, but by 1909 was located at 19 Brookbank Road, Lewisham. Conductor in 1906 was T. Willmore.

East London Polytechnic Band
   Active in 1895

East Manchester Brass Band
   Active in the 1980s and 1990s

East Markham Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
   Active in the 1900s and 1910s

East Mendip Brass Band - Coleford, Somerset
   Active from the 1850s to WW1. Conductors - Mr Button in 1881, U. Wilcox in 1887, W.F. Wilcox in 1889, W. Seymour in 1894-1904

East Meon Brass Band - Hampshire
   Active in 1865, conductor Mr White

East Midlands Area 5 Ambulance Band - Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire
   Active in the 1950s

East Midlands Youth Band - Leicestershire
   [current band]

East Moor Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1850s. Conductor C. Rogers in 1858, S. Small in 1859

East Moors Hall Brass Band - Glamorgan
   Active in the 1900s, based at the East Moors Hall, a methodist mission church in East Moors, Cardiff

East Morton Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Founded around 1884
East Norfolk Militia Brass Band
   Active in 1861

East Nottingham Boys Brigade Brass Band
   Active in 1946

East Peckham Brass Band - Kent
   Active in 1854, conductor W. Hayes. Also in 1867, 1902

East Peckham British Legion Band - Kent
   [previous name of current band] See: East Peckham Silver Band

East Peckham British Legion Band - Kent
   Took part in the Royal Tunbridge Wells and District Band Federation 27th Annual Band Festival (4th Section), 14th May 1955, gaining 2nd place and £5

East Peckham British Legion Invicta Brass Band - Kent
   See: East Peckham Invicta Brass Band

East Peckham Invicta Band - Kent
   [previous name of current band] See: East Peckham Silver Band

East Peckham Invicta Brass Band - Kent
   Active in 1912 through to 1934. A. Acott conductor in 1926. Also known as East Peckham British Legion Invicta Brass Band in the 1930s

East Peckham Silver Band - Kent
   [current band] - Founded in 1895 - Former names: Invicta Brass Band, East Peckham Invicta, East Peckham British Legion

East Plean Brass Band
   See: East Plean Colliery Band

East Plean Colliery Band - Plean, Stirlingshire
   Founded in 1903, bandmaster Harry Phee. Still active in the 1920s and 1930s (as Plean Colliery Band)

East Pool and Agar Mine Brass Band - Pool, Cornwall
   Active in 1917. The mine produced copper and tin

East Pool Brass Band - Pool, Cornwall
   See: East Pool and Agar Mine Brass Band

East Riding of Yorkshire Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)

East Riding Youth Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   See: Hessle Youth Band

East Staffs Youth Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1970s

East Stanley Temperance Band - Durham
   Active in the 1890s, conductor Mr Garbutt in 1894

East Stour Brass Band - Dorset
   Founded around 1860 and disbanded around 1900, active for 40 years. It was formed by Thomas James Maidmont, who was a fine cornet player, and who was the bandmaster all through the band’s existence. In the 1870s, members of the East Stour Band played around the district and at Christmas, performed carols. They would walk to Inwood House and play to Mr. Merthyr Guest. It was the custom of the butler to enquire who they were and the reply would come, ‘East Stour Band’, and for this they received half a sovereign. Four days later, they would pop down to the house again and this time the
answer would be 'West Stour Band' for which they received another half sovereign. It was only a little white lie, if you remember that about a dozen members had walked ten miles to earn their coins! Also known as (East) Stower Band.

**East Stower Band** - Dorset  
See: *East Stour Brass Band*

**East Stratton Brass Band** - Hampshire  
Active in the 1880s

**East Street Wesleyan Band** - Southampton, Hampshire  
Founded in 1906, conductor A.H. Muddiman

**East Wemyss Brass Band** - Fife  
Active in the 1870s to the 1890s. Also known as 10th Fife Artillery Volunteers East Wemyss Band.

**East Winch Britannia Brass Band** - Norfolk  
Founded in 1908, bandmaster Mr Fish. Active in 1910

**East Woodhay Mechanics Band** - Hampshire  
[previous name of current band] See: *East Woodhay Silver Band*

**East Woodhay Silver Band** - Hampshire  
[current band] - Founded in 1884 - Former names: East Woodhay Mechanics Band (to 1904), St. Martin's Brass Band (to end of WW2) - Note: Merged with the Highclere Band in the early 1900s

**East Worcestershire Saxtuba Band** - Netherton, Worcestershire  

**East Yorkshire Brass** - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)  
[previous name of current band] See: *East Riding of Yorkshire Band*

**East Yorkshire Brass Band**  
Active in the early 1920s

**East Yorkshire Motor Services Band** - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)  
[current band] - Founded in 1989 - Former names: City of Hull Band (to 1992), East Yorkshire Motor Services Brass Band

**East Yorkshire Motors (Sharlston) Band**  
See: *Sharlston Colliery Band*

**East Yorkshire Rifles Band**  
Active in the 1860s

**Eastborough Wesleyan Boys Brigade Band** - Dewsbury, Yorkshire (West Riding)  
Active in the 1930s

**Eastbourne Brass Band**  
See: *Eastbourne Saxhorn Band*

**Eastbourne Brass Ensemble** - Sussex  
During the early 1970's, there was a split away from the previously established Eastbourne Silver Band and a rival was set up under the name of the Eastbourne Brass Ensemble. This man responsible for the formation of the band was Harry Pearce. It was a non-contesting band. They had folded by 1979.

**Eastbourne Postmen's Band** - Sussex  
Active in the early 1900s

**Eastbourne Saxhorn Band** - Sussex  
Active in the 1860s, bandmaster Thomas Elliott in 1864.
Eastbourne Silver Band - Sussex
$current band - Founded in 1950 - Note: Founded in 1950 by Gilbert Foyle (of Foyle's Bookshop), who paid for the first set of instruments. The band appears many times per year on Eastbourne's famous Bandstand even Christmas day (10.45 - 12.30). Their resident conductor is former Irish Guards (1958 - 1980) principal cornet Geoff Broom.

Eastbourne Wesley Hall Brass Band - Sussex
Active in the 1900s

Easter Compton Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active in the 1890s to the 1940s. Conductor J. Purnell in 1894, H. Rouse in 1900. Played at the Almondsbury Deanery Moral Welfare Association Garden Fete in Frenchay in 1929. Also known as East Compton Brass Band

Eastern Coach Works Band - Lowestoft,
Active in the 1950s/60s. Now disbanded.

Eastern Counties Railway Brass Band - Stratford, Essex
Active in 1857, when it played at the funeral of William Spooner, 29, one of its players. Bandmaster was Mr. Nunn. Still active in 1865

Eastern Counties Railway Volunteer Rifle Corps Brass Band - Stratford, Essex
Formed in 1860, of employees at the works. Presumed to be separate to the works band active in 1857.

Eastern Suburbs Band
See: Adelaide Eastern Suburbs Band

Easterton Prize Silver Band - Wiltshire
[no information]

Eastham Band - Cheshire
Active in the 1880s to the 1900s. Conductor J. Farrell in 1885, Frank R. Howell in 1900

Eastington Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active from around 1870 through to WW1. Conductor Sydney Shill in 1903

Eastington Teetotal Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active in 1852

Eastleigh Brass Band - Hampshire
Active from the 1870s to the 1890s

Eastleigh Mechanical Engineers Band
See: Eastleigh Works Brass Band

Eastleigh Railway Brass Band
Active in 1891 - linked to the South Western Railway Institute.

Eastleigh Temperance Band - Hampshire
Active in the 1900s and 1910s

Eastleigh United Mission Band - Hampshire
Active in 1904

Eastleigh Works Brass Band - Hampshire
Active from the 1890s to WW1.

Eastney Modern School Brass Band - Hampshire
Active in 1963

Easton Mission Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
Active in 1886
Eastwood Ambulance Band - Nottinghamshire
Active from the 1880s to WW1. Conductor F. Purdy in 1888. From the Awsworth Parish Magazine, August 1903: “Revd Higgins talks about the Annual United Sunday School Treat. This year it was a great success, being blessed with fine weather. There was a short service in the afternoon at the Board School and Mr Bonner’s field was used in the evening for games and recreation. It was enlivened by the Eastwood Ambulance Band which “discoursed sweet music” during the proceedings.”

Eastwood and Greasley Ambulance Band - Nottinghamshire
See: Eastwood Ambulance Band

Eastwood and Greasley Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
See: Eastwood Ambulance Band

Eastwood Excelsior Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Founded in 1876, still active in 1884, moving its headquarters from Eastwood to Langley Mill.

Eastwood Hill Top Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in 1867

Eastwood Mill Band - Keighley, Yorkshire (West Riding)
The mill was owned by Ickringills.

Eastwood Temperance Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in the 1880s and 1890s

Eaton (Truck Components) Band - Lancashire
See: Kearsley St Stephens Band

Eaton Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in 1865. Performed at a ceremony at Christleton. Associated with Eaton Hall, near Chester, founded by Mr Roberts. Still active in 1869

Eaton Bray Brass Band - Bedfordshire
Active in 1857

Eaton Constantine Brass Band - Shropshire
Active in 1861 to 1868. Conductor Mr Tart in 1864

Eaton Farnworth and Walkden Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Farnworth & Walkden Band

Eaton Farnworth Brass Band - Lancashire
Formed in 1990 by the merger of Eaton (Truck Components) Band and Farnworth Old Band. Merged with Walkden Band in 2004 to form Eaton Farnworth and Walkden Band

Eaton Ford Primitive Methodist Brass Band - St Neots, Bedfordshire
Active in the 1890s

Eaton Transmission Gear Group Band - Lancashire
See: Kearsley St Stephens Band

Eaton Works Band - Lancashire
See: Kearsley St Stephens Band

Ebbesborne Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active in 1855 to 1869

Ebbw Vale Brass Band - Monmouthshire
Active from the 1850s to the 1880s. Conductor J. Lewis in 1888

Ebbw Vale Municipal Band - Monmouthshire
Active in the 1950s and onward. Later known as Ebbw Vale Town Band. Amalgamated with Cwm Town Band in 2011 to form Ebbw Valley Brass.
Ebbw Vale Town Band  
See: Ebbw Vale Municipal Band

Ebbw Vale Volunteers Band - Monmouthshire  
Active in the 1900s

Ebbw Vale Works Band - Monmouthshire  
Active in the 1920s

Ebbw Valley Band - Monmouthshire  
[current band] - Founded in 2011 - Note: Amalgamation of Ebbw Vale Town Band and Cwm Town Band

Ebchester Band  
Active in 1907

Ebenezer Brotherhood Band  
See: Bristol Central Mission Brass Band

Ebenezer Chapel Band - Leicestershire  
[previous name of current band] See: Snibston & Desford Colliery Band

Ebenezer Chapel Band  
See: William Davis Construction Group Band

Ebenezer Wesleyan Mission Brass Band - Strangeways, Lancashire  
Active in 1892. Located at Red Bank

Ebley Brass Band - Gloucestershire  
Active from the 1840s to 1919. R. White secretary in 1891. Presumed to have folded in the early 1880s and reformed just prior to 1888. It is assumed to have disbanded after WW1, not surviving much into the 1920s.

Ebor Brass - York, Yorkshire  
[current band] - Founded in 1980

Ebor Brass Band - York, Yorkshire  
York, 1980s-?

Ebor Excelsior Silver Band - York, Yorkshire  
Formed 1883 as Chaucer Street Mission Band by Noah Bruce, later names were York and District Mission Band, York Excelsior Band. Known as York Home Guard Association Band during WW2, and Ebor Excelsior Band after WW2. Merged, in 1952, with York City Brass Band to form the current York Railway Institute Band.

Ecclefechan Brass Band - Dumfriesshire  
Active in 1857. In 1886 the conductor was J. Inman, and they band acquired new uniforms consisting of white trousers with a red stripe, and blue jackets trimmed with yellow braid

Eccles Borough Band - Lancashire  
[current band] - Founded in 1886 - Former names: Eccles Young Men's Brass Band, Eccles Subscription Brass Band (1888), Eccles Borough Band, Eccles Borough Boddingtons Band (1980s)

Eccles Borough Boddingtons Band - Lancashire  
[previous name of current band] See: Eccles Borough Band

Eccles Brass Band - Lancashire  
Active in 1854. Folded sometime before 1874 when a committee of working men set themselves the task of raising funds to set up a band. A band did eventually evolve in 1886 (the current Eccles Borough Band).
Eccles Subscription Brass Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Eccles Borough Band

Eccles Temperance Band - Lancashire
Active in 1877

Eccles Young Men’s Brass Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Eccles Borough Band

Eccles Young Men’s Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1887 and 1888, conductor J. Pennington

Ecclesall and Dore Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1871

Ecclesall Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the mid-1860s to the early 1900s

Ecclesall Subscription Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Ecclesall Brass Band

Ecclesfield Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1849, playing for the Stannington Whit Monday procession. Played a selection of their favourite quadrilles and airs at the Ecclesfield United Cricket Club opening match in 1860, conductor T. Brown. Mr Jubb was the conductor in 1871, playing at the Grenoside Flower Show in August and also in 1879 at the Chapeltown Floral and Horticultural Show, and also in 1884. Also known as Ecclesfield Old Band in 1872. They folded around 1985. “July 1872 - Discord amongst Ecclesfield musicians”: Thomas Jubb, file cutter, of Ecclesfield, was summoned for doing wilful damage to a drum, the property of Wm. Butterworth; moulder, of Ecclesfield, and others. John Jubb Sen., Wm. Joseph and John Jubb, George Hobson, and Samuel Bayles, all of the same place, were summoned for aiding and abetting. The defendants were also charged with committing a breach of the peace. Mr. Binney appeared in support of the information, and Mr Clegg defended. The complainant is the bandmaster of the Ecclesfield brass band, and some time ago a dispute took place between the members, which led to a certain number of them, including the defendants Jubb (father and sons), resigning and organising another band. The drum belonging to the band was in the possession of Jubb, senior, but was given up to the complainant on application. Considerable ill feeling existed between the rival bands. On Saturday, 22nd June, the complainant; with the other members of his band, were practising at the Travellers Inn, Ecclesfield common. They afterwards came outside the house, played several tunes, and then marched down the road. While near the door the defendants came up, and John Jubb was heard to ask Hobson if he would “jump on the drum.” Thomas and William Jubb were observed to go along the hedge side, and when the band had gone a short distance a witness, named John Briggs, saw the defendant, Thomas Jubb, throw a stone at the drum, making a hole through one side of the parchment and cracking the other. The damage done was estimated at £2 15s. A row ensued, and several of the other defendants came up and, committed assaults upon two or three members of the band, and a most disgraceful scene followed... Twelve witnesses were examined for the complainant in support of these facts... For the defence it was contended that the drum did not belong to the complainant, as it was bought by subscription in 1858, in answer to the following appeal: “The Ecclesfield band of musicians are wishful to improve the practice of their music by giving a right effect to their musical strains, and in order to accomplish this object they are obliged to make an appeal to the gentry,” etc. It was also stated that John Jubb, sen., had as much right as
any one to the “musical instrument” as he had paid over the money and obtained the receipt from the maker. Several witnesses were called who swore that they did not see Thomas Jubb throw a stone.... At half-past three Mr. Clegg said he had nine other witnesses..... The Bench said they should not sit later than four o’clock, and as Mr. Clegg was of opinion that he could not finish the defence for the second part of the case in that time, an adjournment -until next Tuesday was agreed to.... Previous to this Mr. Binney withdrew the charge of aiding and abetting...... Mr. Atkinson hoped the retaining fee of the professional gentlemen in the case had been heavy, for they had been detained a very long time..... Mr. Chambers, who had been waiting all the forenoon in another case, said the fees of the other professional gentleman would require also to be very heavy.... Two cross-summons have been taken out, and will be heard next court day. The following week it was reported: Mr. Clegg now stated that two friends had met two friends from each party, and had proposed terms of settlement, which his clients were ready to accept, but the other side were not willing. Mr. Binney said the proposals were unreasonable, and his clients could not accede to them. Mr. Atkinson suggested terms of arrangement, and ultimately the summonses were all withdrawn on the defendants paying 25s., being one half the estimated amount of the cost of repairing the drum.

**Ecclesfield New Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1867 and 1872

**Ecclesfield Old Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Ecclesfield Brass Band

**Ecclesfield Silver Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Ecclesfield Brass Band

**Eccleshall Brass Band** - Staffordshire
Active in 1859 to 1864

**Eccleshill Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from 1850s to the 1870s. Bandmaster was James Norton in 1869

**Eccleston Band** - Lancashire
[current band] - Founded in 1969

**Eccleston Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active from the 1850s through to the 1930s. Folded after the Second World War. A successor band was formed in 1970

**Eccleston Prize Band**
See: Eccleston Brass Band

**Eccleston Subscription Band**
See: Eccleston Brass Band

**Echo Ryhope Colliery Band**
See: Ryhope Colliery Band

**Eckington Brass Band** - Derbyshire
Active from 1865 to WW1.

**Eckington Rechabites Brass Band** - Derbyshire
Active in 1880s and 1890s

**Eckington Town Band**
Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Contemporary with the Eckington United and the Eckington Works bands.
Eckington United Band
Active in the 1890s. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Still active in the 1970s

Eckington Works Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in 1888, attached to the local iron works. Still active in the 1890s

Eclipse Band - Coalville, Leicestershire
Active in the 1890s

Edale Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in 1883

Eden Colliery Welfare Band - Leadgate, Durham
Active in the 1950s, 1960s. This colliery was near Consett.

Eden Lodge Brass Band - Dundee, Angus
Active in 1865. This was the band attached to the Eden Lodge of Free Gardeners

Edenbridge Brass Band - Kent
Active from 1861 to the late 1900s. conductor William Wallis 1883-1895

Edenbridge Tannery Brass Band - Kent
Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Conductor H. Jeffrey in 1895, bandmaster William Smith in 1901. Still active in 1906. Contemporary with the Edenbridge Town Band

Edenbridge Town Band - Kent
[current band] - Founded in 1893

Edenbridge Town Band
See: Edenbridge Brass Band

Edenham Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in the 1850s and 1860s

Edgbaston Amateur Brass Band - Warwickshire
Active in 1893

Edgbaston Presbyterian Juvenile Brass Band - Warwickshire
Active in 1857

Edgcumbe Band of Hope Brass Band - Cornwall
Active in 1874

Edge Hill (British Railways) Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
Formed in 1879 as the Edge Hill Steam Sheds Band. Bandmaster Mr O'Callaghan in 1884, conductor W.J. Williams. Mike Hughes reports: “I conducted the band from 1970 until 1975. We gained 4th in the Championship Section in 1972 and won the area contest for WD and HO Wills in 1971. For many years the principal cornet player was Ken Tinsley who was cornet champion of Great Britain I think 3 times and solo champion once. The band quartet was champion of Great Britain in 1963 and came 2nd in 1971, 3rd 1972 and 4th 1973. Bill Yates conducted the band for many years and conducted them at the Albert Hall in 1961 and 1963 after gaining third place in the Area contest at the Free Trade Hall Manchester”. Malcolm Looby reports: “I joined Edge Hill (BR) Band in 1976. The band rehearsed in one of the sheds in the sidings at Edge Hill, Liverpool on the corner of Combermere Street and Picton Road two nights a week and more (much more) often when approaching the date of a contest. It was a championship section band at the time and the band room had a few framed certificates on the wall - a big one I recall was from having played in the Championship Finals in 1966 I think, and another was a solo cornet certificate from the soloists competition at or around the same time. When I joined, the band had strong links with a couple of other 'local' bands (Camel Lairds which had
folded a few years before and Fodens) with several ex-players of these bands coming to
play with Edge Hill, and probably because of these connections we also had a couple of
'guest' conductors coming to rehearse the band occasionally - James Scott and Rex
Mortimer. The conductor throughout my time with Edge Hill (BR) Band was Bob Dean.
He had played with both Camel Lairds and Fodens. The band played in quite a number
of championship contests - best placing was 8th a couple of times in the Areas at Preston
Guild Hall. We didn’t play in enough though, and it has to be said that we weren’t quite
good enough to stay in the top section - so the inevitable happened and we were
relegated to the second section probably about 1980. We did OK in the second section,
winning the last ever 2nd section contest at the Kings Hall, Belle View, and the same
contest a year later (or a year before!) at Bolton Town Hall before it burnt down. We
qualified for the Pontins finals in North Wales I recall also. With the break up of British
Rail the band lost the little sponsorship it had and had to begin paying for rehearsal
rooms. We had moved out of the sidings into what was a ‘mothballed’ hotel attached to
Lime Street Station, and when that was made into a hotel again we went to rehearse in
schools, the band then withered away.” Stephen Roughley reports: “I played in the band
from around about 1988-1992, eventually becoming principle cornet player with the
band. By this time, it was no longer a contest band, but was still conducted by Bob Dean,
with Roy Eaves (I think ex-Fodens) on euphonium or trombone. Many of the players at
this stage were also from the Liverpool Schools Senior Brass Band. The band was
meeting for rehearsals in Rail House, an office block to the side of Lime Street Station, in
Liverpool. I think the band folded a few years later, and possibly was merged into the St
Margarets school band, which Bob also ran.”

**Edge Hill London and North Western Railway Band**

See: [Edge Hill (British Railways) Band](#)

**Edge Hill Steam Sheds Band**

See: [Edge Hill (British Railways) Band](#)

**Edgeley Brass Band - Cheshire**

Formed in 1870. Conductor George Needham in 1902. Active until 1954, when it merged
with the Cheshire Yeomanry (Stockport) Band to form the current Stockport Silver Band.
Some memories from a player: “The band has had a varied career and many different
Band rooms or practice rooms. The first one that I knew was behind the Britannia Inn a
pub long since gone, it was in church gate just higher up than the old church and on the
opposite side. The bandmaster in those days was Jack Hargreaves a very good musician
and also well known as a baker in Portwood. He had a son Jack who was a very good
cornet player, he also followed his father in the bakery business and had a stall in the
market. I only knew two other players of the post 1914 war band. One named Eckersley a
cornet player who ended his days in the Reddish district. The other was a man named
Swain who either lived in Emperor Street or round the corner in Hersey Street, he was a
bass player. When the Band left the Britannia, they went for a short time to a pub under
the viaducts, the Gardeners and from there they went to another defunct pub, the
Commercial. By then the band had another conductor, Harold Bennett, and to him more
than to any does the present band owe its existence. At one time it was jokingly called
Bennett’s Band because his father played the bass drum, another brother the trombone
and euphonium and another was drum major. Harold’s son Jack also played cornet.
Besides being conductor Harold was the general factotum, he repaired music, was
librarian, errand boy. He had the Band for at least fifty years. The Cheshire Yeomanry
Band used to practise at the Pineapple in Heaton Lane, they had a hut at the side, their conductor was Mr J Seddon and he had them for many years. In fact I think he was still their Bandmaster when he died. His death brought about a crisis for the Band because whether by accident or not they had to leave their Band room. not safe was the excuse given and it put them in a fix, so they came to us (Edgeley) and proposed a merger, both Bands were in a poor state member wise and committees of both Bands decided to adopt the idea and the Stockport Silver was born. “

**Edgeley Mills Brass Band** - Cheshire  
Active in the 1880s

**Edgware Road Ambulance Association Ladies' Band** - London  
Formed in 1915, conductor John Reay

**Edgworth Brass Band** - Lancashire  
Active from 1862, conductor James Briggs in 1863, George Booth in 1865. Also known as Edgworth Temperance Band. Leader J. Whitehead in 1869

**Edgworth Temperance Brass Band** - Lancashire  
*See: Edgworth Brass Band*

**Edinburgh and Leith Postal Band** - Midlothian  
Formed in 1892. Active into the 1900s. J. Sullivan bandmaster in 1896. James Ord Hume conductor in 1913. This was a brass and reed (military) band.

**Edinburgh Blind Asylum Brass Band** - Midlothian  
Active in 1862 to 1866

**Edinburgh Brass Band** - Midlothian  
[current band] - Founded in 2012

**Edinburgh Guild Brass Band** - Midlothian  
Active in 1859

**Edinburgh Hallelujah Silver Band** - Midlothian  
Active in the 1900s. Robert Stein conductor in 1904

**Edinburgh Industrial Brigade Brass Band** - Midlothian  
Active in 1897

**Edinburgh Original Industrial School Band** - Midlothian  
Formed as a flute band, then became a brass band in 1872. Still active into the 1900s. Known as the “Wee Favourites”

**Edinburgh Roman Catholic Brass Band** - Midlothian  
Active in 1861, conductor Alex Miller

**Edinburgh Temperance Band** - Midlothian  
Active in the 1920s. Conducted by Alex Rae in 1928

**Edinburgh Trades Band** - Midlothian  
Active in the 1920s and 1930s.

**Edington Brass Band** - Wiltshire  
Active in 1869

**Edley Brass Band** - Warwickshire  
Active in 1862, performing at Sutton Coldfield

**Edlington N.U.M. Silver Prize Band**  
*See: Yorkshire Main Colliery Band*

**Edlington N.U.R. Brass Band** - Doncaster, Yorkshire (West Riding)  
[no information]
Edmondsley Brass Band - Durham
  Active in 1869

Edmonton Borough Band - Middlesex
  Founded in 1881. Active in the 1920s and 1930s. Competed in the Crystal Palace
  Championships in the 1930s

Edmonton Brass Band - Cornwall
  Active in 1862

Edmonton Brass Band - Middlesex
  See: Edmonton Borough Band

Edmonton Excelsior Brass Band - Middlesex
  See: Edmonton Settlement Band

Edmonton People's Tabernacle Band - Middlesex
  Active in the 1900s and 1910s

Edmonton Settlement Band - Middlesex
  Active in the 1890s, renamed Edmonton Excelsior Band in 1901. Still active in 1910

Edmonton Silver Prize Band
  See: Edmonton Borough Band

Edmonton Temperance Silver Band - Middlesex
  Active from the early 1900s through to the 1920s

Edmonton Town Brass Band - Middlesex
  Active in 1894/1896 - G Rochester bandmaster, Golden Fleece Pub, Lower Fore Street

Edward Lloyd (Paper Mill) Silver Band - Sittingbourne, Kent
  [previous name of current band] See: UK Paper Band

Edward Lloyd Band - Sittingbourne, Kent
  [previous name of current band] See: UK Paper Band

Edwards' Brothers Band
  See: Edwards' Shipyard Band

Edwards' Brothers Dock Workmen's Band
  See: Edwards' Shipyard Band

Edwards' Shipyards Band - North Shields, Northumberland
  Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Edzell Band - Angus
  Active in the 1890s, conductor William Lindsay

Effingham Brass Band - Surrey
  Active in the 1890s

Effingham Gas Works Band - Surrey
  Active in the 1890s and early 1900s

Effingham Street Brass Band - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1900s, obtaining a new band-room in Sussex Street in 1910, conductor J.C.
  Dyson.

Egerton Brass Band - Lancashire
  Active in the 1850s and 1860s

Egerton Street Mission Band - Sale, Cheshire
  Active in 1924. The chapel was situated on the junction of Egerton Street and Lorne Street
  and was consecrated in 1872. One report assumes that the band had ceased to exist prior
  to 1934, however there is evidence of the band active in 1950. The Chapel was
  demolished in 1956
Egerton Street Wesleyan Temperance Band

See: Egerton Street Mission Band

Egglestone Brass Band - Durham

Active from 1864 through to WW1. Alfred Allinson, secretary in 1914.

Egham and Englefield Green Public Prize Brass Band - Surrey

See: Egham Temperance Band

Egham Band - Surrey

[current band] - Founded in 1919 - Note: Amalgamation of Egham Town Band & Egham and Englefield Public Bands

Egham Brass Band - Surrey

Active in 1855. Conductor Mr Cork in 1856. A successor band was formed in 1895

Egham Hill Band - Surrey

See: Egham Temperance Band

Egham Temperance Band - Surrey

Formed before 1895. Also known as the Egham Hill Band. Rehearsed at the Technical Institute, Egham Hill until moving to a former furniture depository on Band Lane in 1904. Renamed the Egham and Englefield Green Public Prize Brass Band in 1906, it amalgamated with Egham Town Band in 1919 to form Egham and District Band

Egham Town Band - Surrey

Formed before 1895. Practised at the back of the Catherine Wheel Hotel, Egham High Street. Merged with Egham and Englefield Public Band in 1919 to form Egham and District Band

Eglinton Iron Works Band - Kilwinning, Ayrshire

Active in 1874. The ironworks was at Blacklands, Kilwinning, Ayrshire.

Egremont Brass Band - Cumberland

Active in the 1840s and 1850s. A successor band (Egremont Town Band) was formed in 1904

Egremont Town Band - Cumberland

[current band] - Founded in 1915

Egton Brass Band (1) - Yorkshire (North Riding)

Active in the late 1830s to the 1850s

Egton Brass Band (2) - Yorkshire (North Riding)

Formed around 1863, known initially as Egton New Brass Band. Still active in 1868

Egton Bridge Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)

See: Egton Brass Band

Ehenside Secondary School Band - Cleator, Cumberland

Active in the late 1960s.

Elan Village Brass Band - near Rhayader,

Active in the 1890s

Elderslie Brass Band - Renfrewshire

Active in the 1860s, also in the 1900s

Eldon Colliery Band - Shildon, Durham

Active from the 1870s through to WW2. Conducted by T. Collinson in the 1930s.

Electric Tramway and Tramway Carriage Brass Band - Preston, Lancashire

Formed before 1900, later known as Dick Kerr English Electrical Works Band in the 1920s and then later still, Blackburn’s Steel Work’s Band in the 1930s. Probably folded before or during WW2. Secretary J.W. Laycock in 1901. Some press cuttings about the band:
Preston Guardian - 13th April 1901. “There was a Gala at Penwortham on Easter Monday. The Electric Tramway and Tramway Carriage Brass Band arranged the gathering. The band, some 27 strong, arranged in brand-new uniforms discoursed selections and dance music with considerable skill”. Preston Herald - 3rd September 1902, “Preston Guild Processions. In the Trades Procession there were: - Electric Railway and Tramway Carriage Works Band. The Catholic Guild procession contained: Electric Car Works Band (Preston). The Church of England Schools had: Electric Car Works (Preston) Brass Band.” Lancashire Daily Post - 31st December 1917 “1,500 children were entertained at the Public Hall on Saturday 29th to coffee, buns and fruit tart. 3,000 nearly swamped the Dick Kerr Band and watched pictures provided by Frank Foster of the Marathon. The event was organised by the Preston Borough Police for the poor children’s fund.” Lancashire Daily Post - 5th May 1919. “Dick Kerr’s Band. Yesterday DKB gave two performances at PNE ground. Bad weather kept the crowds away but the poor crowd enjoyed playing that has rarely, if ever, been excelled by a local band. Further concert on Whit Sunday.” Lancashire Daily Post - 3rd July 1926: “Sat 17th at Rob Green Farm, Fishwick, Preston Conservative Gala (Preston parks are not available for political events.) programme included The Dick, Kerr Prize Band playing for dancing.” Preston Guardian - 1st December 1934. “Preston Band’s Quartet Success. A Quartet from Blackburn Steel Works Band (Ex Dick Kerr’s) won the Rushworth and Draper’s Shield at Liverpool on Saturday. T. Berry, Solo Cornet, A. Whitehead, Second Cornet, L. Beck, Solo Horn and J. Dixon, Euphonium”.

**Electrical Carriage Works Band**

See: Electric Tramway and Tramway Carriage Brass Band

**Electrical Railway and Tramway Carriage Works Brass Band**

See: Electric Tramway and Tramway Carriage Brass Band

**Electricity Club Band** - Portishead, Somerset

[previous name of current band] See: Portishead Town Band

**Elmoe Colliery and Easington Lane Band**

See: Elemore Colliery Band

**Elemore Colliery Band** - Easington Lane, Durham

Formed in the 1900s, revived in 1906 under conductor Mr Lonby, with new instruments, folding in 1908. Its instruments were bought by the South Hetton Band

**Elgin Brass Band** - Dunfermline, Fife

See: Elgin Masonic Band

**Elgin Brass Band** - Morayshire

[previous name of current band] See: Elgin City Band

**Elgin City Band** - Morayshire

[current band] - Founded in 1858 - Former names: Elgin Instrumental Brass Band. Note: Formed by the local authority of the day and continued under the auspices of subsequent authorities until local government re-organisation when it became fully autonomous and has remained so ever since. Records suggest however that the band originated in the 1850s, and was founded by incoming woolen mill workers from the borders. In those days people turned out in large numbers to hear the band and and the members had to sing as well as play! Re-organised in 1867 under conductor Mr Johnston

**Elgin Conservative Brass Band** - Morayshire

Active in the late 1840s, had folded by the early 1850s. A successor band was formed in 1858 (Elgin City Band)
Elgin Instrumental Brass Band - Morayshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Elgin City Band

Elgin Masonic Band - Dunfermline, Fife
   Active from the 1860s to the 1880s. Also known as Elgin Brass Band

Elgin Miners' Brass Band - Dunfermline, Fife
   Active in 1866

Elgin Volunteers Band - Morayshire
   Active in the 1900s

Elham and Lyminge Brass Band - Kent
   Active in the 1860s

Eling Brass Band - Hampshire
   Active in 1865

Eling Reformatory School Brass Band - Hampshire
   Active in 1886

Elland Boys Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Elland C.E.F.A Youth Band

Elland Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Elland Silver Band

Elland C.E.F.A Youth Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1950s/60s. Competed in the Junior Cup in 1962, conducted by W. H. Exley

Elland Edge Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Elland Upper Edge Band

Elland Old Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Elland Silver Band

Elland Silver Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [current band] - Founded in 1850 - Former names: Elland Old Band (to 1880s), Elland Victoria Band, Elland Silver Band (1902), Greater Elland Silver Band (1946-1950)

Elland United Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1870s

Elland Upper Edge Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from the 1860s to the 1890s

Elland Victoria Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Elland Silver Band

Ellenbrook and Boothstown Brass Band - Lancashire
   [current band] - Founded in 1875

Ellerker Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in 1856

Ellesborough Silver Band - Buckinghamshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1896

Ellesmere Port and District Band - Cheshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Ellesmere Port Concert Brass

Ellesmere Port Boys Grammar School Brass Band
   Active in the 1970s

Ellesmere Port British Legion Band - Cheshire
   See: Ellesmere Port Church Silver Band

Ellesmere Port Christ Church School Brass Band
   Active in 1888 through to 1901
Ellesmere Port Church Silver Band - Cheshire
Formed as a breakaway band from the Ellesmere Port Public Band in the 1890s. Competed in the Crystal Palace contest in 1923 in the 3rd Section. Renamed the Ellesmere Port British Legion Band in the 1930s. Amalgamated with Ellesmere Public Band in 1946 to form Ellesmere Port and District Band (the current Ellesmere Port Band)

Ellesmere Port Concert Brass - Cheshire
[current band] - Founded in 1870 - Former names: Ellesmere Port and District Band (1946), Ellesmere Port Silver Band (to 2012) - Note: Other related bands: Ellesmere Public Prize Band (Chapel Band), Ellesmere Church Band amalgamated in 1946 to form Ellesmere Port and District Band

Ellesmere Port Public Band - Cheshire
Formed in 1883. In 1902 W. Johnson was the secretary. Competed in the Crystal Palace contests in 1922 and 1923 in the 3rd Section. Also known as the Chapel Band. It amalgamated with Ellesmere Church Band in 1946 to form Ellesmere Port and District Band (the current Ellesmere Port Band)

Ellesmere Port Silver Band - Cheshire
[previous name of current band] See: Ellesmere Port Concert Brass

Ellesmere Port Volunteer Band
Active in 1897

Ellesmere Port Wesleyan Temperance Band - Cheshire
[no information]

Ellesmere Public Band
See: Ellesmere Port Public Band

Ellesmere Road Brass Band - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1874. Probably replaced later by the Ellesmere Road Wesleyan Temperance Band

Ellesmere Road Wesleyan Temperance Band - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in 1899, still active in 1907. Conductor J.C. Horsfield in 1903

Ellington Colliery Band - Lynemouth,
Active in 1914, but probably folded during the Great War. A successor band was formed in Lynemouth in 1925.

Ellington Colliery Band - Northumberland
[previous name of current band] See: Northumbrian Water Ellington Colliery Band

Ellington Silver Band - Ramsgate, Kent
[no information]

Elliot Concert Brass - Rochester, Kent
Founded in 1971 as the Elliott Musicians Society. This was a particularly thriving section of the Elliott Sports and Social Club, which combined the social activities of GEC Elliott-Automation and Marconi-Elliott Avionic Systems at the Airport Works in Rochester, Kent. Amalgamated with Trinity Brass from Maidstone in 1985 to form the current BAE Systems Brass Band (then GEC Avionics Brass Band)

Elliot Concert Brass - Kent
[previous name of current band] See: BAE Systems Brass Band

Elliot’s Metal Co. (I.C.I.) Band
See: Burry Port Town Band

Elliot's Smelting Works Band
See: Burry Port Town Band
Ellistown and Hugglescote Band - Leicestershire
Active in the 1890s

Ellmore's Can and Basket Works Brass Band
See: Syston Silver Band

Ellon Brass Band - Aberdeenshire
Active in the 1890s to WW1. Conductor Mr Whitely in 1899, Mr Littlejohn in 1903, M. Neilson in 1905-1914

Ellon Volunteers Band - Aberdeenshire
Active in 1901

Ellwood's Brass Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1850

Ellmfield Brass (Stockport) - Cheshire
[current band] - Founded in 1982

Elmsett Fellowship Brass Band - Suffolk
[current band]

Elmstead Market Band - Essex
Active in 1910

Elmstead Market Wesleyan Methodist Band - Essex
[no information]

Elmwood Mills Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
[no information]

Elsecar Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1856 to 1867

Elsecar Main Colliery Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1950s to the 1970s. Competed in the Senior Cup in 1962.

Elsecar Prize Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Elsecar Subscription Band

Elsecar Subscription Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1875, conductor H.B. Naylor, and also in 1894, when it presented a silver hunting horn to Viscount Milton on the occasion of his coming of age. Conductor Eli Shaw in 1890. Still active in the 1930s. Presumed to have been replaced by the Elsecar Main Colliery Band after WW2.

Elstead Brass Band - Surrey
Active in the 1900s

Elswick Hopper Brass Band - Barton-on-Humber, Lincolnshire
Active in 1893 and the early 1900s. Richard Weston, a member of Kettering Rifles Band, moved to Barton and joined the Elswick Hopper Brass Band playing Tuba. He worked for Elswick Hopper cycle manufacturer at Barton-on-Humber as a labourer in tube and sheet-metal working and brazing. In 1880 Fred Hopper had established a cycle repair business in a former blacksmith's shop in Brigg Road, Barton-upon-Humber. He went on from repairing cycles to manufacturing them. The business flourished and by 1905 it employed over 400 people. As the business grew it moved to larger premises on Marsh Lane. F. Hopper and Co. also had a large three storied building built on the corner of Holydyke and Brigg Road for offices. The wrapping and packing was done on Brigg Road ready for export. Early pictures of the office had the words “The Butterfly Cycle Company” emblazoned on the wall. The company had started exporting to places such as Australia, Japan, India and South Africa by 1912. Around 1913 the company acquired
the Elswick Cycle company and the company became Elswick Hopper Cycle and Motor Company. In 1936 Elswick Hopper was quoted on the London Stock Exchange.

**Elswick Works Band (1)**
See: *Elswick Hopper Brass Band*

**Elswick Works Band (2) - Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland**
Active in 1891

**Eltham and Woolwich Band**
See: *Eltham Town Band*

**Eltham Brass Band - Kent**
Active in 1868, bandmaster Mr Wimperis

**Eltham Town Band - Kent**
Active in the 1900s. Also known as Eltham and Woolwich Band

**Eltham United Band - Kent**
Active in the 1920s

**Elton Brass Band - Huntingdonshire**
Active in the 1860s to 1867

**Elton Catholic Band - Lancashire**
Founded around 1906, conductor G. Elford

**Elvaston Brass Band - Derbyshire**
Founded in 1869, conductor Mr Gaunt

**Elworth Silver Band - Cheshire**
Edwin Foden was one of the founders of this band in the late 1890s, but the band was dissolved in 1902 after it demanded a fee of £4 for taking part in the local celebrations for the Coronation of King Edward VII. Following this, Edwin Foden reconstituted a band in its place, with new instruments, taking the name of his motor works - Fodens. The rest is history....

**Elwyn Hendy Band - Carmarthenshire**
Active in the 1890s

**Ely Brass Band - Cambridgeshire**
Active in the 1860s

**Ely City Band - Cambridgeshire**
Active from the early 1900s to the 1920s. Bandmaster J.J. Smith in 1920

**Ely Police Band - Cambridgeshire**
Active in 1907

**Ely Railway Silver Band - Cambridgeshire**
Active in the 1920s

**Ely Town Band**
See: *Ely City Band*

**Embsay Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)**
Active in 1866 to 1868

**Emley Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)**
[current band] - Founded in 1870 - Former names: Emley Public Silver Prize Band

**Emley Brass Band**
See: *Emley Public Brass Band*

**Emley Public Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)**
Formed in 1870 as a mixed woodwind and brass ensemble. It was sponsored by the mine in Emley for a time but lost that affiliation when the pit closed. Folded and re-organised
around 1904. Around 1965 it amalgamated with Clayton West Brass Band to form Clayton West and Emley Band (forerunner of the current Emley Brass Band).

**Emley Public Silver Prize Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
[previous name of current band] See: *Emley Brass Band*

**Emlyn Colliery Brass Band**  
See: *Penygros Silver Band*

**Emma Colliery Band** - Ryton, Durham  
Formed in the 1890s and was active through to 1938.

**Emmanuel Church Band** - Camberwell, Surrey  
Founded around 1907, conductor J. Head

**Empingham Mission Band** - Rutland  
[current band] - Founded in 1971 - Note: Founded at the Methodist Chapel, Empingham, Rutland

**Empress Ladies Brass Band** - London  
Active in 1897

**Empress Training Ship Band** - Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire  
See: *Training Ship Empress Brass Band*

**Emsworth Primitive Methodist Brass Band** - Hampshire  
Active in 1910.

**Emsworth Town Brass Band** - Hampshire  
Active from the early 1900s to WW1. Conductor A. Sherman in 1906, W. Brighty in 1914

**Enderby Band** - Leicestershire  
[current band] - Founded in 1895 - Former names: Enderby Silver Prize Band (1935)

**Enderby Brass Band** - Leicestershire  
Active in 1866, 1867

**Enderby Silver Prize Band** - Leicestershire  
[previous name of current band] See: *Enderby Band*

**Enderby Temperance Brass Band** - Leicestershire  
Active from the 1880s to around 1893 and beyond. Some members of the band joined the new rival Enderby Band in 1895.

**Endon Brass Band** - Staffordshire  
Active from 1860 through to the 1880s

**Enfield Brass Band** - Lancashire  
See: *Enfield Catholic Brass Band*

**Enfield Brass Band** - Middlesex  

**Enfield Brass Band** - Middlesex  
Formed in 1861, later known as Enfield Town Band. Active through to WW2 in that form. Merged with the North Middlesex Silver Band in 1949, retaining the North Middlesex name until 1966, when it reverted to Enfield Brass Band - still active in 1978.

**Enfield Catholic Brass Band** - Clayton-le-Moors, Lancashire  
Active from the early 1850s to the 1870s. Also known as Enfield Brass Band, St Mary’s Brass Band

**Enfield Central Band** - Middlesex  
Active from the 1930s to the mid 1950s
Enfield Co-op Band - Middlesex
   [previous name of current band] See: Enfield Brass Band

Enfield Coronation Band - Middlesex
   Active in the 1900s

Enfield Foresters Band - Middlesex
   Active in the 1900s

Enfield Highway Band - Middlesex
   See: New North Middlesex Brass Band

Enfield Motor Museum and Potters Bar Contest Band - Middlesex
   [current band] - Founded in 2005 - Former names: Potters Bar Town Band + Enfield Whitewebbs Museum Brass (for contesting purposes only)

Enfield Old Original Brass Band - Clayton-le-Moors, Lancashire
   Active in the 1870s and 1880s

Enfield Poor Law School Band - Middlesex
   See: Chase Farm School Brass Band

Enfield Primitive Methodist Band - Middlesex
   See: Enfield Temperance Mission Band

Enfield Small Arms Institute Band - Middlesex
   See: North Middlesex Silver Band

Enfield Temperance Mission Band - Middlesex
   Active in the early 1900s. Formed as Enfield Primitive Methodist Band, became Enfield Temperance Band in 1904

Enfield Town Band - Middlesex
   See: Enfield Central Band

Enfield Town Forresters Band - Middlesex
   Active in the early 1900s

Enfield Volunteer Rifles Band - Middlesex
   Active in 1865

Enfield Whitewebbs Museum Brass - Middlesex
   [previous name of current band] See: Enfield Brass Band

English Congregational Church Brass Band - Caerphilly, Glamorgan
   Active in 1908

Enniscaven Brass Band - Cornwall
   Next door to St Dennis, they were formed sometime before 1933 and continued up to, and after World War 2. They did no contesting. Their only conductor appears to have been a James Best, an ex baritone/trombone player from the St Dennis Band.

Epping and District Silver Band - Essex
   [previous name of current band] See: Epping Forest Band

Epping Forest and Loughton Brass Band - Essex
   Active in the 1890s

Epping Forest Band - Essex

Epping Forest Brass Band - Essex
   Active in the 1880s

Epping Forest Military Band - Essex
   Active in 1892.
Epping Harmonic Society Brass Band - Essex
   Active in 1862, conductor Mr Croft

Epping Silver Band - Essex
   [previous name of current band] See: Epping Forest Band

Epping Town Band - Essex
   Founded in 1894 by R.E. Rutland, an engine driver for the Great Eastern Railway. Many original bandsmen were railway workers based at Stratford and the first bandmaster was Tom Smith, another railway worker, whose two sons both played in the band. The first secretary and treasurer was Charlie Hills whose son Sydney still lives in Epping and is a well known local historian. The bandsmen each paid an entry fee of one shilling and subscriptions of threepence a week towards purchase of music. Muries earned by the band were either divided among the bandsmen or put towards uniform purchase. Engagements were many and varied at this time and included playing at the local cycling and athletic club sports meetings, football matches and on the stage of the old town hall when it was used for roller skating. One of the most memorable engagements was an ice carnival on the lake at Coopersale House in February 1895 when the lake was illuminated by small fairy lamps and Chinese lanterns. Hundreds of skaters were entertained by the lady of the House, Miss Archer-Houblon and the carnival was enlivened by the band's music and a firework display. Other celebrations included frequent concerts in the market place and the two days of celebrations for Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee in June 1897. The Epping Band folded in the early 1920s. A successor band (Epping Silver Band) was formed in 1935.

Epsom and Ewell Silver Band - Surrey

Epsom Brass Band - Surrey
   Active in the 1880s through to at least 1918. Conductor F. Hall in the 1890s.

Epsom British Legion Band - Surrey
   Active in the 1950s and 1960s

Epsom Town Band
   See: Epsom Brass Band

Epworth Brass Band - Lincolnshire
   Formed in 1873, still active in the early 1900s

Epworth Temperance Band - Lincolnshire
   Active from the early 1840s - presumed to have folded prior to 1873.

Epworth Wesley Brass Band - Lincolnshire
   Active in 1885

Erchfont Brass Band
   See: Urchfont Prize Brass Band

Ercol Furniture Company Band - High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire
   Active in 1914 and 1921 and the 1940s through to 2007.

Erdington Boys School Brass Band - Warwickshire
   Active in the 1970s

Erdington Brass Band
   See: Erdington Children’s Home Band
Erdington Children's Home Band - Warwickshire
   Active in the early 1900s through to the 1920s. The Erdington Cottage Homes were opened in 1900 by the Aston Union.

Erimus South Bank Band - Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Founded in 1909

Erimus Works Band - Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Formed in 1898 and still active in 1913. Based at the steel works in the town.

Erith British Legion Band - Kent
   Active in the 1920s through to 1953, when it merged with Dartford Borough British Legion Band to form Dartford and Erith Silver Band.

Erith Town Band
   See: Erith British Legion Band

Errington's Brass Band - Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland
   Active in 1867, conducted by T. Ticehurst

Escafeld Brass Band - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [current band] - Founded in the 1980s

Escomb Brass Band
   Active in the 1920s

Esh Colliery Band - Durham
   [previous name of current band] See: Bearpark & Esh Colliery Band

Esh Winning Colliery Welfare Band - Durham
   [previous name of current band] See: Bearpark & Esh Colliery Band

Esher Royal Brass Band
   Active in 1887

Eskbank Band - Midlothian
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Conductor Duncan Marshall in 1901

Essex and Suffolk Brotherhood Brass Band
   Active in 1950

Essex Brass Band - Essex
   [current band]

Essex Club Band - Walthamstow, Essex
   Active in the 1890s

Essex County Lunatic Asylum Brass Band - Brentwood, Essex
   Active in 1862, 1863

Essex Hall Asylum Brass Band - Colchester, Essex
   Active in 1855

Essex Industrial School Band
   See: Chelmsford Industrial School Brass Band

Essex Lunatic Asylum Brass Band - Brentwood, Essex
   See: Essex County Lunatic Asylum Brass Band

Essex Street Baptist Brass Band - Levenshulme, Lancashire
   Active in 1937

Essington Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the early 1900s to WW1.

Eston Junction Railway Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active in 1862
**Eston Miners' Old Brass Band** - Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active from the 1880s to the 1920s. Took part in the ceremony to lay the foundation stones of the Normanby Methodist Church on Saturday June 30th, 1900. Secretary Charles Shaw in 1888. Conductor C.H. Kay in the 1890s

**Eston Mines Brass Band** - Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1864

**Eston Steel Works Brass Band** - Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1893

**Etchingham and Hurst Green Brass Band**
See: *Hurst Green and Etchingham Brass Band*

**Etchingham and Robertsbridge Brass Band** - Sussex
Active in the 1920s and 1930s

**Etchingham Brass Band** - Sussex
Active 1880s to WW1.

**Etherley Brass Band** - High Etherley, Durham
Active in 1869

**Etherley Silver Band** - High Etherley, Durham
Active from the 1890s to WW1

**Etruria Artillery Brass Band** - Staffordshire
Active in the 1860s to the 1880s. Also known as the 1st Staffordshire Artillery Brass Band

**Etton Brass Band** - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active from the 1840s to the 1870s

**Ettrick Brass Band** - Derbyshire
Active in 1852 to 1887. The band rehearsed in Ted Fowkes's father's workshop off Main Street (somewhere in the vicinity of the paper shop) and the drum was kept there among the coffins! The band performed all round the area from the mid 19th century onwards but it seems to have petered out in the 1920s or 30s.

**Ettrick Excelsior Brass Band** - Derbyshire
See: *Ettrick Brass Band*

**Euxton Brass Band** - Lancashire
See: *Euxton Town Band*

**Euxton Hall Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active in 1856 (24 players). Still active in 1868

**Euxton Town Band** - Lancashire
Active from the 1840s to the 1870s. Conductor Herr Pressler in 1869

**Evelyn Hall Mission Band** - Deptford, Kent
Founded in 1899, still active in 1910. Based at the City Mission Evelyn Hall, William Street (later Staunton Street)

**Evenwood Brass Band** - Durham
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

**Evenwood Colliery Band** - Durham
Formed after WW1. Active until 1937. Merged with the Hunwick Colliery Band at some point.

**Evenwood Model Band** - Durham
Active in the 1870s

**Ever Ready Band** - Stanley, Durham
[previous name of current band] See: *Reg Vardy Band*
**Everards Brewery Band** - Leicester, Leicestershire
  See: City of Leicester Band

**Everdon Brass Band** - Northamptonshire
  Active in the 1890s through to 1939. Conductor F. Cole in 1899, R. Bazley (Baseley) in 1934

**Eversden Brass Band** - Cambridgeshire
  [current band] - Founded in 2006

**Eversholt Brass Band**
  Active in 1874 and early 1900s

**Evershot Brass Band** - Dorset
  Active in 1878

**Everton Brass Band** - Bedfordshire
  Active from the 1880s. Conductor William Giles in 1905, T. Hunt in 1915.

**Everton Subscription Band** - Liverpool, Lancashire
  Active in the 1880s to 1900s

**Every Ready GB Band** - Stanley, Durham
  [previous name of current band] See: Reg Vardy Band

**Evesham Amateur Brass Band** - Worcestershire
  See: Evesham Brass Band

**Evesham Brass Band** - Worcestershire
  Active from the 1840s to the early 1950s. Became Evesham Town Band around 1880. The current Evesham Band originated in Evesham Methodist Youth Band founded in 1948

**Evesham Methodist Youth Brass Band** - Worcestershire
  [previous name of current band] See: Avonbank Brass Band

**Evesham Town Band** - Worcestershire
  See: Evesham Brass Band

**Evesham Wesleyan Mission Band** - Worcestershire
  Active in 1906

**Ewell and District Boys Brass Band** - Surrey
  Active in the 1920s

**Ewell Brass Band** - Surrey
  Active in 1899, conductor Mr. Hall

**Ewhurst Brass Band** - Surrey
  Active from the 1880s to the 1920s

**Exbourne Brass Band** - Devon
  Active in 1856 to 1863

**Excelsior Friends Adult School Brass Band** - Colchester, Essex
  Active in 1892-1894, secretary Ebenezer Clark.

**Excelsior Juvenile Brass Band** - Nottingham, Nottinghamshire
  Active in 1876

**Excelsior Ropes Works Band** - Glamorgan
  [previous name of current band] See: City of Cardiff (Melingriffith) Brass Band

**Exchange Communications Whitburn Band** - West Lothian
  [current band] - Founded in 1870 - Former names: Whitburn Town Band (to 1940s), Whitburn Miners Welfare Band (to 1963), Whitburn Burgh Band, Murray International Whitburn Band, Whitburn Band
Exeter and District Southern Railways Band - Devon
   [previous name of current band] See: City of Exeter Railway Band
Exeter Blue Ribbon Army Brass Band - Devon
   Active in the 1880s, conductor George Russell
Exeter British Rail Band - Devon
   [previous name of current band] See: City of Exeter Railway Band
Exeter British Railways (Southern Region) Band - Devon
   [previous name of current band] See: City of Exeter Railway Band
Exeter P.S.A. Silver Band - Devon
   Active in 1907
Exeter Post Office Band - Devon
   Founded in Autumn 1887, bandmaster Mr Palmer, as a military band - still active in 1902
Exeter Public Band - Devon
   Active in 1902
Exeter Temperance Band (1) - Devon
   Founded in 1847
Exeter Temperance Band (2) - Devon
   Active in the 1900s. Conductor W. J. Hutchings in 1906
Exeter Working Men’s Brass Band - Devon
   Formed in 1890, conductor George Russell.
Exhall Brass Band - Warwickshire
   Active from 1861
Exmouth Artillery Corps Brass Band - Devon
   Founded in 1860
Exmouth Brass Band - Devon
   See: Exmouth Artillery Corps Brass Band
Exmouth P.S.A. Brass Band - Devon
   Active in the 1900s and 1910s, conductor B. Smalldon.
Exmouth Subscription Band - Devon
   Active in 1881
Exmouth Town Band - Devon
   Active in 1887
Exmouth Training Ship Band - Grays, Essex
   See: Training Ship Exmouth Brass Band
Exton Brass Band - Devon
   Active in 1866
Eyam Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1880s to 1900s. Conductor Percy Willis in 1903
Eye and Hartismere Yeomanry Band - Suffolk
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s - it may have morphed into a town band at a later date.
Eye Brass Band - Northamptonshire
   Active in 1860
Eye Brass Band - Suffolk
   Active in the 1860s, also in the 1880s/1890s
Eye Volunteers Band - Suffolk
   See: Eye and Hartismere Yeomanry Band
Eynesbury and St Neots Brass Band - Huntingdonshire
Active from 1862 to the 1930s. It was re-organised or revived in 1905. Conductor Mr Ferris in 1892

Eynesbury Brass Band - Huntingdonshire
See: Eynesbury and St Neots Brass Band

Eynsford Brass Band - Kent
Active from the 1890s to the early 1920s - it had disbanded prior to 1929. Drum of the band still exists and is held by the Farningham and Eynsford Local History Society

Eynsham Brass Band - Oxfordshire
Active from 1851 to the 1890s. Secretary W. Sawyer in 1869

Eynsham Hall Brass Band - Oxfordshire
Active in 1887

Eythorne Brass Band - Kent
Active around 1895, and died down to just one or two players by the 1950's, was revived in the 1960's and stayed at full strength until the late 1980's when it reduced in number to just 2 or 3 players. With the return to the village in 1999 of a couple of old members from the 1970's, the band was revived again in 2002 as ex band members reformed and taught their own children to play.

Eythorne Silver Band - Kent
[current band] - Founded in 2002

F. A. Norris Works Brass Band - Wales
Active in 1972, competing the Welsh Area contest.

Failsworth Brass Band
See: Failsworth St John’s Brass Band

Failsworth St John’s Brass Band - Lancashire
Active from the 1860s to the early 1900s

Failsworth Youth Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1950s and 1960s

Fair View Brass Band - Vange, Essex
Formed in 1904, still active in 1911. Conductor Mr Guttridge in 1906

Fair View Brass Band - Vange, Essex
Formed in 1905, conductor T. Stacey

Fairbairn’s Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Leeds Railway Foundry Band

Fairbairn’s Wellington Sax-horn Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Leeds Railway Foundry Band

Fairey Aviation Works Band - Stockport, Cheshire
[previous name of current band] See: Fairey FP (Music) Band

Fairey Engineering Band - Stockport, Cheshire
[previous name of current band] See: Fairey FP (Music) Band

Fairey FP (Music) Band - Stockport, Cheshire
[current band] - Founded in 1937 - Former names: Fairey Aviation Works Band, Fairey Engineering Band, Williams Fairey Engineering Band, Williams Fairey Band

Fairfield (Buxton) Band - Derbyshire
[current band] - Founded in 1865

Fairfield Band - Govan, Lanarkshire
Instituted 1877. Conductor in 1888 was E. Baistow
Fairfield Street Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
Active in 1865

Fairfield Street Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
Active in the 1860s

Fairford Silver Band - Gloucestershire
Formed around 1903 by George Churchman, instruments provided by A.J. Palmer (of the Reading biscuit firm). Folded in January 2009 - some of the band’s instruments, including the original bass drum from 1903, and some of their trophies, were handed over to the Fairford Historical Society.

Fairlop Brass Band - Essex
[current band] - Founded in 1968

Fairwarp Silver Band
See: Fairwarp Silver Band

Fairwarp Silver Band - Sussex
The band had its beginnings in the Ashdown Forest Temperance Band, founded by Frank T Ridley, who started a garage business in Nutley. It was based in the specially built bandroom in Old Forge Lane, Horney Common. The band was supported by Count Munster, owner of Maresfield Park estate from 1898 to 1914. The band split in 1911 when the Nutley members started their own band. After the War the band was started up again by mainly Fairwarp members, backed by Ventura P Misa, the then owner of Oldlands estate, and by the subsequent owner, Sir Bernard Eckstein. Eckstein established a trust, which enabled the band to purchase new uniforms and silver instruments. Previously called the Fairwarp Brass Band, the band seems to have been commonly known as Fairwarp Silver Band from this time. Many of the players were employed on the Oldlands estate. Records of the band, from 1905-1982, are held at the East Sussex Record Office.

Fakenham Brass Band - Norfolk
Active in the 1850s. A successor band was formed in 1881

Fakenham Town Band - Norfolk
[current band] - Founded in 1881

Faldingworth Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active from the early 1900s to 1915. Conductor Tony Brown in 1908

Falkingham Brass Band - Lincolnshire
See: Falkingham Brass Band

Falkirk Aluminium Works Band - Stirlingshire
Active in the 1940s and 1950s

Falkirk and District Trades Band - Stirlingshire
See: Falkirk Trades Band

Falkirk Brass Band - Stirlingshire
Active in 1852

Falkirk Burgh Band - Stirlingshire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Falkirk Camelon Brass Band - Stirlingshire
See: Camelon Brass Band

Falkirk Foundry Brass Band - Stirlingshire
See: Falkirk Iron Works Band
Falkirk Instrumental Brass Band - Stirlingshire
Active in 1869

Falkirk Iron Works Band - Stirlingshire
Founded in 1856. Active through to the 1880s. Conductor James Walker in 1879

Falkirk Public Band - Stirlingshire
Active in 1933

Falkirk R.C. Band - Stirlingshire
Active in the 1900s, conductor William Laurie in 1908

Falkirk Trades Band - Stirlingshire
Active in the early 1900s. In a photograph of 1908 the title is “International Champions”. This was quite a feat for the band as it was probably only in the second section at the time. One of several brass bands in the area, Falkirk Trades first appears in the Scottish Amateur Brass Band Association records in 1905 when it took second place in the third section contest. They filled the same spot in 1906 and three years later took fourth spot in the second section; were third in 1913; and won it in 1919. That was the last listing. On June 8, 1910 a meeting of the sub-committee appointed by the Town Council to confer with three members each of the Falkirk Burgh Military Band and the Falkirk Trades Band on the question of amalgamation was held on Tuesday evening in the Burgh Buildings. Councillor Muirhead (convener) presided, and the other members of the sub-committee, Treasurer Wallace and Councillor Sinclair, were also present. After a lengthy discussion, which mainly went to show that an amalgamation of the two bands was unpracticable and unnecessary, the meeting closed without coming to any finding on this subject.

Falkirk United Trades Band - Stirlingshire
See: Falkirk Trades Band

Fallis’ Brass Band - Idle, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1872

Falmouth Foundry Band - Cornwall
Active in 1885

Falmouth Oddfellows Brass Band - Cornwall
Active in 1862 to 1866

Falmouth Saxtuba Band - Cornwall
Active in 1855 - formed of young mechanics of the town.

Falmouth Town Band (1) - Cornwall
Active in 1912 - headquarters at Rystie and Barber, 3 Waterloo Place. Reformed after WW1 in 1919. Conductor T.G. Moore in the 1930s. Alan Joll, around 1938, was tenor horn player in the band, aged 11, his father, Melville Joll was a trombone player in the band. West of England Champions in 1938.

Falmouth Town Band (2) - Cornwall
Formed in the 1950's, the band progressed to Championship Standard performing alongside Black Dyke Mills Band at the Royal Albert Hall in 1955. Folded in the 1960s. A successor band (Pendennis Brass) was formed in 1980

Falsgrave Brass Band
See: Falsgrave Temperance Band

Falsgrave Temperance Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active from the 1880s. Rename Scarborough Borough Band in 1898. Active through to the late 1920s
Far Forest Brass Band - Worcestershire
   Active in 1896

Far Newland Brass Band
   See: Lincoln Far Newland Brass Band

Farcet Brass Band - Huntingdonshire
   Active in the 1890s and early 1900s. Amalgamated with Farcet Temperance Band in 1906 to form Farcet United Band

Farcet Temperance Band - Huntingdonshire
   Active in the 1900s. Amalgamated with Farcet Brass Band in 1906 to form Farcet United Band

Farcet United Band - Huntingdonshire
   Formed in 1906 by the merger of Farcet Brass Band and Farcet Temperance Band

Farham Amateur Brass Band - Hampshire
   Active in 1845

Farham Brass Band - Hampshire
   Active in 1919

Farham Excelsior Band - Hampshire
   Active in 1878.

Farham Foresters' Brass Band - Hampshire
   Active in 1868 to 1871

Faringdon Brass Band - Oxfordshire
   Formed in 1855. Active in the 1890s, when it played at Longworth festivities

Farington Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1851 to 1863

Farington Mill Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active from the 1890s to the 1930s

Farington Subscription Band
   See: Farington Mill Brass Band

Farm Street Temperance Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
   Active around 1907

Farnah Green Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in 1858

Farnborough Industrial School Band - Hampshire
   Active around 1900 at the National Children's Home in Farnborough

Farnborough Youth Brass Band - Hampshire
   Active in the 1980s

Farndale Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active in 1859 when it took part in the Lofthouse Grand Village Band Contest in November that year. It was conducted by John Potter, had 11 performers, and played Lucrezia Borgia by Donizetti and the test piece, Grand Parade March by Jones.
   Conductor Mr Aconley in 1867. Still active in the 1930s. Competed at the Douthwaite Dale contest in 1935

Farndale Silver Band
   See: Farndale Brass Band

Farndon and District Brass Band - Cheshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1897 - Former names: Jubilee (Victoria) Brass Band, Farndon and Holt Brass Band, Holt and Farndon Brass Band
Farndon and Holt Brass Band - Cheshire
[previous name of current band] See: Farndon & District Brass Band

Farnham Brass Band - Surrey

Farnham Brass Band - Surrey
Active in 1861 - probably did not last much beyond then, as there were discussions in the
town in 1864 to form a brass band associated with the working men's institute as there
was no longer a similar band in the town.

Farnham Crosby Concert Band - Surrey
[previous name of current band] See: Farnham Brass Band

Farnham Excelsior Band - Surrey
Active in 1892

Farningham Brass Band - Kent
[no information]

Farningham Home for Little Boys Brass Band - Kent
Active from 1869 to the 1900s. Band run at an orphanage at Horton Kirkby, near
Farningham. Travelled across Britain raising funds for the Home and making wider
known the plight of similar homes across the country. Conductor H.V. Sparrow in 1906.

Farnley Brass Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1864

Farnley Ironworks Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the 1860s to the early 1900s. Conductor W. Jasper in 1865. At Winterton
Agricultural show in 1903, Farnley Iron Works Band provided the programme of music.
Farnley Iron Works was founded in 1846. Farnley Iron Works produced more bricks than
iron and eventually became part of the Leeds Fireclay Co (1889). It produced both
household and firebricks.

Farnley Old Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1890s

Farnley Temperance Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1860 to 1893

Farnsfield Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Founded in 1857. Still active in 1869

Farnworth Amateur Band - Lancashire
Active in 1883 when they competed in the 1883 Belle Vue contest, coming third.

Farnworth and Kearsley Silver Prize Band - Lancashire
[no information]

Farnworth and Walkden Band - Lancashire
[current band] - Founded in 2004 - Former names: Eaton Farnworth & Walkden Band -
Note: Formed by the merger of Eaton Farnworth Brass Band and Walkden Band in 2004

Farnworth New Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1900s to the 1920s

Farnworth Old (Barnes') Band
See: Farnworth Old Band

Farnworth Old Band - Lancashire
Formed in 1848 by Thomas Barnes, a mill owner, originally known as Band of the
Farnworth Cotton Mills, later as Barnes' Band, Tapps Rifles' Band (c.1860), Farnworth
Old (Barnes') Band, Farnworth Old Band, West Lancs Home Guard Band (during WW2),
and Farnworth Old Band (to 1990) when it merged with Eaton (Truck Components) Band to form Eaton Farnworth Brass Band. For a full history of the band, see: Walker, Matthew - The History of Farnworth and Walkden Brass Band - 2004

**Farnworth Public Band** - Lancashire
Active in 1884 and 1909

**Farnworth Temperance Band** - Lancashire
Active in 1894 when, under the Conductorship of Mr J Crossley, on September 1st, they “discoursed the following programme before a highly appreciative assemblage of the Public: March - The Battle and the Breeze (Wadson); Lancers - Merry and Wise (Harris); Fantasia - Pride of Ireland (Round); Valse - Valley of Ferns (Round); Anthem - Jerusalem my glorious Home (Mason).”

**Farr’s of Luton Brass Band** - Bedfordshire
See: **Sundon Park Brass Band**

**Farsley Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the 1880s to WW1. Seth Grimshaw conductor in 1888

**Farsley Old Band**
See: **Farsley Brass Band**

**Fartown Brass Band** - Huddersfield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1894

**Fartown Brass Band** - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in 1876

**Fatfield Brass Band** - Durham
Active in the 1880s

**Father Berry’s Homes Brass Band** - Liverpool, Lancashire
The band was active in the late 1890s. Father Berry’s Home for Catholic Boys was opened in Liverpool in 1892, other homes also existed. From the early 1900s children were being emigrated to Canada from Father Berry’s Homes, and two homes were set up in Canada for this purpose.

**Fauldhouse Brass Band** - West Lothian
Active in the 1880s to the 1900s

**Fauldhouse Miner’s Brass Band** - West Lothian
[current band] - Founded in 1975

**Faversham Brass Band** - Kent
Founded in January 1860, conductor A. Bourne. Active in the 1860s

**Faversham Mission Brass** - Kent
[current band] - Founded in 1882 - Former names: Faversham Gospel Brass Band

**Faversham Town Band** - Kent
Active in the 1890s and 1900s, also the 1930s

**Fawcett Liberal and Radical Club Band** - Notting Hill, Middlesex
Active in the 1900s

**Fawley Brass Band** - Hampshire
Active in 1869

**Fawr Silver Band**
Founded in the 1870s. Its first bandmaster was Evan Davies, who had had previous experience with bands in South Wales. Evan Davies suffered from pains in his thigh, and he walked with a limp. When teaching the band to march he used to hobble along the schoolroom floor with one hand cupped round his lips, singing 'Tara-ra-ra' like a cornet.
When the pain occurred he would stop suddenly and cry out, “O, my thigh!!” and so it went on: 'Ta-ra-ra-ra - O, MY THIGH!'. The Waun Fawr band was one of the ten that competed at Pw!then in 1898 when a near riot broke out. Each band was to start from the Crown Hotel and march to the White Hall where they were to form a circle and play the march right through again so thin the adjudicator, who was seated by an open window above them, could hear. Probably through faulty timing, the second band arrived at the White Hall before the first hand had finished. Other bands followed closely. and soon there were five bands blowing furiously and creating a deafening noise as they tried to drown each other. A free fight followed and the instruments became weapons. Nobody won the competition as it was declared void.

Fazeley Band of Hope Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in 1886, conductor Mr Titterton

Featherstone and Coanwood Brass Band - Northumberland
Founded in early 1863, conductor Mr Peart

Featherstone Brass Band - Middlesex
See: Featherstone County Boy’s School Brass Band

Featherstone Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the 1870s to the early 1900s. Secretary Walter Battye in 1899

Featherstone County Boy’s School Brass Band - Southall, Middlesex
Active from the 1960s to the 1980s

Featherstone Main Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Featherstone Silver Band

Featherstone Model Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Featherstone Brass Band

Featherstone Silver Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1930s/40s

Featherstone Subscription Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Featherstone Silver Band

Featherstone Youth Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Featherstone County Boy’s School Brass Band

Fechney Industrial School Brass Band - Perth, Perthshire
Active in 1874 through 1917. The school was founded in 1864, in Wells Hill.

Fechney Institution Brass Band
See: Fechney Industrial School Brass Band

Fechney School Band
See: Fechney Industrial School Brass Band

Feckenham Brass Band - Worcestershire
Active in 1868, 1899

Feckenham Village Brass Band - Worcestershire
See: Feckenham Brass Band

Felindre Brass Band - Glamorgan

Felling Band - Durham
[current band] - Founded in 1873 - Former names: Heworth Colliery Band, Washington Glebe Band (following the colliery closure) (to 1972) - Note: At some point, as Heworth Colliery Band, it amalgamated with Felling Town Silver Band, retaining its name

Felling Brass Band
See: Felling Saxhorn Band
Felling Chemical Works Band - Durham
   Founded in 1859. Active in the 1860s and 1870s. Conductor R. Clemitson in 1865

Felling Colliery Silver Band
   See: Windy Nook Temperance Band

Felling Lane Band - Durham
   Active in 1905

Felling Saxhorn Band - Durham
   Founded in 1865, with instruments provided through the liberality of H.L. Pattinson & Co. Conductor at their first contest appearance in 1867 was Thomas Woods. Active through to the 1880s, later known as Felling Brass Band. A successor Felling Band later arose out of the Heworth Colliery Band, eventually renamed in 1972

Felling Temperance Band - Durham
   Active in 1898 and the 1900s

Felling Town Silver Band
   Merged with Heworth Colliery Band (forerunner of the current Felling Band) at some point

Feltham Brass Band - Middlesex
   Active from the early 1860s to the early 1900s. Conductor George Marshal in the 1880s and 1890s

Feltham Industrial School Band - Middlesex
   Active from the 1880s to the early 1900s, bandmaster E. James. The Middlesex Industrial School was established in 1854 in Bedfont Road, holding up to 700 boys. It closed in 1909

Feltham Reformatory Boys' Brass Band - Middlesex
   Active in 1867. The reformatory was opened in January 1859

Feltham Town Band
   See: Feltham Brass Band

Feltham Volunteers Band - Middlesex
   Active in the 1890s

Felton Amateur Brass Band - Northumberland
   See: Felton Brass Band

Felton Brass Band - Northumberland
   Active in 1861, 1876, and 1887, when it organised a duet contest. Also in 1896. Conductor Mr Jeffreys in 1862

Feltwell Brass Band - Norfolk
   Active in the 1900s to WW1

Fenland Music Centre Brass Band - March, Cambridgeshire
   Active in the 1980s

Fenny Compton Brass Band - Warwickshire
   Active in the 1890s through to the late 1920s. Conductor Arthur Knight in 1907

Fenny Stratford Brass Band
   See: Fenny Stratford Town Band

Fenny Stratford Station Band - Buckinghamshire
   Active in the 1900s, conductor A. Broughton in 1904

Fenny Stratford Town Band - Buckinghamshire
   Active in the 1870s through to the 1920s - continuing its activities through WW1. Conductor H. Franklin in 1880-1917
**Fenton Industrial Brass Band** - Staffordshire  
Active in 1864

**Fenton’s Brass Band** - Heywood, Lancashire  
Active in 1863 - workers at Messrs Fenton’s cotton mills at Hooley Bridge

**Feock Brass Band** - Cornwall  
Not a long history, they were known to be functional from 1882 to 1914. In the 1887 period they were conducted by John Chegwyn. After World War 1 they found that they were unable to continue, so they sold their instruments to Bleak House Band.

**Fergushill Brass Band** - Ayrshire  
Active in 1879, when it took part in a procession in August to inaugurate the Kilmarnock Burns Monument and Kay Park, accompanying the Oddfellows Lodge, who had gorgeous banners illustrative of the objects of the Order, and the fantastic robes and head gear of the officials attracted no little notice. One member of the Fergushill Band was John Murphy. He was unmarried and lived with his father at 152 Five Roads. He was employed by Greig’s, a building company, and died in 1916, aged 41, in France.

**Ferguslie Brass Band**  
See: *J. & P. Coats Ltd Brass Band*

**Ferndale and Blaenllechau Workmen’s Band** - Glamorgan  
Records held in the University of Wales (Swansea) include: Minutes 1923-1927; agreement 1927; note of payments to band members

**Ferndale Brass Band (1)** - Glamorgan  
Active in 1870. Folded before 1881 when a successor band was formed.

**Ferndale Brass Band (2)** - Glamorgan  
Formed in 1881. Known as Ferndale Select Band in its early years. Was associated with the Ferndale Colliery by 1895, and may have been so from the beginning. Its forerunner was the Blue Ribbon Army Band which used the Rhondda Hotel as it’s headquarters. In 1894 it came second in a brass band contest at Porth, conducted by Mr James Ryan. It was conducted by a Mr Powell in 1898. Their bandroom code of conduct included “You must be gentlemanly, civil and courteous”. In 1927 Mr T M Powell led the band to success in at least one contest. It was still playing in the 1950s.

**Ferndale Junior Band** - Glamorgan  
Founded in 1903

**Ferndale Select Band**  
See: *Ferndale Brass Band (2)*

**Ferndale Stars of Temperance Band** - Glamorgan  
Founded in 1905, conductor Gordon Day.

**Ferndale Temperance Band**  
See: *Ferndale Stars of Temperance Band*

**Ferndown Brass Band** - Dorset  
Was active in 1903 through to the 1980s. A successor band was formed in 1990.

**Ferndown Concert Brass** - Dorset  
[current band] - Founded in 1990

**Ferodo Works Band** - Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire  
Formed in 1951 at the behest of the management of the local Ferodo factory in Chapel-en-le-Frith. The founding members included the conductor Frank Moss (also conductor of the Chapel-en-le-Frith Band), Jack Allcock, Sam Allcock, Charlie Brindley, Bernard Bygrave, Solomon Clayton, Bill Fletcher, Alf Garlic, Jimmy Gregson, Harold Hill, Ted
Holland, Jack Holmes, Jim Hulley, Alan Jackson, Jimmy Mycock, Jack Osborne, Walter Pearson, Norman Ringham and Alf Sellars. George Hespe, formerly of Sheffield Transport Band, became musical director in 1953 and led the band to victory at the British Open in 1955. The band folded in 1958 following the withdrawal of support from Ferodo. Tim Mutum recorded: An entrepreneur with the rather spectacular name of Herbert Frood formed the Ferodo Company in 1897. In need of a catchy brand name to move the company forward he rearranged the letters of his surname to coin the word 'Ferodo' and soon set about building his company organisation in Chapel-en-le-Frith in the Peak District of Derbyshire, by inventing everything from asbestos brake pads to the first bullet proof clothing. In 1951, at the behest of the management at the factory, a band was established - the Ferodo Works Band. The late Bill Skelton, one of the best horn players of his day, and who first went to Belle Vue in 1927, was one of the 'name' players in the band. He later said it was one of the happiest bands he played with. The company offered generous retainers and therefore attracted good players. In addition to Skelton, two former Black Dyke principals, Willie Lang and Bernard Bygraves joined the ranks, and Ferodo made its contest debut in Nottingham in 1952 under the direction of Fred Mortimer. That the management wanted the band to succeed became apparent with the appointment of George Hespe as Musical Director in 1953. Hespe was aged 53 at the time, and had served in the Army as band boy and bandmaster between 1914 and 1933. He then turned his hand to conducting brass bands and for a time he also played tuba in the BBC Northern and Hall, orchestras. Hespe's compositions included the march, 'Kinderscout', the trombone solo 'Melodie et Caprice' (sometimes anglicised to 'Melody and Caprice') and, most notably, the suite, 'The Three Musketeers', adopted as the test piece for the Belle Vue Championship in 1953. His impact was immediate - the band winning the Leicester Band Festival on Easter Monday. Bill Skelton recalled his impressions of Hespe: "He was a marvellous, considerate man with the welfare of all his bandsmen at heart. Everything was perfection. We were the busiest band in the country. When we toured the accommodation was all first class. It was a young band - I was one of the oldest in it - and we were very adaptable, we could play anything. Ferodo's contesting victories at the highest level were spectacular given the short life of the band itself. The band came 3rd at the Grand Shield in 1953, and went on to come runner up at the British Open the following year. The band qualified for the National Finals in 1954 too (after coming runner up at the Midland Regional) - coming 6th off the number 2 draw on 'Sovereign Heritage'. It was their only appearance at London. The startling success of their Open victory of 1955 seemingly heralded a new major contesting force, as in 1956 they added the prestigious Edinburgh Festival title. That was the high water mark though - fourth place at Belle Vue later that year was followed by their last appearance in Manchester in 1957 when they came out of the prizes. They were never seen at the contest again, although their winning performance of 1955 was later recorded. There is one other small story to relate about Ferodo's. Again it comes from Bill Skelton, who told of the night Mr Hespe couldn't make a rehearsal. "Young Elgar Howarth turned up. He was what you might call a whizz kid. I remember he asked me if I could give him a bit more - I always reckoned I had a big tone, you know, and he wanted more, so I really let rip. Startled the life out of him it did. The year was 1957. A year later the company disbanded the band for what was termed 'economic reasons'. The company had worked out that in seven years they had spent £70,000 more than the band had earned.
Ferranti's Works Brass Band - Hollinwood, Lancashire
Founded in the late 1890s, active into the 1900s. Became Hollinwood Brass Band around 1904

Ferry Brass Band
See: South Ferry Brass Band

Ferry Quarry Brass Band - South Ferriby, Lincolnshire
Active in the 1890s

Ferry Bridge Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Founded in 1881

Ferryhill and Dean Bank Band - Durham
Active between 1907 and 1935

Ferryhill Brass Band - Durham
Active in the 1880s

Ferryhill Temperance Band - Durham
Active between 1907 and 1911

Ferryhill Town Band - Durham

Festiniog Brass Band
See: Blaenau Festiniog Brass Band

Fewston Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1856

Ffrith Brass Band - Flintshire
Active in the early 1900s

Ffrwd Brass Band - Flintshire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Ffrwd Juvenile Temperance Band - Flintshire
Active in 1885, conducted by Miss Cotterill

Ffrwd White Star Brass Band - Flintshire
Active in 1887, conductor Mr Griffiths

Ffynnongroew Excelsior Band - Flintshire
See: Ffynnongroyw Brass Band

Ffynnongroyw Brass Band - Flintshire
Active in the 1890s

Field and Alcock's Brass Band - Stourbridge, Worcestershire
Active in 1858 and 1859

Field and Alcock's Saxhorn Band - Stourbridge, Worcestershire
See: Field and Alcock's Brass Band

Field Lane Industrial School Band - Clerkenwell, Middlesex
Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Mr Bonner was conductor in the early 1900s. The school was originally set up as a “ragged school” by Andrew Provan in 1860 and had links with Lord Shaftesbury and Charles Dickens.
Fieldhouse Mills Brass Band - Rochdale, Lancashire
   Active in the early 1880s. The Fieldhouse cotton mills were operated by John Bright. He was known as an unyielding, unsympathetic mill owner, and it is surprising that a band flourished under his patronage, albeit towards the end of his life.

Fife and Forfar T.A. Band - Fife
   See: Fife and Forfar Yeomanry Brass Band

Fife and Forfar Yeomanry Brass Band - Fife
   Active in the 1950s

Fife Brass Band - Banff, Banffshire
   Active in 1852 to 1862

Fife City Brass Band - Banff, Banffshire
   See: Fife Brass Band

Fife Pottery Brass Band - Kirkcaldy, Fife
   See: Links Pottery Brass Band

Fifehead Neville Primitive Methodist Band - Dorset
   Active in the 1900s

Figheldean and Netheravon Band - Wiltshire
   Active in the 1900s, conductor J. Plank

Figheldean Brass Band
   See: Figheldean and Netheravon Band

Filby Brass Band - Norfolk
   Active in the 1900s

Filey Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Founded in 1865, with 12 members, conductor Mr Hoggard. Active through to the 1970s. The leader in 1905 was Ellis Wood, of 8 Victoria Avenue. It folded before 1979 - its remaining members helped to form the Dennis Bayley Hunmanby and District Silver Band in 1979.

Filey Silver Band
   See: Filey Brass Band

Filleigh Brass Band - Devon
   Active in 1857

Fillingham Brass Band
   See: Fillingham Rectory Brass Band

Fillingham Rectory Brass Band - Lincolnshire
   Active in 1858. Conductor J.T. Martin in 1860

Filton Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   Active from the early 1900s to the 1930s

Filton Concert Brass - Gloucestershire
   [current band] - Founded in 1975

Finchampstead Brass Band - Berkshire
   Active in 1902 and 1903

Finchdean Brass Band - Hampshire
   Active in the 1880s to 1910s. Conductor Mark Powell, 1890-1897

Finchingfield Brass Band - Essex
   Active in the 1900s

Finchley Borough Band - Middlesex
   Active in 1964
Finchley Brass Band - Middlesex
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Finedon Dolben Prize Band
See: Finedon Old Prize Band

Finedon New Town Band - Northamptonshire
Active in the 1890s

Finedon Old Prize Band - Northamptonshire
Founded in 1877 as Finedon Dolben Prize Band, later renamed the Finedon Old Prize Band. Played for the Duchess of Albany, on the occasion of her visit to Finedon in 1883. Played as part of the celebrations for the visit to Northampton of His Majesty King George V and Her Majesty Queen Mary on Tuesday the 23rd September 1913 - at Victoria Park and Bath Street Recreation Ground. On 1st July 1935, the band made a broadcast on the BBC Midland Region. Won the Grand Shield in 1957. Report from Finedon Parish Magazine in 1957: “And this years champions are the band that played at No 13’. These were the words that proclaimed Finedon Old Band winners of the Grand Shield, at the Spring Brass Band Festival of Great Britain held at Belle Vue, Manchester, on Saturday May 18th. Such was the reward for weeks of hard work and preparation by all the bandsmen and their conductor, Arthur Remmington. The set piece was ?Tintagel? by Dr Denis Wright who acted as adjudicator. Being awarded 190 points from a possible 200 speaks. Together with a magnificent shield goes a cash prize of £75 and an Illuminated Diploma, all of which will be presented by A.S.Felton, Esq., of the famous Munn and Felton Works Band, at a concert to be held at the Town Hall on Friday 31st. Mrs T. Neal, president of the band will preside, supported by Mr Geo Clarke, president of the club.” The band was wound up in 1959.

Finedon Temperance Band - Northamptonshire
Formed in 1907 by the Curate the Rev. R.E. Ammand MA and supported by Miss Ellen Mackworth-Dolben. It was a rival band to the Finedon Old Prize Band, in fact, several people played in both bands from time to time. This band was wound up in 1914 and the instruments bought by the Old Prize Band.

Fingringhoe Brass Band - Essex
Active in the 1880s and the early 1900s

Finsbury Amateur Brass Band - Middlesex
Active in 1866, conductor W. Chattaway

Finsbury Borough Band - Middlesex
See: Peel Institute Brass Band

Finsbury Polytechnic Brass Band - Middlesex
Active from the early 1890s to the early 1900s, Albert Morelli conductor

Finsbury Temperance Band
See: Leysian Methodist Mission Brass Band

Finstock Brass Band - Oxfordshire
Played at Cornbury Park on 7 April 1888

Fir View Brass Band - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1863

Firbeck Colliery (Ambulance) Band - Rotherham, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the 1920s to the 1940s
Firs Lane Band - Leigh, Lancashire
Active from the 1880s to WW1. Competed in a contest in Leigh in 1884, organised by St Joseph's Brass Band, at which they gave a “very poor performance”. They were one of the bands that played at the opening of Leigh Town Hall in 1907. In August 1910 Mr.Holden gave permission for Firs Lane Band to give a concert on the Fair Ground in Twist Lane.

First City Brass - Colindale, Middlesex
[current band]

First City Brass - London
Founded by MD Jeremy Wise in November 1997, folded in 2002. First City were formed in November 1997 and were immediately graded as a Championship Section Band due to the quality of the players who had decided to join Jeremy Wise on what was seen as perhaps the most exciting brass band project to come out of the capital city. With their distinctive dress sense - they didn't have uniforms as such but performed in a series of multi coloured fashion shirts - the band quickly made an impression. The demise of the band however had been forecast by many right from the start as it was said at the time of the bands first contest that they were only able to compete due to they themselves “poaching” players from other established bands in the London Area such as the once powerful John Laing (Hendon) Band.

Fishburn Band - Durham
[current band] - Founded in the 1950s - Former names: Fishburn Colliery Welfare Band, National Smokeless Fuels (Fishburn) Band, National Smokeless Fuels Band, NSF (Coal Products) Band, Coal Products (CPL) Band

Fishburn Colliery Welfare Band - Durham
[previous name of current band] See: Fishburn Band

Fisher and Ludlow Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
[previous name of current band] See: City of Birmingham Brass Band

Fisher and Ludlow Works Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
[previous name of current band] See: City of Birmingham Brass Band

Fisher Lads Naval Brigade Band - Hastings, Sussex
Active in the early 1900s

Fishermen's Band - Blackpool, Lancashire
See: Blackpool Lifeboat Band

Fishermen's Band - Cleethorpes, Lincolnshire
See: Cleethorpes Fishermen’s Band

Fishermen's Band - Flamborough, Yorkshire (East Riding)
See: Flamborough United Brass Band

Fishermen’s Brass Band - Arbroath, Angus
See: Arbroath Fishermen’s Brass Band

Fishermen's Brass Band - Folkestone, Kent
See: Folkestone Fishermen’s Brass Band

Fishermen's Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
See: West Hull Excelsior Silver Band

Fisherton House Asylum Brass Band - Salisbury, Wiltshire
Active in 1866
Fishponds Argyle Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
Active from the 1890s to the late 1940s. Possibly re-organised in 1903. Secretary F. Chappell in 1921. Took part in a festival of brass bands at the Colston Hall, Bristol in 1933.

Fishponds Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
Active from the 1860s to the early 1900s.

Fishponds British Legion Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
Active from the 1930s to the 1960s.

Fishponds British Legion Band - Gloucestershire
[previous name of current band] See: City of Bristol Brass Band

Fison's Brass Band - Burley in Wharfedale, Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Messrs William Fison and Co.'s Brass Band

Fitzroy Ironworks Brass Band - Marylebone, Middlesex
See: Fitzroy Works Brass Band

Fitzroy Works Brass Band - Marylebone, Middlesex
Active in 1865. The Fitzroy works were located in Euston Road, owned by Frederick Braby & Co., Wholesale and Export Manufacturers of Zinc, Galvanized Iron, Tanks, Perorated Zinc, Roofing Felt, etc. Still active in 1866

Fitzwilliam Street Brass Band - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1890s

Five B's Band - Coalville, Leicestershire
The “Best Blooming Band between Burton and Bagworth”. (Burton on Trent and Bagworth were places on the Midland Railway on either side of Coalville). Active around 1900.

Five Rivers Brass - Northumberland
[previous name of current band] See: Backworth Colliery Band

Flackwell Heath Concert and Youth Band - Buckinghamshire
Active in the 1970s.

Flackwell Heath Silver Band - Buckinghamshire
Founded in 1906, bandmaster Mr Gomm. Active to the 1930s. Conductor W.H. Stanley in 1931

Flagg and Monyash Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in 1869

Flamborough Artillery Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in the 1870s.

Flamborough Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in 1862

Flamborough Fishermen's Band
See: Flamborough United Brass Band

Flamborough United Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Founded around the 1890s (perhaps when the old Artillery Band ceased to function), and it was certainly in existence in 1908, a time when Flamborough still had to rely on itself for most things including amusement and recreation. Also known as Flamborough Fishermen's Band. The new band was to have a life, with interruptions, of half a century or more and early members included Matthew Major, Mark Major senior and junior, Tanton Fell, Harold Marshall Jack Cowling (who with Matt. Bailey was among the first conductors), and G. Waud, not to mention Tom Woodhouse senior, an obvious choice for
the bass drum being, I understand, built on even more massive lines than his famous son. Bandmaster in 1909 was A. Gibbon. Like its predecessor the band practised in the old Drill Hall (now Smith’s Coal Depot), and it soon began to make itself useful in village concerts, socials, processions etc. It had its ups and downs of course even from the beginning, finance being always a problem for it had no wealthy patrons and so had to make its own way. Instruments and uniforms were a heavy charge on the funds and the minute books record a long succession of dances, concerts, and jumble sales held to raise money. More than once major items had to be bought on the instalment plan, and it must have been a happy moment when, at the Annual General Meeting in 1939, the treasurer, Mr. H. C. Marshall was able to report a balance in hand of over £10. Unfortunately he was obliged to announce his resignation at the same time owing to the nature of his work which would take him away from the village in the near future. A sad blow this, as Mr. Marshall had served the band well both as treasurer and player over a number of years. It was the custom, as another way of raising funds, for the band to tour the village at Christmas time, and the records refer to the purchase of music suitable for this purpose. Later it was decided to install electric light in the practice room, “provided that the owner of the building, Mr. Smith, had no objection and that payment could be made at the rate of 8d. per unit, all the members agreeing to contribute a penny per week to meet the cost.

**Fleckney Silver Band** - Leicestershire
[current band] - Founded in 1895

**Fleet Air Arm Volunteer Brass Band** - Arbroath, Angus
Active in the 1960s and early 1970s. Based at HMS Condor.

**Fleet Brass Band** - Hampshire
Active in the 1890s to WW1. It was re-organised in 1900, conductor Mr Cooper. J. Ritchie was conductor in 1908. A “Number 2 Band” was also in existence at some point.

**Fleet Town Prize Silver Band** - Hampshire
Active in the 1930s

**Fleet Wesleyan Mission Band** - Hampshire
Active in the 1900s. W.A. Parnell conductor

**Fleets Colliery Band** - Tranent, East Lothian
Active in the 1930s and 1940s. Fleets was a very wet pit, and a Cornish beam pumping engine was installed in the late 1880s. The colliery closed in early 1959.

**Fleetwood Brass Band (1)** - Lancashire
Active in the 1840s and 1850s, presumably folding prior to 1860

**Fleetwood Brass Band (2)** - Lancashire
Founded in 1861. Active through to the early 1900s.

**Fleetwood British Legion Band** - Lancashire
Active in the 1930s

**Fleetwood Town Band**
See: **Fleetwood Brass Band**

**Fleggburgh Brass** - Norfolk
Formed in 1991, renamed Norfolk Broads Brass in 1996. By 2001 it had amalgamated with its sister organisation, the Norfolk Broads Wind Band, to form the current Norfolk Broads Concert Band.
Fletcher's Works Band - Warrington, Lancashire
  Active in the mid-1880s, associated with the gas appliance manufacturers Thomas Fletcher & Co. based at Thynne Street and later at the Palatine Works on Wilderspool Causeway.

Fletching Village Brass Band - Sussex
  Formed c.1886

Fletton Brass Band - Huntingdonshire
  Active in the 1840s and 1850s, conductor Mr Preston in 1848-1852. A successor band was formed in 1904

Fletton Subscription Band
  See: Old Fletton Victoria Prize Band

Fletton Victoria Prize Band
  See: Old Fletton Victoria Prize Band

Fleur-de-Lis Brass Band - Pengam, Glamorgan
  Active in the early 1900s to WW1 and in the 1930s. Willie Morgan conductor in 1903

Fleur-de-Lis Temperance Band
  See: Fleur-de-Lis Brass Band

Flimby Saxhorn Brass Band (1) - Cumberland
  Active from the 1870s, conductor T. A. Haigh. Disbanded prior to the 1890s. A successor band was formed around 1892

Flimby Saxhorn Brass Band (2) - Cumberland
  Founded around 1892, conductor H. Nicholson in the early 1900s. It was disbanded in 1931 - W. Ditchburn had been bandmaster and player with the band for over 50 years. Secretary at that time was Mr Lancaster. The band had very little financial resources and very few members, they had lost six members in the previous few months and had not had a full band for five years. The instruments were put into storage. A successor band was formed at some time.

Flimby Saxhorn Brass Band (3) - Cumberland
  Formed some time after the previous band, and active through to the 2000s, finally folding around 2008.

Flimby Saxhorn Silver - Cumberland
  [current band]

Flint and Holywell Volunteers Band
  See: Flint Volunteers Band

Flint Brass Band - Flintshire
  Active from the early 1860s to the 1890s

Flint British Legion Band - Flintshire
  Active in 1948

Flint Choral Society's Brass Band - Flintshire
  Founded in 1857, conductor Mr Hull. Leader William Foulkes in 1860, John Lloyd in 1867.

Flint Glass Makers' Brass Band - Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland
  See: Glass Makers' Brass Band

Flint Town Silver Band - Flintshire
  Formed after WW1. Active from the 1920s to the 1980s

Flint Volunteers Band - Flintshire
  Active from the 1880s to the early 1900s
Flintshire Brass Band - Flintshire
Active in 1867, conductor John Jones

Flixton Band - Lancashire

Flixton Brass Band (1)
Active in the 1850s, folded prior to the formation of the Flixton Volunteer Band in 1877.

Flixton Brass Band (2)
See: Flixton Volunteer Band

Flixton Silver Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Flixton Band

Flixton Volunteer Band
Formed in 1877 from the formation of the Flixton 1st Volunteer Battalion, Manchester Regiment. Known as Flixton Brass Band from 1908 when the Volunteers terminated. The depression of the 1930's took its toll, and in 1933, with many players leaving the area to find work, and people not having enough spare time, the band disbanded. Some of the instruments were held in trust in the hope that the band would be reformed at a future date. A successor band formed in 1967.

Flockton Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Flockton United Brass Band

Flockton Old Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Flockton United Brass Band

Flockton United Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Originally formed as a brass and reed band in 1838 and known as Flockton United. Conductor G. Webster in 1860. Reeds were dropped around 1858 and the band became brass only. It celebrated its centenary in 1938 and was active through until around 1955.

Flookburgh Band - Lancashire
[current band] - Founded in 1909 - Former names: Flookburgh Village Hall Brass Band (to 1937), Flookburgh Silver Band

Flookburgh Silver Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Flookburgh Band

Flookburgh Village Hall Brass Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Flookburgh Band

Floore Band
See: Flore Brass Band

Flore Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Founded in 1892, conducted by Mr Roberts. William G. Hall conductor in 1900-18?. Secretary in 1911 was E.T. Garner, Treasurer G. Meacock. Still active in 1931. At some point (in the 1920s?) William Hall junior took over the baton.

Florence Brass - Staffordshire
[current band] - Founded in 1920 - Former names: Bucknall Ex-Servicemen's Band, Staffordshire Police Band, Staffordshire Special Constabulary Band, Stoke on Trent City Police Band, Band of Staffordshire Police (to 2001)

Flowers Band - Gloucestershire
[current band] - Founded in 1965 - Former names: City of Gloucester Band, Flowers Band, Hawthorne Brewery Band, Message Maker (Gloucester) Band, Polysteel Band

Flowery Field Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in 1858, 1862
Flush Mills Heckmondwike Band
See: Heckmondwike Flush Mills Band

Flyford Flavell Brass Band - Worcestershire
Active in 1861, 1863

Fochabers Brass Band - Morayshire
Active from 1865 to the 1890s. Conductor Mr Barclay in 1892

Fochabers Volunteers Brass Band - Morayshire
Active in 1867

Fochriw Brass Band - near Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan
Formed around 1886. The first mention of Fochriw Brass Band was in Merthyr Express newspaper cuttings of 1887 when it was advised that, on 20 August 1887, the Fochriw Brass Band led the Fochriw Church Sunday School procession and played very well considering that they had only been practicing for 12 months. Therefore it may be assumed that it was formed in 1886. As a child in the 1950's I can recall the band coming around the streets of Fochriw on a Christmas Day and being told that after its disbandment, the instruments were kept under the New Hall stage. The newspaper reports are from 1887 to 1904 and it would appear that many honours such as 1sts and 2nds and gold and silver places were won by the band at eisteddfodau across the length and breadth of Wales. July 1893 - South Wales and Monmouthshire Brass Band Association, 3rd Annual Contest, Penydarren Park, Merthyr Tydfil - 2nd prize in second of two sections. 1894 - Caerphilly - Chief prize 1894 - Bridgend Eisteddfod (16 bands competing) - 2nd prize and Silver Medal 1895 - Welshpool Eisteddfod - 2nd prize in the selection section 1896 - Merthyr Tydfil - 1st in the selection section, shared 1st in the march. Report: “During last 2 months band had won 7 prizes - 6 firsts” 26 August 1899 - Machen - 1st in marching section, 3rd in selection section, conductor W.R. Dawson. 30 August 1902 - At the Dowlais Miner's Federation Demonstration, led by Keir Hardie MP, the Fochriw Band led the procession. The Demonstration was about the struggle over the sliding scale and 8 hour day for miners. 25 April 1903 - Abergavenny and East Monmouthshire Competition (9 bands competing) - 3rd in first section, 4th in second section 3 October 1903 - Report on year's performance to date. Prizes at: Cardiff, Abergavenny (2), Senghenydd, Rhymney, Pentre, Mountain Ash, New Tredegar (2), Merthyr Vale, Pontlottyn and Caerphilly. Although a class C band, they had taken prizes in all A, B and C classes. Mr David Phillips of Pontlottyn was the bandmaster in November 1887; Mr Dawson conducted the band at Machen on 26 August 1899; In March 1903 the conductor was Mr William Powell when the band was practicing for the forthcoming Abergavenny and Senghenydd contests. From the Merthyr Express, 26 March 1904, Presentation: Through the departure of Mr. David Jones for Rhymney, the Fochriw Brass Band has lost a most capable secretary. About two years ago, the Band was on the point of being disbanded. Then Mr. Jones was prevailed upon to undertake the duties of secretary, and so ably did he discharge his work that band was again, in a very short time, on a sound basis. Indeed, more contests were attended during the season, than in many other similar periods of the band’s existence, and the numerous prizes captured have placed the band once more in an honourable position. A few weeks ago, a presentation committee was formed with Mr. Charles Payne as chairman, Mr. Daniel Jenkins as treasurer, and Mr. J. Pugh as secretary. On Friday evening last, a smoker was held, at which Mr. Jones was made the recipient of a handsome marble clock supplied by Messrs. Mappin and Webb. It bore the following inscription: “Presented to
Mr. David Jones by the committee and members of the Fochriw Brass Band for services rendered as secretary, March 18th, 1904.” The chair was taken by Mr. J. H. Jones, M.E., the genial president of the band. After a rousing song by Mr. Charles Payne, Councillor Thomas, in the course of an able speech, attributed the success of the past season largely to the interest taken in his work by the secretary. Two capital songs having been rendered by Messrs. W. S. Williams and T. Davies, the chairman, in a witty speech, made the presentation. Mr Jones suitably responded. Mr. W. J. Powell, the popular conductor, then spoke in eulogistic terms of Mr. Jones' services, and he was followed by Councillor Jones. A splendid programme of songs was now contributed to by Messrs. T. Shankland, J. Payne, J. Edwards, D. Jones, and W. S. Williams, whilst stirring speeches were delivered by Messrs. H. Evans, Brook House, and T. Roberts. Among the former officials of the band present were Messrs. James Evans, Howell Thomas and Jacob Jones. After the usual votes of thanks, a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of “He's a jolly good fellow.” In August 1920 the conductor was Mr Hanney, and in June 1921 Mr Albert Mantle. The band briefly disbanded between 1928 and 1931, when it was reformed by Albert Mantle as Fochriw Silver Band. New silver instruments were purchased in 1932, followed by new uniforms in 1934 - A concert was held at the New Hall on Sunday evening under the auspices of the Fochriw Silver Band. The bandsmen appeared in their new uniforms. The chairman was Mr. Willie Adams Jones. The Band, under their conductor Mr. Albert Mantle, played the following selections: “The Typhoon,” “Dawn of Spring,” “Country Life,” “Echoes of Spring,” “Royal Artillery,” “Eventide.” The band was assisted by Mrs. Marjory Humphreys, Pontlottyn, soprano; Mr. James John Lewis, Fochriw, tenor; Miss Megan Jones, Pontlottyn, elocutionist; accompanist, Mr. Thomas Walters. After surviving through WW2, band had disbanded once again by 1951, and although they briefly reformed for the Festival of Britain celebrations, they seem to have finally disbanded shortly after 1953.

Fochriw Silver Band
See: Fochriw Brass Band

Foden Motor Works Band - Cheshire
[previous name of current band] See: Foden’s Band

Foden OTS Band - Cheshire
[previous name of current band] See: Foden’s Band

Foden’s Band - Cheshire

Fodens Courtois Band - Cheshire
[previous name of current band] See: Foden’s Band

Fodens Richardson Band - Cheshire
[previous name of current band] See: Foden’s Band

Foleshill Brass Band - Warwickshire
See: Foleshill Excelsior Brass Band

Foleshill Excelsior Brass Band - Warwickshire
Active from 1862 through to 1916 at least. Rehearsed at Lockhurst Lane Assembly Rooms - J.P. Cantrill, bandmaster.

Folkestone Amateur Brass Band
See: Folkestone Brass Band
Folkestone Brass Band - Kent
   Formed in 1858, tutored by W.B. Tolputt. Still active in the 1880s. In the 1870s there was a mixed instrumentation Folkestone Town Band which probably folded around 1908. A plea was published in the local press in 1914 to attempt to start a new Folkestone Brass Band

Folkestone Fishermen's Brass Band - Kent
   Active from the early 1900s to the early 1920s

Folkestone Silver Band - Kent
   Active in the 1980s and 1990s, conductor Joseph Smith.

Folkingham Brass Band - Lincolnshire
   Founded in 1868. Still active in 1869

Folkton Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in 1864

Follingsby Colliery Brass Band - Durham
   Active in the 1950s

Fontmell Brass Band - Dorset
   See: Fontmell Magna Brass Band

Fontmell Magna Brass Band - Dorset
   Active in 1863 to 1869

Foots Cray and Sidcup Band
   See: Foots Cray Brass Band

Foots Cray Brass Band - Kent
   Active in the early 1900s, acquired new instruments in 1906

Ford Motor Works Band - Dagenham, Essex
   A military band active in the 1950s and 1960s. Possibly evolved from the City of London 7th Bn Home Guard Band. They were COL 7th (Rippleside) Bn based in Barking, Essex.

Fordcombe Brass Band - Kent
   Active in 1859

Fordell Brass Band - Fife
   Active in 1865 to 1869

Fordell Colliery Brass Band - Fife
   Active in the 19th century.

Fordell Estate Brass Band - Fife
   See: Fordell Brass Band

Fordham Brass Band - Cambridgeshire
   Active from the 1880s through to WW1.

Fordingbridge Brass Band - Hampshire
   Active in the 1850s and 1870s. Conductor Mr Jeffries in 1859

Fordingbridge Town and Volunteers Band - Hampshire
   See: Fordingbridge Town Band

Fordingbridge Town Band - Hampshire
   Active in the 1900s, conductor H. Coundley in 1909

Forebank Brass Band - Dundee, Angus
   See: Dundee Forebank Brass Band

Forest Gate Brass Band - Cornwall
   This is the band refered to in the Illogan Band report above that entered a Redruth Contest. My first reference to this band is 1862. Later in the same geographical area was
Forest Lane End Brass Band in operation in 1877. Then further reference is made to Illogan Broad Lane Band in 1889. There could have been bandsmen from any of these bands when the Illogan Military band was formed because it is on record that that band was started with men from the area that could already play.

**Forest Gate Industrial School Brass Band** - Essex

Active from the late 1860s to the 1910s. The band was revived in 1897. The building in Forest Lane was initially constructed to provide a school for boys some distance from the choked inner districts of East London. It was used as an Industrial school from 1854 to 1906, formally becoming part of the Forest Gate School District in 1868. A disastrous fire in 1890 claimed the lives of 26 boys. From 1898 to 1906 it was taken over by the Poplar Union and known as the Poor Law School or Poplar Training School. The bandmaster in 1900 was S.T. Webber.

**Forest Gate Poor Law School Band** - Essex

See: *Forest Gate Industrial School Brass Band*

**Forest Lane End Brass Band** - Cornwall

Active in 1877

**Forest of Dean Area Youth Brass Band** - Gloucestershire

[current band] - Founded in 2007

**Forest of Dean Brass** - Gloucestershire


**Forest of Dean Brass Band** - Cinderford, Gloucestershire

Active in 1855

**Forest Row and District Band** - Sussex

See: *Forest Row Brass Band*

**Forest Row Brass Band** - Sussex

Active from the 1850s to the 1950s

**Forest Vale Ironworks Band** - Cinderford, Gloucestershire

Formed before 1869. Still active in 1877.

**Forest Vale Wire Works Band** - Cinderford, Gloucestershire

Formed in the 1880s

**Foresters Brass 2000** - Leicestershire


**Foresters’ Excelsior Brass Band** - Ipswich, Suffolk

Active in 1899

**Foresters’ Great Bridge Brass Band**

See: *Great Bridge Temperance Band*

**Forfar and Kincardine Artillery Band** - Angus

Active in the 1860s

**Forfar Instrumental Band** - Angus

[current band] - Founded in 1894

**Formation Brass** - Manchester, Lancashire

Active in the 1980s, conducted by R. C. Richards.
Formby Band - Lancashire
   [current band] - Founded in 1974
Formby Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active from the 1890s to the 1950s. A successor band was formed in 1974.
Formby Old Band - Lancashire
   See: Formby Brass Band
Formby Protestant Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1854
Formby Public Band - Lancashire
   Active in the early 1900s, also known as Formby Subscription Band
Formby Subscription Band - Lancashire
   See: Formby Public Band
Forres Band of Hope Brass Band - Morayshire
   Active in 1860, 1862
Forres Brass Band (1)
   See: Forres Instrumental Band
Forres Brass Band (2)
   See: Forres Town Band
Forres Instrumental Band - Morayshire
   Active from the mid-1840s to the mid-1860s
Forres Town Band - Morayshire
   Formed in the mid-1870s, when John McKimmie was Band Master. Conductor in 1905
   was John Ross. Still active in 1907 when, under Bandmaster Shelton, played in Roysvale
   Park with the programme: march, 'In Camp', J. Ord Hume; valse, 'Flora', Haig; selection
   Scotch songs, E. Morton; barn dance, 'In Old Kentucky', J. Linter; overture, 'The Sentinel',
   Taylor was appointed bandmaster in 1910
Forshaw Street Primitive Methodist Chapel - Barrow-In-Furness, Lancashire
   Active 1883 1886
Fortescue House Brass Band - Middlesex
   Active in the early 1900s to 1910. This was based at the Fortescue House School,
   established in 1878 in Twickenham as one of the original Shaftesbury Homes for boys.
Forth Brass Band - Lanarkshire
   Founded in 1868, disbanded in 1888. In 1893 a brake containing the members of the band
   met with an accident while passing through Motherwell, the vehicle split in two spilling
   the passengers to the ground - the back portion were left while the horse took fright and
   bolted down the street with the other portion. Several members of the band were injured
   and the horse ran down two children before being brought to a standstill.
Forth Bridge Brass Band
   See: Queensferry and Forth Bridge Brass Band
Fortismere Community Brass - Muswell Hill, Middlesex
   [previous name of current band] See: London Metropolitan Brass
Forton Brass Band - Hampshire
   See: Forton Total Abstinence Brass Band
Forton Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1870s to the 1900s
Forton Temperance Society Brass Band - Hampshire
See: Forton Total Abstinence Brass Band

Forton Total Abstinence Brass Band - Hampshire
Active in 1869, 1870

Fortrose Brass Band - Ross-shire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Foss Dyke Band - Waddington, Lincolnshire
[current band] - Founded in 1974

Foster's, Edward and Sons Band - Halifax, Yorkshire (West Riding)
[no information]

Foundling Hospital Band - London
Active in the 1920s

Foundry Brass Band - Cornwall
Engagements for this band can be found in 1885/86. Their first engagement, in 1885, was given an encouraging report in the local press, then in 1886 they played at a regatta in Falmouth, and that seems to be that!

Four Lane Ends Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Lostock Hall Memorial Band

Four Lanes Brass Band - Cornwall
It was in 1888 that Four Lanes Brass Band entered their first contest, under Mr A Bartle. Most of their subsequent contesting was carried out under William F Floyd, their standard being that required of a Section 3 band. The results ranged from 1st to 4th but they were forced to disband in 1924/25. From 1910 to 1913 they managed to organise and run band contests that were reasonably successful.

Four Lanes Temperance Band - Cornwall
Active in 1913

Fovant Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active in 1859 to 1869, and competed in the 1930s. It continued through until the early 1970s when dwindling numbers caused the band to cease, with the remaining members joining the Shaftesbury Band which was in need of them.

Fovant Friendly Society Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active in 1869

Fowey Brass and Reed Band - Cornwall
This band was formed in 1905 and continued in fits and starts until 1919. They did change to an all brass combination. No contesting. The first conductor was a Mr J Cleaves. A band was formed in 1919 to celebrate the peace, but nothing came of it.

Fowey County Secondary School Band - Cornwall
Active in the 1960s

Fowey Town Band - Cornwall
Active in 1893 - “plays twice a week during the summer months on the esplanade”

Fownhope Brass Band - Herefordshire
Formed in September 1866, by E.J. Cooke, bandmaster William Cooke, with instruments costing £40. Leader A. Jones in 1867. Still active in 1895

Fox Street Brass Band - Preston, Lancashire
Active in the 1860s and 1870s

Foxdale Brass Band - Isle of Man
Active in the 1880s to 1900s - conductor George Johnson
Foxdale Mines Band
   See: Foxdale Brass Band

Foxdale Temperance Band - Isle of Man
   Active in 1912

Foxdale Village Band
   See: Foxdale Brass Band

Foxford Brass Band - Warwickshire
   Active in 1861 to 1866

Foxhill Bank Band
   See: Foxhill Bank Subscription Brass Band

Foxhill Bank Subscription Brass Band - Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire
   Active in the 1850s and 1860s

Foxhill Brass Band
   See: Foxhill Bank Subscription Brass Band

Foxhole Brass Band - Cornwall
   Formed about 1896 and kept this title until 1909 when they adopted the name Foxhole Temperance Band. This carried on through to 1920 when they made the slight, but no doubt important change brought about by a slight feeling of hypocrisy, to Foxhole Silver Band. They started contesting in 1908 and whilst never rising above 2nd section, their results were quite impressive. From 1926 it appears that the only Cornish contest they entered was that at Bugle, and their best achievement was in 1934 when they took 2nd in Class B. John Morcom was their first conductor in 1896. He handed over (and stayed on as a player) to William H Juleff, who himself left in 1906 to take over the St Dennis Band. At this point there was a slight hiccup and the band ceased operations until John Morcom helped reform the band in 1908. He stayed in control until 1929 when the duties went to Albert John Morcom who carried on to the band’s demise in the early 50’s. Instruments and music were loaned to the Cornwall Education Authority then, in 1971, were returned to Foxhole as they now intended to form a new band. Harold Trethewey was the man attempting this resuscitation, but it was only short lived, and the final bell was sounded in 1973.

Foxhole Silver Band - Cornwall
   See: Foxhole Brass Band

Foxhole Temperance Band - Cornwall
   See: Foxhole Brass Band

Foxholes Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in 1868

Foxley and Bawdeswell Brass Band - Norfolk
   Active in the 1870s

Fraddon Coronation Band - Cornwall
   Formed in 1910, this band kept its title until 1920 when it became the Fraddon Temperance Band. Its last recorded public appearance was in 1922. During its short lifetime it contested frequently, eleven appearances taking place from 1920 to 1922. The first conductor was A Bullock who was also involved with the Indian Queens Band. Then came William H Juleff who was also principal cornet of the St Dennis Band, and upon his moving on, the next, and last, was W Weedall.

Fraddon Temperance Band
   See: Fraddon Coronation Band
Framfield Brass Band - Sussex
   Active in 1864

Framilode Teetotal Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   Active in 1851

Framlingham Brass Band - Suffolk
   Active in 1850 and through to WW1, having some 20 players by around 1910. Their uniforms were a dark coloured high collared tunic with a single row of buttons and little, if any, gold braiding but with, 'wing epaulettes'. The Bandmaster's tunic was similar but with braiding around the collar and, unusually, tassels hanging from the epaulettes. They all wore Australian type bush hats which, again, was an unusual form of headgear. The Town Band proper was thought to have been established around 1919 and continued until 1939. Apart from special events such as the annual Gala, and going round the streets playing carols at Christmas; they played on Saturday afternoons on Market Hill during the summer and on some Sunday evenings on Castle Meadow. They used to rehearse in a barn at the back of the Castle Inn. In the Oct/Nov issue of 'The Advertiser' in the 1950's there was a headline 'Can the Old Framlingham Town Band be Revived?' Apparently not as it never was - the instruments which had been stored in their practice room had mysteriously disappeared, and they couldn't afford to get more. Conductor in 1851 and 1882 was S.W. Wright, C.A. Wright in 1895

Framlingham Town Band
   See: Framlingham Brass Band

Frampton Brass Band - Frampton on Severn, Gloucestershire
   Active in the 1880s and 1890s. A successor band was formed in 1977.

Frampton Cotterell British School Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   Active in 1862

Frampton on Severn Silver Band - Gloucestershire
   [current band] - Founded in 1977 - Former names: Frampton-on-Severn & District Silver Band

Frampton-on-Severn and District Silver Band - Gloucestershire
   [previous name of current band] See: Frampton on Severn Silver Band

Framwellgate Moor Colliery Band - Durham
   Active in 1880s to early 1900s

Framwellgate Moor Youth Band - Durham
   Active in the 1980s

Franklin's Band
   See: Dunstable Borough Brass Band

Fraserburgh Brass Band (1) - Aberdeenshire
   Active in 1851 to 1858, folding some time before 1865

Fraserburgh Brass Band (2) - Aberdeenshire
   Founded in 1866. Still active in 1869

Fraserburgh Public School Brass Band - Aberdeenshire
   Founded in 1881, conductor Mr Cook. Still active in 1884

Fraserburgh Town Band - Aberdeenshire
   Founded in 1906, bandmaster Mr Gomm. Active to the 1930s. Conductor W.H. Stanley in 1931
Freckleton Band - Lancashire
[current band] - Founded in 1886 - Former names: Freckleton Subscription Band (1950s) -
Note: The earliest known outside public performance of the band was at the laying of the
memorial stone of the new Primitive Methodist Chapel in August 1891. In 1955, two
surviving members of the original band, Robert Rawstrone (aged 89), and James
Hawthornthwaite (aged 87), recalled that they and their friends 'used to meet in a cottage
in Kirkham Road', and that it was at one of these social gatherings that someone
suggested forming a band.

Freckleton Subscription Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Freckleton Band

Free Gardeners' Brass Band - Kendal, Westmorland
See: Kendal Free Gardeners’ Brass Band

Free Gardeners’ Brass Band - Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland
See: Newcastle Free Gardeners’ Brass Band

Free Gardeners’ Operatic Brass Band - Jarrow, Durham
See: Jarrow Free Gardeners’ Operatic Brass Band

Freehold Mission Band - New Southgate, Middlesex
Active in the 1900s, conductor Mr Thurlow, based at the Mission Church in Sydney Road

Freeland Brass Band - Oxfordshire
Active in 1890

Freemen’s Orphan School Band - Brixton, Surrey
Active in the early 1900s, conductor J. Hansford. The City of London Freemen's Orphan
School was established in purpose-built premises on Shepherd’s Lane (now part of
Ferndale Road) in Brixton, in 1854.

Frenchay Brass - Gloucestershire
[current band] - Founded in 2007

Freshfield Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the late 1890s through to 1910. Conductor Joseph Leadbetter around 1900

Freshwater Volunteer Artillery Band - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
[no information]

Friar Mere Brass Band - Delph, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1852

Friarmere Brass Band
Active in 1852

Friary Brewery Band
See: Friary Silver Band

Friary Guildford Brass Band - Surrey
[current band] - Founded in 1983

Friary Silver Band
Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Was the works band of the
Friary, Holroyd and Healy’s Brewery, from Guildford. If was formed and financed back
in 1922 by Friary's then head brewer, J.W. Huxley. He had noticed that there were
employees who were lovers of music and with an ability to play. He therefore secured
for them a set of second-hand instruments. Realising the popularity of the band and its
potential, the directors then bought for the players a new set of silver instruments and
new uniforms, and the services of a qualified bandmaster were secured. It soon
established itself as a band of quality performances. Along with other works brass bands

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from up and down the country, the Friary Silver Band featured in regular monthly broadcasts by the BBC. The brewery owners no doubt saw this as some very useful national and, what’s more, free advertising! During the summer months the band played regularly in Guildford’s Castle Grounds while also providing the music there for Armistice Day services. It could also be seen and heard playing at garden parties at large houses in the area, generally to invited guests in the afternoon and then in the evening local people were invited to come and dance on the lawns. The band also played in London parks. Its best competition result came in 1936 at the National Finals held at the Royal Albert Hall, when it was placed third behind the Black Dyke and Foden bands. The musicians’ uniform was navy blue with red and gold trim. For a number of years the bandmaster was David Aspinall, but in the late 1930s he was “poached” by Ransome and Miles Ball Bearings Ltd, to become bandmaster of their band. It’s said that when he left he took some of the Friary Silver Band’s best musicians with him. The Second World War was not far off, and when it came the band members went their separate ways and the band disbanded.

**Frickley and South Elmsall Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)

**Frickley South Elmsall Colliery Brass** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Frickley & South Elmsall Brass Band

**Frickley South Elmsall RS Haulage Till Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Frickley & South Elmsall Brass Band

**Frickley South Elmsall Standard Fireworks Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Frickley & South Elmsall Brass Band

**Friday-Ad Brass** - Uckfield, Sussex
[previous name of current band] See: Uckfield Concert Brass

**Friendly Band** - Sowerby Bridge, Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1868 - Former names: Friendly Subscription Prize Band, Sowerby Bridge Band

**Friendly Subscription Prize Band** - Sowerby Bridge, Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Friendly Band

**Friends Adult School Brass Band** - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1886 - 1889

**Friezland Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1982

**Frisby-on-the-Wreake Brass Band** - Leicestershire
Formed in 1899, disbanded in 1925. Conductor Mr Parr in 1906

**Friskney Brass Band** - Lincolnshire
Active in 1864. Also active in the 1920s

**Frittenden Band** - Kent
Active in the 1860s

**Fritwell Brass Band** - Oxfordshire
Active in 1865, 1866

**Frizington Brass Band** - Cumberland
Active in 1863, conductor Thomas Harrison. Still active in 1866
Frizington St Joseph's Band - Cumberland
Active from the 1890s to the 1930s

Frizington St Paul's Band - Cumberland
Active from the 1890s to the 1940s. Conductor William Smith in 1899

Frizington Temperance Brass Band - Cumberland
Founded in 1862 by the Frizington Teetotal Society (which had been formed in the previous year)

Frizington Town Band - Cumberland
Active in 1890s to early 1900s

Frizington Volunteers Band
See: Frizington Town Band

Frodingham and Scunthorpe Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in 1912

Frodingham Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active from 1860 to the 1880s

Frodsham Brass Band
See: Frodsham Harmonic Brass Band

Frodsham Harmonic Brass Band - Cheshire
Active from the 1850s to the 1890s. Conductor Thomas Reilly in 1867. A successor band was formed in 1907 (current Frodsham Band)

Frodsham Silver Band - Cheshire
[current band] - Founded in 1907 - Former names: Frodsham Subscription Band, Frodsham Town Band

Frodsham Subscription Band - Cheshire
[previous name of current band] See: Frodsham Silver Band

Frodsham Territorial Band
See: Frodsham Volunteers Band

Frodsham Town Band - Cheshire
[previous name of current band] See: Frodsham Silver Band

Frodsham Victoria Band - Cheshire
Active in 1884

Frodsham Volunteers Band - Cheshire
Active in the 1890s and early 1900s

Frome Amateur Brass Band - Somerset
Active in 1862 to 1878

Frome and Rode Brass Band - Somerset
Active in the 1850s

Frome Brass Band - Somerset
See: Frome Amateur Brass Band

Frome Town Band - Somerset
Formed as Frome Military Band in 1911, becoming part of the Home Guard from 1939 to 1947. It converted to a brass band in 1956. Still active in 1981

Frome Town Youth Band - Somerset
[current band] - Founded in 1997

Frome Volunteers Band - Somerset
Founded in 1901, conductor W. Hedley Stokes
Froncysyllte Brass Band - Denbighshire
  Founded in 1908 or 1909
Frosterley Brass Band (1) - Durham
  Active in 1890 - assumed to have folded before 1898.
Frosterley Brass Band (2) - Durham
  Formed in 1898 and still active in 1933. Conductor R. Ridley in 1904
Fryston Colliery Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1950s.
Fullbourn and Teversham RBL Band - Cambridgeshire
  Founded in 1985. Disbanded in 2010
Fullbourn Hospital Band
  Active in the 1880s
Fulford Brass Band - Somerset
  Active in 1866
Fulford Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
  Active in 1850
Fulham Brass Band - Middlesex
  [current band] - Founded in 1895 - Former names: Fulham Borough Band
Fulham British Legion Band - Middlesex
  Active in the 1920s
Fulham Co-operative Band - Middlesex
  Active in the early 1900s, conductor Mr Bailey
Fulledge Brass Band - Burnley, Lancashire
  Active from 1884 through to the early 1900s
Fuller Mission Brass Band
  See: Kettering Fuller Mission Brass Band
Fulstow and North Thoresby Brass Band - Lincolnshire
  Formed in 1863, conductor Robert Wheatley. Conductor Alfred Campion in 1864
Fulstow and Thoresby Brass Band
  See: Fulstow and North Thoresby Brass Band
Fulstow Brass Band - Lincolnshire
  See: Fulstow and North Thoresby Brass Band
Fulwell Band - Barkingside, Essex
  [no information]
Fulwood Brass Band - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  [no information]
Fulwood Cottage Homes Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1908.
Fulwood Temperance Band - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  [no information]
Furness Vale Brass Band - Derbyshire
  Active in 1865, conductor H. Tym.
Furnishing Trades Band
  See: Ercol Furniture Company Band
Furniture Industries (Ercols) Works Band
  See: Ercol Furniture Company Band
Fylde Ex-Servicemens' Liason Band
Formed in Blackpool around 1946, the first conductor was Henry Irving Mellor. They won several trophies, including one in a contest in Harrogate (c. 1948). H.I.Mellor composed a piece called “The Bandsman”. They played regularly at Blackpool football ground in its good days. H.I.Mellor died in 1948, but the band continued after his death.

Fylde Farm Reformatory School Band - Lancashire
The Fylde Farm Reformatory School for Boys was established at Poulton-le-Fylde in 1905 to accomodate 130 boys. The band was active by 1910 and was rated as “quite first-class”.

Fylingdales Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1861 to 1869

G Division Police Brass Band - Finsbury, Middlesex
Active in 1863 to 1868. Conductor W. Lake in 1868. See also B, D, E, H, K, L, N, P, S and T Division Police Brass Bands

G. White and Co.’s Brass Band - Truro, Cornwall
Active in 1857

G.C.R. Subscription Band
See: Great Central and Metropolitan Band

G.E.C. Maidstone Band - Kent
[previous name of current band] See: BAE Systems Brass Band

G.K.B. Steel Works Home Guard Band
Active in 1942

G.R. Turner Langley Mill Brass Band - Langley Mill, Derbyshire
Active in the 1900s through to the 1930s. Based at the iron works belonging to G.R. Turner Company, which produced railway rolling stock until the 1960s

G.U.S. (Footwear) Band - Northamptonshire
[previous name of current band] See: Virtuosi GUS Band

G.W.R. and Metropolitan Band - London
Active in the 1950s

Active from the early 1900s to the 1920s. In the mid 1920s it converted to a military band format, becoming the Great Western Railway Staff Military Band. It still exists today as the GWR Paddington Band in that format.

G.W.R. Employees Brass Band - Taunton, Somerset
Active in 1895

G.W.R. Institute Band
See: Wolverhampton Railway Works Band

Gadsden Band - Stewartby, Bedfordshire
[current band] - Founded in 1910 - as a brass quartet by four brothers to provide accompaniment for hymn-singing at open air services, over subsequent years more family members and friends were encouraged to join and it soon became a full brass band.

Gainford Brass Band - Durham
Active in 1865

Gainford Saxhorn Band - Durham
Active in 1880

Gainsborough and Morton Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in 1856
Gainsborough Britannia Band - Lincolnshire
See: Gainsborough Britannia Works Band

Gainsborough Britannia Works Band - Lincolnshire
Formed in 1878 at Messrs. Marshalls Ironworks, by John F. Cook and J. Vickers. At first it only numbered 8 or 9 members but quickly grew to 24 by 1882 when they entered their first contest at Droylsden. Hugh Whitham of Cleckheaton was appointed conductor and, together with new instruments bought through a subscription list, the band made their first inroads into the prizes. It competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Around 1950 the Band of Britannia Works, Gainsborough, became the new Lincolnshire champions in the annual brass band contest at Cleethorpes, beating Brigg Town Silver Band, runners-up for the last two years to the Grimsby Band, by four points. Grimsby was unplaced. Other bands taking part were from Cleethorpes, Horncastle, Kirton and Lincoln. When the sponsorship from Marshalls ceased in 1972, the band sought a new home, finding it at Spillers Ltd, in Carr Lane. It officially became the Spillers (Gainsborough) Band in 1973, and won the National Championships (Second section) in 1974. John Golland, the famous brass band composer, took up the conductorship of the band in 1976. The band folded in 1980 following the withdrawal of support from Spillers. [A detailed history of the band can be found in “Marshall's of Gainsborough: from a local point of view. Vol. 1, The Trent Works and Britannia Band”, by Susan and Sara Edlington, 1999. ISBN: 0953493415]

Gainsborough Charity Band - Lincolnshire
Founded in 1907

Gainsborough Foresters' Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in 1867

Gainsborough Rifles Band - Lincolnshire
Active in the 1880s

Gaitsgill Brass Band - Cumberland
Active in 1869

Galashiels Academy Band - Selkirkshire
Active in the 1970s

Galashiels Brass Band - Selkirkshire
[previous name of current band] See: Galashiels Town Band

Galashiels Town Band - Selkirkshire
[current band] - Founded in 1834 - Former names: Galashiels Brass Band

Galatown Brass Band - Fife
Active in 1861, playing at a miners' procession at Fordell

Galgate Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1879 and the 1900s

Gallatown Brass Band - Fife
Active in 1856

Galston Burgh Band - Ayrshire
Started as a reed band in 1872, conductor Robert Nisbet, promoted by the Gauchalland Coal Company, but within a few years had converted to brass as the Galston Burgh Band. In 1990, it amalgamated with Newmilns Burgh Band and Loudoun Band, to form the current Newmilns and Galston Band

Galston Silver Band
See: Galston Burgh Band
Galvanising Eagle and Melyn Workmen's Band - Neath, Glamorgan
   Active in 1924 - based at the Melyn Tinplate Works in Neath.

Gamblesby Brass Band - Cumberland
   Active in 1853, 1863

Gamlingay Brass Band - Bedfordshire
   Active in the 1890s

Ganton Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in 1860

Garboldisham Boys Brass Band - Norfolk
   Active in 1945-6

Gardner's Engineering Band
   Based at L. Gardner and Sons factory at Barton, Manchester. They rehearsed Fridays and
   Sundays in the staff canteen. Active in the 1970s

Garforth Brass - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [current band] - Founded in 2005 - Former names: Garforth Community Brass Band

Garforth Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from the 1840s to the 1930s. A successor band was formed in 1977.

Garforth Community Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Garforth Brass

Garforth Jubilee Brass - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [current band] - Founded in 1977

Garibaldi Brass Band - South Shields, Durham
   See: South Shields Garibaldi Band

Garlinge Silver Band - Kent
   [previous name of current band] See: Cantium Brass

Garlinge Silver Band - Kent
   Successor to Garlinge Wesleyan Band and predecessor of Margate Silver Band

Garlinge Wesleyan Band - Kent
   Formed in the mid 19th century. Precessor to Garlinge Silver Band and Margate Silver
   Band. Known as Garlinge Wesleyan Silver Band in 1931

Garlinge Wesleyan Mission Band - Kent
   [previous name of current band] See: Cantium Brass

Garlinge Wesleyan Silver Band - Kent
   See: Garlinge Wesleyan Band

Garn Brass Band - Garn-Dolbenmaen, Caernarfonshire
   Active in 1869 through to the early 1900s

Garn Dolbenmaen Brass Band - Caernarfonshire
   See: Garn Brass Band

Garn Fach Brass Band - Nant-y-glo, Monmouthshire
   Active in 1855

Garnkirk Brass Band - Lanarkshire
   Active in 1906

Garrigill Brass Band - Cumberland
   Active from the early 1850s to 1869. Conductor Thomas Emerson
Garrigill Independent Brass Band - Cumberland
   See: Garrigill Brass Band

Garsdale Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1855, conductor John Lister. Still active in 1863

Garsdale Teetotal Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1858, conductor James Smith (of Kendal)

Garsdale Temperance Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Garsdale Teetotal Brass Band

Garsington Brass Band - Oxfordshire
   Active in 1884

Garstang Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1865

Garstang Temperance Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1839

Garston Docks Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
   Active in the 1890s

Garswood Hall Brass Band - Garswood, Lancashire
   Active in the late 1890s and early 1900s

Garswood Hall Colliery Band - Garswood, Lancashire
   See: Garswood Hall Brass Band

Garswood Hall Institute Brass Band - Garswood, Lancashire
   See: Garswood Hall Brass Band

Garton Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in 1859

Gartsherrie Brass Band - Lanarkshire
   Active in 1863 to 1865

Gartsherrie Instrumental Band - Lanarkshire
   See: Gartsherrie Silver Band

Gartsherrie Ironworks Band - Lanarkshire
   See: Gartsherrie Silver Band

Gartsherrie Silver Band - Lanarkshire
   Active from the 1890s to the late 1960s. It was sponsored by Gartsherrie Ironworks, Coatbridge.

Gartshoare Silver Band - Dunbartonshire
   Active in 1948

Garw Colliery Band - Blaengarw, Glamorgan
   See: Garw Valley Silver Band

Garw Valley Silver Band - Blaengarw, Glamorgan
   Active in the 1950s to 1970s. Competed in the 1964 West of England Regional Championships (4th Section), conducted by W.T. Parker

Gas Light and Coke Company Band - Kilburn, Middlesex
   Formed in 1906

Gas Light and Coke Company Band - Southall, Middlesex
   See: Southall Gasworks Brass Band

Gas Meters Company's Brass Band - Clerkenwell, Middlesex
   See: Parkinson’s Gas Meters Brass Band
Gatebeck Brass Band - Cumberland
  Active in 1864 to 1867. Conductor Mr Duff in 1865

Gateshead Borough Band - Durham
  Formed in the 1890s and still active in 1938

Gateshead Brass
  See: Northumberland Police Band

Gateshead British Legion Band - Durham
  Active in 1938

Gateshead Constabulary Brass Band - Durham
  Active in the 1870s

Gateshead L.N.E.R. Band - Durham
  Active in 1932

Gateshead St Paul’s Band - Durham
  Active from the 1890s to WW1. Conductor T. Woods until 1895, J.B. Stack in 1898

Gateshead Temperance Band - Durham
  Active in the 1880s and 1900s

Gateshead Union Workhouse Band
  See: Gateshead Workhouse Brass Band

Gateshead Workhouse Brass Band - Durham
  Founded in 1869, with 12 boys, instruments costing £40, conductor Mr Watson. Active to
  the 1890s. Conductor John H. Amers in 1879 when they performed at the Yorkshire Fine
  Art and Industrial Exhibition in York that August.

Gatley Prize Band - Cheshire
  Active from the early 1900s through to the 1950s

Gatton Old Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
  Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Renamed Ashley Vale Band in 1904.

Gatton Road Mission Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
  Active in 1903

Gawber Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1930s to 1950s

Gawber Britannia Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Founded prior to 1886. Still active in 1936

Gawber Temperance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  [no information]

Gawcott Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
  Active from 1877 to 1900. Founded as Gawcott Brass Band by conductor John Wootton.
  Became the Buckingham Rifle Volunteers Band in 1884. Also known as John Wootton's
  Brass Band

Gawthorpe Brass - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1990s through to 2010

Gawthorpe Brass '85 - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  [current band] - Founded in 1985

Gawthorpe Brass Band
  See: Gawthorpe Britannia Band

Gawthorpe Britannia Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active from the 1850s to WW1. Conductor E. Robinson in 1860
Gawthorpe Mills Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1951

Gawthorpe Old Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Gawthorpe Britannia Band

Gawthorpe Temperance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1860s. Conductor G. Speight in 1860. Probably folded before the Victoria Band was formed in 1875

Gawthorpe Victoria Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in 1875. Was largely defunct by the late 1980s, until Alan Morrison took the helm, growing it from 2 players at the start in April 1989 to 2nd section by 1992 gaining 2nd & 3rd prizes at London, then to the verge of the Championship Section by the time it folded in September 1995. It was known as Aceprint Gawthorpe Victoria Band during this period.

GEC Avionics (Rochester) Brass Band - Kent
[previous name of current band] See: BAE Systems Brass Band

GEC-Marconi Avionics Brass Band - Kent
[previous name of current band] See: BAE Systems Brass Band

Gellionnen Chapel Brass Band - near Swansea, Glamorgan
Active in the early 1900s

Gem Street School Brass Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
See: Bishop Ryder’s School Brass Band

Gentlemen’s Amateur Brass Band - Preston, Lancashire
See: Preston Gentlemen’s Brass Band

George Salter High School Brass Band - Sandwell, Staffordshire
Active in the 1980s

George Street P.S.A. Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
Founded in 1908

Germoe Brass Band - Cornwall
Evidence of this band can be found in 1860 playing in Crowlas, then in 1875 in Camborne. So far nothing else can be found about them.

Gibson’s Malton Amateur Brass Band
Founded in 1877 by John Gibson, of the Malton Rifle Volunteers, lasted until 1884

Gifford Hall Band
See: Gifford Hall Mission Silver Band

Gifford Hall Mission Silver Band - Islington, Middlesex
Active in 1937 through the early 1960s

Giggleswick and Settle Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1952 - Note: Formed by the amalgamation of Giggleswick Brass Band and Settle Brass Band

Giggleswick Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the 1850s. The band amalgamated with the Settle Brass Band in 1952 to form the Giggleswick and Settle Band. In 1902 the band led the procession for the annual Band of Hope Festival in Long Preston - “The band played lively march music as the gatherers paraded through the village singing about the virtues of temperance.” In some reminiscences of “Christmas in the Dales” there appears the following report - “...Brass bands toured the farms, with the bandsmen growing increasingly unsteady on their legs as they imbibed proffered drinks. The Giggleswick band travelled by train to Clapham...
station, from where they trudged through snow on a tour of villages and farms. By now, sozzled, they could not hold their instruments, let alone play. Instead, the bandsmen burst into song. Another time, bandsmen sipped hot punch at the Flying Horse Shoe, just across the road from Clapham railway station. Some punch remained when they departed for the one-and-a-half mile walk to the village, so they poured it into a trombone and supped on 't'road."

**Gilbertson's Works Brass Band** - Pontardawe, Glamorgan  
Active in the 1920s and 1930s. The tinplate works consisted of ten mills which, at one time, received an order for tin plates to roof the White House, in Washington, D.C. These plates were made under the patented process known as G.O.M. (Gilbertson's Own Method).

**Gildersome Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
Active from the 1850s, disbanding in 1903

**Gilfach Brass Band** - Glamorgan  
Active in 1886 through to the early 1900s

**Gilfach Goch Silver Band** - Glamorgan  
Active from the 1870s to the 1920s. Conductor W.G. Patterson in 1900

**Gilfach Town Band**  
See: **Gilfach Brass Band**

**Gill and Ward's Brass Band** - Oxford, Oxfordshire  
See: **Messrs Gill and Ward's Brass Band**

**Gill Street Methodist Band** - Moston, Lancashire  
Active in the early 1960s

**Gillamoor Brass Band** - Yorkshire (North Riding)  
Active in 1857 and 1887

**Gillingham Band** - Dorset  
[current band] - Founded in 1928 - Former names: Gillingham Imperial Silver Band

**Gillingham Boys' Brass Band** - Kent  
Active in the 1900s and 1910s. Henry Allen, bandmaster in 1913

**Gillingham Brass Band**  
See: **Gillingham Town Band**

**Gillingham Gospel Mission Band** - Kent  
Founded in 1908

**Gillingham Imperial Silver Band** - Dorset  
[previous name of current band] See: **Gillingham Band**

**Gillingham Town Band** - Dorset  
Active from the 1850s. In 1861 they were engaged by the Gillingham Total Abstinence Society at a cost of 20 shillings plus tea. The Band was popular at the local Club days when the Friendly Societies, which were usually based at a Pub, held their annual parties called 'Club Days'. The largest one in Gillingham was the 'Red Lion Club.' They held their 'Do' on the second Wednesday in May and it was a tradition that all members planted their runner beans before going out. The Gillingham Town Band played an
important part in the proceedings. They started out at the top of Wyke, outside the Brewery at 10am. To open the proceedings, the Brewery brought out beer in wooden buckets. Those that didn't have mugs knelt down on the ground and drank out of the buckets! The Band then led a procession through the town, all the members carrying garlands of flowers. They were expected to play all day, and later for dancing in the evening. The band folded prior to or during WW1. A successor band was formed in 1927

**Gilmerton Brass Band** - Midlothian
Founded in 1874, disbanded in August 1906. The main reason for its demise was the retirement of its veteran bandmaster, Benjamin Sim, who had been at the helm, with varying intervals, since its formation. An attempt was made to reform the band in November 1906

**Gilnow Bleachworks Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active in 1856

**Gilnow Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active in 1852, 1858

**Gilsland Brass Band** - Northumberland
Active in the 1860s to the early 1900s. Conductor B. Smith in 1884

**Girls Guildry Band** - Garswood, Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: *Trinity Girls Brass Band*

**Girton Village Band** - Cambridgeshire
Active in 1860

**Girvan Brass Band (1)** - Ayrshire
Active in 1863

**Girvan Brass Band (2)** - Ayrshire
Active in the 1920s and 1930s

**Gisburn Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1864

**Gislingham Silver Band** - Suffolk
[current band] - Founded in 1885

**GKN Sankey’s Castle Works Band**
See: *Sankey’s Castle Works Band*

**Glaisdale and Lealholm Brass Band** - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1857 (26 players). Also known as Lealholm Bridge Brass Band

**Glaisdale Brass Band** - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1853

**Glamis Brass Band** - Angus
See: *Earl of Strathmore’s Brass Band*

**Glamorgan Artillery Band**
Active in the 1890s

**Glanaman Brass Band** - Carmarthenshire
Active in the 1900s.

**Glan-rhyd Brass Band** - Caernarfonshire
Active in the 1870s

**Glanton Brass Band** - Northumberland
Active in 1851
Glapwell Colliery Band - Chesterfield, Derbyshire
Active in the 1900s to the 1930s. Secretary Henry Elwell in 1912. The colliery closed in 1974. Its first public outing was in February 1911.

Glasburn Brass Band
Competed in Enderby Jackson’s Sydenham Amateur contest at the Crystal Palace, in 1861, conducted by John Cockstot.

Glascote Brass Band - Warwickshire
Active in the 1880s to WW1.

Glasgow (CWS) Band - Lanarkshire
[previous name of current band] See: Co-operative Funeralcare Band

Glasgow Blind Asylum Band
See: Royal Asylum for the Blind Brass Band

Glasgow City Gospel Brass Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
[no information]

Glasgow City Police Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
Founded in 1881

Glasgow Co-operative Bakery Band
See: U.C.B.S. Prize Silver Band

Glasgow Corporation Gas Department Band
See: Glasgow Gas Department Band

Glasgow Corporation Transport Car Works Band
See: Glasgow Corporation Transport Silver Band

Glasgow Corporation Transport Silver Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
Formed in 1938 as Glasgow Corporation Transport Car Works Band. Still active in the mid 1950s

Glasgow Gas Department Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
Active from the 1920s to the 1950s. Conducted by John Peckham in 1927, took first place at a contest at Wishaw in 1933.

Glasgow Iron and Steel Works Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
Active in the early 1900s through to the 1920s

Glasgow Ironworks Brass Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
Active in 1860

Glasgow Loco Works Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
Active in the early 1900s through to the 1920s. Won first place in a contest held 1 December 1917 at Waverley Market, Edinburgh, in aid of Harry Lauder's Fund for Scottish Sailors and Soldiers.

Glasgow Locomotive Brass Band
See: Glasgow Loco Works Band

Glasgow Naval Reserves Brass Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
Active in 1907

Glasgow Royal Blind Asylum Band
See: Royal Asylum for the Blind Brass Band

Glasgow Scottish Gas Band
See: Glasgow Gas Department Band

Glasgow Society for Social Reform Brass Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
Active in 1861, conductor Richard John Adams
Glasgow Sons of Temperance Brass Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
  Active in the 1920s

Glasgow St Francis Brass Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
  Active in the 1920s and 1930s, conductor W.T. Anderson

Glasgow St Rollox Brass Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
  Active from 1862 through the 1860s

Glasgow Thistle Brass Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
  Active in the 1850s to 1880s

Glasgow Townhead Brass Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
  Active in 1863 to 1867

Glasgow Transport Band
  See: Glasgow Corporation Transport Silver Band

Glasgow United Masons Brass Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
  Active in 1858

Glasgow Western Brass Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
  Active in the early 1900s through to WW1.

Glasinfryn Brass Band - Bangor, Caernarfonshire
  Active in 1878

Glass Houghton Coke and Chemical Works Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Founded in 1919. Still active in 1938

Glass Makers' Brass Band - Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland
  Active in 1864 - associated with the Union of Flint Glass Makers

Glaston Burgh Brass Band - Lanarkshire
  Active in 1935

Glastonbury (Combined Edge Tools) Band - Somerset
  See: Glastonbury Town Silver Band

Glastonbury Brass Band - Somerset
  See: Glastonbury Town Silver Band

Glastonbury Town Silver Band - Somerset
  Founded in the 1840s, it continued through to the 1990s latterly as the Glastonbury
  (Combined Edge Tools) Band, before finally folding. It broadcast frequently on the
  “Western” radio station from 1936 to 1939. Conductor Lionel A. Leavey in 1938

Glazebury Brass Band - Lancashire
  Competed in a contest in Leigh in 1884. Still active in the 1930s. Performed a concert in
  Stanley Park, Blackpool in 1932 as Glazebury Prize Band.

Glazebury Church Band - Lancashire
  See: Glazebury Band

Glazebury Prize Band - Lancashire
  See: Glazebury Band

Glazedale Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
  See: Glaisdale Brass Band

Gleadless Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  See: Gleadless Church Brass Band

Gleadless Church Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active from the 1850s to the 1890s

Gleam of Sunshine Band
  See: Tranmere Gleam Silver Prize Band
Glebe Colliery Band - Cleator, Northumberland
Active in 1859 when it won a contest at Cramlington. This was based at the Glebe iron ore mine at Cleator.

Glebe Colliery Band - Washington, Durham
See: Washington Brotherhood Band

Gleed School Brass Band - Spalding, Lincolnshire
Active in the 1970s

Glemsford Brass Band - Suffolk
Active in the 1890s to the early 1900s. Also known as Glemsford Wellington Band. A report in the Bury Free Press: August 4th 1894, Letters to the Editor - Sir, I have been looking at the bill concerning the Horticultural Show at Glemsford and am surprised to find Haverhill band has been engaged instead of preference to our own band, etc etc. As the matter stands now the money will be given to “foreigners” who neither know or care whether the men are starving or not. Glemsford band is comprised of hard working men, just now most of the men have been working short time and the money which is their lawful right would come as a great boon to them, etc etc. Yours truly, Pro Bono Publico. Then later in the year: November 24th 1894 - On Friday evening a public tea organized by the Glemsford Band took place at the Plough Inn, Glemsford when about 61 people responded to invitations, after full justice was done to “good things” a “free and easy” meeting took place. 1st item on the programme was an overture entitled “the sleep of Dianna” given by the Band in a pleasing style, Mr Lawrence gave a song “muddled and mixed”, Mr Leggett gave “after the fall”, G. Crick gave “simple little pimple”, David Ward of Foxearth gave the “educated bloke” “Bush Ranger in Australia” by C. Twinn, a duet by Middleditch and Twinn “old miller”, C. Sore “mona, Miss M. Twinn “a soldier minstrel”, E. Sore gave “swinging to and fro”, the chairman “strolling in the sands” and “mother kissed me”, Mr E. Game, “the club house”, Mr W. Farrance “e dunno where ee are”, Mr Eli Watkinson “when Jone’s ale was new”, Mr Sore gave “success to the football club”. The band played the National Anthem and all dispersed home. On 19th December 1901, in a letter to her friend Minnie, Emma Savage wrote: “The Glemsford band came the other night 10.30 we were all in bed we did not get up - they were so spiteful they banged on the knocker four times Nell barked but we refused to turn out of bed”.

Glemsford Wellington Brass Band
See: Glemsford Brass Band

Glen Magna Brass Band - Leicestershire
See: Great Glen Brass Band

Glenboig Brass Band - Lanarkshire
Active in the early 1900s

Glenbuck Brass Band - Ayrshire
Active in the 1880s - linked to the coal mine in the area.

Glenfield Adult School Band - Leicestershire
Active in the 1900s

Glenfield Brass Band - Leicestershire
Active in 1863

Glengarnock Brass Band - Ayrshire
Active in 1863

Glengarnock Iron Works Band - Ayrshire
Active in 1882.
Glenrhondda Colliery Band - Treherbert, Glamorgan
   Formed in 1890 by miners in from the colliery. In 1917 it rehearsed at the Conservative Club, Station Street, Treherbert. Conductor Fred Prior in 1955, Evan Richards in 1965. In 1966 the colliery closed and the band was renamed Upper Rhondda Brass Band, then Treherbert and District Silver Band. Around 2013 it ceased being an all brass band and became a brass/wind ensemble.

Glenrhondda Silver Band - Treherbert, Glamorgan
   See: Glenrhondda Colliery Band

Glevum Brass - Gloucestershire
   [previous name of current band] See: Gloucester Excelsior Band

Glinton and Peakirk Brass Band
   See: Peakirk cum Glinton Brass Band

Globe Tube Works Band - Wednesbury, Staffordshire
   Active in the 1860s and 1890s. The Globe Tube works were in operation from 1849 until the early 1880s, when the business failed. The works reopened in 1882 after being acquired by John Spencer, who owned the Crown Tube Works.

Globe Tube Works Saxhorn Band
   See: Globe Tube Works Band

Gloddaeth Amateur Brass Band - Llandudno, Caernarfonshire
   Formed in 1874, active through to the mid 1890s. Revived in 1900 following a fundraising campaign. Still active in 1950.

Gloddaeth Silver Band
   See: Gloddaeth Amateur Brass Band

Glodwick Brass Band - Lancashire
   Formed in 1873, dwindled somewhat in the early 1900s, but arose again in 1935 as the Glodwick Prize Band. During this time they became known as the Shamrock Band for a while, following an incident at a St Patrick’s Day celebration at the Free Trade Hall together with the Besses o’ th’ Barn Band, they mistook the shamrock laid on the tables as decoration for water cress and proceeded to eat it, much to everyone’s amusement. The Glodwick Band Club was raided by the police in 1949, presumably for drinking after hours, and the band had to sell the instruments to pay the fine. Through a house to house collection and other public subscriptions the band managed to buy back the instruments from Thomas Reynolds and Sons (Manchester) and in recognition changed their name to the Glodwick Public Prize Brass Band in 1950. The band was renamed again in 1955 to become the Lees and Glodwick Band. It amalgamated with the Cobden Chadwick Band (formerly Zion Methodists Band from Lees in Oldham) to form Oldham Brass 97, in 1997.

Glodwick Prize Band - Oldham, Lancashire
   See: Glodwick Band

Glodwick Public Prize Brass Band - Oldham, Lancashire
   See: Glodwick Band

Glossop Catholic Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in 1853

Glossop Gospel Union Mission Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1900s, conductor J. Arnold

Glossop Old Band - Derbyshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1830 - Note: Merger of Glossop Original Band and Whitfield Rifle Volunteers Band in 1830
Glossop Volunteers Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1870s and 1880s

Gloster Brass Band - Rotherhithe, Surrey
   Active in 1868, conductor Mr Ede

Gloucester Amateur Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   Active in the 1850s and 1860s

Gloucester Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   See: Gloucester Amateur Brass Band

Gloucester British Legion Band - Gloucestershire
   [previous name of current band] See: Gloucester Excelsior Band
   Active from the 1930s to the mid 1950s. A new Gloucester British Legion Band was
   formed in 1960 (later to become the current Gloucester Excelsior Band), so the original
   must have folded prior to that.

Gloucester Carriage Works Band - Gloucestershire
   See: Gloucester Wagon Works Band

Gloucester City British Legion Band - Gloucestershire
   See: Gloucester British Legion Band

Gloucester Excelsior Band - Gloucestershire
   [current band] - Founded in 1956 - Former names: Gloucester British Legion Band,
   Glevum Brass

Gloucester Mission Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   Active in 1934

Gloucester Railway Carriage and Wagon Company's Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   See: Gloucester Wagon Works Band

Gloucester Street Mission Band - Gloucestershire
   Active in the 1880, conductor John Cowan. Based at the Christian Mission in Gloucester
   Street,

Gloucester Wagon Company Silver Band - Gloucestershire
   See: Gloucester Wagon Works Band

Gloucester Wagon Works Band - Gloucestershire
   Formed in the 1860s, still active in 1929. Conductor J.G. Dyer in 1908

Gloucester Working Men's Institute Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   Active in 1889

Gloucstershire Constabulary Band - Gloucestershire
   [current band] - Founded in 1990

Glyncorrwg Brass Band - Glamorgan
   Active in the 1890s and early 1900s

Glyncorrwg Colliery Company's Brass Band - Glamorgan
   Active in 1874, conductor Mr Saunders
Glynde and Beddingham Brass Band - Sussex
[previous name of current band] See: Lewes Glynde & Beddingham Brass

Glyndyfrdwy Brass Band - Merioneth
Active in 1884

Glynn Vivian Miners' Mission Brass Band - Aylesham, Kent
Active from the 1920s through to the late 1940s. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Glynn Vivian Miners' Mission Brass Band - Deal, Kent
Active in the 1930s

Glynneath and District Silver Band - Glyn Neath, Glamorgan
[current band] - Founded in 1888 - Former names: Curtis & Harvey Brass Band

Glynneath District Silver Band - Glamorgan
The band was originally formed in 1888. Known as the Curtis & Harvey brass band. Practices were held at the School House in Dinas Terrace, Pontneddfechan. In 1893, the band later transferred to Glynneath, where it prospered until it folded in 2007. A successor band was formed in 2014.

Godalming and Borough Band - Surrey
[previous name of current band] See: Godalming Band

Godalming and District Silver Band - Surrey
[previous name of current band] See: Godalming Band

Godalming Band - Surrey
[current band] - Founded in 1937 - Former names: Godalming and Borough Band, Godalming & District Silver Band

Godalming Borough Band - Surrey
Active in 1905.

Godalming Brass Band - Surrey
Active from around 1843 (bandmaster Mr. Woodnott until 1867 at least). Conductor George Blackman in 1869. Still active in the 1890s. A successor band was formed in 1937.

Godalming Foresters' Brass Band - Surrey
Active in 1864

Goddard Memorial Mission Brass Band - Stockton-on-Tees, Durham
Active from the early 1900s to 1914, based at the Mission in Fagg Street.

Godley Original Brass Band - Cheshire
Active from the late 1860s to the 1880s. Conductor Thomas Clough in 1883. Also known as Newton and Godley Brass Band

Godmanchester Brass Band - Huntingdonshire
Founded in July 1860 by Miss Baumgartner who sought subscriptions to fund the band, conductor Edward Martin. By September that year 11 players were performing and more funds were being solicited. First public performance in October 1860. Active through the 1860s. Uniform in 1861 included blue military caps with gold bands.

Godmanchester Town Silver Band - Huntingdonshire
Active in the 1950s and 1960s

Godolphin Teetotal Band - Cornwall
Records of engagements in the local press can only be found for Helston and Penzance in 1855. It is doubtful that much else was carried out.
Golberdon Band - Cornwall
   Golberdon - a village North West of Callington boasted a band that is known to have existed from c1860 to c1879. A quote from the Cornish Times of 1862 reads: “The enlivening strains of the Golberdon Band quite counteracted the weeping humour of the skies.” What can one say after that?

Golborne Brass Band - Lancashire
   [current band] - Founded in 1950

Golborne Brass Band - Lancashire
   Formed in 1867, folded in 1914. A successor band was formed in 1922.

Golborne Public Subscription Band - Lancashire
   Formed in 1922, folded in 1939. A successor band was formed in 1950.

Golcar Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [current band] - Founded in 1979 - Former names: Golcar Youth Band

Golcar Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from 1867 to the 1880s

Golcar Subscription Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1930s to 1940s. A successor Golcar (Youth) Band was formed around 1979.

Golcar Youth Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Golcar Band

Golden Valley Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in 1900

Goldenhill Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in 1868, 1869

Gold's Hill Saxhorn Band - West Bromwich, Staffordshire
   See: Goldshill Ironworks Band

Goldhill Brass Band - West Bromwich, Staffordshire
   See: Goldshill Ironworks Band

Goldhill Ironworks Band - West Bromwich, Staffordshire
   Active in the 1850s to 1900. In 1860 when it won 3rd place at the Crystal Palace contest, conductor J. Blandford. Later known as Gold's Hill Saxhorn Band. Conductor W. Shepherd in 1886. It was still active in 1899. Linked to James Bagnall's Ironworks at Goldhill.

Goldhill Town Band - West Bromwich, Staffordshire
   See: Goldhill Ironworks Band

Goldsmith Street Industrial School Band - Middlesex
   Formed in 1904. The school was established in Goldsmith Street (now Stukeley Street) in 1895 as a Day Industrial School. A boys' brass band was established, with the caretaker taking on the role of bandmaster.

Goldsmith's Brass Band - Trowbridge, Wiltshire
   See: Messrs J. and W. Goldsmith’s Brass Band

Goldthorpe British Legion Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Goldthorpe Ceramia Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Yorkshire Main Colliery Band

Goldthorpe Public Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1920s
Goldthorpe Temperance Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1853

Goldthorpe Wesley Hall Silver Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1933

Goliath Training Ship Band - Grays, Essex
   See: Training Ship Goliath Brass Band

Golspie Brass Band - Sutherland
   Active in the 1860s and 1870s

Gomersal Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from the 1850s to the 1870s.

Gomersal Junior Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Spen Valley Brass Band

Gomersal Junior Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Spen Valley Brass Band

Gomersal Mariner's Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Founded in December 1857, conductor John Brooke

Gomersal Mills Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Formed in 1942. Competed in the Senior Cup in 1962. Still active in 1979

Good Samaritan Brass Band - Leamington Spa, Warwickshire
   Active in 1868

Goodinge Road Temperance Band - Islington, Middlesex
   Active in the 1890s

Goodshaw Band - Lancashire
   [previous name of current band] See: BMP Europe Goodshaw Band

Goodshaw Crawshawbooth Band - Lancashire
   [previous name of current band] See: BMP Europe Goodshaw Band

Goodshaw Prize Band - Lancashire
   [previous name of current band] See: BMP Europe Goodshaw Band

Goodshawfold Brass Band - Lancashire
   [previous name of current band] See: BMP Europe Goodshaw Band

Goodwick Brass Band - Pembrokeshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1987

Goodwick Brass Band - Pembrokeshire
   Formed in 1911, disbanded around the start of World War 2. From memories of Dai Miles - “Once upon a time, at the turn of the 20th century, in a small community in West Wales called Goodwick, there was a brass band. This group of stalwarts, many of whom had come to the area from Neyland when the Harbour was built, was in the charge of Mr Lake, the headmaster of the local school. Mr Lake and his brother worked in Emlyn Colliery in Ammanford and he played solo cornet in the Colliery Band. He first came here to work in Puncheston School and then became headmaster of the newly built Goodwick School and either took over, or formed the Band. Practices were held in a corrugated zinc hut at the old laundry cottages (long since gone) in Dyffryn . There was no electricity then and the hut was lit by oil lamps on the walls. If the practice was really good the flames would shoot up high and the euphoniums could easily put all the lamps out! Sometimes they used battery lamps but they cost 4s. 6d. each and 4d. for the batteries so there wasn’t too much practice in winter! Mr Lake was a hard taskmaster and he would continually admonish them - “you play like a circus band”! The instruments
were old, needed new corks, and “clicked” as they were played. “You’re banging your instruments against your buttons again!” - a reference to their uniform, which was the G.W.R. jacket and a white paper band put round the hat. In 1914, when War broke out, the Band held a meeting and decided that those of the right age should join up as a Band. They did this and from Kinwell Park in North Wales they were transferred to France, back from the Front Line, where they were used as escorts. One particular day, it seems, they were having a quiet smoke between duties, when an open car came along with an officer and his driver. “Put your instruments in the car and come with me” the officer said. He gave them each a rifle and marched them away. They were scattered then to different regiments. At home the members left behind continued the practices and the Band re-formed after the War. Dai Miles, an old Band member, the source of all these tales, joined the Band in the 1920's and bought his cornet in a pawn shop in Bute Street, Cardiff for £1. Billy Jeff and Jack Evans did the repair work on the instruments. Vincent Johns was President of the Band. At Christmastime the Bandsmen would love to play outside his house. They would have beer brought out to them whilst Mr Lake would be invited in for a swig of something stronger. Vincent Johns would give £1 or £2 for the Band and would then ask them to play “one more piece and give it some drum”! The Band played everywhere. There were lots of sports and carnivals and there were ox roasts in the football field. One year at the ox roasting, they were raising money for St. Mary’s Church Hall, which was being built then and they were paid £24.0.0. Then they played at Lower Town Carnival and Sports and were paid £24.0.0 for that as well! There used to be Carnival and Sports at the top of Stop and Call Hill. The Band would form by the Cunard (the fish and chip shop now) and would march up the hill, and then, despite exhausted lungs, would play for a while at the top. John Clement Bowen played the big drum for a bit. But he wasn’t very tall and couldn’t see over the top too well. One day they were leading the Carnival up Cambria Square to play there for a while, but John Clement Bowen went down Main Street instead, beating the drum as he went and someone had to run after him and haul him back. Their favourite march was the “Washington Greys” and they knew “The Chieftain” so well they could nearly play it without music! In fact, that was the piece they played the last time they ever marched in Goodwick - and also the piece the present Band played the first time they marched through Goodwick. They were great on dance music. They played waltzes, foxtrots, you name it, for the dances in the drill hall and the dances held on the green by the tennis courts on the Parrog on summer evenings. In 1935 they were practising day and night to get ready for the National Eisteddfod that was coming to Fishguard in 1936. They were to lead the Bards and Druids and Danny Jones, a cornet player, was to play the long trumpet. The snag was, he had to ride a horse whilst playing the trumpet. Llewellyn, the Grocer’s horse - of a fearsome reputation - was elected to be the trusty steed! Danny Jones, clad in a green suit and boots and blowing the long trumpet, could not ride a horse and so was very frightened, Lewis Rennish who was leading the horse, in spite of a wide vocabulary and a big stick, could not control the poor terrified creature. 

Goodwins Silver Band

See: West Bromwich Borough Band (2)

Goole Borough Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)

Active in 1879 as Goole Town Band and Goole Brass Band. Conductor in 1889 was G. Duprey. Goole Times - Friday, September 7, 1951: “With its traditions reaching almost 70 years into the past, Goole Borough Band, facing an uncertain future, is making a
determined effort to recapture its past glories and to add more successes to its championship achievements which began in 1903 and ended in 1920 with a list of 45 prizes, 34 medals and four challenge cups.” The band was “revived” in 1898, according to a note in the Goole Times of 7th October 1898. It disbanded sometime in the late 1970s early 1980s.

Goole Brass Band
See: Goole Borough Band

Goole South Street Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1880s through to WW1. Conductor G. Perret in 1902

Goole Temperance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1848

Goole Town Band
See: Goole Borough Band

Goose Eye Brass Band
See: Gooseye Newsholme Band

Goose Green Brass Band - near Wigan, Lancashire
Active in 1907

Goose Green Working Men’s Brass Band - near Wigan, Lancashire
Active in the 1880s

Gooseye Newsholme Band - Keighley, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1852

Gorbals Brass Band - Lanarkshire
Active in 1852

Gordon Boys Home Brass Band - Fareham, Hampshire
Founded in 1906, conductor A. Martin

Gordon Boys Home Brass Band - Nottingham, Nottinghamshire
Active from 1898 through to the 1930s. The home was founded in 1885. It supported and trained 45 boys for industrial and other work. The boys were 10-16 years old and wore a uniform.

Gordon Boys Home Brass Band - Woking, Surrey
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Gordon Boys Orphanage Brass Band - Dover, Kent
Active in the 1900s. The Gordon Boys’ Orphanage and Home in Dover was founded in 1885 by local philanthropist Thomas Blackman. It was named after General Charles George Gordon who had recently died in the siege of Khartoum, and was one of several boys’ homes to commemorate him in this way. The home was located at 56 St James’ Street, Dover. In addition to the brass band there was also a bagpipe band

Gordon Institute Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
Founded in 1886, conductor D. Hughes - based at the Gordon Institute Boys’ Club (Gordon Working Lads’ Institute) on Stanley Road.

Gordon Memorial Home (for Destitute Boys) Brass Band
See: Gordon Boys Home Brass Band (Nottingham)

Gordon Street Mission Band - Derby, Derbyshire
Active in the early 1900s

Gordon Unity Brass Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
Active in the early 1900s to 1914. J. Dean conductor in 1904
Gordon Working Lads' Institute Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
   Active in 1888, bandmaster David Hughes

Gordon's Baskerville Brass Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
   See: Baskerville Brass Band

Gore Street Mission Hall Brass Band - Gorton, Lancashire
   Active in 1887

Gorebridge and Arniston Band - Midlothian
   Formed in 1909 by the merger of Gorebridge Brass Band and Arniston Brass Band.
   Active through to the 1930s

Gorebridge and District Band
   See: Gorebridge and Arniston Band

Gorebridge Brass Band - Midlothian
   Active from the 1860s until it merged with the Arniston Brass Band in 1909 to form the
   Gorebridge and Arniston Band

Gorgie Brass Band - Midlothian
   Formed in March 1891. A. Foster conductor in 1901. Still active in 1905

Goring and Streatley British Legion Band
   See: Goring Brass Band (Oxfordshire)

Goring Brass Band - Goring-by-Sea, Sussex
   Active in 1889 and the early 1890s

Goring Brass Band - Oxfordshire
   Formed before WW1. As a Division 1 Band, its standard was very high. After the war,
   the Band re-started in 1925 and played on until 1939, but as war was imminent it proved
   impossible to carry on.

Gorleston Silver Band - Great Yarmouth, Norfolk
   Formed in 1954

Gorley Brass Band - Hampshire
   Active in 1861, 1864

Gornal Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in 1862

Gornalwood Brass Band - Staffordshire
   See: Gornalwood Saxhorn Band

Gornalwood Excelsior Village Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in 1930, when it performed at Himley Park in August

Gornalwood Saxhorn Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1860s and 1870s

Gorse Hill Brass Band - Wiltshire
   Active in the early 1880s, conductor Mr Wager in 1881, G. Harding in 1891

Gorse Hill Wesleyan Mission Brass Band - Wiltshire
   Active in the 1900s

Gorseinon Brass Band - Glamorgan
   Active in from the early 1900s to the late 1940s

Gorseinon Institute Band - Glamorgan
   See: Gorseinon Brass Band

Gorseinon Volunteers Band - Glamorgan
   See: Gorseinon Brass Band
Gorton and Openshaw Old Band - Lancashire
   See: Gorton Silver Band

Gorton Brass Band - Lancashire
   See: Gorton Silver Band

Gorton Foresters’ Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active from the mid-1860s, conductor Mr Pursegoove in 1870. In August that year the band, together with their wives and sweethearts, had a picnic to Penistone, Yorkshire. Leaving at 7 o’clock and arriving at 9 o’clock, they partook of a good breakfast and went to the Hyleswine Feast, after which they returned to the Crown Inn, Penistone. After dinner the band played some of the popular music of the day.

Gorton Foundry Band - Lancashire
   Active through the 1880s, conductor G. Harker in 1889. Based at Beyer Peacock Ltd, Gorton, manufacturer of locomotive engines (some 8,000 were built there between 1855 and 1966)

Gorton Free Gardeners’ Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1868. Associated with the “Fruitful Vine Lodge, No. 861”

Gorton L.N.E.R. Works Band - Lancashire
   See: L.N.E.R. (Gorton) Works Band

Gorton Silver Band - Lancashire
   Formed in 1857. Bill Booth (senior) was solo horn player until his death in 1946. His son, Bill Booth, took over the solo horn until his untimely death in 1948. Folded in the late 1990s, and the remainder merged with the Reddish Prize Band. Also known as Gorton and Openshaw Old Band

Gorton St. James Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1893

Gorton Tank Works Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1857, conductor J. Melling. Consisted of 25 workmen employed at the depot of the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway

Gosforth Brass Band - Cumberland
   Active in 1851. Conductor H. Huddart in 1865

Gosforth Temperance Brass Band - Cumberland
   Founded in 1864, instructor Mr Richardson

Gospel Blue Ribbon Mission Brass Band - Derby, Derbyshire
   Active in 1904, conductor T. Lee

Gospel Temperance Blue Ribbon Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
   Active in 1885, conducted by G. Everson

Gosport and Fareham Mission Band - Hampshire
   Active in the 1890s

Gosport Foresters’ Brass Band - Hampshire
   Active in 1863, conductor H. Alley.

Gosport Juvenile Foresters’ Brass Band - Hampshire
   Active in 1868, conductor H. Alley.

Gosport Silver Band - Hampshire
   Formed in 1968 as the brainchild of Alderman John Fairhall, a former Mayor of Gosport. While on holiday in Austria he heard a town band and thought that it would enhance the image of Gosport if it too had a town band. He put this idea to Gosport Borough Council, which supported him unanimously and made available a loan of £5,000 for the purchase
of instruments, music and uniforms. The council also provided a rehearsal room. The Band’s founder Director of Music was Cecil Brown, a retired Royal Marines Commissioned Bandmaster, who led and directed the Band until 1982. He was succeeded by Albert Hall, also a former Royal Marines Bandmaster. Albert was succeeded as Musical Director in April 2005 by Derek Jones and in September 2007 he was succeeded by Richard Sharp. In its early years the Band pioneered music on the Solent, playing on the Isle of Wight ferries on Sunday afternoons while they cruised from Portsmouth to Southampton Water. It was a feature of the welcoming scene when Princess Alexandria visited the town. When the Golden Jubilee of Gosport attaining borough status was celebrated, the Band shared the platform with the Central Band of the Royal Air Force at a gala garden party. It merged with Solent Concert Band in 2011 to form Gosport Solent Brass.

Gosport Solent Brass - Hampshire  
[current band] - Founded in 2011 - Note: Formed by the merger of Gosport Silver Band and Solent Concert Band

Gosport Star of Hope Brass Band - Hampshire  
Active in 1870

Gossages Soap Works Band - Widnes, Lancashire  
Active in 1882 when they played at Liverpool football ground, and in 1892 when they competed in an Eisteddfod at St Helens. Still active up to WW1.

Gotham Brass Band - Nottinghamshire  
Active in 1861 to 1867

Gotham Temperance Brass Band - Nottinghamshire  
Active in the 1880s and 1890s

Goudhurst Brass Band - Kent  
In existence in 1887, probably founded by George Reeves in that year, as the Kilndown and Goudhurst Brass Band. By 1900, this had become the Goudhurst Brass Band and by 1926 the Goudhurst Prize Brass Band. It was reformed after WW1 with conductor Mr Hinkley. It was still in existence in 1935.

Goudhurst Prize Brass Band  
See: Goudhurst Brass Band

Gouldsmith’s Brass Band - Trowbridge, Wiltshire  
See: Messrs J. and W. Goldsmith’s Brass Band

Gourock Burgh Band - Renfrewshire  
Active in the 1930s

Gourock Trades Band  
See: Gourock Burgh Band

Govan Brass Band - Lanarkshire  
Active in the 1860s and 1870s

Govan Burgh Band - Lanarkshire  
Founded in 1902. Active to the 1950s

Govan Colliery Band - Lanarkshire  
Active in from the 1850s to the 1870s

Govan Police Band - Lanarkshire  
Active in the 1890s

Govanhill Temperance Band - Renfrewshire  
Active in 1909
Govanhill Wesleyan Band
See: Govanhill Temperance Band

Gowkshill Brass Band - Midlothian
Active from the early 1870s into the 1880s. Conductor Abraham Moffat around 1870

Goxhill Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in 1860, conductor F.L. Fields in 1862

Goyt Valley Brass Band - Furness Vale, Derbyshire
[current band]

Graddfa Secondary School Youth Band - Ystrad Mynach, Glamorgan
Active in the 1960s and 1970s

Grade and Ruan Minor Brass Band - Cornwall
Active in the 1900s. Mr Pratt conductor in 1906

Graffham Brass Band - Sussex
Active in 1907

Grafton Street Industrial School Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
Active in 1882 through to 1914. Also known as Holy Trinity Industrial School

Grampound Brass Band - Cornwall
Active in 1859 through to 1935. They changed their title after WW1 to Grampound British Legion Band. It does not appear to have attended any contests. The only conductors names discovered are Charles Mannell in 1899 and Percy Hill in 1935.

Grampound Town Band
See: Grampound Brass Band

Granborough Brass Band - Warwickshire
Active in 1887

Grandholm Brass Band - Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire
Active from 1860 to the 1930s. Attached to the Grandholm woolen mills at Woodside, Aberdeen. In 1859 Crombie’s took over the Grandholm mill of Leys, Masson & Co. Conductors: William Cameron in 1879-81, Alex Hutton (Hadden?) in 1883, John Davidson in 1889, P. Tocher in 1893, John Rae in 1902, John L. Melvin in 1906-1924. Secretary Alexander Bowman in 1883. Also known as Woodside Brass Band, Woodside and Grandholm Band

Grandholm Works Brass Band
See: Grandholm Brass Band

Grane Brass Band - Haslingden Grane, Lancashire
Active in 1887

Grange Brass Band - Grange-Over-Sands,
See: Grange-over-Sands Brass Band

Grange Brass Band - Harwich, Essex
[previous name of current band] See: Harwich Royal British Legion Brass Band

Grange Brass Band - Harwich, Essex
Active in the late 1960s

Grange Brass Band - Spondon,
See: Spondon Grange Brass Band
Grange Brass Band - West Lothian
[previous name of current band] See: Bo’ness and Carriden Brass Band

Grange Instrumental Band - West Lothian
[previous name of current band] See: Bo’ness and Carriden Brass Band

Grange Iron Works Brass Band - Belmont, Durham
One member was Alfred Agincourt Wright, who was presented with a silver cornet by the band inscribed with his name, the band name, and “in recognition of his valuable services rendered to that band”. The iron works closed in the 1920s so it is presumed the band folded then.

Grange Moor Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1854 - Note: Originally formed as a brass and wind band in 1854 as the pit band for the Shuttle Eye Colliery, which eventually closed in 1976.

Grange School Brass Band - Runcorn, Cheshire
Active in the 1970s

Grange Silver Band - Harwich, Essex
[previous name of current band] See: Harwich Royal British Legion Brass Band

Grangemouth Brass Band - Stirlingshire
Active in 1854. Secretary James C. Grassom in 1888

Grange-over-Sands Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1890s to 1900s

Grangepans Brass Band (1) - West Lothian
Active from the 1850s. Folded in 1873, the instruments being sold to the new Armadale Brass Band established that year

Grangepans Brass Band (2) - West Lothian
Formed in 1900

Grangepans Instrumental Band (1)
See: Grangepans Brass Band (1)

Grangepans Instrumental Band (2)
Active in 1884, presumably folding before the next Grangepans Brass Band forms in 1900

Grangecover S. Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in the 1880s and 1890s through to WW1. J. Gardener bandmaster in 1904

Grangewood Silver Band
Formed in the early 1900s. Later known as East London Brass Ensemble, East Ham Borough Band, East Ham Silver Band in 1946, when it was based at the local Technical College which employed the Musical Director as lecturer. Renamed East Ham Borough Band in the 1950’s players were attracted from further afield, leading to considerable improvement. By 1958 it was setting significantly new standards for the area and qualified for the National Finals for the first time. Subsequently the Band participated in the finals on numerous occasions gaining two top six placings. Reorganisation of the London Boroughs in 1965, which amalgamated East Ham, West Ham and North Woolwich, led to the name being changed once more to the Newham Band - in early years of the change being known as Newham (East Ham) Band. It amalgamated with the Aveley Band in 1995.

Granite City Brass - Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire
[current band] - Founded in 1997 - Former names: UDI Aberdeen City Band (1997-2003) - Note: Formed in 1997 from the merger of UDI Brass and Aberdeen City Band
**Grantham Albion Brass Band** - Lincolnshire
   Active in 1885, conducted by W.W. Leak, still active in 1934

**Grantham Brass Band** - Lincolnshire
   Active in 1851. Conductor G. Hall and Secretary J. Rear in 1856. In 1861 it changed name to Grantham Volunteer Rifle Band

**Grantham C.T.S. Brass Band** - Lincolnshire
   Active in 1882, secretary Mr Hall

**Grantham Concert Band**
   See: *Grantham Town Band*

**Grantham Excelsior Brass Band** - Lincolnshire
   Active in 1904

**Grantham Gospel Band** - Lincolnshire
   Active in 1905

**Grantham Town Band** - Lincolnshire
   Active from the 1930s through to around 2000

**Grantham United Brass Band (1)** - Lincolnshire
   Active in the early 1860s. Obtained new caps in 1862 with white plumes. Presumed to have folded prior to 1868 when a successor band was formed

**Grantham United Brass Band (2)** - Lincolnshire
   Formed in early 1868, with 13 players, conductor Mr Jerrett, practicing at the Black Dog pub in Watergate

**Grantham Volunteers Band** - Lincolnshire
   Active around 1900

**Grantley Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1859, 1861

**Grantown Brass Band** - Morayshire
   Active in 1869

**Grappenhall Public Band** - Cheshire
   Active in the 1930s

**Grappenhall Subscription Band**
   See: *Grappenhall Public Band*

**Grasmere Brass Band** - Westmorland
   Active in the 1880s, taking part in the Grasmere Rushbearing festival, through to the 1900s. Conductor R. Birkett in 1904

**Grassington Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from the 1850s to the 1900s

**Grasslot Colliery Band** - Whitehaven, Cumberland
   Active in the 1960s

**Grasslot Miners Welfare Brass Band**
   See: *Grasslot Colliery Band*

**Grassmarket Brass Band** - Edinburgh, Midlothian

**Grassmarket Mission Brass Band** - Edinburgh, Midlothian
   Active in the 1900s to 1920s

**Grassmarket Silver Band**
   See: *Grassmarket Brass Band*
Gravel Hole and High Crompton Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1865

Gravel Hole Wesleyan Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1900s

Gravel Lane Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
Active in 1896

Gravel Lane Methodist Band - Manchester, Lancashire
Founded in the 1930's by William Bowen M.B.E (The honour was received for his work with poor people.) The band competed at the Crystal Palace in the 1930's and in 1956 won the regional contest and travelled to London to compete in the National Finals. Competed in the Senior Trophy, in 1962, conducted by H. Johnson. They also won several local contests including Buxton and Belle Vue. The band broke up in 1971. Also known as Manchester Y.M.C.A. Band

Gravenhurst Brass Band - Bedfordshire
Formed in the 1880s, active through to the 1920s. It was reformed after WW1 in 1921 by the Rector (three of its members had been lost during the War). Harry Fisher conductor in 1923. The band in 1890 consisted of H. Smith (conductor/cornet), J. Dennis, R. Redman, F. Goodall, H. Redman, E. Smith (cornets), G. Goodall (drummer), C. Goodall, W. Redman (horns), D. Fisher, F. Fisher (baritones), G. Fisher (euphonium), G. Redman, H. Parish (basses)

Graves' Amateur Brass Band - Rickmansworth,
Active in 1889

Gravesend Brass Band - Kent
Active in the 1860s. Conductor R.J. Marke in 1898. Also known as Gravesend Town Band. Had some success in the Crystal Palace championships in the early part of the century. Merged with Gravesend Temperance Band in the early 1900s. It added woodwind instruments and converted to a military style band some time after 1918. Still active as a concert/wind band - Gravesend Borough Band

Gravesend Customs Brass Band - Kent
Active in 1864

Gravesend Ragged School Brass Band - Kent
Active in the late 1850s. The school was founded in 1851 by the town missionary, Mr Henson only to close in 1854. A new ragged school was started in 1855, moving to Clifton Road, West Street in 1862. The band was reformed in 1862, conducted by C. Pannell. Still active in 1864

Gravesend Silver Band - Kent
See: Gravesend Brass Band

Gravesend St John Ambulance Band - Kent
Active in the 1930s

Gravesend Temperance Brass Band (1) - Kent
Active in 1867. Assumed to have folded prior to the successor band forming in 1886

Gravesend Temperance Brass Band (2) - Kent
Founded in 1886. Merged with Gravesend Brass Band in the early 1900s.

Gravesend Town Band
See: Gravesend Brass Band
Gray and Davison Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
  Founded in 1886, conductor Frank R. Howell, members were employees of Gray & Davison, organ manufacturers in Duke Street. Disbanded in 1891, the members forming the Liverpool City Unity Band

Graylingwell Hospital Band - Chichester, Sussex
  Active in the 1900s. The hospital was built in 1897 as an asylum for the mentally ill.

Grays and District Temperance Band - Essex
  [previous name of current band] See: Grays Town Band

Grays Brass Band - Preston, Lancashire
  Active in the 1850s and through to the 1890s.

Grays P.S.A. Brass Band - Essex
  Active in the 1900s

Grays Sons of Temperance Band - Essex
  [previous name of current band] See: Grays Town Band

Grays Temperance Band - Essex
  [previous name of current band] See: Grays Town Band

Grays Town Band - Essex
  [current band] - Founded in 1888 - Former names: Grays Sons of Temperance Band, Grays and District Temperance Band (1905-1906), Grays Temperance Band (1906-1950), Thurrock Silver Band, Grays Temperance Band (to 1987)

Grays Town Band - Essex
  Active in 1888. A successor band started life in 1892 as the Grays Temperance Band, ultimately becoming the current Grays Town Band in 1987

Grayshott Brass Band - Hampshire
  George Bernard Shaw was one of the founders of the Grayshott Brass Band in 1899 which, the Grayshott Magazine remarked, “could be a decided acquisition.” The band continued for some years and regularly performed at the local flower shows, garden parties, Band of Mercy shows and similar events. In a list of the initial subscribers, of whom there were 40 subscribing a total of £40. 17. 6., Shaw appears as giving £10. Whether this Band ever scaled musical heights may be doubted, since, when four years later land was given for the purpose of building a Village Hall, the donor inserted, perhaps in order to protect owners of adjacent property, a restrictive covenant prohibiting any 'band practice' on the land. In 1904 the band were permitted to play at the new recreation ground at the junction of Headley and Crossways Roads, if they so wished, not more than two evenings in any week.

Greasbrough Alliance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1890s

Greasbrough Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active from 1858 to the 1930s

Greasbrough Prince of Wales Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1890s

Greasley Temperance Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
  Active in 1857

Great Ancoats Brass Band
  See: Great Ancoats Wesleyan Brass Band

Great Ancoats Temperance Band
  See: Great Ancoats Wesleyan Brass Band
Great Ancoats Wesleyan Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
Active in the 1890s and early 1900s

Great Ayton Adult School Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active during WW1

Great Ayton Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active from the 1870s to the 1890s and also in the 1920s and 1930s. George Grierson conductor in 1888

Great Baddow Brass Band - Essex
Formed in 1894, conductor C. English. Active through the 1890s to WW1.

Great Barford Brass Band - Bedfordshire
Active in 1887

Great Barr Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in 1892

Great Bedwyn Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active in 1863, 1887

Great Bentley Brass Band - Essex
Active in 1894. Also active in the 1930s. Bandmaster in 1934/36 was James Naylor and 1937/8 was JW Smith.

Great Bentley Homeguard Band - Essex
Active during WW2

Great Bookham Brass Band - Surrey
Active in the 1890s. Mr Miller conductor in 1902. Merged with Leatherhead Town Brass Band in 1911 to form Bookham United Silver Band, which subsequently folded in 1916

Great Bourton Adult School Band - Oxfordshire
Active in the 1900s, conductor Sydney Knight

Great Bradley Brass Band - Suffolk
Active in the 1870s and 1880s

Great Brickhill Brass Band - Bedfordshire
Active in the 1880s to the 1900s

Great Bridge Amateur Band - Staffordshire
See: Great Bridge Brass Band

Great Bridge Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in 1857. Conductor Mr Tivvey in 1863. Still active in 1868

Great Bridge Havelock Band - Staffordshire
See: Great Bridge Temperance Band

Great Bridge Havelock Temperance Brass Band - Staffordshire
See: Great Bridge Temperance Band

Great Bridge Temperance Band - Staffordshire
Active from the mid-1860s to the 1870s

Great Bridge Victoria Tube Works Band - Staffordshire
Active in 1862, competing in a contest at Wolverhampton

Great Bridgewater Street Mission Brass Band
Bridgewater Street Mission Brass Band

Great Broughton Brass Band - Cumberland
Active in the 1950s

Great Broughton Rechabites Band - Cumberland
Active in the 1890s through to the 1930s
Great Central and Metropolitan Band - London

Founded in 1900. When Gladstone Park opened in 1901, brass bands were enjoying a period of great popularity. The group chosen to play at the park was the Great Central and Metropolitan Railwaymen's Band; a joining together of musicians from one-time rival bands. Initially the Local Government Board in Whitehall would not permit the band to be paid, so for some years the musicians were allowed to charge the public for chairs and programmes. Later the rules were changed and the band got a seasonal fee of £35 for the Sunday recitals, which was increased to a £50 when Thursday (early closing) performances were added by 1909. They retained their right to sell programs and charge for chairs. So popular were the concerts that the Council offered little resistance to the band’s suggestion that a proper bandstand should be provided. On 28th February 1905 Robson was instructed to prepare a plan and estimates for a covered bandstand, and the next month his costing of £176 was agreed. The resulting rustic thatched structure, which was placed a little to the east of the baths, had all the hallmarks of a Robson special. In 1912 it was insured for £325 against fire. As early as 1910 the Council was considering providing electric lighting to the bandstand but it was not until 1945 that it was agreed that this should go ahead at a cost of £149. Many special events were supported. In 1911 the band gave a special recital to honour the coronation of George V (for which they were paid £15), a ‘massed band concert’ was permitted on Sunday 4th June from 3pm to 5pm, and in 1915 they organised dances on one Thursday evening per month during the season. The joint band entered many competitions, such as the annual Crystal Palace contests from 1904 onwards, eventually becoming the 'Great Central and Metropolitan Railwaymen's (Silver) Prize Band'. At the 1923 competition they won second prize. The band were to be regular performers at Gladstone Park until 1920 when they refused the Council’s offer of £50 for Sunday concerts for the season and requested £6 6s per performance. The Council did not agree and engaged the National Union of Railwaymen (Neasden No.1 Branch) Orphan Fund Band in their place. In 1924 the Great Central and Metropolitan Silver Prize Band were approached again but stated they were not prepared to do Sunday evening performances as they had a contract with London County Council (possibly for appearing in Queen's Park). Perhaps they had become too grand. By 1928 the birds had taken most of the thatch off the bandstand. The Council’s Outdoor Committee recommended that it be tiled, as re-thatching costs would be prohibitive. The band provided music at the S. Smith and Sons (M.A.) Limited's Sports at Dollis Hill, Neasden in August 1923, and again in 1925. The band was still active in the early 1960s.

Great Central and Metropolitan Railwaymen's (Silver) Prize Band
See: Great Central and Metropolitan Band

Great Central Gas Works Brass Band - Bow Common, Middlesex
Active in 1862

Great Central Hall Brass Band - Bermondsey, Surrey
Active in 1909

Great Central Railway Band - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1900s

Great Central Railway Band - London
See: Great Central and Metropolitan Band
Great Central Railway Band - Northamptonshire
Based at Woodford Halse, which stood on the GCR main line. Active from the early 1900s to after WW1.

Great Cheverell Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active in the 1950s

Great Chishill Brass Band - Essex
Active in the 1890s

Great Clifton Prize Band - Cumberland
Active in the 1890s to WW1 - conductor at one time was John Gilchrist. Also active in the 1950s and 1960s.

Great Eastern Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
Active in the 1870s and 1880s. In 1888 the band owed £16 for instruments and was desirous to obtain new uniforms at a cost of another £20.

Great Eastern Railway Band - Cambridge, Cambridgeshire
See: Cambridge Railway Band

Great Eastern Railway Band - Ipswich, Suffolk
Active in the 1860s, conductor Mr Dunt

Great Eastern Railway Cambridge Silver Band
See: Cambridge Railway Band

Great Eastern Railway Works Band - Stratford, Essex
Active in the late 1850s to the 1920s. Conductor R. Hirst in 1860, W.J. Lancaster in 1895, H. Neale in 1919

Great Easton Coronation Brass Band - Leicestershire
Founded in 1901. W.F. Haddon bandmaster and secretary in its early years. Also active after WW1 in the 1920s and 1930s.

Great Ellingham Brass Band - Norfolk
Active in the 1880s and 1890s

Great Glen Brass Band - Leicestershire
Active from 1867 to the 1930s. Also known as Glen Magna Brass Band

Great Gonerby Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in the 1890s. Bandmaster A. Holmes and secretary W. Cleaver in 1897

Great Harwood Brass Band (1) - Lancashire
Active in 1853 through into the 1860s, folding before the 1880s

Great Harwood Brass Band (2) - Lancashire
See: Great Harwood Subscription Band

Great Harwood Subscription Band - Lancashire
Formed in 1882, conductor T. Taylor. In 1888 it was described as “.... is a good one, and whenever it appears in public it has none of that 'brassiness' of tone so distressing to those who have a sensitive diaphragm”. In 1893 it won first prize at a contest in Skelmersdale (other bands placed were: 2nd, Leyland Subscription Band; 3rd, Ratcliffe Public Band; 4th, Pemberton Old Band; 5th, White-well Vale Band). Still active through to WW1.

Great Harwood Temperance Band - Lancashire
See: Great Harwood Subscription Band

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Great Holland Brass Band
Active in the early 1900s. Renamed Kirkby Cross and Great Holland Brass Band a little later. For more details, see “Grandad Played The Cornet: A History of Brass Bands in North East Essex”, by David Cawdell.

Great Horkesley Band
Active in the 1890s, but did not reform after the Great War.

Great Horton Brass Band (1) - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the early 1860s to the mid-1870s.

Great Horton Brass Band (2) - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in 1877 and, over the next 10 years, attended 40 contests winning 30 prizes, value £300. Conducted by G.F. Birkenshaw at the Barnoldswick Contest in 1886. Still active in the early 1900s.

Great Horwood Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
Active from the early 1890s to the 1950s. Conductors R.King in 1893, Reuben Walker in 1902

Great Horwood Silver Band - Buckinghamshire
[current band] - Founded in 1887

Great Houghton Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in the 1870s

Great Houghton Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in 1892. Active in the 1890s

Great James Street Mission Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
Active in 1891

Great Leighs Temperance Band - Essex
Active in 1906-1908

Great Lever Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1870

Great Massingham Crown Brass Band
See: Great Massingham Silver Band

Great Massingham Silver Band - Norfolk
Active in the early 1900s, when they were invited to play at Sandringham by the king after he heard them playing in Kings Lynn. Bandmaster was George Frederick Fish. Also known as Great Massingham Crown Band. The band was still active in the 1920s, when it rehearsed at the Rose and Crown Inn.

Great Milton Brass Band - Oxfordshire
Active in the 1840s and the 1880s

Great Missendenn Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
Active in 1844

Great Northern Brass Band - Peterborough, Northamptonshire
Founded in 1856, 24 performers all employees in the locomotive department of the railway, conductor T. Rayner

Great Northern Loco Band - Doncaster, Yorkshire (West Riding), ##6##, Reported playing tunes around Doncaster at Christmas time in 1852 in a “very neat uniform” . , ##7##, Doncaster Loco Band

Great Northern Railway Brass Band
See: Peterborough Great Northern Railway Locomotive Brass Band
Great Northern Railway Plant Works Band - Doncaster, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Also known as the Doncaster Plant Works Band. Formed in 1856 and conducted by George Birkinshaw (father of the famous Black Dyke cornet player and celebrated by William Rimmer's march “Viva Birkinshaw!”). Its original composition was two sopranos, six cornopeans, two tenor horns, one baritone, three trombones, two ophicleides, one Eb bass bombardon, and percussion. The band won many prizes between 1859 and 1861 and played many arrangements and compositions of marches and waltzes by Birkinshaw. Including 3rd prize at Lincoln on 6 June 1859, and 1st prize, gaining £15, at Peterborough on 5 September 1859 (where the bandsmen had to “defend themselves physically against disappointed rivals afterwards!), and 2nd prize at the contest at the Botanical Gardens in Sheffield in 1860. Renamed Doncaster Volunteer Band in 1859. Birkinshaw introduced his own brass band compositions in concerts given out of doors in the town: Festive Polka, Rouse Polka, the galop Spring Flowers, Pas Redouble, at least one march, a cornet trio and an arrangement for three cornets of “Lift Thine Eyes” from Elijah. In one 1859 Doncaster concert Birkinshaw conducted Jullien's Mary Ann Polka and French Quadrille. Birkinshaw left the band in 1865, but it continued successfully under the batons of J Redfern, S Wilson and Mr Salmon, until it disbanded when the Volunteers were absorbed into the King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry Regiment in 1908.

Great Ouseburn Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1830s to 1843

Great Ponton Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Formed in 1911

Great Rollright Primitive Methodist Mission Brass Band - Oxfordshire
Active in 1899

Great Western Colliery Band - Hopkinstown, Glamorgan
Founded in 1898. Active through to 1939

Great Western Foundry Brass Band - Reading, Berkshire
See: Reading Foundry Brass Band

Great Western Paddington Brass Band - Middlesex
Active in 1856, 1865

Great Western Pontypridd Band
See: Great Western Colliery Band

Great Western Railway (Paddington) Band
See: G.W.R. and Paddington Borough Silver Band

Great Western Railway (Swindon) Band - Wiltshire
The Musical Times in 1847 stated “In the large workshops of the Great Western Railway, at Swindon, a number of these men have combined to make a most excellent orchestra, seconded by the liberalty and encouragement which seems to pervade the Company’s arrangement at this village, for the benefit, improvement and amusement of their workmen.” Conductor Mr Oldland in 1853. It was still active in 1893, but had folded by the early 1900s when a later Swindon band arose, also to be associated with the railway.

Great Western Railway Brass Band - Swindon, Wiltshire
See: Great Western Railway (Swindon) Band

Great Western Railway Brass Band - Worcester, Worcestershire
Active in 1888
Great Western Railway Carriage Works Brass Band - Paddington, Middlesex
   See: Great Western Paddington Brass Band

Great Western Railway Social, Education and Union Association Band - Wiltshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Swindon Pegasus Brass

Great Western Railway Works Brass Band - Reading, Berkshire
   See: Reading Foundry Brass Band

Great Western Youth Band - Swindon, Wiltshire
   [current band] - Founded in 2006

Great Wigston United Brass Band - Wigston Magna, Leicestershire
   Active in the 1880s to 1899

Great Yarmouth and Gorleston Band - Norfolk
   Active in the 1950s

Great Yarmouth Brass - Norfolk
   [current band] - Founded in 1973 - Former names: East Anglian School Band

Greater Elland S. P. and T. Social Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1946

Greater Elland Silver Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Elland Silver Band

Greater Manchester Transport Band
   Active in the 1980s

Greatham Ward Brass Band - Durham
   Active from the 1890s to WW1.

Green Hall Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in 1904

Greenacres Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1880s

Greenalls Brass Band - Lancashire
   [current band] - Founded in 1964 - Former names: Haydock and Ashton Youth Band, later re-named Haydock and Ashton Band (to 1975). Greenall's Champion Band (to 1997), Greenalls Brewery Band - Note: In 2000 Greenall's company was sold but the band still retains the name of its sponsor of 25 years

Greenalls Brewery Band - Lancashire
   [previous name of current band] See: Greenalls Brass Band

Greenall's Champion Band - Lancashire
   [previous name of current band] See: Greenalls Brass Band

Greenbank Brass Band - Cornwall
   Formed around 1885, Greenbank Band carried on until c1900 when they disbanded to help form the Liskeard Borough Band. The only known conductor was John Mitchell.

Greenbank Brass Band - Lancashire
   See: Greenbank Foundry Brass Band

Greenbank Foundry Brass Band - Blackburn, Lancashire
   Active in the 1880s

Greenfield Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [current band] - Founded in 1987

Greenfield Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1850s to 1870s. A successor band was formed in 1987.
Greenfield Colliery Band
See: Burnbank Brass Band

Greenfield Flannel Mills Band - Flintshire
Active in the 1900s

Greenfield Mill Brass Band - Hyde, Cheshire
Active in 1858

Greenfield Temperance Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1853

Greengairs Brass Band - Lanarkshire
Active in the 1880s and 1890s

Greengates Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1850s and also from the 1890s to WW1. In June 1902 at Harrogate Road, Greengates, a milkman's horse took fright at the music and bolted into the band during the carnival procession. Twelve people were injured, many of whom were band members, and six of those were taken to the infirmary. William Carlisle, cornet player, died in hospital.

Greenhalgh's Brass Band - Preston, Lancashire
Active in 1868, 1872 and also in 1907 and 1908, when it played at Calder Vale.

Greenhall Brass Band - Gorebridge, Midlothian
[current band]

Greenhall High School Band
See: Greenhall Youth Brass Band

Greenhall Youth Brass Band - Gorebridge, Midlothian
Active from the 1980s to the early 2000s. Also known as Greenhall High School Band until the school closed in 1994.

Greenhithe Brass Band - Essex
Founded in 1863, conductor Mr Russell. Still active in 1887

Greenhouse Brass Band
See: Bowling Greenhouse Brass Band

Greenhow Hill Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Greenhow Hill Victoria Band

Greenhow Hill Victoria Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in the 1860s. It is mentioned by Thomas Blackah in his poem of 1865 about the Feast: "The Nidderdale Rant" - 'And Victoria Band maks under t'tree, A bonny racket.' Used to play in the Greenhow Chapel. When the Chapel got an organ, they could not play, which caused a great deal of trouble. The band was thought to be very good and was much sought after on festive occasions in the area. There were 17 in the band: Joe Mackwell (1st Cornet), John Green (2nd Cornet), Ann Green (Bass), Thomas Blackah (Bass Instrument), Richard Blackah (A horn going right round his body), Jossie Blackah (Bass Instrument), Maw Simpson (Single Bass), Will Green (Big Drum), Thomas Wilkinson Marshall (Little Drum), R Mackwell (A round instrument), Duncan Mackwell (1st Fiddle), Jackie Green (Double Bass), ? (Trombone), 4 others (String Instruments). Nathaniel Grainge ('Natty wey t'stick') was also in the band according to another source. It was still going strong in 1883, but ceased shortly after when the local mining industry collapsed.

Greenhow Victoria Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Greenhow Hill Victoria Band
Greenland’s Brass Band - Frome, Somerset
Active in 1869. A band formed by the workmen employed by E.A. Greenland, a builder in Frome.

Greenock and District Silver Band - Renfrewshire
See: Inverclyde District Band

Greenock Rifles Brass Band - Renfrewshire
Active in the 1860s. Also known as the 1st Renfrew Rifle Volunteers Brass Band.

Greenock Silver Band - Renfrewshire
Active in the 1930s

Greenock St Lawrence Silver Band (1) - Renfrewshire
Active from the 1920s to the 1930s. A successor band was formed in 1948

Greenock St Lawrence Silver Band (2) - Renfrewshire
Formed in 1948, conductor Jimmy Reid

Greenock St Patrick’s Band - Renfrewshire
Active in the late 1840s to mid-1850s. William Brady, a flax-dresser, was convicted of stealing a cornet-a-piston from the band in 1850

Greenock Thistle Brass Band (1) - Renfrewshire
Active in the 1850s - presumed to have folded prior to 1875

Greenock Thistle Brass Band (2) - Renfrewshire
Formed in 1875 as the Working Boys Brass Band, became the Greenock Thistle Brass Band in 1876 and to the Volunteers in 1880 (as the 1st Renfrew and Dumbarton Artillery Volunteers Band). In 1879 it took part in a procession in August to inaugurate the Kilmarnock Burns Monument and Kay Park, accompanying the Oddfellows Lodge, who had gorgeous banners illustrative of the objects of the Order, and the fantastic robes and head gear of the officials attracted no little notice.

Greenock Union Brass Band - Renfrewshire
Active in 1858, conductor H.C. Griffiths

Green’s Brothers Band - Brandon, Suffolk
[previous name of current band] See: Breckland Brass Band

Green’s Dye Works Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1872

Greenslade’s Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
See: Messrs E.A. and W. Greenslade’s Brass Band

Greensplat Brass Band - Cornwall
Formed in 1913, the circumstances of WW1 interfered somewhat, and the band experienced problems with repayments on the instrument loan and so had to cease activities. Immediately after that little European disagreement was resolved they restarted their band life, which carried on until about 1935. Situated just outside the village of Bugle, for Greensplat bandsmen, contesting was an important activity from 1919 until 1930. R Hancock led the band from its inception to 1920. It is not known, at present, who was resident conductor from this point on but they did continue to contest, once under EJ Williams (sen) three times under a J Bassett (perhaps by coincidence, there was a J Bassett horn player who had finished playing with Foxhole Band - was this the same man?), and a couple of times by a G Attwood but in 1926 Charles H Baker became professional adviser to them, continuing for the next four years, after which Len Manhire took over until their demise. Also known as Greensplat Silver Band.
Greenway Moor Brass Band - Biddulph Moor, Staffordshire
   Active from the 1930s to 1998. Competed in the Senior Cup in 1962.

Greenway Moor Prize Band
   See: Greenway Moor Brass Band

Greenway Selectus Band
   See: Greenway Moor Brass Band

Greenway Staffordshire Moorlands Band
   See: Greenway Moor Brass Band

Greenway's Brass Band
   See: Downend Brass Band

Greenwich and Deptford Boys Band
   See: Greenwich and Deptford Union Cottage Homes Band

Greenwich and Deptford Poor Law School Band
   See: Greenwich and Deptford Union Cottage Homes Band

Greenwich and Deptford Union Cottage Homes Band - Lamorbey, Sidcup, Kent
   Active from the 1900s to the 1920s. The homes, later known as The Hollies, were opened in 1902 to house pauper children away from the workhouse. Also known as Sidcup Schools Brass Band or Sidcup Homes Band. Conductor A.R. Byles in 1907

Greenwich Borough Brass Band
   See: Greenwich Town Brass Band

Greenwich Brass Band - Kent
   [current band] - Founded in 1998 - Former names: Trinity College Students? Union Brass Band

Greenwich Town Brass Band - Kent
   Active in the 1900s and 1910s. Conductor Christopher Birkhead in 1903

Greetham Brass Band - Rutland
   Active from the late 1880s to the 1930s. Secretary in 1904 was G.W. Corby. Conductor Mr Matthews in 1910, C.E. Ailmore in 1931.

Greetland and West Vale Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1860s to 1890s. Conductor Mr Greenwood in 1869, the year they acquired new instruments.

Greggs Bakery Band
   See: Newbiggin Colliery Band

Grenville Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Gresford Band - Denbighshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Llay Welfare Band

Gresford Colliery Silver Band - Wrexham, Denbighshire
   Active in 1933

Gresford Colliery Welfare Silver Band - Denbighshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Llay Welfare Band

Gresham Brass Band - Surrey
   Founded around 1902. Active in the early 1900s, based in Old Woking, at the printing works of Unwin Brothers. They are known to have played at events in Send village and it is likely that some of the players lived in Send in houses built by the company. There seem to have been about 18 players. There is an archive of Unwin Brothers at the Surrey History Centre in Woking which may have some further information.
Gresham Press Brass Band - Surrey
See: Gresham Brass Band

Gresley Ambulance Band - Derbyshire
[previous name of current band] See: Gresley Colliery Band

Gresley and Swadlincote Garibaldi Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in the 1860s to 1867

Gresley Brass Band - Derbyshire
[previous name of current band] See: Gresley Colliery Band

Gresley Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in 1854, presumed to have folded before 1857 when a successor band (the current Gresley Colliery Band) was formed.

Gresley Colliery Band - Derbyshire
[current band] - Founded in 1857 - Former names: Gresley Band, Gresley Silver Prize Band, Gresley Ambulance Band, Church Gresley Colliery Band (1941), South Derbyshire Miners' Welfare Band (1968 to 1980s), Gresley Old Hall Brass Band (to 2006)

Gresley Old Hall Brass Band - Derbyshire
[previous name of current band] See: Gresley Colliery Band

Gresley Silver Prize Band - Derbyshire
[previous name of current band] See: Gresley Colliery Band

Gresley Temperance Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in 1856

Gretton Excelsior Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in 1883

Gretton Jubilee Brass Band - Northamptonshire
[previous name of current band] See: Gretton Silver Band

Gretton Silver Band - Northamptonshire
[current band] - Founded in 1877 - Former names: Gretton Jubilee Brass Band

Greville House Brass Band - Westminster, Middlesex
Active in 1863, 1864. Based at Greville House, Paddington Green. Conductor Mr Stubbings

Griff Colliery and Chilvers Coton Band - Nuneaton, Warwickshire
See: Griff Colliery Brass Band

Griff Colliery Brass Band - Nuneaton, Warwickshire
Active in the 1920s to the 1940s

Griffin Brass Band - Chiswick, Middlesex
Active in 1868

Grimesthorpe Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the mid-1860s to the 1930s.

Grimesthorpe Free Church Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Founded around 1889. Active into the 1890s

Grimesthorpe United Methodist Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1890s

Grimesthorpe Weleyan Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Grimesthorpe United Methodist Brass Band

Grimesthorpe Colliery (UK Coal) Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Grimesthorpe Colliery Band
Grimethorpe Colliery Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1917 - Former names: Grimethorpe Colliery Institute Band (until ?), Grimethorpe Colliery Band, Grimethorpe Colliery RJB Band (1995-2002), Grimethorpe Colliery (UK Coal) Band

Grimethorpe Colliery Institute Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Grimethorpe Colliery Band

Grimethorpe Colliery RJB Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Grimethorpe Colliery Band

Grimley Brass Band - Worcestershire
Active in 1856, conductor Mr Callow.

Grimsby and District Band - Lincolnshire
See: Grimsby Brass Band

Grimsby Artillery Volunteers Band - Lincolnshire
1st Lincolnshire Artillery (Grimsby) - active in the 1880s

Grimsby Borough Band - Lincolnshire
See: Grimsby Temperance Band

Grimsby Brass Band (1) - Lincolnshire
Founded in 1834. Conductor Mr Mundy in 1859. Still active in 1864

Grimsby Brass Band (2) - Lincolnshire
Originally formed with pupils of the old Harold Street school together with more experienced musicians. Active from the early 1960s to the 1990s. Known as Primo Windows Grimsby Band in the 1980s to early 1990s

Grimsby County Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in the 1890s

Grimsby Mechanics Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Founded in 1859, still active in 1886, conductor A.J. Houghton

Grimsby Railway Servants Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in the 1880s

Grimsby Sailors and Fishermen’s Band - Lincolnshire
Active in the 1890s

Grimsby Temperance Band - Lincolnshire
Formed around 1887, became Grimsby Borough Band in the mid-1890s, active through to the 1920s

Grimsby Town Band - Lincolnshire
See: Grimsby Borough Band

Grimsby Unity Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Grimsby Victoria Wesleyan Sunday School Band - Lincolnshire
Founded in 1908

Grimsdyke Brass - Harrow, Middlesex
[current band] - Founded in 1979 - Former names: Grimsdyke Brass (Harrow), Littlewoods Grimsdyke Brass - Note: Formed from the brass bands of Whitmore School and Park High School in Harrow

Grimsdyke Brass (Harrow) - Harrow, Middlesex
[previous name of current band] See: Grimsdyke Brass

Grimston Brass Band - Clifford, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1855
Grindleford Brass Band - Derbyshire
  Active in 1907 to the late 1930s
Grindleford Bridge Brass Band - Derbyshire
  See: Grindleford Brass Band
Grindleton Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1858. Still active before WW1, but found itself short of players between the
  wars and amalgamated with Slaidburn Band, retaining the Slaidburn name. Slaidburn’s
  instruments were used, but Grindleton provided the majority of players.
Gringley Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
  Active in 1879
Grinshill Brass Band - Shropshire
  Active in 1907 through 1912. Conductor Thomas Wilson
Gronant Brass Band - Flintshire
  Active from the 1870s to the 1890s
Groombridge Brass Band - Sussex
  Formed in 1926. Active in the 1930s, conductor Mr. H. Wickens.
Grosmont Brass Band - Monmouthshire
  Active in 1855, conductor George East. Still active in 1861
Grosmont Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
  Active from the mid-1870s to the 1910s. Conductor Thomas Wood in 1884, Jackson
  Easton in 1885, Thomas Aaron in 1887-91
Grosmont Iron Works Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
  Active in the 1870s to the 1890s
Group 4 Winchcombe Concert Brass - Gloucestershire
  [previous name of current band] See: Winchcombe Concert Brass
Grove Place Brass Band - Dalton, Huddersfield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1870s and 1880s
Grove Street Brass Band - Musselburgh, Midlothian
  Active in the 1850s
Groves Mission Band - York, Yorkshire
  Active since at least 1889, it disbanded in 1903 and members joined the new Rowntrees
  Cocoa Works Band
Groves Wesleyan Band - York, Yorkshire
  See: Groves Mission Band
Groves Wesleyan School Brass Band - York, Yorkshire
  Founded in 1895
Grundisburgh Brass Band - Suffolk
  The earliest known press report is the Suffolk Standard of August 1892, when the band
  played at a local show, conducted by W. Blackmore. In June 1893 they played at an open-
  air concert in the grounds of Grundisburgh Hall, and it was reported that “The
  programme was interspersed with items by the Grundisburgh Brass band, which shows
  considerable improvement since last year” Evidently the reporter wasn’t a fan! Later that
  year, at a formal sit-down tea, it was reported that the band had 23 members, and the
  conductor, G. Walter Blackmore, (the village schoolmaster), and the bandmaster,
  Richard H Gladwell, were both presented with inscribed marble clocks, so the band must
  have been going longer than so far confirmed. In September 1892 it played at a Sale of
  Work at Grundisburgh House, in July 1894 and also in 1896 is entertained visitors to the
Wherstead and Belstead Cottagers' Show. July 1898 saw the band in action at the Clopton Flower Show and also the Witnesham Cottagers' Show. In February 1900 is gave a concert for the “Absent-minded Beggar Fund”, raising £6 - this fund had been set up by the Daily Mail, using the popular poem by Rudyard Kipling as a focus for charitable fundraising during the Boer War. The band was still active after WW1.

GT Group Peterlee Band - Durham
[current band] - Founded in 1974 - Former names: Peterlee Town Band (to 1993)

Guernsey Concert Brass - Isle of Guernsey
[current band] - Founded in 1966

Guide Post Temperance Brass Band - Northumberland
Active in 1875, conductor Robert Easten

Guide Temperance Brass Band - Lancashire
Active from the 1870s to the 1920s. George Aspin secretary in 1902

Guildford Brass Band - Surrey
Active from the 1840s to the 1890s

Guildford Silver Band - Surrey
Active from the 1960s to the 1970s. A successor band was formed in 1983 (Friary Guildford Band)

Guildford Temperance Band - Surrey
Active in the 1880s to 1900s

Guildford Town Band - Surrey
Founded in 1906

Guilsborough Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active from the early 1860s. Conductor W.V. Scholes in 1868, G.W. Brunner in 1886 and W. Bott in 1907. Active through to WW1

Guilsborough County School Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in the 1980s

Guinea Lane Sunday School Brass Band - Bath, Somerset
Active in 1885

Guinness Crusaders Brass Band - London
Active from the early 1900s to the 1930s.

Guisborough Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1859 when it took part in the Lofthouse Grand Village Band Contest in November that year. It was conducted by Mr Bannister, had 12 performers, and played Il Trovatore by Verdi. and the test piece, Grand Parade March by Jones. Active through to WW1.

Guisborough Priory Prize Silver Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Formed in 1902 and still active in 1920

Guisborough Rifle Volunteers Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in the 1860s to 1900s. 20th North Yorkshire Rifle Volunteers Band

Guisborough Union Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1867, a juvenile band from the local workhouse

Guisbrough Artillery Volunteers - Yorkshire (North Riding)
1st North Yorkshire Volunteer Artillery Band. Active in the 1870s

Guiseley Brass Band (1) - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1863 to 1869. Its instruments were sold in 1869 by its leader, Elijah Booth
Guiseley Brass Band (2) - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [current band] - Founded in the 1870s. Active in 1875 and 1890. Competed in the Junior Cup in 1962, conducted by R. Stevenson.

Gulval Brass Band - Cornwall
   Active in 1859

Gunnerside Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active from the 1850s to the 1920s

Gunnerslake British Legion Band
   See: Gunnerslake Temperance Band

Gunnerslake Silver Band
   See: Gunnerslake Temperance Band

Gunnerslake Temperance Band - Cornwall
   Formed about 1898, they quietly carried on with the usual engagements of the time, and after World War 1 became Gunnerslake British Legion Band, and later the Gunnerslake Silver Band. They were a non-contesting outfit. All that can be discovered regards conductors was that in 1937 Mr C Trewin finished and Mr W Westlake took over. It must have been soon after this that they folded up as I can find no more references to them after 1937. Also in the town of Gunnerslake was a Salvation Army Corps, complete with a band that carried out “outside” engagements at least in 1930.

Gunton Hall Silver Band
   See: Lowestoft Town Brass Band

Gunville Brass Band - Hampshire
   Active in 1857

GUS Band - Northamptonshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Virtuosi GUS Band

Gussage Brass Band - Dorset
   Active in 1895, secretary William Burt

Guthrie's Industrial School Band - Liberton, Midlothian
   Active in the 1900s, conductor Mr Sutherland. The school was located in Lasswade Road, Liberton

Gwaelodygarth Brass Band - Glamorgan
   Active in 1891

Gwaenyydd Brass Band - Merioneth
   [previous name of current band] See: Royal Oakeley Silver Band

Gwaenyydd Silver Band - Festiniog, Merioneth
   Active in the 1870s and 1880s

Gwaenysgor Brass Band - Flintshire
   Active in the 1870s

Gwaun Cae Gurwen Brass Band (1) - Glamorgan
   In 1892 a meeting was held to form a brass band in Gwaun Cae Gurwen. The records show that each founder member had to deposit £5 with Higham & Sons towards the £250 needed to purchase a set of second hand instruments. Furthermore, each band member had to contribute one shilling per week to help clear the balance owed. As the band grew in strength, it was officially decreed on the 11th December 1883 that a society had been formed and henceforth be known as the Gwaun Cae Gurwen Brass Band. It prospered through WW1 and folded in 1932. Obtained new instruments in 1919
Gwaun Cae Gurwen Brass Band (2) - Glamorgan
In September 1933 the former bass player Dan Lloyd, who had joined the band in 1901, was invited to form a junior band assisted by a few of the former players. By Whitsun 1934 the newly formed young band was ready for its first contest, success soon followed with the band winning first prize. The same year they qualified to compete at the famous Crystal Palace in London when again the first prize in their section was brought home to Wales. This was the start of a partnership which brought unrivalled success with the local band achieving 28 firsts, 3 seconds and one third prize in the first 32 contests attended between 1933 and 1939. In 1945 they won for the first time the Daily Herald Welsh Area Championship and at the Royal Albert Hall finals shared 7th place with Black Dyke. The band disbanded in 1953.

Gwaun Cae Gurwen Brass Band (3) - Glamorgan
In 1955 interested local youngsters were gathered together and taught from scratch to play and understand music by Haydn Morris in an endeavour to start another band and by 1956 there was a full compliment aided by five former players. That same year the newly formed band qualified in the Welsh Area Contest held at the Brangwyn Hall, Swansea. This was the much needed incentive and success followed in 1959 when the band qualified for the London Championships where they remained until 1965. In an endeavour to overcome earlier mistakes a junior band had also been formed under the baton of Mr. Ivor Davies. The year 1965 saw for the first time a championship band together with a junior band and later having qualified at Swansea, went on to win the National Youth Championship of Great Britain a great tribute to Ivor who had worked so diligently with the youngsters. The relegation of the main band proved a difficult period and failure to encourage the best young players from the successful junior band to fill vacancies in the senior band caused its eventual collapse in 1967. What had started as a safeguard had conversely through its own success proved the main band’s downfall. The junior band continued as a 4th section band from 1967 to become the current Gwaun Cae Gurwen Brass Band.

Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen Band - Glamorgan
[current band] - Founded in 1967 - Note: Three previous incarnations of the band had existed in the past

Gweek Silver Band - Cornwall
[current band] - Founded in 1926

Gwendraeth Brass Band - Carmarthenshire
Active in the 1900s

Gwennap Band - Cornwall
Truro City Band had disbanded in 1969 so was it a coincidence that the Gwennap Band, who were only five miles from Truro, started up at that same time, albeir under a different conductor? This was Rex Little who stayed with them until 1975 when they became the basis for a new Truro band. Rex Little stayed with this new band for about thirteen years.

Gwernaffield Brass Band - Flintshire
Active in 1899 and sporadically through the first half of the 20th century. A permanent successor band was formed in 1971 (Gwernaffield Silver Band)

Gwernaffield Silver Band - Flintshire
[current band] - Founded in 1971
Gwersyllt Brass Band - Denbighshire
Active from 1861 to the 1890s. Conductor J. R. Williams in 1885

Gwespyr and District Silver Band - Flintshire
Active in the 1950s.

Gwespyr Brass Band - Flintshire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Conductor E. Davies in 1900

Gwynedd and Mon Brass Band - Bangor, Caernarfonshire
[current band] - Founded around 2000 - Former names: Gwynedd & Mon County Youth Band

Gwynedd Brass Band - Blaenau Ffestiniog, Merioneth
Active from 1867, conductor Mr Kelly, to the 1880s

Gwynfi Brass Band
See: Aber and Blaengwynfi Workmens Silver Band

Gwynydd Brass Band - Blaenau Ffestiniog, Merioneth
See: Gwynedd Brass Band

Gwyrfa Mills Brass Band - Bontnewydd, Caernarfonshire
Active in the 1890s

Gwyrfa Vale Brass Band - Bontnewydd, Caernarfonshire
Active in the 1930s

H Division Police Brass Band - Stepney, Middlesex
Founded in 1861, conductor W. Lake. Still active in 1866. See also B, D, E, G, K, L, N, P, S and T Division Police Brass Bands

H. Stevenson's Works Silver Band
See: Hugh Stevenson and Sons Band

H.M.S. Condor Brass Band
See: Fleet Air Arm Volunteer Brass Band

H.M.S. Implacable Brass Band - Devonport, Devon
See: Training Ship Implacable Brass Band

Habberley Brass Band - Shropshire
Active in the early 2000s

Habershon Silver Band - Rotherham, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1950s - 70s. Linked to J.J. Habershon and Sons Steel Works in Rotherham. Conductor was H. Ingle for much of the time.

Hackenthorpe Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in the 1850s

Hackleton Brass Band - Northamptonshire

Hackness Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1855 to 1863

Hackney Union Schools Brass Band - Essex
Active in the early 1900s through to the 1920s. Based at the Hackney Cottage Homes in Chipping Ongar, built by the Hackney Poor Law Union in 1905.

Hackney Wick Wesleyan Band - Middlesex
Active in the 1900s
Haddenham Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
Active from the early 1860s. Conductor John Rose in 1888. Continued to be active through to 1939.

Haddenham Brass Band (1) - Cambridgeshire
Active in the 1840s

Haddenham Brass Band (2) - Cambridgeshire
See: Haddenham Foresters Brass Band

Haddenham Foresters' Brass Band - Cambridgeshire
Formed in 1897. Known as Haddenham Silver Band from the early 1900s onward. Folded in the late 1980s.

Haddenham Silver Band - Cambridgeshire
[current band] - Note: A Haddenham Silver Band existed in 1905

Haddenham Silver Band
See: Haddenham Foresters Brass Band

Hadden's Factory Brass Band - Nottingham, Nottinghamshire
Active in 1858, conductor E.H. Turpin, and 1860. Hadden's were a hosiery manufacturer, making knitted goods on circular frames.

Hade Edge Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1908 - Note: Following demise of Old Moss Band a few years earlier

Hadfield Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in the 1930s

Hadleigh Boys Band
See: Hadleigh Town Band

Hadleigh Brass Band - Suffolk
Founded in 1866, conductor J. Heard

Hadleigh Foresters' Brass Band - Suffolk
Active in 1900

Hadleigh Town Band - Suffolk
Formed in 1951. The band's first Chairman was C H Betts, Treasurer H L Seaman and Secretary R G Robinson, their headquarters was at The Wheatsheaf public house. Within a year of their formation they were giving conceits in aid of the Lynmouth Flood Disaster plus concerts at Bildeston, Whatfield and Polstead. They played for a Hadleigh Remembrance Sunday service and organised a Giant Illuminated Christmas Tree on the Market Place, playing carols and gathering toys for Ipswich Hospital. The instruments were loaned by one of the instrument manufacturers. They also made a record of “Blades of Steel March”, “Grisford” and “Abide with Me”. They were still active in 1958.

Hadlow Brass Band - Kent
Active in 1863 to 1867

Hadstock Silver Band - Essex
[current band] - Founded around 1900

Haematite Iron Works Brass Band - Workington, Cumberland
See: Workington Iron Works Brass Band

Hafod Brass Band - Glamorgan
Active in 1882, conductor Benjamin Davies. Conductor G. Beddington in 1899

Hafod Colliery Band - Denbighshire
[previous name of current band] See: Wrexham Brass (Glyndwr)
Hafod Rechabites Band - Glamorgan
  Active in 1895

Hafod Welfare Band - Denbighshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Wrexham Brass (Glyndwr)

Haggate Band
  See: Briercliffe Prize Brass Band

Haggerston Brass Band - Middlesex
  Active from the 1920s to 1940. Probably folded during WW2.

Hagley Schools Brass Band - Worcestershire
  Active in the 1980s

Haigh (Aspull) Band
  See: Haigh Brass Band

Haigh Band - Barnsley, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  See: Rothwell Haigh Band

Haigh Brass Band - Lancashire
  Active from 1860 through to the 1970s. Competed in the First Annual Brass Band Contest organised by Wigan Borough Prize Band in 1943 (conducted by J. Mather).

Haigh Colliery Band - Lancashire
  Formed in 1843, one of the first to use all brass instruments. Still active in 1873

Haigh Prize Band
  See: Haigh Brass Band

Haigh Public Band
  See: Haigh Brass Band

Hailey Brass Band - Oxfordshire
  Active in 1855

Hailsham and Vines Cross Modern Brass - Sussex
  [previous name of current band] See: Wealden Brass

Hailsham Brass Band - Sussex
  Active in the 1850s to 1858

Hailsham Town Band - Sussex
  Founded in 1901 and in 1948 amalgamated with the British Legion (Hailsham Branch) Band. Records of the band, from 1901-48, are held at the East Sussex Record Office.
  1905/1911/1915 the secretary was George G. Guy

Halam Field Brass Band - Derbyshire
  Active in 1875

Halberton Brass Band - Devon
  Active in 1861. Folded in 1866, revived in 1867.

Halden Brass Band - Kent
  See: High Halden Brass Band

Hale Brass Band - Hampshire
  Formed in 1907

Hale End Xylonite Works Band - Hackney, Middlesex
  Formed in 1920.

Halesowen Band - Worcestershire
  [current band] - Founded in 1987

Halesowen Brass Band - Worcestershire
  Active in the 1850s
Halesowen Church Band - Worcestershire
   Founded in 1889
Halesowen Temperance Band - Worcestershire
   Active as a drum and fife band, converting to all brass in 1884. Based at the Halesowen
   Primitive Methodist Church. Active through to WW1.
Halesowen Town Volunteer Prize Band - Worcestershire
   Active from the 1890s to 1915
Halesworth Brass Band - Suffolk
   Active in 1839
Halewood United Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1890s
Haley Hill Brass Band
   See: Haley Hill Sax Horn Band
Haley Hill Sax Horn Band - Halifax, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1854 and 1859 when they played at the annual exhibition of the Haley Hill and
   New Town Allotment Gardeners' Society
Half-acres Primitive Methodist Gospel Temperance Band - Castleford, Yorkshire (West
   Riding)
   Active in the 1900s
Halford Brass Band - Warwickshire
   Active in the 1900s and 1910s, and 1941. Obtained new uniforms in 1905
Halifax Amateur Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1873
Halifax and District Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Records of the band, from 1951-61, are held at the West Yorkshire Archive Service,
   Calderdale
Halifax Band of Hope Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Halifax Victoria Band
Halifax Borough Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from 1860 to the 1890s
Halifax Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Halifax Rifle Volunteers Band
Halifax Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [current band] - Founded in 2005
Halifax Brass Works Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Halifax Central Brass Works Band
Halifax C.E.F.A. Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1940s/1950s
Halifax Central Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Halifax Central Brass Works Band
Halifax Central Brass Works Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1890s. Conducted by Robert Halstead in 1896
Halifax Citadel Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1918
Halifax Corporation Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1870s and 1880s
Halifax Home Guard Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from 1940 to 1945. Competed in the 1944 British Open contest.

Halifax King Cross Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: King Cross Band

Halifax Main Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [no information]

Halifax New Road Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1870s

Halifax Rifle Volunteers Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1850s to the 1870s. Won the British Open in 1860 and 1861, conducted by J. Dewhurst and competed again in 1864.

Halifax Rink Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1880s and 1890s

Halifax Temperance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Founded in 1884. Active in the 1890s

Halifax Victoria Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Originally the Halifax Band of Hope Brass Band. Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Halifax Volunteer Artillery Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1870s

Halifax King Cross Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: King Cross Band

Halifax Main Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [no information]

Halifax New Road Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1870s

Halifax Rifle Volunteers Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1850s to the 1870s. Won the British Open in 1860 and 1861, conducted by J. Dewhurst and competed again in 1864.

Halifax Rink Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1880s and 1890s

Halifax Temperance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Founded in 1884. Active in the 1890s

Halifax Victoria Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Originally the Halifax Band of Hope Brass Band. Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Halifax Volunteer Artillery Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1870s

Halkyn Brass Band - Flintshire
   Active in the 1890s

Halkyn Voel Gaer Band
   See: Voel Gaer Brass Band

Hall Green Brass Band
   See: Hall Green Euphonic Band

Hall Green Euphonic Band - Worcestershire
   Active in the 1850s to 1880s

Hall of Freedom Brass Band - Cardiff, Glamorgan
   See: Cardiff Hall of Freedom Brass Band

Hall of Freedom Silver Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
   Founded in 1887. Active from the 1890s to the 1920s

Hall Royd Band - Shipley, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [current band] - Founded in 1945 - Former names: Hall Royd Music Makers, Hall Royd Methodist Band

Hall Royd Methodist Band - Shipley, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Hall Royd Band

Hall Royd Music Makers - Shipley, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Hall Royd Band

Hallamshire Brass Band - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1868

Hallaton Brass Band - Leicestershire
   Founded in 1904, conductor Mr Walters, active through to 1933. Conductor in 1928 was Mr Watson

Halbankgate Brass Band - Cumberland
   Active in the 1880s, 1890s

Hallelujah Crusaders Band - Kent
   Active in 1922
Hallelujah Mission Silver Band - Motherwell, Lanarkshire

Formed in 1884, still active in 1947. H. Russell was a member of the band from its inception up to 1947 (at least).

Halliwell Brass Band - Lancashire

Formed in 1858, they originally took the name Jubilee Band, owing to their membership being from St Peter’s Jubilee Sunday School. Conductor Paul Gregory in 1868. Some time before 1870 the band severed its ties with St Peter’s and took the name Halliwell Band, in 1873 they played at the opening of the Town Hall.Halliwell Band disbanded during the First World War as 22 members signed up! Two were killed and three gained the DCM. A record that they were very proud of Sir Knowles Edge JP was a great supporter of the band in the early part of the last century. Evening News, July 21, 1904 - The attendance at the weekly band performance in Queen’s Park, Bolton, on Wednesday evening did not reach its usual dimensions. The Halliwell Prize Brass Band occupied the kiosk and the programme was gone through with great credit to themselves. A melancholy interest was attached to the performance owing to the death of Bandmaster Range, late musical director of the concerts, and out of respect to the deceased’s memory the band played the Dead March. Jack Wilson, who lived in Bolton from 1936 to 1951, said, “My Dad was conductor of Halliwell Prize Band, and worked until the war at Crossleys, who I believe made ropes and cables. Old man Crossley was chairman of the band, and when the war started most of the players were called up, and Dad went on munitions. The band never really recovered.” The band played at church and chapel walking days, Field Days, Garden Parties, Rose Queens and for Christmas Carols. In Bolton there were the Trinity Sunday Walks of the Roman Catholics, the May Day parade of carthorses from the brewers and carriers, and that feast of entertainment the Royal Infirmary Carnival where jazz bands vied with brass bands. The leader in the 1930s was possibly a portly gentleman called Gregory, who lived in Olga Street, and the band met at the Peel Arms on Halliwell Road - whether to practice or drink is not known! At the time it disbanded in the early 1950s it practiced in St Paul’s School. Another earlier member of the band was George Kay. He lived at 6 Saturn Street, attended Harvey Street Chapel and worked at Dobson and Barlow. He had three children, one son and two daughters. In February 1917 he enlisted in the North Staffordshire Regiment, sadly he was killed in May 1918, aged 40. The band at some point became the Halliwell Prize Brass Band [before 1904], what prize it won is not known but apparently it was jokingly said to be third prize when there were only three competitors. On Christmas morning they would start playing Hail Smiling Morn at the Ainsworth Arms and travel down Halliwell Road calling at other pubs en route. How far they got before they could no longer play is not recorded. The band latterly was sponsored by Henry Crossley (Packings) Ltd., and it would seem that when the band finished in the early 1950s the uniforms, instruments and music were stored by them, and then sold.

Halliwell Jubilee School Brass Band - Lancashire

See: Halliwell Brass Band

Halls Brewery Band

See: Oxford Concert Brass

Halls Oxford Concert Brass

See: Oxford Concert Brass

Hall’s Ropery Band

See: Barton Ropery Band
Hallwood View Brass Band - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1858
Halmerend Brass Band - Cheshire
  Active in 1876
Halmore Brass Band - Gloucestershire
  Active in the early 1900s to WW1.
Halmore Temperance Band
  See: Halmore Brass Band
Halse Brass Band - Somerset
  Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Conductor John Howse (or House) in 1891/1894
Halstead Amateur Brass Band - Essex
  Active in 1864
Halstead Brass Band - Essex
  Active in 1856, 1861
Halstead Town Band - Essex
Halstead's Brass Band - Preston, Lancashire
  Active in 1882. Mr Halstead was landlord of the Britannia Inn, Friargate, Preston. The band won first prize in a contest at Barrow on August 7th 1882, winning a handsome silver cup and £7. At various recent competitions if had gained: Ten first prizes, five second prizes, two third prizes, and one fourth prize, amounting to over £300 in money; also seven side drums, three gold and one silver medal, one drum-major's staff, and a silver cup.
Halton Amateur Brass Band - Cheshire
  Active in 1882
Halton Brass Band - Hastings, Sussex
  Active in 1881
Halton Brass Band - Lancashire
  Active from 1882 to 1902. A subscription fund was set up in 1885 to buy new uniforms - these were delivered in October that year from T. Barrow, Market Street, Lancaster at a cost of £26 5s. Also active in 1937
Halton Lea Gate Brass Band - Northumberland
  Active in 1862, conductor Mr Peart, playing at Featherstone School (Featherstone Rowfoot) to raise funds to establish a brass band at Featherstone and Coanwood. Still active in 1869
Halton-le-Gate Brass Band - Northumberland
  See: Halton Lea Gate Brass Band
Haltwhistle and South Tyne Brass Band
  See: South Tyne Brass Band
Haltwhistle Brass Band - Northumberland
  Formed in 1857. Conductor Mr Brown in 1861. Still active in 1869
Haltwhistle Old Silver Band - Northumberland
  Formed in 1898. Disbanded August 2004. In its heyday, Haltwhistle Old Silver Band acted like the proud standard bearer for the town. It stood for musical accomplishment and, perhaps more importantly, community spirit. Some men devoted the whole of their...
adult lives to the band, meeting for rehearsals three times a week and frequently
spending a fourth performing at events throughout the region. They were joined by their
brothers and followed by their sons. Meanwhile, their wives concentrated on organising
fundraising events to help cover the band’s costs. So it is with heavy hearts that the last
two members of the band have decided to call it a day. It has existed in name only for
many years now, kept going by a hand-full of members who could not imagine life
without their regular music sessions. Now the writing is truly on the wall, though,
because they have decided to put the old Band Room up for sale. Situated at the bottom
of Comb Hill, the building has been home to the band since it sounded its first notes.
Which is why the last three members * Jonty Bell, Tom Fletcher and Dryden Smith * are
determined that the money realised by the sale will provide a lasting legacy in
Haltwhistle. They will use it to set up a trust fund, which will be used to foster the
musical ambitions of local people. They have requested that Haltwhistle Town Council
runs the trust fund, which was unanimously agreed to by councillors during their latest
meeting. Along with his fellow councillors, chairman Coun. Alan Sharp paid warm
tribute to Jonty for the role he has played in Haltwhistle Old Silver Band for almost 80
years. Jonty was also well known across the district for his leading role in the Singing
Waiters over 25 years. “I would just like to thank you on behalf of the town for all the
hard work you have put in over the years,” said Coun. Sharp. “You were a stalwart of
the band. “You have done so much for the town, and I can safely say you are held in
high regard for your devotion and commitment. “People have succeeded in bands and
singing because of your hard work. “I think the trust will be a good thing for the future
of Haltwhistle and for children who are interested in music.” Coun. Graham Ridley
added: “In the past, the band has done a great deal to bring on youngsters. “A lot of
them got their first introduction to music through the band. “If the trust carries on that
good work, it will be a good thing for the town. We will all be grateful to you for that.”
Jonty was just five years old when he was first introduced to band life. “I used to go
along with my father * he was the conductor at the time,” he said. “The band room was a
wreck then. There was flooring in just half the room. “While the band was playing in that
half of the room, I used to sit in the other half making pot-pies in the dirt. “I joined the
band properly when I was eight years old.” Jonty is now 84. His father, who was also
called Jonathan, played the euphonium. Jonty played the E-flat bass, while his elder
brother, George, played the cornet. It has been Tom Fletcher who has kept the band
going in recent years, says Jonty. Known for his skill on the trombone, Tom stepped into
the breach when the band needed a conductor. The remaining member of their stalwart
group, Dryden, played the double-B bass. “At one time, every village had a band, such as
Haydon Bridge and Bardon Mill,” said Jonty. “The 1950s and 1960s were the heyday for
us. “We qualified twice for the national finals of a competition run by the Daily Herald,
and we travelled down to London. “We travelled all over the country during those days,
and family and friends used to come with us. “We had a terrific social life. It was grand.
“In the end, though, the interest in bands just fizzled out,” The Band Room will be closed
at the end of August (2004)

Haltwhistle Rifles Volunteers Band - Northumberland
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Ham and Petersham Brass Band - Surrey
Founded in 1903. Active through to WW1.
Ham Mills Works Band  
Active in the early 1900s

Hambledon Brass Band - Hampshire  
Active in 1856

Hambleton Brass - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
[previous name of current band] See: South Milford Brass

Hambleton Brass Band - Hampshire  
Active in the 1920s and 1980s

Hambleton Brass Band - Lancashire  
Active in the 1860s.

Hambleton Brass SHS - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
[previous name of current band] See: South Milford Brass

Hambrook Silver Band - Gloucestershire  
Active in the early 1900s, Played for Rogation open-air services on White's Hill Common (Frenchay) in 1927 and 1944. Played at the Winterbourne Sunday School treat on 25 August 1920. Gave a “delightful concert” at Winterbourne in 1926. “This was a huge success, and we hope very much that they will come again before the winter goes”. Headed a procession of 150 Bristol Buffaloes for a wreath laying ceremony at Frenchay in 1927. Played at a Garden Fete at Watley’s End, Winterbourne in 1928. Played at Winterbourne School Sports on June 17 1931 and were thanked for their efficient musical programme, given entirely without any fee. Played at Frenchay Fete in aid of Hambrook Hospital on July 14 1934. Jack Miles was for some years bandmaster of the Hambrook Silver Band - possibly in the 1930s-40s. Disbanded before 1974 when some ex-members joined the new Thornbury Brass Band.

Hamilton Brass Band - Lanarkshire  
Active in 1860, and in the 1890s to the 1930s

Hamilton Burgh Band - Lanarkshire  
Formed in 1908, conductor Mr Wharmby

Hamilton Palace Colliery Band - Bothwell, Lanarkshire  
Formed in 1899. Active to the 1950s. Bandmaster for many years was David Hunter, who built the band up from scratch on three occasions after the interruptions/problems caused by the two World Wars and the General Strike in 1926. The majority of the band joined up in 1914, leaving 5 members. The band reformed in 1917. 1926 saw another hiatus for a few years. It then flourished again before being reduced to eight members by the time war broke out in 1939.

Hamlyn Brothers Brass Band - Buckfastleigh, Devon  
Active in the early 1870s, William Torchard conductor in 1873. Hamlyn Brothers operated woolen mills and a tannery in the town. In 1902 Esau Lee arrived from North Tawton to take over the conductorship of the band, at which time it was rename Buckfastleigh Town Band. He remained its conductor until 1933. The band was still active to at least 1949.

Hammersmith Borough Band - Middlesex  
Formed 1927. Folded some time in the late 1970s.

Hammersmith Town Band - Middlesex  
Active in the 1890s, re-organised in 1902, conductor C. Barnes

Hammonds Hawley Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
[previous name of current band] See: City of Bradford Brass Band
Hammonds Junior Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Yorkshire Building Society Community Brass

Hammonds Saltaire Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [current band] - Founded in 1947 - Former names: Hammonds Sauce Works Band (to 1993), Yorkshire Building Society Brass Band (to 2005), YBS Band (to 2009) - Note: The original Hammonds Sauce Works Band arose from the ashes of the earlier Salts Silver Band, which folded in 1946. They acquired the Salts music library, some of the instruments and a few of the members.

Hammonds Sauce Works Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Hammonds Saltaire Band

Hampshire Concert Brass - Hampshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Otterbourne Brass

Hampshire County Youth Band - Hampshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1963 - Former names: Mid-Hants Schools Band, Hampshire Youth Concert Band

Hampshire Reformatory Brass Band - Eling, Hampshire
   Active in 1869, consisting of 15 boys from the home

Hampshire Youth Concert Band - Hampshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Hampshire County Youth Band

Hampstead Amateur Brass Band - Middlesex
   Founded in 1858, conductor John Day. Still active in 1860

Hampstead Borough Band - Middlesex
   Active around 1900

Hampstead Prize Silver Band - Middlesex
   Active from the early 1900s to the 1920s

Hampstead Rosslyn Hill Band - Middlesex
   Active in 1888

Hampstead Temperance Band - Middlesex
   Active in the 1890s

Hampton Hill Brass Band - London
   Active in the early 1900s

Hamstead Colliery Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
   Active in 1894

Hamsteels Colliery Band (1) - Durham
   Formed in the 1890s and still active in 1938. Acquired new instruments in 1899, conductor H. Dunning

Hamsteels Colliery Band (2) - Langley Park and Cornsay, Durham
   Formed in 1950, rehearsed in the Drill Hall in Quebec, which had a special room known as the “band room” for the practices. It was, according to one account, still active after the pit closed in 1958. But it probably folded not long after that.

Hamsterley Brass Band - Durham
   Formed in 1891

Hamsterley Colliery Band - Durham
   Formed in 1898. A newspaper report also has it active in 1896

Hamworthy Engineering Works Band - Poole, Dorset
   Active from the 1960s to the early 1980s. Won the Badman Challenge Cup at a Southern Amateur Bands Association contest in 1970.
Hanborough Brass Band - Oxfordshire
  Active in 1890
Hanborough Primitive Methodist Brass Band - Oxfordshire
  Active in 1890
Hanbury Parish Church Brass Band - Staffordshire
  Formed in 1882, conductor Mr Archer
Handcross Brass Band (1) - Sussex
  Formed in 1892. Active through to WW1. It was clearly a brass and reed band by the early 1900s. On 27th November 1891 a meeting was held in the Handcross Mission Room for the purpose of establishing a brass band in the village. The Mission Room was later converted into All Saints Church when it was consecrated on All Saints Day 1915. The officers elected during the meeting were the Rev. G. M. Macdermott as treasurer, and James Mason as secretary. The committee members consisted of the Rev. Macdermott as Chairman, James Mason, Charles Sjoquist, William Staplehurst, H. Elliott, George Gumm, and James Cropley. The first practice was held on January 27th 1892 and, in addition to those named above, those attending were George Elliott, H. Gribble, H. Greenfield, Mr Flint, A. Mansbridge. C. Chapman, and J. Mann.
Handcross Brass Band (2) - Sussex
  Active in the 1980s
Handen Hold Colliery Band - West Pelton, Durham
  Active from the 1950s to the 1970s.
Hand-in-Hand Friendly Society Brass Band - Turners Hill, Sussex
  Active in 1866
Handley Brass Band - Dorset
  See: Sixpenny Handley Brass Band
Handley Excelsior Band - Derbyshire
  Active in the 1890s
Handsworth Council Employees Band - Staffordshire
  Active in the early 1900s to WW1. Thomas Welling conductor in 1906.
Handsworth Excelsior Brass Band - Staffordshire
  Active in 1891
Handsworth Victoria Brass Band - Staffordshire
  Active in 1882, conductor Joseph Leach
Handsworth Woodhouse Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1870s to 1900s
Handsworth Woodhouse Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  [previous name of current band] See: Woodhouse Prize Band
Handsworth Woodhouse Prize Band
  See: Handsworth Woodhouse Band
Hanger Motors Band
  See: Dudley District Band
Hanging Heaton Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1980s
Hangleton Band - Sussex
  [current band] - Founded in 1965 - Former names: Hangleton Junior School Band
Hangleton Junior School Band - Sussex
  [previous name of current band] See: Hangleton Band
Hanham Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   Active in 1854. Took part in the processions celebrating the official opening of the Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol in 1864. Leader Mr Painter in 1865. Still active in 1867

Hankham and District Brass Band - Sussex
   Active in the 1890s and early 1900s. The band met to practise in the school. Sadly the most promising of the young bandsmen left home to seek employment elsewhere, and World War 1 took a heavy toll of the remainder.

Hanley Amateurs Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1890s

Hanley and Shelton Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1850s, conductor Mr Birch in 1852

Hanley Borough Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in 1868

Hanley Brass Band - Hanley Castle, Worcestershire
   See: Hanley Institute Brass Band

Hanley Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in 1850

Hanley Castle Brass Band - Worcestershire
   Active in 1862

Hanley Church Mission Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in 1900

Hanley Excelsior Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1880s, 1890s and the 1930s

Hanley Institute Brass Band - Hanley Castle, Worcestershire
   Active in 1862 to 1864

Hanley Mission Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Founded in 1884, conductor G. Turner. Still active in the 1900s

Hanley Town Band - Staffordshire
   Active from the 1880s to WW1.

Hanley Working Men's Club Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1900s

Hanmer Brass Band - Flintshire
   Active in 1859

Hannan's Trombone Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
   Active in 1866

Hannington Silver Band - Hampshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1924 - Note: Formed in 1924 by Leslie Wythe, the father of the current musical director Tony Wythe, and George Watts Snr to sing hymns in the local Methodist chapel, as there was no organ.

Hann's Concert Band - Poplar, Middlesex
   Active in the late 1890s

Hans Concert Band
   See: Hann’s Concert Band

Hanslope Excelsior Brass Band - Northamptonshire
   Active from the 1880s to the 1930s
Hanwell Brass Band - Middlesex
Formed in 1892. In the autumn of 1891 some people had the idea of starting a public brass band and hoped to raise enough funds to purchase instruments. An announcement appeared in the Middlesex County Times on May 7, 1892 stating that a band was being formed and a committee had been formed. Among these was a Mr Williams, who was the bandmaster of the Hanwell Asylum Band. It said the personnel would be mainly professional bandmen, but a junior band would also be formed. An appeal was made to the 'Gentry and Traders for help to buy the instruments'. The landlord of the Viaduct Inn made a room available for the band's weekly practice, which no doubt was good for business with a few pints being bought by the thirsty musicians at the close of the evening. The response from the general public was good, new instruments were bought and the band made its first public appearance at Hanwell Broadway under the baton of Mr Williams in 1892. The first full concert took place during evening service at the Union Church in late February 1893. The programme included the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah. The band were fortunate to secure the services of Mr W Woods, who was experienced in competition work in the north of England, and so entries were submitted to take part in various brass band competitions. Uniforms were obtained and victories came, so the band changed its name to The Hanwell Prize Band to signal these successes. After winning first prize in a contest at Tottenham in 1913, the name was changed again to The Hanwell Silver Prize Band. During the Great War, many of the bandmen joined the forces and the band was suspended, but in 1918 steps were taken to restart it under the conductors of Reg Bravington. Hanwell Urban Council granted the use of Elthorne Park for a Brass Band Festival, which was a great success both musically and financially, for funds raised enabled the band to buy a full set of silver-plated instruments. More wins were secured and the band were invited to broadcast by the BBC, took part in a concert at the Prince of Wales Theatre and appeared with Gracie Fields in the film Look Up and Laugh, which was made at nearby Ealing Studios. The band's proudest boast was that they had entertained 40,000 people at one appearance. This was at a match at Brentford between the home team and Arsenal at Griffin Park, where the band played for two and a half hours. They also took part in the Brentford and Chiswick Carnival in September 1960. The band went on to take part in the national brass band contest at the Royal Albert Hall. In January 1979, the Middlesex Chronicle announced that a forthcoming concert at Cranford School would be the last under the present name. The band had agreed to sponsorship by the Roneo Vickers Office Equipment Group and it would be renamed the Roneo Vickers Band. The band was also known as the Roneo Alcatel Band during this period and eventually folded around 2001. Some of the players joined Capital Concert Brass, of West London.

Hanwell Silver Band - Middlesex
See: Hanwell Brass Band

Hanwell Silver Prize Band - Middlesex
See: Hanwell Brass Band

Hanwell Town Prize Band - Middlesex
See: Hanwell Brass Band

Hanwood Brass Band - Shropshire
Active in 1862

Happy Family Band - Marksbury, Somerset
See: Marksbury Brass Band
Harborne Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in the 1860s and 1870s. Conductor Mr Birch in 1870. Also in 1900

Harborne Excelsior Brass Band - Staffordshire
Founded in 1908

Harborne Industrial School Band - Staffordshire
Active in the 1900s. The school was first certified in 1868, then re-certified for 150 pupils in 1902. It was located in Balden Road.

Harborough Amateur Band - Market Harborough, Leicestershire
See: Harborough Brass Band (2)

Harborough Artizans Band - Market Harborough, Leicestershire
See: Harborough Brass Band (2)

Harborough Band - Market Harborough, Leicestershire
[previous name of current band] - Founded in 1897 - Former names: Harborough Town Band

Harborough Brass Band (1) - Market Harborough, Leicestershire
Active in the 1840s and 1850s

Harborough Brass Band (2) - Market Harborough, Leicestershire
Formed in October 1862, conductor W. Bailey. In the Harborough News of 5 Sep 1863 there is a report of the Harborough Amateur Band beating the Cricket Club (at cricket!). A successor Harborough band, still active, was formed in 1897 after this one disbanded sometime in the late 1880s/early 1890s. Also known as Harborough Artizans Band during this period.

Harborough Town Band - Market Harborough, Leicestershire
[previous name of current band] See: Harborough Band

Harborough Volunteers Band - Market Harborough, Leicestershire
Active in 1880 - the Volunteers in Market Harborough were formed in April 1880. Probably created from the Harborough Amateur Artizans Band

Harden Beck Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[no information]

Harden Brass Band
See: Harden Mills Band

Harden Mills Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1850s and 1860s. The mill was situated at Harden, near Bingley.

Hardingstone Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in 1892, conducted by W. Bailey

Hardwick Colliery Band - Holmewood, Derbyshire
Formed in September 1908, conductor A. Roughton. Funds were raised through the winter, instruments bought for £210 and uniforms for £38, which they appeared in for the first time at a concert on July 24th 1909. They rehearsed on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The members in 1909 were: A. Roughton (bandmaster), S. Varley (soprano), Luke Lawson (solo cornet), Harry Hatton, Sam Smith, Enos Clarke, G.H. Ellis, F. Cox, A. Cooke and W. Neale (cornets), R. Short, J. Roughton and J. Jones (horns), E. England and R. Robinson (baritones), W. Beason (solo euphonium), J. Clark, W. Barlow and H. Handley (trombones), Tom Short, Sam Needham, Tom Thirlwell and E. Pemberton (basses). Active through to the 1950s. Hardwick Colliery became Holmewood Colliery after nationalisation. An earlier attempt (around 1898) was made to get a band going at the colliery, but this failed, and the few players who were gathered joined the ranks of the Doe Lea Brass Band instead.
Hardwick Silver Band
See: Hardwick Colliery Band

Hardy Patent Pick Company Brass Band - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1894, conductor W. Hepworth. Still active in 1897

Hardy Spicers Works Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
Active in the 1950s

Harefield Asbestos Works Band - Middlesex
Active in the late 1880s and 1890s - formed by employees of the United Asbestos Company, which operated in Harefield from 1882. Conductor in 1899, Mr Keen

Harland and Wolff Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
See: Harland and Wolff Liverpool Band

Harland and Wolff Brass Band - Southampton, Hampshire
See: Harland and Wolff Southampton Band

Harland and Wolff Liverpool Band
Active in 1923/1924

Harland and Wolff Southampton Band
Active in the 1920s

Harland and Wolff’s Prize
See: Harland and Wolff Liverpool Band

Harlech Brass Band (1) - Merioneth
Formed in 1845 and disbanded in 1915.

Harlech Brass Band (2) - Merioneth
Formed in 1925 and disbanded sometime later. Successor band formed in 1985

Harlech Silver Band - Merioneth
[current band] - Founded in 1985

Harlescott (Standco Ltd.) Band - Shropshire
Active in the 1980s and 1990s

Harlesden Brass Band - Middlesex
Active in 1937

Harlesden Men's Own Brass Band - Middlesex
Active in the early 1900s to WW1.

Harleston Town Band - Norfolk
Active in the 1880s, conductor John Valiant, through to the 1900s

Harleston Volunteers Band - Norfolk
Active in the 1900s

Harlestone Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active from the mid-1870s to the 1880s. Conductor W. Bailey in 1881, J. Hewitt in 1895

Harling Saxhorn Band - Norfolk
Active in 1875

Harlow Brass Band - Essex
[current band] - Founded in 1967 - Former names: Harlow Town Band - Note: Formed by ex Netteswell Youth Band players

Harlow Brass Band (1) - Essex
There was a brass band in the village of Harlow, (now Harlow Old Town), in the latter part of the nineteenth century. Contemporary photographs show the members in full uniforms: high collars lots of buttons and complete with flat caps. The band did not survive the Great War.
Harlow Brass Band (2) - Essex
Around 1959-1960, an ex-army musician, Harry Crossley, had the idea of starting a brass band in Harlow. He invited other ex-army musicians with whom he had contacts to form the nucleus of the band (together with local musicians). They in turn were attracted to the prospect of employment at the factories being built in the New Town. Harlow Council provided a grant for a set of silver and blue concert music folders (which are now in the possession of the current Harlow Brass Band). The band began well and for some while performed in and around Harlow. However, it didn't become fully established, probably because of a shortage of new young players to provide continuity and disbanded in the early 1960s. The current, successor band was formed in 1967

Harlow Town Band - Essex
[previous name of current band] See: Harlow Brass Band

Harold School Brass Band - Grimsby, Lincolnshire
Active in 1970

Harpenden Brass Band
Active in the late 1960s to the 1980s

Harper Twelvetrees Brass Band - Bromley-by-Bow, Middlesex
Active in 1860. Harper Twelvetrees' company manufactured Penny Patent Soap Powder amongst others, employing some 800 people

Harperley Colliery Band - Crook, Durham
Active in the 1920s

Harpole Brass Band
See: Harpole Excelsior Band

Harpole Excelsior Band - Northamptonshire
Active from the early 1860s to WW1.

Harpur Hill Excelsior Band
See: Harpur Hill Silver Band

Harpur Hill Piggery Band - Derbyshire
Was formed in the village of Harpur Hill in 1946, first marching in the Victory parades. It was a “comic" brass band, numbering at its greatest up to 40 musicians, most of whom seemed to have been very talented bandsman from top-section bands, like Fairy's, Ferodo, Cresswell Colliery etc. having retired from full time banding. It was led by Ike Dunn and folded soon after his death in 1951. They played for dancing, gave concerts and marched in a miscellany of parades in Derbyshire, Cheshire and Staffordshire.

Harpur Hill Silver Band - Derbyshire
Active in the 1890s, it finally folded in the early 1960’s. Its conductor at that time was Roy Orritt, who took over the baton from his father, Harry Orritt. Harry was a noteworthy soprano player, before taking up the baton and he returned to the cornet ranks when he handed over to his son. The soprano player by then was Jimmy Bossley. Some players played with more than one band. e.g. Tom Pickford who was the best double bass player in the Peak District and who played with Harpur Hill, his village of domicile and also Dove Holes for many years. He also played with the Harpur Hill Piggery Band. Similarly, Jimmy Bossley also played with the Piggery Band. They were provided with free practice room facilities, as was also Peak Dale Band, by the principal employer in the district, I.C.I. (Lime Division). The grave footstone of Harry Orritt d. 18 March 1955, aged 63, reads: “In memory of Harry Orritt who gave faithful service to Harpur Hill Band for many years. Remembered by past and present officials, player and members”
Harpurhey and Moston Public Subscription Band
See: Harpurhey and Moston Silver Prize Band

Harpurhey and Moston Silver Prize Band - Manchester, Lancashire
Founded as the Harpurhey and Moston Public Subscription Band sometime before 1900. The Bevan name became associated with the Band when Reece Bevan joined in 1905 as a euphonium player. The Band disbanded at the outbreak of the 1914 war and was reformed in 1919 by Reece Bevan, who became its leader, bandmaster and Drum Major. It was formed as a private company by 10 members who donated 10 pounds each from their services gratuities to purchase instruments etc. It had a strict rule that all shareholders must take an active role in the Band either as a player or official. The Band included five of Reece Bevan’s sons. In 1930 the Band purchased the bandroom in Factory Lane, Harpurhey. Reece Bevan was Secretary of the Manchester and Districts Amateur Brass Band Association for over 20 years, and was a pioneer of the Brass Bands Association. Reece Bevan lived at 31 Leyland Street, Harpurhey. At the time of his retirement from the band at the age 74, Reece’s five sons plus four grandsons were active members of the Band, together with a further 20 members. The Band used to march for the local churches at Whit Sunday etc. and play in the Bigart Hole Clough band stand on Sunday evenings. A junior band was formed in 1950. J. Bevan conducted the band in the Senior Trophy contests in the early 1950s. The Band finally disbanded in the late 1950’s. Bevan playing members were - sons: Harold, Jack, Jim, Bill, Eric, and grandsons: Eric jnr. Clifford, Arthur, ?. Clifford went onto be a member of the Temperance Seven and a Doctor of Music, Eric Jr. was a member of the East Lancashire Regimental Band serving in Germany.

Harpurhey Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
Active in 1906

Harpurhey Mission Brass Band
Active in 1891

Harpurhey Public Band
See: Harpurhey Subscription Prize Band

Harpurhey Subscription Prize Band
Active in the 1890s

Harraby Hill House Brass Band - Carlisle, Cumberland
The house was originally St Cuthbert’s Workhouse, built in 1809. On the creation of the Fusehill Union Workhouse in 1863, Harraby Hill remained for children. The Harraby Hill Workhouse School closed following the 1870 Education Act. By 1901 it was an Industrial School. The band, apparently, was ended by the start of the Great War.

Harraby Secondary School Brass Band - Cumberland
Active in the 1960s

Harraton Colliery Brass Band - Durham
Active in the 1880s and 1890s. Also active in 1963

Harrington Brass Band - Cumberland
Formed in 1861, conductor Mr Hunt, members were employees of Messrs Williamson and Sons' Shipbuilding Yard. Still active in 1864

Harris CE High School Brass Band - Rugby, Warwickshire
Active in 1965

Harrison and Sons (Bank Foundry) Brass Band - Preston, Lancashire
Active in 1852
Harrison's Printing Works Band - High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire
   Formed in 1936

Harrogate Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [current band] - Founded in 1970 - Note: Other related bands: Harrogate Silver Band,
   Harrogate Borough Band

Harrogate Borough Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Formed in 1901 and disbanded in 1939. For further information see:
   www.harrogateband.org/hbhist.htm

Harrogate Congregational P.S.A. Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active around 1900, conductor G. Hare

Harrogate Rifle Corps Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Harrogate Volunteers Band

Harrogate Silver Prize Band
   See: Harrogate Temperance Band

Harrogate St John's Ambulance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1940s

Harrogate Subscription Band (1) - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1880 - presumed to have folded before 1888 when the new “subscription” band
   was formed.

Harrogate Subscription Band (2)
   See: Harrogate Temperance Band

Harrogate Temperance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   At a Town's meeting on 8th June 1888 it was decided to have a free subscription band in
   Harrogate. The residents of Harrogate subscribed to provide a permanent brass band,
   appointing J. Sidney Jones, bandmaster of the Leeds Rifles, as its conductor. The band
   gave its opening concert in the Montpelier Gardens on 16 July 1888. Changed name to
   Harrogate Silver Prize Band in the 1920s and, after a hiatus during World War 2, finally
   disbanded in 1956. For further information see: www.harrogateband.org/hbhist.htm

Harrogate Volunteer Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from 1861 to the 1890s

Harrold Temperance Brass Band - Bedfordshire
   Active in 1867

Harrow Green Crusaders Brass Band - Suffolk
   Active in the early 1900s and 1920s

Harrowbarrow Band - Cornwall
   Active in the 1880s. Also in existence between 1906 and 1909. In 1907 they played for a
   Friendly Society procession at Linkinhorne, then in 1908 they performed at a sale of work
   in Stokeclimsland and the next day at a Harrowbarrow fund raising event in aid of the
   local football team and band funds. That same evening the band played for dancing. I
   can find no record of who conducted them and they certainly did not indulge in any
   contests.

Harston Brass Band - Cambridgeshire
   See: Harston Young Men’s Brass Band

Harston Young Men’s Brass Band - Cambridgeshire
   Active in 1862, 1864

Hartford Motors Concert Brass Band
   See: Oxford Concert Brass
Harthill Amateur Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the 1860s to the 1880s. On June 3rd 1871 the Whit Monday processions were headed by three Benefit Societies. The Golden Ball Club was headed by the Band of the Worksop Rifle Volunteers, and on reaching Wheat Sheaf, the Wheat Sheaf Club fell in and was headed by the Harthill Band. Subsequently both Clubs joined the Abbey Sick and Friendly Society, the whole forming an interesting procession, and were marched to the Abbey Church where a very appropriate service was preached by the Reverend E.Hawley.

Harthill Brass Band - Lanarkshire
Formed in 1872, still active in 1884

Harthill Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Harthill Amateur Brass Band

Harting Brass Band - Sussex
Founded around 1892

Hartington Amateur Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in 1864 to 1871. Conductor Mr Oliver in 1867

Hartington Brass Band - Derbyshire
See: Hartington Amateur Brass Band

Hartland Temperance Band - Devon
Formed in the early 1890s, disbanded during WW2. Also known as Hartland Town Band and Harton Town Band. Conductor J.S. Haynes in 1897. A successor band was formed in 1960

Hartland Town Band - Devon
[current band] - Founded in 1960

Hartland Town Band
See: Hartland Temperance Band

Hartlepool (Youth and Community) Silver Band - Durham
[current band]

Hartlepool Artillery Band
Active in the 1860s and 1870s

Hartlepool Blue Ribbon Army Brass Band
Active in the 1880s and 1890s

Hartlepool Borough Band
See: Hartlepool Temperance Band (2)

Hartlepool Corporation Brass Band
Active in the 1850s and 1860s

Hartlepool Cycling Club Brass Band
Formed in the mid-1880s

Hartlepool Excelsior Band
Active in 1870.

Hartlepool N.E.R. Band
See: West Hartlepool N.E.R. Band

Hartlepool Old Boys Band
Active in 1921

Hartlepool Operatic Band
See: West Hartlepool Old Operatic Prize Silver Band
Hartlepool Prize Band
See: West Hartlepool Borough Band

Hartlepool Public Prize Band
Active from the 1940s to the 1970s
See: West Hartlepool Recreation Band

Hartlepool Recreation Band
See: West Hartlepool Recreation Band

Hartlepool Silver Band - Durham
[current band] - Founded in 1925 - Former names: West Hartlepool Mission Band - Note:
Hartlepool Public Prize Band?

Hartlepool Temperance Band (1)
Active in 1896, when it won second prize in a contest at Wharton Park, Durham, conducted by Mr Holdsworth

Hartlepool Temperance Band (2)
Formed in 1899, became Hartlepool Borough Band in 1900, disbanded in 1906. Its instruments were subsequently bought by Shiney Row Band.

Hartley Bottle Works Brass Band - Seaton Sluice, Northumberland
Active in 1858. The Royal Hartley Bottleworks, which once dominated the harbour, was one of the largest of its kind in England, closing in 1872 after the nearby Hartley Pit closed and the port lost its customers and traffic.

Hartley Brass Band
See: Hartley Wintney Brass Band

Hartley Main Colliery Band
See: Dudley Colliery Band

Hartley Street Mission Brass Band - Sunderland, Durham
Active in 1888

Hartley Wintney Brass Band - Hampshire
Active in the 1870s to the 1900s. Conductor in 1872 was Mr Bennett

Harton and Westoe Colliery Band - Durham
[previous name of current band] See: Westoe Brass Band

Harton Colliery Band - Durham
[previous name of current band] See: Westoe Brass Band

Harton Colliery Band
Formed around 1842. Competed in the Morpeth Band Festival in 1873. Folded around 1878. A successor band was formed in 1911 when the colliery adopted the players of the Tyne Dock Temperance Band to form Harton Colliery Band, now currently known as Westoe Band.

Harton Town Band
See: Hartland Temperance Band

Hartshead Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Hartshead Moor Victoria Brass Band

Hartshead Moor Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Hartshead Moor Victoria Brass Band

Hartshead Moor Victoria Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Founded in the 1860s. They rehearsed at the Grey Ox Inn. It promoted a contest in 1876

Hartshill Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in 1858, conductor Herr Winzer
**Hartshorne Brass Band** - Derbyshire  
Active in the 1900s

**Hartwell Brass Band** - Buckinghamshire  
Active in 1857 to 1865. Conductor James Cheshire in 1865

**Harvey and Snyner's Saxhorn Band** - Worcestershire  
Active in 1858

**Harwell and Snyner’s Saxhorn Band** - Worcestershire  
Active in 1858

**Harwich Amateur Brass Band** - Essex  
Active from the 1850s to the 1880s

**Harwich and Dovercourt Excelsior Band** - Essex  
Active in 1883.

**Harwich Brass Band** - Essex  
See: *Harwich Amateur Brass Band*

**Harwich Church Lads Brigade Band** - Essex  
Active in 1912

**Harwich Concert Band** - Essex  
[previous name of current band] See: *Harwich Royal British Legion Brass Band*

**Harwich Excelsior Band** - Essex  
Active in 1884.

**Harwich Royal British Legion Brass Band** - Essex  
[current band] - Founded in 1957 - Former names: Grange Brass Band, Grange Silver Band, Harwich Concert Band (1970s to 1990s) - Note: Formed as an education class in Harwich in 1957

**Harwich Town Silver Band** - Essex  
See: *Harwich Town Temperance Band*

**Harwich Town Temperance Band** - Essex  
Formed in 1921. Changed its name to Harwich Town Silver Band in 1923, and Harwich Town Band in 1933 (so reed could be included). Did 2 trips to Holland and Belgium in 1935 for Philco Radio Company. Internal problems saw a lot of members leave in 1936 although the Band soldiered on until 1941, when most of its instruments and equipment were lost during an air raid on Harwich.

**Harwood Brass Band** - Harwood-in-Teesdale,  
Active in 1897 when it played at the Langdon Beck Show in September

**Harwood Dale Brass Band** - Yorkshire (North Riding)  
Active in 1860

**Harworth Brass** - Nottinghamshire  

**Harworth Colliery Caledonian Mining Band** - Nottinghamshire  
[previous name of current band] See: *Harworth Brass*

**Harworth Colliery Welfare Band** - Nottinghamshire  
[previous name of current band] See: *Harworth Brass*

**Harworth St Johns Ambulance and Colliery Silver Band** - Nottinghamshire  
[previous name of current band] See: *Harworth Brass*

**Haselbury and North Perrott Amateur Brass Band** - Somerset  
Founded in October 1865, conductor H.G. Halfyard. Still active in 1868
Hasland and Chesterfield United Band
See: Chesterfield and Hasland Brass Band

Hasland Prize Silver Band - Derbyshire
Active from the 1880s to the 1930s. “Our village also had a prize silver band and this was linked in a way with our Wesleyan chapel, owing to the fact that the primitives had a ‘pipe organ and proper pews’ and that the Wesleyans had a harmonium. On the occasion of the Sunday School anniversary, members of the local band would be invited to ‘help with the music’ and any local violinist, ‘cellist, clarinettist etc. would also come along.”

Haslemere Institute Band - Surrey
Active from the 1890s. After losing members in the Great War, it amalgamated with the remaining players of the Haslemere Town Band.

Haslemere Town Band - Surrey
[current band] - Founded in 1837 - Note: Amalgamated with Haslemere Institute Band post 1918

Haslingden and Helmshore Band - Lancashire
[current band] - Founded in 1972 - Former names: Amalgamation of Haslingden Borough Temperance Band + Helmshore Public Prize Band

Haslingden Borough Prize Band
See: Haslingden Temperance Band

Haslingden Borough Temperance Band
See: Haslingden Temperance Band

Haslingden Church Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1870s to the 1890s

Haslingden Rifle Volunteers Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1860s to 1880s. 88th Lancashire Rifle Volunteers (Haslingden)

Haslingden Temperance Band - Lancashire
Instituted in April 1884 and began contesting in 1887. In that first year entered 8 contests, winning 6 prizes totalling £52 10s. Later renamed Haslingden Temperance Prize Band, it became Haslingden Borough Prize Band in 1922 and eventually merged with Helmshore Public Prize Band in 1972 to form the current Haslingden and Helmshore Band

Hastings All Saints Brass Band - Sussex
Active in the 1900s and 1910s. Also known as the All Saints and St Clement’s Brass Band

Hastings and St Leonards Brass Band (1) - Sussex
Active in 1851

Hastings and St Leonards Brass Band (2) - Sussex
Formed in July 1937. (Presumably some time after the demise of the Hastings and St Leonards Gospel Temperance Band - Another report gives the formation date as February 1938). Disbanded during WW2 and reformed, holding its first rehearsal in February 1946, conducted by T. Medhurst. Merged with Pevensey Silver Band in 1968 to form Sussex Brass

Hastings and St Leonards Gospel Temperance Band - Sussex
Active in the early 1900s. In 1903 the Bandmaster was C. Overington, Treasurer D. Russell, Secretary H. Fellows, Corresponding Secretary G. Facer. It had attended 47 engagements in 1902, and consisted of 19 members. Gordon Waters reports: There is mention in the local papers of them playing at churches and events, but I have yet to trace anything listing the membership, or the coming or going of the band. The local museum has nothing on them. They had certainly ceased to exist well before WW2, long
before Sussex Brass came into existence. Among the tenor horn players is my wife’s
great-grandfather George Jeffery, who also played in the Hastings 1 (later Hastings
Citadel) Salvation Army band. Caleb, one of his sons and my wife’s great-uncle, was the
bandmaster and went to prison when the Salvation Army were persecuted for holding
open air services on the beach. If you’ve seen “Brassed Off” when Pete Postlethwaite is in
hospital and the band play outside wearing their miners helmets, Brighton Congress Hall
SA band actually cycled out to Lewes and played hymn tunes by the light of carbide
cycle lamps outside the prison to keep Caleb’s spirits up. He wore his Bandmaster’s
uniform to prison before he had to change into prison clothing. One of George Jeffery’s
other sons Tom (my wife’s grandfather) was the bandmaster of Hastings 2 (Silverhill)
band. I have quite a collection of Hastings SA band photos spanning the years.

Hastings and St Leonard’s Town Band - Sussex
See: Hastings Town Band

Hastings Borough Band - Sussex
Active in the 1890s
See: Hastings Borough Band

Hastings Corporation Band - Sussex
See: Hastings Borough Band

Hastings Excelsior Brass Band - Sussex
Active in 1903

Hastings Gas Board Band - Sussex
Active in 1867

Hastings Police Band - Sussex
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Hastings Southern Railway Band - Sussex
Active in 1928.

Hastings Town Band - Sussex
Active in 1867 and between 1893 and 1905

Hastings Working Mens’ Club Brass Band - Sussex
Active in 1867

Hastings Youth Band - Sussex
Active in the 1970s

Haswell Brass Band - Durham
See: Haswell Colliery Band

Haswell Colliery Band - Durham
Active in the 1890s

Hatfield Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Hatfield Colliery Band

Hatfield Brass Band - Essex
See: Hatfield Peverel Parish Brass Band

Hatfield Coalpower Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Hatfield Colliery Band

Hatfield Colliery (DHP Interiors) Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Hatfield Colliery Band

Hatfield Colliery Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1947 - Former names: Hatfield Main Colliery Band, Hatfield
Colliery (DHP Interiors) Band, Wilfreda Beehive Hatfield Band (1990s), Hatfield
Coalpower Band (2003), Hatfield Band (to 2006), Powerfuel Hatfield Colliery Band (to 2011)

**Hatfield Main Colliery Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Hatfield Colliery Band

**Hatfield Peverel Parish Brass Band** - Essex

**Hatfield Regis Boys Brass Band**
Formed during WW2 by Gilbert Hutchin.

**Hatfield Town Band** - Hertfordshire
Active in the 1880s

**Hatfields of Colchester Band** - Essex
[previous name of current band] See: Colchester Band

**Hatherleigh Brass Band** - Devon
Active in 1862 to the 1880s

**Hatherleigh Methodist Band** - Devon
[no information]

**Hatherleigh Silver Band** - Devon
[current band] - Founded in 1909 - Former names: Hatherleigh Town Band - Note: Formed before 1909

**Hatherleigh Temperance Band** - Devon
Active in the 1880s

**Hatherleigh Town Band** - Devon
[previous name of current band] See: Hatherleigh Silver Band

**Hatherleigh Volunteers Band** - Devon
Formed around 1860 and disbanded before 1909

**Hathern Band** - Leicestershire
[current band] - Founded in 1917 - Former names: Hathern United Prize Band, Hathern Prize Band (1933), - Note: Amalgamation of Hathern Old Prize Brass Band and Hathern Prize Brass Band in 1917

**Hathern Brass Band** - Leicestershire
See: Hathern Foresters Band

**Hathern Foresters Band** - Leicestershire
Formed in 1866. Later known as Hathern Brass Band, Hathern Old Brass Band (to 1894) and finally Hathern Old Prize Brass Band. Amalgamated with Hathern Prize Band in 1917 to form the current Hathern Band

**Hathern Old Brass Band** - Leicestershire
See: Hathern Foresters Band

**Hathern Old Prize Brass Band** - Leicestershire
See: Hathern Foresters Band

**Hathern Prize Band** - Leicestershire
[previous name of current band] See: Hathern Band

**Hathern Prize Band** - Leicestershire
Formed in the 1860s. Hathern Old Prize Brass Band in 1917 to form the current Hathern Band

**Hathern United Prize Band** - Leicestershire
[previous name of current band] See: Hathern Band
Hathersage Brass Band - Derbyshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1882 - Former names: Hathersage United Brass Band
Hathersage Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Formed in 1883, conducted by Mr Field
Hathersage United Brass Band - Derbyshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Hathersage Brass Band
Hathershaw Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1980s
Haugh Brass Band - Kelvinhaugh, Lanarkshire
   See: Alexander Stephen and Sons' Brass Band
Haughton and Denton Band
   See: Denton and Haughton Old Band
Haughton Dale Brass Band
   See: Haughton Village Brass Band
Haughton Village Brass Band - Haughton Dale, Lancashire
   Active in 1885
Hauxley Colliery Band - High Hauxley, Northumberland
   Active in the 1950s and 1960s
Havant British Legion Band
   Active in the 1930s
Havant Primitive Methodist Brass Band - Hampshire
   Active in 1897, conductor H. Treagust
Havant Primitive Methodist Brass Band
   Active in 1897
Havant Town Band
   Active in the 1930s
Havelock Brass Band - London
   Active in 1863
Havelock Concert Brass - Birmingham, Warwickshire
   Youth band active in the 1980s
Havelock Temperance Band - Great Bridge, Staffordshire
   Active in 1865, 1866
Haverfordwest Brass Band - Pembrokeshire
   Active in the 1870s
Haverfordwest Town and County Youth Band
   See: Haverfordwest Town Band
Haverfordwest Town Band - Pembrokeshire
   [current band]
Haverfordwest Town Band - Pembrokeshire
   Founded by Joffre Swales, possibly in the 1950s. Folded in 2004.
Haverhill Ancient Shepherd's Brass Band
   See: Haverhill Shepherds Brass Band
Haverhill Brass Band - Suffolk
   Active in the 1840s to 1880s. Also known as Haverhill Old Brass Band. Conductor C. Mixon in 1891
Haverhill Co-operative Silver Band - Suffolk
   [previous name of current band] See: Haverhill Silver Band
Haverhill Oddfellows Brass Band - Suffolk
Active to WW1. Probably formed after the demise of the Haverhill Old Band. After the war, in 1920, its remaining members joined with those of the Shepherds band to form Haverhill Co-operative Silver Band, which would eventually become the current Haverhill Silver Band.

Haverhill Old Band
See: Haverhill Brass Band

Haverhill Shepherd’s Brass Band - Suffolk
Active from the 1870s to WW1. Conductor E. Gunnell in 1904. After the war, in 1920, its remaining members joined with those of the Oddfellows band to form Haverhill Co-operative Silver Band, which would eventually become the current Haverhill Silver Band.

Haverhill Silver Band - Suffolk
[current band] - Founded in 1920 - Former names: Haverhill Co-operative Silver Band - Note: Formed by the merger of members of the pre WW1 Haverhill Oddfellows and Shepherds bands

Haverigg Brass Band - Cumberland
Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Also known as St Luke’s Haverigg Band

Havering Youth Brass Band - Essex
Active in the 1980s and 1990s

Haversham Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
Active in the 1980s

Haverstock Silver Band - Camden, Middlesex
Active in the 1950s

Haverthwaite Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1908, conductor R. Watson

Haverton Hill and Billingham Band - Durham
Formed in 1898 and folded in the mid 1950s. Conductor Mr Hoskinson in 1899. A successor band was formed in 1971.

Haverton Hill Silver Band (1)
See: Haverton Hill and Billingham Band

Haverton Hill Silver Band (2) - Durham
Formed in 1971 and folded prior to 2000.

Hawarden Brass Band - Flintshire
Founded in November 1863, conductor Mr Wrigley. Competed at a contest at Hawarden in 1896

Hawarden Volunteers Band - Flintshire
Active in the 1900s

Hawes Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Hawes Silver Band

Hawes Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1858. Had folded prior to 1865 when the current Hawes Silver Band was formed

Hawes Silver Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1865 - Former names: Hawes Brass Band

Hawes, Denny and Hargreaves Brass Band - Jackfield, Shropshire
See: Messrs Hawes, Denny and Hargreaves Brass Band
Hawick Saxhorn Band - Roxburghshire
[current band] - Founded in 1855. The band was re-organised in 1869

Hawk Green Brass Band - Cheshire
[current band]

Hawkes and Company’s Excelsior Brass Band - London
Active in 1870, conducted by H. Sibold

Hawkesbury Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active in 1865

Hawkesbury Brass Band - Warwickshire
Active from the early 1900s to 1915. Conductor W. Smart in 1905

Hawkesbury Harmonic Band - Gloucestershire
See: Hawkesbury Upton Harmonic Society Band

Hawkesbury Upton and Didmarton Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active in 1864

Hawkesbury Upton Brass Band - Gloucestershire
See: Hawkesbury Upton Harmonic Society Band

Hawkesbury Upton Harmonic Society Band - Gloucestershire
Played at the annual tea party in the village, conducted by Mr J Bickerton, in August 1864. Still active in 1869.

Hawks, Crawshay and Sons Brass Band - Gateshead, Durham
The Hawks Crawshay engineering iron works operated from 1748 to 1889. The band was active in 1856, conductor Mr Luke in 1862, T.S. Watson in 1868. Still active in 1868

Hawkshead Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1852

Hawley Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: City of Bradford Brass Band

Hawnby and Bilsdale Brass Band
See: Bilsdale and Hawny Brass Band

Hawnby Silver Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in the 1880s. Played at Mr and Mrs Tancred’s Silver Wedding in Helmsley in 1887. Merged with Bilsdale Brass Band some time after 1909.

Haworth Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1860 - Former names: Merrall’s Spring Head Band, Spring Head Brass Band, Haworth Public Prize Band - Note: Other related bands: Ponden Band

Haworth Public Prize Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Haworth Brass Band

Haworth's Mills Band - Salford, Lancashire
Founded in 1886

Hawthornden Brass Band - Otley, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed around 1889 by Mr Henry Dacre. He interested himself in a group of Otley choir boys and took them to his home, Hawthornden, and there gave them an undoubtedly good musical training. Soon he procured for the lads a set of brass instruments and the Hawthornden Band was born. The band folded in 1904. This was the start of his social activities in the town, which included building the Otley Recreation Hall and gardens. Sadly, when he died in 1913, his estate was insolvent, his generosity being based on significant debts to many creditors in the town.
Hawthorne Brewery Band - Gloucestershire
[previous name of current band] See: Flowers Band

Hawthorn's Locomotive Works Brass Band - Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland
See: Messrs Hawthorn’s Works Brass Band

Haxby Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1841

Hay Brass Band - Hay-on-Wye, Brecknockshire
Active in the 1850s and 1860s. Secretary R. Jones in 1856

Hay Mill Works Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
Active in 1880

Haydock and Ashton Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Greenalls Brass Band

Haydock and Ashton Youth Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Greenalls Brass Band

Haydock Band - Lancashire
[current band] - Founded in 1861 - Former names: Band of the Lancashire Hussars, Haydock Colliery Band

Haydock Colliery Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Haydock Band

Haydon Bridge Brass Band - Northumberland
Active between the 1850s and 1980s. Folded 26th Nov 1984, but did not wind up its charitable status and distribute its assets until 1997.

Haydon Bridge Saxhorn Band
See: Haydon Bridge Brass Band

Haydon Wick Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active in 1899

Hayes and Harlington Silver Band
Formed 1929 as Hayes Prize Band. Another source quotes the original name as the Botwell Brotherhood Band. Following the London Borough changes it became Hillingdon Band in 1974. The conductor at one time was Phillip Sparke the composer, they had a few successes and made it into the top section. Later known as Hillingdon Borough Band and then Denham Brass, it merged with the John Laing Hendon Band in 1998 to form the Denham Hendon Brass Band.

Hayes Brass Band - Middlesex
Active in the 1900s to 1928. Conductor A. Newman Sheriff in 1905

Hayes Prize Band
See: Hayes and Harlington Silver Band

Hayes Silver Band
See: Hayes and Harlington Silver Band

Hayfield Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active from the 1860s through to WW2. Conductor John Wrigley in 1883

Hayle Town Band - Cornwall
There was a town band in operation in 1858 through to sometime after 1891 when it disappeared. By 1908 there was a reformed town band. This is known as there was a Mr Head, a band cornet player, who took part in a solo contest at Newquay, representing the Truro band, and it would seem that the band was back in business under a Mr M.A.C. Trebilcock, attending to the usual run of Sunday school and Band of Hope tea
treats. During the 1914/18 Great War, Hayle Band continued to function despite a “Hayle Military Band” being formed by one Harry Robins, a man who was conducting St Agnes and Perranporth bands before and after his sojourn at Hayle. After WW1 they took on the title Hayle Comrades of the War Band, then Hayle Town Band on then on to Hayle Silver Band. In 1925, John Tanner, who had been conducting the St Ives Band, took over. There was, later, a C Williams conducting and in 1938 the Welshman Beth H David came along. Apart from an appearance in 1912, contests were mainly carried out from 1925 to 1938. During this period one 1st is recorded, their results being mainly placings. WW2 saw the demise of the band and it was not until 1973 that a new band was formed in Hayle. To find out more, they do have their own excellent website on IBEW.

Hayling Island Brass Band - Hampshire
Active in 1868

Haylocks Band - Enfield, Middlesex
Active in the early 1900s

Hays Mill Brass Band - Ovenden, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1847 - attached to the Hays Mill belonging to Thomas Taylor and Son.

Hayward Heath Brotherhood Brass Band
See: Haywards Heath Town Band

Haywards Heath Concert Brass Band - Sussex
[current band] - Founded in 1998

Haywards Heath Scout and Guide Band Band - Sussex
Active from 1974 to 1997

Haywards Heath Town Band - Sussex
Originating from a brass and reed band formed in the 1880s by George Hilton, the Brotherhood Band. This was an all brass band by the early 1900s. It was reformed after WW1, in 1922 as the all-brass Haywards Heath Town Prize Silver Band. The band was renamed Haywards Heath Town Band in 1978. Support fell off over the next few years and the band amalgamated with Burgess Hill Brass Band in 1986 to form the Mid Sussex Brass Band.

Haywood Borough Band
Active in 1884

Hazel Grove Brass Band
Formed in 1850, played at all the anniversaries in the town during the reign of Queen Victoria. They had a tradition of playing every Christmas Day, for 100 years, at the local Liberal Club. The band represented the same Sunday School in Ashton-under-Lyne at 50 consecutive Whit Marches. In 1950 the band folded, partly due to the closure of a local factory which employed many of the players and also housed the rehearsal venue. Some members joined with the new Mirlees Blackstone Works Band which was formed in 1949. A successor band was formed in 1992

Hazel Grove Brass Band - Cheshire
[current band] - Founded in 1992

Hazel Grove Silver Band
See: Hazel Grove Brass Band

Hazell Watson and Viney Brass Band
See: Hazells (Aylesbury) Printing Works Band
Hazells (Aylesbury) Printing Works Band
Made its first appearance in the town in 1887. Active in 1890s through WW1 to the 1960s.
Performed a broadcast on the National Programme from 6.45 to 7.30, Saturday evening,
January 28th 1939. Some notes from Jan Unsworth - “My great grandfather, William
Smith, was involved with Hazell’s Printing Works Band for 40 years, 16 of those years he
was Bandmaster, until his retirement in 1934, he was also an employee of Hazell’s for 49
years. During his leadership the Band won many cups and trophies and gained success
at leading band competitions. The outstanding achievement was in 1932 when, at
Hanwell, they were placed second in the Championship section, and my great
grandfather was awarded a gold medal as the best amateur conductor. Music was
always the outstanding interest in his life. He had been the bandmaster of the Volunteers’
Company Band, and the Bucks Territorials Band and, in the days of the Comrades’
Orchestra, he acted as its conductor. His son, Aubrey Smith, my grandfather, was also a
very talented man and played many instruments, trumpet, piano, accordion, drums,
bugle, cornet, My grandfather also had his own band, Aubrey Smith’s Dance Band, and
continued playing with Hazell’s Printing Works band after my great grandfathers
death.”

Hazelmere Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
Active from the early 1900s to the 1930s

Hazelrig and Coxlodge Colliery Band
See: Coxlodge and Hazelrig Colliery Band

Heacham and District Band - Norfolk
Active in the 1930s

Heacham Brass Band - Norfolk
Active in the 1850s to 1859

Head Wrightson Works Band
See: Yarm and District Band

Headingly Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1850, 1862

Headington Brass Band - Oxfordshire
[previous name of current band] See: City of Oxford Silver Band

Headington Brass Band - Oxfordshire
Active in the 1850s to the early 1880s (conductor George Terry). A successor band (the
current City of Oxford Silver Band) was formed in 1887.

Headington Silver Band - Oxfordshire
[previous name of current band] See: City of Oxford Silver Band

Headington Subscription Band - Oxfordshire
[previous name of current band] See: City of Oxford Silver Band

Headington Wesleyan Temperance Band - Oxfordshire
[previous name of current band] See: City of Oxford Silver Band

Headless Cross Brass Band - Worcestershire
Active in the 1880s and around 1900

Headless Cross Victoria Brass Band - Worcestershire
See: Headless Cross Brass Band

Heage Brass Band (1) - Derbyshire
Active in 1868
Heage Brass Band (2) - Derbyshire
[current band] - Founded in 1914 - Former names: Heage Silver Band, Heage United Band

Heage Silver Band - Derbyshire
[previous name of current band] See: Heage Brass Band

Heage United Band - Derbyshire
[previous name of current band] See: Heage Brass Band

Heald's Green Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the mid to late 19th century. It later moved to central Chadderton where, as Chadderton Brass Band, it played local heroes out to the Boer War in 1899. It also welcomed home from the Olympic Games, in the early decades of the 20th century, Henry Taylor, the local champion swimmer. William Halliwell was appointed professional conductor in 1906. When the First World War was declared, virtually all members of the Chadderton Band enlisted. These included one of the trombonists, James Moore, who at 49 was the oldest man to enlist in the Oldham Pals, the local battalion of the Manchester Regiment. Active as Chadderton Brass Band up until WW2. Some members of the band joined the Busk Congregational Prize Band after WW2.

Heald's Green Old School Band
See: Heald's Green Brass Band

Healey Hall Amateur Brass Band - Whitworth, Lancashire
See: Healey Hall Brass Band

Healey Hall Brass Band - Whitworth, Lancashire
Active from the 1850s. Conductor Edmund Hartley in 1863. Became defunct and was wound up in the courts as of 18th June 1884. It amalgamated with the Whitworth Vale Band shortly afterwards. It was connected with the woollen mill in Healey Dell. It played for special services in Healey Church, and for concerts and dances in the grand ballroom of Healey Hall.

Heamoor Brass Band - Cornwall
Heamoor Brass Band was performing at the usual run of engagements from the 1860's through to about 1935. In 1909 they were conducted by a J C Matthews and in 1934 by H P Richards. They took part in two local contests, one in Camborne and the other at Redruth. At Camborne they played in Section 4 and came 3rd, then at Redruth, conducted by Charles H Baker, in Section 3 they were unplaced but in the Junior Section they came in 3rd playing the march “The Old Warrior” and won £1.

Heanor Band of Hope Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in 1889

Heanor Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in 1869

Heanor C.E.T.S. Brass Band - Derbyshire
See: Heanor Church Temperance Band

Heanor Church Temperance Band - Derbyshire
Formed in 1889, conductor John Sharpe. Active through to at least 1918

Heanor Miners Welfare Band - Derbyshire
Active in 1926, when it entered the Spondon Contest, conducted by F. Beecroft

Heanor Old Prize Band - Derbyshire
Active from the 1870s to the 1900s
Heanor Town Band - Derbyshire
  Founded in 1889. Active in 1897

Heap Bridge Brass Band
  See: Bury Public Silver Band

Heart of England Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
  Formed in 1987 from some of the ashes of the Jones and Crossland Band. Only lasted until 1991. Also known as Hyundai Heart of England Band, and PMG Heart of England Band.

Hearts of Oak Brass Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  See: Yorkshire Evening Post Band

Heath and Reach Brass Band - Bedfordshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Heath Band

Heath and Reach Brass Band - Bedfordshire
  Active in the 1950s.

Heath Band - Bedfordshire
  [current band] - Founded in 1933 - Former names: Heath and Reach Brass Band

Heath Brass Band - Heath and Reach, Bedfordshire
  Active in the 1870s and 1880s

Heath Brass Band (1) - Derbyshire
  Active in 1864

Heath Brass Band (2) - Derbyshire
  Formed around 1904

Heath County School - Chesterfield, Derbyshire
  Active in the 1970s

Heathfield Band - Somerset
  Formed in 1899

Heathfield Silver Band - Sussex
  [current band] - Founded around 1890

Heaton Brass Band - Lancashire
  Active in 1853

Heaton Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1850s and 1860s. Conductor in 1860 was Benjamin Bennett

Heaton Congregational Band
  [no information]

Heaton Mersey and District Band - Lancashire
  See: Heaton Sunday School Brass Band

Heaton Mersey Brass Band - Lancashire
  See: Heaton Sunday School Brass Band

Heaton Mersey Subscription Band - Lancashire
  See: Heaton Sunday School Brass Band

Heaton Moor Brass Band - Lancashire
  Active in the 1950s

Heaton Park Brass Band - Lancashire
  Active in 1899

Heaton Sunday School Brass Band - Lancashire
  Active in 1873 when it headed up 800 members of the Bleachers and Finishers’ Association in a procession to celebrate the Prince of Wales visit to Bolton in June that
year. Still active through the 1890s. Renamed Heaton Mersey and District Band in 1899, conductor J.H. White, and was still active up to WW2. Dan Leigh conductor in the 1900s

**Hebburn Artillery Band** - Durham
Active in the 1890s

**Hebburn Brass Band**
See: Hebburn Town Band

**Hebburn Colliery Band (1)** - Durham
Formed in 1879 by William Reid, (another source states 1860), the band won the Crystal Palace National Championships in 1904, conducted by Angus Holden. The band’s victory tour however displeased the colliery management to the extent that some men were dismissed from the pit on their return. Folded in 1907. A newspaper report in December 1907 states: “The Hebburn Colliery Band did much by its fine playing to brighten the colliery village on Tyneside. But it had the misfortune to win the £1,000 challenge trophy at the Crystal Palace two years ago. Outside engagements poured in, and proprietors felt that they were not justified in supporting the band when it so seldom played in the village. So they withdrew their support and the band has been given up. This is not a pleasant story.” The band's instruments were subsequently acquired by the Benwell and District Band.

**Hebburn Colliery Band (2)** - Durham
See: Hebburn Town Band

**Hebburn Colliery Subscription Band**
See: Hebburn Town Band

**Hebburn Colliery Temperance Band** - Durham
Founded in 1898. Active in 1901. A separate band to Hebburn Colliery Band - they both entered contest at Tynemouth in 1901, the main colliery band won the contest, the Temperance Band was conducted by George Hawkins.

**Hebburn Harmonic Band** - Durham
Active in 1907 and 1937

**Hebburn Temperance Band**
See: Hebburn Colliery Temperance Band

**Hebburn Town Band** - Durham
Formed in 1874 and still active in 1915. Conductor J. Garbutt in 1881. Renamed Hebburn Colliery Subscription Band in 1907, taking the name of the defunct band which folded that year. It was still active into the 1930s, folding when the colliery closed.

**Hebden Bridge Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1850

**Heckington Brass Band** - Lincolnshire
See: Heckington Old Brass Band

**Heckington Old Brass Band** - Lincolnshire
Active in 1860. In 1863 it played at the Helpringham Harvest Home Festival, in September that year. Also active in 1866 when it led the Oddfellows parade at Fulbeck.

**Heckington Temperance League Band** - Lincolnshire
[no information]

**Heckington Town Band** - Lincolnshire
Active in 1907. In 1924 it took part in Heckington Feast. In 1933 a new honorary conductor, Mr W Bangay, was appointed. Presumed to be a successor band to the
Heckington Old Brass Band. Amalgamated with Sleaford Town Band to form Sleaford and District Band, probably in the late 1940s?

**Heckmondwike Albion Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1850s to the 1880s. Took part in the Second South Yorkshire Brass Band Contest, at Nether Hall Park, Doncaster, on 25th June 1860. Conductor H. Goodall and leader J. Parker in 1860.

**Heckmondwike and District Gospel Temperance Brass Band**
See: *Heckmondwike Temperance Band*

**Heckmondwike Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1860

**Heckmondwike Flush Mills Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Founded in 1859. Active through to the 1880s. Conductor J.M. Sykes in 1860.

**Heckmondwike Old Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1888

**Heckmondwike Subscription Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1880s

**Heckmondwike Temperance Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1880s

**Hedingham Brass Band**
See: *Sible Hedingham Brass Band*

**Hedleyhope Brass Band** - Durham
Active in the 1860s

**Hednesford Town Band** - Staffordshire
Active from the 1880s. The whole band (those who were eligible) enlisted with the 15th Service Battalion of the King's Royal Rifle Corps in January 1915.

**Heeley Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the first half of the 20th century. “My dad and his brothers and my cousins all played in the Heeley Brass Band and if the Dore band were playing a special fete or sports day they used to go and play with them to augment their numbers. They always travelled from Heeley Station to Dore and Totley Station by train and then walked up Dore Road to the village.”

**Heeley Excelsior Band**
See: *Heeley Brass Band*

**Hele Brass Band** - Devon
Active from the late 1880s to WW1. Conductor W.H. Whiddon in 1907

**Helensburgh and Lomond Youth Band** - Dunbartonshire
[current band]

**Helland Brass Band** - Cornwall
Formed about 1890 they kept up a fairly busy life until 1927 when what was left of them became the nucleus of the Bodmin Town Band. Known as Bodmin Comrades Band after WW1 for a time. In their earlier days they were conducted by George Bailey who went on to conduct St Blazey and District Band until the day of his retirement. A R. Symons conducted the Helland Band before and after World War 1. No contesting was ever carried out.

**Helland Brass Band**
See: *Helmshore Public Prize Band*
Hellesdon and Sprowston Brass - Norfolk
   [current band] - Founded in 2004 - Note: Amalgamation of Hellesdon Enterprise Brass Band and Sprowston Band

Hellesdon Enterprise Brass Band - Norfolk
   Founded in 1996, formed from members of the Norwich British Legion Band. Merged with Sprowston Band in 2004 to form Hellesdon and Sprowston Brass

Helmsdale Brass Band - Sutherland
   Active in the 1860s

Helmshore Prize Band
   See: Helmshore Public Prize Band

Helmshore Public Prize Band - Lancashire
   Formed in the 1870s, it eventually merged with Haslingden Borough Prize Band in 1972 to form the current Haslingden and Helmshore Band

Helmsley Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active from the 1840s to the 1900s

Helsby Athletic Club Brass Band
   See: Helsby Brass Band (Cheshire)

Helsby Brass Band - Bolton, Lancashire
   Had 8 members, under the conductorship of Mr E Helsby. They played at the Olympia Skating Ring each Saturday and were report as rendering excellent music at the first Rumworth Reservoir Regatta in 1882.

Helsby Brass Band - Cheshire
   Active from 1890, conductor Mr Bate in 1895. It folded in 1896 only to be revived shortly thereafter, in April 1897. Mr C. Bate was appointed conductor, and H. Turner, secretary. The band was then under the management of the Athletic Club and was also then known as Helsby Athletic Club Brass Band. In the 1900s it became known as Helsby Silver Band and was still active in 1917

Helsby Family Brass Band - Bolton, Lancashire
   Formed around 1895. On a Sunday afternoon there was a large family gathering at one of the family's houses, when someone said 'Well. There are enough of us, why not form a band of our own again!' They sent a hat round and the collection amount to 4 shillings and 6 pence. They went to see an instrument firm, where they struck a deal and 13 Helsby's and a drummer started a band. Another tale told is one day while carrying out a Church procession in Farnworth one wit called out in excited tones, 'Hello Helsby there, I say Helsby!' Every member looked round on hearing his name called, causing a temporary breakdown in the performance. In about 1912 the family became scattered across the country and this was the end of the band. Many of the family members went on to play in other local bands, notably one, Mr Thomas Helsby, became conductor of Eagley Brass Band.

Helsby Silver Band
   See: Helsby Brass Band (Cheshire)

Helston Temperance Band - Cornwall
   Active in from the early 1900s through to WW1.

Helston Town Band - Cornwall
   [current band] - Founded in the 1900s

Helston Volunteers Band - Cornwall
   Active in the 1880s and 1890s. Conductor H. Blight in 1888
Helton Band - Cumberland
   Active in 1913

Hemel Hempstead Band - Hertfordshire

Hemingbrough Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   See: Bubwith and Hemingbrough Brass Band

Hemington Brass Band - Somerset
   Active in the 1880s

Hemsworth and South Kirkby Public Subscription Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1930s

Hemsworth Brass Band
   See: Hemsworth Old Brass Band

Hemsworth Colliery Athletic Club Brass Band - Fitzwilliam, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1932

Hemsworth Colliery Band - Fitzwilliam, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1940s to 1960s

Hemsworth Old Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in from the 1850s to 1900. Bandroom was the King’s Head Inn, Hemsworth, Wakefield. Conductor E. Shaw in 1860.

Hemsworth Saxhorn Band
   See: Hemsworth Old Brass Band

Hemsworth United Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Founded in 1916, later known as Victoria Street Mission Band

Hendersons Brass Band - Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland
   Active in 1887 when it led a procession for Queen Victoria's Jubilee celebrations in Jarrow - “June 21st this being Jubilee Day the town of Jarrow and surrounding district celebrated the day in right loyal style. Upwards of 7,000 children gathered at the educational centres to be regaled with buns, spice loaf, milk and tea. The masters attended the little folks and mistresses of the schools assisted by a number of ladies and gentlemen volunteers as waiters. After the tea the children prepared to start for the Recreation Ground where sports and entertainment were to be provided for them. Before the start was made each child received a present of a Jubilee Mug. On each of them were portraits of the Queen representing her in 1837 and the present year.. Each mug bore the words “Jubilee 1887 Jarrow on Tyne”. The tea finished the young folk set off in two processions one headed by Hendersons Brass Band and the other by the Tyne Dock and Jarrow Temperance Band.”

Hendon Band - Middlesex
   Formed in 1956, later known as John Laing (Hendon) Band. Within just eight years, under the direction of Donald Morrison, they were upgraded to 'Championship' Section rating. They enjoyed many contest successes, appearing in the national finals at the Royal Albert Hall on many occasions and also making regular appearances on BBC radio programmes. It merged with the Denham Band in 1998 to form the Denham Hendon Brass Band.

Hendon Brass Band - Middlesex
   Active in 1923
**Hendon Central Band** - Middlesex
Active in 1962, when it competed in the Senior Trophy, conducted by D.M. Morrison

**Hendon Mutual Temperance Brass Band** - Middlesex
Formed in January 1893. Bandmaster Samuel Curle.

**Hendon Silver Band** - Middlesex
Formed in June 1938

**Henfield Town Band** - Sussex
Active between 1890 and 1914.

**Henley Brass Band** - Henley-in-Arden, Warwickshire
Active in the early 1880s

**Henley Brass Band** - Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire
Active in the 1840s to the 1880s

**Henley Excelsior Band** - Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire
Active in the 1920s

**Henley Mechanics Brass Band** - Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire
Active in 1886

**Henley Town Band** - Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire
Active from the 1920s to the 1960s

**Henley Union Brass Band** - Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire
Active in 1868

**Henley Victoria Brass Band** - Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire
Active in 1868

**Hensingham Band of Hope Brass Band** - Cumberland
Active in 1893

**Hensingham Brass Band** - Cumberland
See: *Hensingham Mechanics Brass Band*

**Hensingham Mechanics Brass Band** - Cumberland
Active in 1857. Leader Thomas Richardson in 1863, Mr Harrison in 1866. Still active in 1867 (secretary William Piele)

**Hensingham Temperance Band** - Cumberland
See: *Hensingham Band of Hope Brass Band*

**Henstridge Brass Band** - Somerset
Active from the 1880s to the 1930s. Conductors: Mr Roberts in 1888, J. Coombes in 1889, G.W. Coombs in 1891, R. Roberts in 1893, F. Haines in 1899, Mr Chatfield in 1928, P.G.G. Hocking in 1929, Mr Carter in 1932.

**Henwood Band** - Cornwall
Henwood Band was in action from c1858 to c1868, generally playing around North Cornwall. Nothing is as yet known of their conductor(s), but it is known that they did not partake in contesting.

**Heptonstall Amateur Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: *Heptonstall Brass Band*

**Heptonstall Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the 1870s through to the 1920s. Held a social evening at White Horse Hotel, Heptonstall, on 14th February 1891.

**Hepworth (Cookson Homes) Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1882 - Former names: Hepworth Silver Band, Hepworth Silver Prize Band, Hepworth Band (to 2006), Hepworth (Lanson Homes) Band
Hepworth (Lanson Homes) Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Hepworth (Cookson Homes) Band

Hepworth Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Hepworth (Cookson Homes) Band

Hepworth Iron Works Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the 1880s through to at least 1945.

Hepworth Silver Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Hepworth (Cookson Homes) Band

Hereford and Worcester Combined Schools Band - Herefordshire
Active from the 1970s to the 1990s

Hereford and Worcester County Youth Band - Herefordshire
See: Hereford and Worcester Combined Schools Band

Hereford Brass Band - Herefordshire
Active in the 1840s and 1850s, conductor Mr Ribbon

Hereford City Brass Band - Herefordshire
Active in 1854, conductor William Horne

Hereford Oddfellows Brass Band - Herefordshire
Active in 1859, conductor John Dearn.

Hereford Railway Brass Band - Herefordshire
Founded in 1858, still active in 1863

Heriot’s Hospital Brass Band - Edinburgh, Midlothian
Active in 1866. Heriot’s Hospital was the original school of a number of “Heriot” schools in Edinburgh

Herland Cross Band
The only reference to this band is of them leading a large and impressive procession celebrating the end of the war with Russia in 1856. By this date they were almost certainly a “brass band”. The event took place in Marazion but they were almost certainly an ad hoc band (all established bands would have already been booked in their own towns for an event such as this), so there is no mention a leader.

Herne Bay Brass Band (1) - Kent
Active in the 1870s and 1880s. Conductor Mr Tingley in 1874

Herne Bay Brass Band (2) - Kent
Founded around 1904, still active in 1928

Herne Bay Excelsior Band - Kent
Active in the 1900s

Herne Bay Town Band
See: Herne Bay Brass Band

Herne Hill Working Men’s Institute Brass Band - Surrey
Founded in 1865, first public performance in July 1866. Still active in 1867

Herodsfoot Band - Cornwall
Another band where only one engagement has so far been found. In 1870 they played for their local Bible Christian Sunday school anniversary procession and tea treat. And that appears to be all.

Herrington Colliery Band - West Herrington, Durham
Active in the 1890s
Herstmonceux Brass Band - Sussex
   Active in 1902 when it rehearsed in the Elm Coffee Tavern, Windmill Hill. Conductor Mr Trill in 1905

Hertford Amateur Brass Band - Hertfordshire
   Formed in July 1852. Active in 1853, conductor George Catling, treasurer Mr Easthaugh, secretary F. Drummond

Hesketh Bank Silver Band - Lancashire
   [current band] - Founded in 1895 - Note: Formed as a temperance band. The instruments were bought from Banks Brass Band, the band from the village next door, and cost four pounds.

Hesketh Bank Temperance Band - Lancashire
   Founded in 1881, folded prior to 1895 when the current Hesketh Bank Band was formed (it also started as a temperance band)

Hesley and Wilsic Schools Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1970s

Heslington Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in 1863 to 1865

Hessle Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in 1860 when it played at a celebration for the Hull Rifle Volunteer Corps at Hessewood on 28 July, 1860. Conductor S. Akester in 1860. Also in 1870 at a similar event at Kingston Lodge, Hessle on August 11.

Hessle Church Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Reconstituted in 1896

Hessle Halcyon Band
   See: Hessle Royal British Legion Band

Hessle Royal British Legion Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Formed in the early 1900s as Hessle Halcyon Band. It later became the Scarrs Shipyard Band under which name it remained until the 1914-1918 war. Then it became known as the Hessle Victory Military Band and included woodwind instruments. During the 1939-1945 war the instruments were loaned to the home guard. When the home guard was disbanded in late 1945, the band started again under the name of Hessle Band. Changed its name to Hessle Royal British Legion Band in 1947. Finally disbanded around 1990. For further details see “Hessle Royal British Legion Band” at www.ibew.co.uk

Hessle Youth Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Formed in February 1954 by Mr Hill, it gave its first concert on 27th July 1954. Later named the E.R. Youth Band, it had reverted back to Hessle Youth Band by 1973.

Heswall Brass Band - Cheshire
   Active from the 1880s to the 1930s

Hetton Brass Band
   See: Hetton Saxhorn Band

Hetton Colliery Band - Durham
   Formed in the 1890s and still active in 1931.

Hetton District Saxhorn Band
   See: Hetton Saxhorn Band

Hetton Rechabite Brass Band
   Active in 1894
Hetton Saxhorn Band - Durham
Active in 1878 and the early 1880s

Hetton Silver Band - Durham
Founded on April 1st 1887 by three members of a public house band. They invited local musicians to a meeting in Hetton Union Street Methodist Church School. Their first conductor was Mr W Straughan - a violinist and trombone player. Land in South Market Street, in Hetton-le-Hole, was bought from Hetton Coal Company for £25 and a tin practice hut was built. The hut was replaced by a brick building in about 1912 and remained in use until 2009. The band briefly disbanded in 1900, and was reformed in 1901. Between then and 1907 the band won numerous local contests but their real success began in 1908 when they won both the Durham and Northumberland Brass Band championship and the English and Scottish International Contest. In 1912 they won the Grand Shield at the Crystal Palace contest. The band had strong links with the Mining Industry and played for the Eppleton Miners Lodge in the Durham Miners Gala. In 1914 the band won the 2nd section at Belle Vue in Manchester, and in 1926 made a radio broadcast in 1926 from Newcastle Radio Station. It again won the 2nd Section at Belle Vue in 1947. In the 1970s and 1980s it moved up from the 4th section to play in the Championship section. In 2009 the remaining members of the band amalgamated with Broughtons Brass Band to form the Durham Miners Association Brass Band. The Hetton Band Hall, now redundant, was offered to Beamish Museum. It was moved, brick by brick, and rebuilt and restored at Beamish Museum, opening in May 2013.

Hetton-le-Hole Colliery Brass Band - Durham
Active in 1903

Heworth Brass Band - Durham
Active in 1881, conductor R. Brown

Heworth Colliery Band - Durham
[previous name of current band] See: Felling Band

Hexham Brass - Northumberland
[current band] - Founded in 2010

Hexham Brass Band - Northumberland
Active in 1850 to the 1860s

Hexham C.E.T.S. Band - Northumberland
See: Hexham Church of England Temperance Band

Hexham Church of England Temperance Band - Northumberland
Formed in the 1890s, renamed as Hexham Excelsior Band by 1905, it folded in the 1950s

Hexham Excelsior Band - Northumberland
See: Hexham Church of England Temperance Band

Hexham Excelsior Town Band - Northumberland
See: Hexham Church of England Temperance Band

Hexham Home Guard Band - Northumberland
Active in 1944

Hexham Mechanics Brass Band - Northumberland
Active in the 1870s to the 1900s. New uniforms in 1880

Hexham Saxhorn Band - Northumberland
Active in 1859

Hexham Temperance Band - Northumberland
See: Hexham Church of England Temperance Band
Hexham Union Band - Northumberland
  Active in 1864, when they played at the Hexham Flower Show in September

Hexham Volunteers Band - Northumberland
  Active in 1864, when they played at the Hexham Flower Show in September. Still active in 1902

Hexthorpe Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active from the 1880s to the 1900s. Edward Newton conductor in 1908

Heybridge Brass Band - Essex
  Active in the 1880s to WW1

Heyl Town Band - Hayle, Cornwall
  [current band] - Founded in 1973

Heyside Public Subscription Band - Lancashire
  Active in the 1900s

Heytesbury Amateur Brass Band - Wiltshire
  Active in 1883 and 1905

Heywood Amateur Brass Band - Lancashire
  Active in 1865

Heywood Borough Band - Lancashire
  Founded in 1869, active through to the 1900s. Another report gives its formation date as 1880 (during a court case in 1889 where a publican tried to get monies owed to him for renting a room to the band by “liberating” some of their instruments).

Heywood Ltd. Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
  Attached to the firm of John Heywood Ltd, publishers.

Heywood Mills Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
  Conductor J. Ellwood, leader W. Kershaw in 1860.

Heywood Mission Brass Band - Lancashire
  Active in the 1880s

Heywood Old Prize Band - Lancashire
  Active in 1900. Conductor Isaac Wherton in 1902. Heywood Advertiser, May 1945: “On Tuesday morning, it rained to some purpose, and it looked as if there was to be a damper on the day’s proceedings, but fortunately it cleared for the impressive scene in the Market Place in the afternoon. Here a very big crowd assembled and was regaled with a programme of music by the Heywood Old Prize Band, under Bandmaster H Wilson. At 3 o’clock there was perfectly relayed the Prime Minister’s sonorous declaration that peace had come to Europe, the big assembly listening in complete silence, breaking into spontaneous applause as Mr Churchill ended his address.” Competed in the Junior Cup in 1962, conducted by H. Smith (who took up the baton in 1956).

Heywood Rifles Band - Lancashire
  Active in 1885

Heywood Unitarian Band - Lancashire
  Active in 1878

Heywood Volunteers Band - Lancashire
  Active in 1883

Hibaldstow Brass Band - Lincolnshire
  Active in 1860 to 1867

Hibernia Brass Band - Maesteg,
  See: Maesteg Hibernia Band
Hibernia Brass Band - Plympton, Devon
   Active in 1926, conductor R. Fly

Hibernia Brass Band - Tonypandy,
   See: Tonypandy Hibernia Band

Hibernian Brass Band - Cardiff, Glamorgan
   See: Cardiff Hibernian Brass Band

Hickleton Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1863, conducted by G. Kitching. Still active in 1905, presumed to have folded during WW1.

Hickleton Colliery Band
   See: Hickleton Main Colliery Band

Hickleton Main Colliery Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Formed after WW1 in the 1920s. Successful in competitions in the 1940s and 1950s. Folded in the 1970s. Herbert Batty was a cornet player with the band. During this period some other details were - Patrons: Lord Halifax, Col. Warde Aldam, Mr D Griffiths, MP. Chairman: H. Batty, 44 Queen Street, Goldthorpe. Secretary: J. Sutcliffe, 116 High Street, Goldthorpe. Winners of over £2000 in prizes. Winners Belle Vue 1946, runners up 1947. Winners at Guisboro' 1949, Barton on Humber 1949, Eckington 1949, NCB Contest at Sheffield in 1950. They wore smart uniforms, green tunics with gold facings, black trousers.

Hickleton Main Subscription Silver Prize Band
   See: Hickleton Main Colliery Band

Hickleton Main Temperance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1900s and 1910s

Hickling and Nether Broughton Brass Band - Leicestershire
   See: Nether Broughton Brass Band

Hickling Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
   Active in 1856 to 1868

Hicks Mill Band - Cornwall
   Again a one engagement band, this time in 1880 playing in St Day for the Primitive Methodists Sunday school treat.

High Barnet Foresters' Brass Band
   Founded on 31st January 1889 by the Court Pride of Barnet Foresters. Corporal Yeomans of the 7th Kings Royal Rifles Corps was appointed as its first Musical Director at the first committee meeting in February 1889. The band's first engagement was at The Green Man on March 18th 1889.

High Barnet Town Band
   Active in 1907

High Bickington Brass Band - Devon
   Active in 1864 to 1869

High Coniscliffe Brass Band - Durham
   Active in 1854

High Crompton Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active from the mid-1860s to the 1930s

High Crompton Holy Trinity Schools Brass Band - Lancashire
   Founded in August 1868, secretary William Warhurst, conductor James Wood
High Crompton Public Band - Lancashire
   See: High Crompton Brass Band

High Foresters Brass Band
   See: Barnet Town Silver Band

High Green Brass Band (1) - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1869

High Green Brass Band (2) - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [current band] - Founded in 2001 - Former names: High Green Primary School Community Brass Band

High Halden Brass Band - Kent
   Active in 1861 to 1867

High Lane Brass Band - Cheshire
   Active from 1861 to the 1930s

High Lane Church Schools Brass Band - Cheshire
   Active in 1865

High Lane Foresters' Brass Band - Worcestershire
   Active in 1900, conductor George James

High Park Subscription Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1900s

High Peak Brass Band - Derbyshire
   [current band] - Founded in 2002 - Amalgamation of Chapel-en-le-Frith Town Band and Whaley Bridge Band

High Peak Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the early 2000s

High Spen Colliery Band - Durham
   Active in the early 1900s

High Town Brass
   See: Kent’s Works Silver Band

High Wycombe Borough Band - Buckinghamshire
   Active from the 1920s to the 1950s

High Wycombe Brass Band
   See: High Wycombe Saxhorn Band

High Wycombe Excelsior Band - Buckinghamshire
   Active in the 1930s

High Wycombe Furnishing Trades Lock-out Band
   See: Furniture Industries (Ercols) Works Band

High Wycombe Home Defence Band - Buckinghamshire
   Active in 1919

High Wycombe Saxhorn Band - Buckinghamshire
   Active in 1874 to 1893

High Wycombe Sons of Temperance Band - Buckinghamshire
   Active from the 1880s to WW1.

High Wycombe Temperance Band
   See: High Wycombe Sons of Temperance Band

High Wycombe Town Band - Buckinghamshire
   Formed in 1925 as a military band, then reformed in 1948 as a brass band. Competed in the 2nd Annual Open Brass Band Festival at the Wesley Central Hall, Portsmouth
(organised by the Portsmouth City Fire Brigade Prize Band), on Saturday 16th September 1950.

**High Wycombe Youth Brass Band** - Buckinghamshire
Active in the 1970s

**Higham and Gawber Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1900s

**Higham Brass Band** - Northamptonshire
See: Higham Ferrers Brass Band

**Higham Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1870s to 1890s

**Higham Ferrers Brass Band** - Northamptonshire
Formed in 1858, with 16 young men initially. Still active in 1866

**Higham Ferrers Town Band** - Northamptonshire
Active in the 1890s to WW1

**Higham Ferrers Wesleyan Band** - Northamptonshire
Active in 1923

**Higham Victoria Brass Band** - Barnsley, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1870s to 1900s. Secretary A. Allan in 1890

**Highams Park Silver Band** - Chingford, Essex
[no information]

**Highbridge Brass Band** - Somerset
Active from the 1890s to the late 1930s. Re-organised in 1903.

**Highbridge Town Band**
See: Highbridge Brass Band

**Highclere Brass Band** - Hampshire
Active in the 1890s. Merged with the East Woodhay Mechanics Band (or, as it was possibly then known, the St Martin's Brass Band) in the early 1900s. Thereafter also known as Highclere Mechanics Band. Still active in 1910

**Highclere Mechanics Band**
See: Highclere Brass Band

**Highclere Volunteers Band** - Hampshire
Formed in 1907

**Highcliffe Brass Band** - Hampshire
Active in 1909

**Highcliffe British Legion Silver Band** - Hampshire
[previous name of current band] See: Christchurch and Highcliffe Brass Band

**Highcliffe Men’s Club Band** - Hampshire
[previous name of current band] See: Christchurch and Highcliffe Brass Band

**Highcliffe Men’s Club Brass Band** - Hampshire
Active in the 1970s

**Higher Broughton Subscription Brass Band** - Lancashire
Formed in 1901, conductor J. Jessop. Still active in 1918

**Higher Tranmere Band** - Cheshire
Active in the 1890s

**Higher Walton Subscription Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active in the 1880s and 1890s
Highfield Brass Band
See: Leicester Highfield Brass Band

Highfield Secondary Modern School Band - Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1940s and 1950s

Highfield Tannery Silver Band - Runcorn, Cheshire
Active in the 1900s

Highfield Tannery Silver Band - Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1940s and 1950s

Highfield Tannery Silver Band - Runcorn, Cheshire
Active in the 1900s

Highgate and Barnsbury Brass Band - Middlesex
See: Highgate Silver Band

Highgate and Holloway United Band - Middlesex
See: Highgate Silver Band

Highgate Brass Band - Clayton, Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Highgate Mills Band

Highgate Brass Band - Middlesex
See: Highgate Silver Band

Highgate Mills Band - Clayton, Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1862 to 1867. New uniforms in 1862, consisting of blue cloth tunic, blue cloth trousers, with a red stripe down each leg, blue cloth cap.

Highgate Silver Band - Middlesex
Founded in 1879 as Highgate and Barnsbury Brass Band, conductor J.W. Seed in 1896. Probably merged with the Holloway Crusaders Band to form Highgate and Holloway United Band around 1912. The band made a trip to Guernsey in 1919 which was reported in the local press and of which some postcards exist. An article in the “Star” of 1919 mentions that the band had taken over as the band of the Middlesex RAMVC ‘two years ago’. Articles in the Press and the Star mention a bandsman Wreford Devoto. He was born in Yeovil, and in 1901 his father, Louis, was described as a salvation army officer. Three Devotos were players in the staff band of the New York Salvation Army, who are believed to be William Devoto, son of Louis and brother of Wreford, and his sons. The visit to Guernsey started on 6th June 1919, under the guise of the band of the Middlesex Royal Army Medical Corps, under the direction of Lt. J. H. Kichenside, and they were engaged for five two-hour performances in Candie Gardens over the Whitsuntide Holiday of 7-9 June, 1919. Admission was sixpence on Saturday, fivepence on Sunday and Monday, and chairs could be had for a shilling. They received an excellent review in the paper of Monday 9th, although on Saturday afternoon they had played “we regret to write, before a comparatively small attendance of the public”. Back home, the Woodman Inn, at the junction of Archway Road and Muswell Hill Road, was owned by landlord Charles Ramsay who took over in the 1840s and didn't retire until the 1890s. In 1884 it was still surrounded by trees and fields, and was little changed from when it was a coaching inn. It was refurbished c.1920, and at that time was still a waiting point for carters who waited for a carter coming in the opposite direction so that each in turn could take advantage of the extra horse when surmounting Muswell Hill. The Highgate Silver Band used to play outside of Sanders the florist, opposite the Woodman Inn every Sunday morning. Subsequently became the Arsenal Football Club Band, which was active in the 1930s.

Highgate United Silver Prize Band
See: Highgate Silver Band

Highlands School Brass Band - Halifax, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1970s
Highley Band - Shropshire
[previous name of current band] See: Highley Colliery Band

Highley Brass Band - Shropshire
Formed around 1900, later known as Highley Colliery Band, and sometimes as Alveley Colliery Band. It was disbanded in 1967 when the mine closed. It is believed its first conductor was a head pit surveyor called Horace Lloyd, who also owned Lloyds shop in High Street. The Highley Mining Company began trading in 1877 and soon became a profitable enterprise. It was taken over by the National Coal Board in 1947 and employed over 1,000 men at its peak. A new band of the same name was formed in 1993.

Highley Colliery Band - Shropshire
[current band] - Founded in 1993 - Former names: Highley Band - Note: Formed by a number of locals from other local bands, was renamed Highley Colliery Band at the millenium when celebrations of the village's mining past were taking place. The band's uniform today is green and black to remember the green of the local Shropshire countryside and the black of the local mines. The original Highley Colliery Band was formed around the turn of the twentieth century and disbanded in 1967 when the mine closed.

Highley Colliery Band
See: Highley Brass Band

Highstreet Brass Band - Grantham, Lincolnshire
Active in 1856

Hightown Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the 1860s to the 1870s. Walter Atkinson, who conducted Hawick Saxhorn Band for 15 years until his death in 1904, started his career as a cornet player with the Hightown Band.

Highweek Brass Band - Devon
In 1908 it combined with the Wolborough Brass Band to form Newton Abbot Town Band

Highworth Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active in 1850, conductor J.H. Bates in 1853

Highworth Oddfellows Band - Wiltshire
Active in the late 1850s. They paid for their own instruments and also 3d per week towards uniforms, music and the band carriage.

Highworth Silver Band - Wiltshire
[current band] - Founded in 1880

Hignett's Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
See: Hignett's Tobacco Works Band

Hignett's Tobacco Works Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
Founded in 1888. Active through to the 1900s

Hilgay Brass Band
Active in 1896, possibly earlier. It is thought that the band was formed by a few men working on the land for the local farmers. The Rev Canon Beechy seems to be a prominent name in the early days of 1896-1899 also the Rev G MacDermott. In the early 1900's the band was to be renamed as Hilgay Excelsior Band and, despite surviving both world wars, it folded in 1961. A successor band, Hilgay Silver Band, was formed in 1972 using some of the original instruments a few of the old players.

Hilgay Excelsior Band
See: Hilgay Brass Band
Hilgay Silver Band - Norfolk
  [current band] - Founded in 1972

Hill Field Brass Band - Coventry, Warwickshire
  Active in 1858

Hill Top Brass Band - Eastwood, Nottinghamshire
  See: Eastwood Hill Top Brass Band

Hill Top Methodist New Connexion Brass Band - Eastwood, Nottinghamshire
  See: Hill Top Mission Brass Band

Hill Top Mission Brass Band - Eastwood, Nottinghamshire
  Active in the 1880s to 1900s

Hillfarrance Brass Band - Somerset
  Formed in 1899 (dropping the “Druids” name of the previous band). President W. Elton, Vice-president C. Conybeare, Secretary W. Snell, Treasurer Miss Elton. Conductor Herbert F. Mead in 1905. Still active in 1914

Hillfarrance Druids Brass Band - Somerset
  Active in the early 1890s, folded in 1897. A successor band was formed in 1899

Hillhouse L.M.S. Railway Steam Shed Band - Huddersfield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1920s

Hillhouse Temperance Band - Huddersfield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1886 and 1888

Hilliers Brush Manufacturing Band - Wells, Somerset
  Active in the 1890s

Hillingdon Band
  See: Hayes and Harlington Silver Band

Hillingdon Borough Band
  See: Hayes and Harlington Silver Band

Hillingdon Borough Youth Band
  Active in the 1970s

Hillingdon Church Temperance Prize Brass Band - Middlesex
  Founded in 1903, conductor A.J. Sopp, and still flourishing during WW1

Hillmorton Brass Band - Warwickshire
  Active in 1858, 1861

Hillsborough Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1856, and from the 1890s to WW1.

Hilltown Brass Band - Dundee, Angus
  Active in 1859, conductor Robertson Wallace. Still active in 1863

Hilton and Marston-on-Dove Brass Band - Derbyshire
  Active in the 1890s

Hilton Colliery Brass Band - Essington, Staffordshire
  Active

Hilton Street Mission Band - Harpurhey, Lancashire
  Active in the 1890s

Hinchcliffe Mill Band
  See: Hinchcliffe Mill Band

Hinchliff Mill Brass Band
  See: Hinchliffe Mill Band
Hinchcliffe Mill Band - Holmfirth, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in 1872, folded in 2000. Legend has it that in the early days a pig used to be borrowed from a farmer and placed on a wall to listen during rehearsals. If the pig remained quiet and contented the bandsmen took it they would do well at their forthcoming concert. Grunting was a sign that the chances of winning a prize were not good at all. Harry Haigh, who joined in 1918 and was bandmaster from 1938 until 1970, followed in his father’s footsteps. At different times he had two uncles, a brother and three cousins playing alongside him in the band. His grandfather was a founder member of the band. There was a hiatus during the Second World War, when the exodus of players into the armed forces led to a temporary merger with Holme Silver Band. Following the band’s demise in 2000 a charity was founded, with money raised by selling the band’s assets, to help music-makers living and working in the Holme Valley. It is the Hinchcliffe Mill Brass Band Music Charity.

Hinckley Brass Band
See: Hinckley Excelsior Band

Hinckley Excelsior Band - Leicestershire
Active from the 1840s to WW1. Conductor Thomas Stretton in 1860.

Hinderwell Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1869

Hindley Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1855 to 1879

Hindley Prize Band
See: Hindley Subscription Band

Hindley Public Band - Lancashire
The second band in the town and was probably, for a time, the more successful of the two. Being a mining area several players graduated to more successful colliery bands including several to Bickershaw Colliery in the 1940’s. Hindley Public disbanded in the late 1950’s. (It is believed that Teddy Gray and Harry Mather both graduated from Hindley Public) Only 2.5 miles from Wingates in one direction and a similar distance to Bickershaw in another, both Hindley bands found it very difficult to retain their better players.

Hindley Rifles Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1880s

Hindley Subscription Band - Lancashire
Active in 1929. Became Hindley Prize Band in the late 1960’s and following a brief period of success went into decline and was disbanded in the early 1980’s

Hindolveston Silver Band - Norfolk
Active from the 1900s to the 1970s

Hindon Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active from the 1850s to the 1930s. Conductor Mr Lamb in 1865, Mr Snook in 1887, A.H. Lamb in 1913

Hindsford St Anne’s Band - Lancashire
Founded in 1883, linked to the parish church in the village.

Hingham and Watton Band - near Norwich, Norfolk
Active in the 1900s
Hingley's Silver Prize Band - Dudley, Staffordshire
   Active in the 1890s. This was the works band of the chain and anchor company owned
   by N. Hingley and Sons Ltd, which was famous for making the anchors for the Titanic
   ocean liner.

Hinkley Mills Band - Leicestershire
   [no information]

Hinkley Town Band
   Active in 1904

Hinton Brass Band - Northamptonshire
   Formed in 1897

Hinton Martell Brass Band - Dorset
   Active from the early 1860s to the late 1880s. Conductor Mr Dacombe and secretary H.G.
   Tubbs in 1885

Hirwaun Brass Band (1) - Glamorgan
   Active in 1866

Hirwaun Brass Band (2) - Glamorgan
   Formed around 1925, still active in 1960. A Hirwaun Silver Band was active in 1918.

Hirwaun Town Band
   See: Hirwaun Brass Band (2)

Hirwaun Welfare Band
   See: Hirwaun Brass Band (2)

Histon and Impington Band - Cambridgeshire
   Active in the 1980s. Folded in 2006 and merged with Waterbeach Brass

Hitchin Band - Hertfordshire
   [current band] - Founded in the 1860s (active in 1863)

HM Factory Gretna Band
   The munitions factory band was formed in 1917 and entertained the thousands of
   munitions workers at the Border Hall in Gretna and the Central Hall in Eastriggs. It also
   led the Armistice Day celebrations of November 1918. A tuba belonging to the band was
   bought for £50 in 1921 by the Brampton Silver Band, who have now donated it to the
   Devil's Porridge Exhibition in Eastriggs.

HMF Micklehurst Brass Band - Cheshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Carrbrook Brass

Hobourn Aero Works Band - Rochester, Kent
   Formed post WW2? linked to the Hobourn Aero Components Company. Active from the
   late 1940s until it amalgamated with Medway Imperial Silver Band to form the current
   Medway Towns Band. Renamed City of Rochester Band at some point.

Hobourn's Works Rochester City Band
   See: Hobourn Aero Works Band

Hobson Colliery Band - Durham
   Active in 1900 - Hobson Pit, Burnopfield.

Hockering Brass Band - Norfolk
   Active in 1865, conductor J. Sandle

Hoddesdon Amateur Brass Band - Hertfordshire
   Active in 1862, conductor H. Dymock. Still active in 1866
Hoddesdon and Broxbourne Silver Band - Hertfordshire
   Active in 1907 and 1914 - C.W. Belsham bandmaster, F. Salmon secretary. Edwin Dixon treasurer
Hoddesdon and Broxbourne Town Band - Hertfordshire
   See: Hoddesdon and Broxbourne Silver Band
Hoddesdon Brass Band - Hertfordshire
   Formed around 1892
Hoddesdon Town Band - Hertfordshire
   Active in 1935
Hoddesdon Working Men's Club Brass Band - Hertfordshire
   Active in 1866
Hoddesden and Pickup Bank Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1850s to the 1920s. Had some backing from the local Carus Mill in Hoddesden. Also known, at various times, as Pickup Bank Subscription Prize Band, Hoddesden Shepherds Brass Band and Pickup Bank Band. After World War 2 it struggled to retain players and in 1950 it merged with the Darwen Borough Prize Band to form Darwen and Hoddesden Silver Band.
Hoddesden Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1859 and 1863
Hoddesden Shepherds Brass Band
   See: Hoddesden and Pickup Bank Band
Hodges Amateur Brass Band - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
   Active in 1848
Hodges and Sons' Brass Band - Leicester, Leicestershire
   See: Messrs Hodges and Sons' Brass Band
Hodgsons Recreational Club Silver Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Formed around 1930, obtaining instruments from the recently disbanded Beverley United Prize Band. It lasted until 1938, by which time it had become a brass and reed band. When it disbanded, its instruments went to the National Fire Service in Hull and then on to the Army Cadet force in Beverley in 1945. The instruments were then passed on to the Cadets at Sutton Airfield and subsequently mysteriously disappeared.
Hodroyd Hall Brass Band - South Hiendley, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1910s
Hogarth Mission Band - Whitehaven, Cumberland
   Active in the 1900s. The mission church had originally been built by the linen manufacturer James Hogarth.
Hoggarths Tractor Works Band
   See: Hoggarths Works Band
Hoggarths Works Band - Preston, Lancashire
   Active in the 1950s, associated with Hoggarths Tractor Works. In the 1980s was renamed as the Warburtons Bakery Band. Folded in the mid-1990s
Hoggett's Saxhorn Band - Darlington, Durham
   The Hoggett family were well known in Darlington for their music and bands
Hogsthorpe and Chapel St Leonards Silver Band - Lincolnshire
   Active in the 1920s
Hogsthorpe Brass Band - Lincolnshire
   Active in the 1900s
Holbeach Brass Band
See: Holbeach Saxhorn Band

Holbeach Community Band - Lincolnshire
[previous name of current band] See: Holbeach Town Band

Holbeach Mission Band - Lincolnshire
Active in the 1900s

Holbeach Saxhorn Band - Lincolnshire
Active from the 1840s to the 1890s. Conductor J. Swann in 1848, later the leader was William Rippin, a blind watchmaker, until his untimely death in 1857.

Holbeach Town Band - Lincolnshire
[current band] - Founded in 1971 - Former names: Holbeach Community Band (to 2000)

Holbeach Town Band (1) - Lincolnshire
Active in the 1890s, merged with the Holbeach Victoria Band to form the Holbeach Town Victoria Band in 1904

Holbeach Town Band (2) - Lincolnshire
Formed after WW1 - renamed Holbeach Silver Band in 1938 (when it obtained silvered instruments). Disbanded well before 1971 when the current band was formed.

Holbeach Town Victoria Band - Lincolnshire
Formed in 1904 through the merger of the Holbeach Town and Victoria Bands, had folded prior to or during WW1.

Holbeach Victoria Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in the 1880s to 1900s. Merged with the Holbeach Town Band to form the Holbeach Town Victoria Band in 1904

Holbeck Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1880s and 1890s

Holborn Hill Brass Band
See: Holborn Hill Royal Brass Band

Holborn Hill Royal Brass Band - Millom, Cumberland
[current band]

Holborn Hill Royal Brass Band - Millom, Cumberland

Holborn Poor Law Schools Band
See: Holborn Schools Brass Band

Holborn Schools Brass Band - Mitcham, Surrey
Active in 1876 and through to 1905. Conductor J.F. Beeson (Besson?) in 1904. The Schools, originally established in 1856, provided accommodation, education and 'industrial training’ for pauper children away from the main workhouse. The band, which performed at local functions, led to a career for some as military bandmen.

Holborn St Joseph's Brass Band - Middlesex
Active in 1905

Holborn Street Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
See: East Hull Prize Silver Band

Holborn Union School Band
See: Holborn Schools Brass Band
Holcombe Brass Band - Devon
   See: Holcombe Rogus Brass Band

Holcombe Rogus Brass Band - Devon
   Active in 1866, 1905

Holden Clough Primary School Band - Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire
   Active in 1995

Hollin Bank Brass Band - Blackburn, Lancashire
   Formed in 1879, conductor A. Grimshaw.

Hollingbourne Brass Band - Kent
   Active in 1854

Hollingworth and Longdendale Band - Cheshire
   See: Hollingworth Brass Band

Hollingworth Brass Band - Cheshire
   Formed in 1854. Folded in 2011

Hollingworth Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1866

Hollingworth Mills Brass Band - Cheshire
   Active around 1900

Hollingworth United Brass Band - Cheshire
   Active in the 1880s and 1890s. Possibly the same as Hollingworth and Longdendale Band

Hollins Mill Brass Band - Marple, Cheshire
   Active in the 1860s and 1870s. Conductor Wright Bowers in 1868

 Hollinsclough Silver Band - Staffordshire
   [current band] - Founded in the 1960s

Hollinsclough Silver Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1920s. A successor band was formed in the 1960s

Hollinswood Brass Band - Shropshire
   Active in 1872

Hollinwood and District Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1930s

Hollinwood and Failsworth Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1890s

Hollinwood Brass Band - Lancashire
   See: Ferranti’s Works Brass Band

Hollinwood Public Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1900s

Hollinwood United Brass Band - Lancashire

Holloway Crusaders Brass Band - Middlesex
   Active in the 1910s

Holloway Hall Brass Band - Middlesex
   Active in the 1900s

Holloway Town Brass Band - Middlesex
   Active in the 1910s - a separate outfit to the Holloway Crusaders.
Holly Bush Brass Band - Monmouthshire
   Active in the 1900s

Hollybrook Boys’ Band - Southampton, Hampshire
   [no information]

Holm Mills Brass Band - Marsden, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Holme Mills Silver Band

Holmbridge United Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1944

Holmbury St Mary Brass Band - Surrey
   Active in the 1910s

Holme Brass Band - Westmorland
   Active in 1840

Holme Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Holme Silver (Disposables UK Group) Band

Holme Bridge Brass Band - Holmbridge, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from the 1870s to WW1.

Holme Mills Silver Band - Marsden, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from the mid-1860s to WW1.

Holme Silver (Disposables UK Group) Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [current band] - Founded in the early 1860s - Former names: Holme Brass Band, Holme Silver Band

Holme Silver Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Holme Silver (Disposables UK Group) Band

Holme Valley Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1918

Holmes Hull Tannery Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in 1845, leader Thomas Martin

Holmes Mills Prize Band - Rotherham, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from the 1920s to 1960s. Played at the Wickersley Silver Jubilee celebrations on May 6th, 1935. Also the King Edward VII School sports day on 24 March 1945. Competed in the Junior Cup in 1962, conducted by W. Hargreaves.

Holmes Quest Brass Band
   Active in 1991 when it competed in the East Anglian BBA Spring Festival.

Holmesdale Band
   See: Redhill Town Band

Holmesfield and Barlow Brass Band - Derbyshire
   See: Barlow and Holmesfield Band

Holmesfield and Baslow Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in 1868

Holmesfield Brass Band - Derbyshire
   See: Barlow and Holmesfield Band

Holmewood Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1900s to 1912, conductor A. Raughton in 1904.

Holmewood Colliery Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1900s, conductor G. Hutchinson in 1903. Disbanded in 1906

Holmfirth and District United Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1870
Holmfirth Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the 1840s. Conductor H. Pogson, leader J. Beaumont in 1860.

Holmfirth High School Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1970s and the 1980s

Holmfirth Old Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Holmfirth Brass Band

Holmfirth Saxhorn Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1855. It was attached to the Holmfirth Mechanics Institute.

Holmfirth Silver Prize Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1923 and the 1980s

Holmfirth Temperance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1850s to 1870s. Conductor William Roberts in 1860.

Holmfirth Wesleyan Sunday School Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1880s

Holmrook Brass Band - Cumberland
Active in 1864

Holmsfield Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in 1872

Holmshill School Brass Band - Borehamwood, Hertfordshire
Active in 1970

Holmwood Brass Band - Surrey
Active in the late 1890s and 1900s, conductor and founder George Snelling. Folded around 1909.

Holsworthy Brass Band - Devon
Active in the late 1870s to the mid-1890s, folded for a short while and was revived around 1900, folding a few years later. A successor band - the current Holsworthy Town Band, arose out of the existing Stanhope Park Band in 1906

Holsworthy Town Band - Devon
[current band] - Founded in the 1880s - Former names: Stanhope Park Band (to 1906)

Holt and Farndon Brass Band - Cheshire
[previous name of current band] See: Farndon & District Brass Band

Holt Brass Band - Dorset
Active in 1892, secretary H. Welch

Holt Brass Band - Norfolk
Active in 1867, Mr Preston conductor. Still active in 1892, Arthur Preston bandmaster

Holwell Brass Band - Leicestershire
Founded in 1889, first public appearance in May that year. Members also came from neighbouring villages of Ab Kettleby and Wartnaby, the uniforms were supplied by Messrs John Beever and Co., Huddersfield.

Holy Cross Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
Active around 1900

Holy Cross Brass Band - Whitwick, Leicestershire
Formed in 1868 by Rev. A. Paemel, the catholic priest of Holy Cross Church, initially with 12 members under the tuition of Mr W. Start of Sheepshed. Their instruments were of Butler's manufacture.

Holy Cross Croy Silver Band - Croy, Lanarkshire
Active before WW1, when Henry Fortyn was bandmaster.
Holy Name Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
  Active in 1907, 1908

Holy Trinity Boy Scouts Band
  Competed in the Crystal Palace (Boys Section) contest in 1920. Presumed to have been
  located in or around London.

Holy Trinity Brass Band - Coventry, Warwickshire
  Active in the 1880s and 1890s. Linked to the Holy Trinity Sunday Schools in the town.
  Conductor J. Warner in 1893

Holy Trinity Brass Band - Parr, Lancashire
  Active in the 1890s

Holy Trinity Industrial School Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
  See: Grafton Street Industrial School Brass Band

Holy Trinity Working Men's Institute Brass Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
  Active in 1866

Holyhead Brass Band - Anglesey
  Active from the early 1860s to WW1. Conductor in 1889 was O. Jones

Holyhead Marine Brass Band - Anglesey
  Active around 1890, when the conductor was Richard Rowlands

Holyhead Oddfellows Brass Band - Anglesey
  Active in the 1870s

Holyhead Town Band - Anglesey
  Formed after WW1 and active through to WW2. The conductor, R.J. Edwards, was
drowned at sea in 1935.

Holymoorside Band - Derbyshire
  [current band] - Founded in the 1860s - Former names: Holymoorside Band, Brampton
  and Holymoorside Band - Note: Merged with Brampton Band, and was closely
  associated with the Whittington Band

Holyoake Amateur Brass Band - Redditch, Worcestershire
  Active in 1864

Holyoakes Field Brotherhood Brass Band - Redditch, Worcestershire
  Active in 1914

Holywell Brass Band - Flintshire
  Active in 1853, 1862

Holywell Colliery Band - Durham
  Active in 1878

Holywell Flannel Mill Band - Flintshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Holywell Town Band

Holywell Flannel Mills Band - Flintshire
  See: Welsh Flannel Mills Band

Holywell Row Silver Band - Suffolk
  Founded in 1875 by Matthew Haylock, and disbanded around 1935

Holywell Textile Mill Band - Flintshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Holywell Town Band

Holywell Town Band - Flintshire
  [current band] - Founded in 1887 - Former names: Holywell Textile Mill Band, Holywell
  Flannel Mill Band (to 1926)
Holywell Volunteers Brass Band - Flintshire
   Active in the 1890s

Home Charm Paints Thornhill Band
   See: Thornhill Band

Home Evangelizing Society Brass Band - Shoreditch, Middlesex
   Active in 1859

Home for Little Boys Band - Hextable, Kent
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s. The Home for Little Boys (also known as the Home for Orphan Boys) was established in 1875. In its early years, the home was advertised as catering 'the fatherless boys of domestic servants and others in like circumstances.' Its intake later became the 'fatherless or motherless boys of respectable parents, who have not received parish relief.'

Home for Little Boys Brass Band - Kent
   See: Farningham Home for Little Boys Brass Band

Honington Brass Band - Suffolk
   Active in 1899 through to the early 1950s. Walter Goddard was bandmaster in the late 1940s

Honiton (RBL) Band - Devon
   [previous name of current band] See: Honiton Band

Honiton Band - Devon
   [current band] - Founded in 1956 - Former names: Honiton Borough Band, Honiton (RBL) Band (1976) - Note: Formed when the then Honiton Borough Council, having found unused instruments in its stores, asked housing officer Jim Kendal if a band could be reformed.

Honiton Borough Band - Devon
   [previous name of current band] See: Honiton Band

Honiton Brass Band (1) - Devon
   Formed in 1854, folded before 1863.

Honiton Brass Band (2) - Devon
   Founded in 1864, folded before 1880.

Honiton Brass Band (3) - Devon
   Formed as a brass and reed band in the 1880s as Honiton Volunteers Band. Converted to brass in 1904 and renamed Honiton Brass Band, it folded at the outset of WW1.

Honiton Silver Prize Band
   See: Honiton Town Band

Honiton Town Band - Devon
   Formed after 1918. After entering contests and winning a prize at Barnstaple, the band re-badged itself as the Honiton Silver Prize Band and continued to flourish. In 1939, the band joined the Territorials, as part of the Devonshire Regiment. Its members were called up for war service and the town band folded. A successor band was formed in 1956.

Honiton Volunteers Band
   See: Honiton Brass Band (2)

Honley Brass Band - Huddersfield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Formed in March 1866 in connection with the Honley Working Men's Club, instruments costing £70 from Higham's of Manchester. It merged with Yorkshire Traction Band in 1997 to form Yorkshire Traction Honley Band
Honley Victoria Brass Band - Huddersfield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1853, conductor Mr Knutton

Hoo Silver Band - Hoo St Werburgh, Kent
Formed in 1890 as Hoo St Werburgh Brass Band. Conductor Jack Levy (1890-1908), E. Isaby (1908-14). At one time its members were six members of the Simmons family, five Poynters, three Mathias, three Peck, two Beech and two from the Lee family. Tylden Reed recalls his time in the band: “I played in the band in the late 50s to the early 60s when the band was disbanded. The band contested for many years at the Areas in London and at Tunbridge Wells, Bell Vue, Reading and others with much success. The band was lucky to first have the renowned Eric Ball and later Prof. Walter Hargreaves from the Royal Marines School of Music Deal as its professional conductors. The band regularly played in the London parks and band stands in the south east of England. Annually we spent a weekend at Lingfield in Surrey at the invitation of Lingfield Band. We gave several concerts including at the racecourse and outside the old ‘lock-up’. In the early sixties we accompanied 'The old Contemptables' (1st WW veterans) from Kent to the mennin Gate and toured the cemeterys. The tour was filmed, with Allan Wicker, by BBC 'Tonight' programme and was shown on 11/11 that year. We were also members of the 4th Btn. The Buffs and played the last post under the mennin Gate, the first time anyone other than the local fire brigade had ever done so. We took two uniforms with us!” . The band folded in the late 1960s, or early 1970s.

Hoo St Werburgh Band
See: Hoo Silver Band

Hood Green Band - Barnsley, Yorkshire (West Riding)
[no information]

Hooe Silver Band - Sussex
[current band] - Founded in 1927 - Former names: Hooe Brass Band, Hooe Village Band - Note: A previous band may have been formed in 1902. Current band founded in February 1927 by Harley Smith.

Hook and Odiham Silver Band - Hampshire
See: Hook, Odiham and District Band

Hook Brass Band - Hampshire
Active in the 1900s and 1910s

Hook Brass Band - Surrey
Active in 1914

Hook Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active around 1880 until at least 1916. Became a National Reserves Band during the war. Probably folded later during WW1 as it does not seem to have survived into the 1920s.

Hook Norton and District Silver Band - Oxfordshire
[previous name of current band] See: Hook Norton Brass Band

Hook Norton Brass Band - Oxfordshire
[current band] - Founded in 1886 - Former names: Hook Norton and District Silver Band (1890s-1990s)

Hook Norton Brass Band - Oxfordshire
Active in the 1890s to 1930s

Hook Silver Band - Hampshire
See: Hook, Odiham and District Band
Hook, Odiham and District Band - Hampshire
  Formed after WW1 as Hook Silver Band and active through to the 1950s

Hook-a-Gate Brass Band - Shropshire
  Active in 1866

Hoole Subscription Brass Band - Much Hoole, Lancashire
  Active in 1902, secretary Richard Holt

Hooley Bridge Brass Band - Lancashire
  Active from 1861, conductor S. Shepherd in 1866. Still active in 1867

Hoover Bolton Band - Lancashire
  [current band] - Founded in the 1880s - Former names: Bolton St Luke's Band, Bolton Subscription Band, Bolton Borough Prize Band, Bolton Borough Band (to 1985), Warburtons (Bolton) Band (to 1992), Hoover Band (Bolton)

Hope Congregational Brass Band - Oldham, Lancashire
  Active in 1931

Hope Hall Brass Band - Vange, Essex
  Formed in 1904

Hopkins Solicitors Blidworth Welfare Band - Nottinghamshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Blidworth Welfare Band

Hopkins, Gilkes and Co. Works Band - Middlesborough, Yorkshire (North Riding)
  On July 21, 1865, William Randolph Innes Hopkins married Everald Catherine Elizabeth Hustler at St Mary's Church, Acklam, and a lavish reception was held at the hall owned by the bride's father. The Hopkins, Gilkes and Co. Works Band played, flags flew from public buildings, and at the Ironworks shots were fired from miniature cannons.

Hopton Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  See: Hopton Perserverance Band

Hopton Perserverance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Founded in 1863. Still active in 1866

Hopton Wesleyan Mission Brass Band - Suffolk
  Founded in 1890.

Hopwood Brass Band - Lancashire
  Active in 1869

Hopwood Free Church School Brass Band - Lancashire
  Active in the early 1880s, conductor Mr Jewell

Hopwood United Methodist Brass Band - Lancashire
  Active in the 1880s

Hopwood Victoria Mills Brass Band - Lancashire
  Active in the 1870s

Horbury Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  [previous name of current band] See: Horbury Victoria Silver Band

Horbury Prince of Wales Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1868

Horbury Temperance Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1870s to the 1890s

Horbury Victoria Silver Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  [current band] - Founded in 1868 - Former names: Horbury Brass Band, Horbury Victoria Prize Band
Horden Colliery Band
  See: Horden Silver Band

Horden Juniors Brass Band - Durham
  Active in the 1920s

Horden League of Youth Band - Durham
  Active in the 1940s/1950s

Horden Service of Youth Band - Durham
  See: Horden League of Youth Band

Horden Silver Band - Durham
  Formed in 1908, later known as Horden Colliery Band. Became BHK UK Ltd Horden Band from 2003, folded in 2006.

Horfield Depot Brass Band - Gloucestershire
  Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Horley Brass Band - Oxfordshire
  Active in 1895 to the 1900s

Horley Brass Band - Surrey
  Active from the 1870s to the early 1960s

Horley Temperance Band - Surrey
  See: Horley Brass Band (Surrey)

Hornbury Brass Band - Durham
  Active in 1892 when it competed in the Whitby contest.

Horncastle Alliance Brass Band - Lincolnshire
  Active in the 1850s

Horncastle Amateur Brass Band - Lincolnshire
  See: Horncastle Brass Band

Horncastle Brass Band - Lincolnshire
  Active in 1858, conductor T. Shaw in 1860. Still active in 1867

Horncastle Excelsior Brass Band - Lincolnshire
  Active in 1882

Horncastle Jubilee Concert Band - Lincolnshire
  Probably formed around 1977. It merged with Horncastle Silver Band in the 1980s to form Banovallum Brass.

Horncastle Silver Band - Lincolnshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Banovallum Brass (Horncastle)

Horncastle Silver Band - Lincolnshire
  It would appear that the original roots of the band are to be found in the Horncastle Volunteer Rifle Corps founded in the 1880s. There is evidence to suggest that a band from Horncastle was contesting around 1860 and won a prize drum in Boston, supposedly worth 20 guineas. The band didn’t consider the drum to be worth the full 20 guineas and successfully sued the promoters of the contest in the County Court! The following year the Horncastle Band were again placed first in the same competition and received another drum, which allegedly may still survive and the plaque attached to the side lists the names of the 11 members of the band who won it. There was another brass plaque attached when the drum was lovingly restored by George Jobson and Frank Bell, relatives of two of the original bandsmen. Legend has it that Shaw, the drummer in the conquering band of 1861 was so elated that he strapped himself to his own drum and banged it throughout the town without waiting for the rest of the band to accompany
him! The Parish Clark of 1865 was also drummer in the band for a short time, but was seemingly deposed of this high ranking position by a rigged voting system whereby the lucky winner of the position of drummer actually had the casting vote. I couldn’t say for sure, but one might suggest that the subsequent “washing” of the drum in “Sot’s Hole” may well have been revenge under the cover of sabotage! Certainly the drum became strangely heavy and on April 17th 1867, Mr John Coates Osborne, the Parish Clark, wrote the resignation letter of the Drum! The band appears to have led the celebrations for the end of the Boer War in 1902, but this seems to have been the turning point for the collaboration of the bandsmen and the military. In 1903 the band was disbanded due to the lack of a bandmaster. A band re-emerged in 1904 (probably largely constituting the members of the old “G” Company) under the Baton of Mr Frank Blyth, called the Town and Volunteer Band. Although it was stipulated at this time that the band should play for the company when required, there is no easily obtainable documentary evidence that they ever did so! By 1911 the band was playing in the Coronation Parade Service in Woodhall Spa under the name of Horncastle Town Band. It merged with Horncastle Jubilee Concert Band in the 1980s to form Banovallum Brass.

**Horncastle Town Band** - Lincolnshire
See: *Horncastle Silver Band*

**Hornchurch Cottage Homes Band** - Essex
Active in 1897 through to at least 1944. The Shoreditch Guardians of the Poor opened Hornchurch Cottage Homes in 1889. They continued in use as children’s homes until 1984 - a full 95 years of residential childcare. The cottage homes had 13 houses which could each accommodate around 30 children. Many boys found places in military bands due to the training they received in the Homes' thriving band. At any time up to forty boys were in training under the eye of Matthew Larter, bandmaster until 1910, or his successor Henry Allden. However the practice which this involved was not always viewed positively by the school inspector who in 1922 urged that “if possible, the boys should not be taken for band practice during school hours”. The London County Council took over the homes in 1930.

**Hornchurch L.C.C. Childrens Homes Band** - Essex
See: *Hornchurch Cottage Homes Band*

**Hornchurch Poor Law School Band** - Essex
See: *Hornchurch Cottage Homes Band*

**Hornchurch Village Band** - Essex
Active in 1910 - originally Hornchurch Volunteers Band it reverted to being the “village” band in 1909

**Hornchurch Volunteers Band** - Essex
See: *Hornchurch Village Band*

**Horns Mission Brass Band** - London
Active in 1893

**Horns Temperance Band** - Ilford, Essex
See: *Ilford Horns Temperance Band*

**Hornsby Temperance Band** - Grantham, Lincolnshire
See: *Ruston and Hornsby Band*

**Hornsea Artillery Band** - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in the 1870s
Hornsea Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Formed in the town in 1856 - remained active through to WW1.

Hornsey Adult School Brass Band - Middlesex
   Active in the 1900s. Conductor T.W. Page in 1907

Hornsey British Legion Band - Middlesex
   Active in the 1940s and 1950s

Hornsey Rise Brass Band - Middlesex
   Founded in 1881, conductor H.C. Boot. It sent a letter on Feb 18th 1885 to the Alexandra Orphanage stating: “Dear Mr. Finch, We should be very pleased to offer our services for amusement of the young children at the Alexandra Orphanage. I asked Mr. May, your engineer, on the subject and he wished me to write to you. We take the Champion Journal which contains most of the popular music. Trusting we shall be able to meet your approval. I am your obedient servant, J. Edwards, Sec.” Still active in 1887

Horringer and Ickworth Brass Band - Suffolk
   Active from 1893. Conductor Fred Bugg in 1908. Still active in 1925

Horringer Brass Band - Suffolk
   See: Horringer Amateur Brass Band

Horringer Brass Band - Suffolk
   Active in 1869. Disbanded in 1898

Horrington Brass Band - Somerset
   Active in 1876 and 1910

Horsford Brass Band - Norfolk
   Active in the 1920s

Horsforth Brass Band (1) - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1855 to 1865

Horsforth Brass Band (2) - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1970s. Amalgamated with Leeds City Band to form Horsforth Leeds City Band in the 1980s

Horsforth Leeds City Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [current band] - Founded in the 1980s - Note: Formed by the amalgamation of Horsforth Brass Band and Leeds City Band

Horsforth Old Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Horsforth Brass Band (1)

Horsforth Subscription Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1888, and in the 1920s/30s

Horsham Borough Band - Sussex
   [current band] - Founded in 1900 - Former names: Horsham Recreation Silver Band

Horsham Brass Band (1) - Sussex
   Formed in 1854 by Mr. John Tugwell. Folded before 1861 when it was replaced by the Horsham Town Band

Horsham Brass Band (2) - Sussex
   See: Horsham Town Band

Horsham British Legion Band - Sussex
   Active in the 1950s

Horsham Fire Brigade Brass Band - Sussex
   Active in 1869
Horsham Foresters' Brass Band - Sussex
Active in 1864. Also known as 7th Sussex Rifle Volunteers Band

Horsham Recreation Silver Band - Sussex
[previous name of current band] See: Horsham Borough Band

Horsham Recreation Silver Band - Sussex
Formed in 1900. Merged with the Horsham Town Band in 1912

Horsham St Faith Brass Band - Norfolk
Active in the 1860s. Latterly active in the 1920s/1930s. Merged with Ringland Brass Band to form Drayton Band in 1937.

Horsham Town Band - Sussex
Formed in 1861. Active in 1891 - William Garman, bandmaster, of 6b Denne Road.
Merged with Horsham Recreation Silver Band in 1912. This new Town Band eventually became the current Horsham Borough Band.

Horsington Brass Band - Somerset
Active from the mid-1860s to WW1. Conductors, Mr Burt in 1878, W. Charley in 1881, Mr Hunt in 1882, Mr Foot in 1887, C. Foot in 1890-94, W. Sharley in 1895-1913

Horsley Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active from the 1850s to the 1880s. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Amalgamated with Nailsworth Silver Band in 1948 to become the Nailsworth and Horsley Silver Band. The band reverted back to the Nailsworth Silver Band name sometime in the early 1970s.

Horsmonden British Legion Band - Kent
Active from the 1930s to the 1950s

Horsmonden Excelsior Band - Kent
Active from the 1880s to the 1930s

Horton Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
Active in the 1880s and 1890s. Conductor Mr Jones in 1890,

Horton Brass Band - Oxfordshire
See: Horton-cum-Studley Brass Band

Horton Kirkby Home for Little Boys Brass Band - Kent
See: Farningham Home for Little Boys Brass Band

Horton-cum-Studley Brass Band - Oxfordshire
Active in 1892 and 1900, conductor Harry Hickes

Horwich L and Y Band
Formed in 1889 by the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, three years after the opening of the new Locomotive Works in Horwich. Although a 'crack' team of players was put together in 1912, they never seem to have reached the same heights as the RMI Band. The band had been disbanded by 1930.

Horwich Loco Works Band
See: Horwich RMI Band

Horwich Mechanics' Institute Brass Band
See: Horwich RMI Band

Horwich Old Prize Band
Formed around 1875 and made its rehearsal room above the Co-operative Hall. Their first public engagement was a Church procession through the village. The band had only learnt one tune by this time and repeated this tune over and over during the two mile course of the procession. The band enjoyed its most successful period from 1900 to 1914,
winning third prize at the Crystal Palace in 1906 and winning the September Belle Vue Contest in 1910. With the formation of the Horwich RMI Band they lost several key players in 1912 and then sadly lost 12 bandsmen during the Great War. The band was never to regain its height and had disbanded by 1950.

**Horwich Old Public Brass Band**
See: *Horwich Old Prize Band*

**Horwich Railway Mechanics Institute Band**
See: *Horwich RMI Band*

**Horwich RMI Band**
 Directors of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company were dismayed by the lack of success by their band, The Horwich L and Y Band. So in 1912 the Chief Mechanical Engineer George Hughes suggested holding auditions for new players. Only one member of the original band was successful in retaining his place, the rest of the band was obviously slightly upset by this outcome and decided to form their own band under the umbrella of the RMI. Therefore the Horwich RMI came into being in late 1912. Success was to come quickly; in 1915 the band came second to Foden’s Works Band in the Spring Belle Vue contest. In the same year, after a strike at Elworth (Foden’s Factory), a dozen players who had been prominent in the picket lines were fired. They promptly moved to Horwich and took great pleasure in beating their old firm at Belle Vue in 1916 and 1917. Their height came in 1922, winning the Crystal Palace 1000 guinea trophy making them champions of Great Britain. Something that the L and Y Band would never achieve. Mr Riley, the band secretary, put together an ingenious method of raising funds in the early days of the band. A membership scheme was started whereby 360 employees of the L and Y Company would have a small deduction made from their wages; in return they received two tickets to three summer concerts, this scheme continued right into the 1930’s. Thereafter, the band played many summer engagements at various holiday resorts on the south coast. Unfortunately, due to the recession and subsequent lay-off of its’ members, Horwich R.M.I. Band collapsed as a contest band in 1931. In the intervening years, they were something of a legend. In 1953 the Bolton Evening News ran a series of articles again on the Brass Bands of Bolton. RMI featuring in one of them, the then band secretary a Mr Hill, stated that times had been hard but they were on the up. The band had disbanded by the late 1950’s. The Bandstand at Horwich Works recreation ground was built in 1907 and was used by the works’ brass band for concerts.

**Hosier and Dickinson Watford Band** - Hertfordshire
[previous name of current band] See: *Watford Band*

**Hough Brass Band** - Hough on the Hill, Lincolnshire
Formed in 1887

**Hougham Brass Band** - Lincolnshire
Active in 1899

**Houghton Brass Band** - Houghton-le-Spring, Durham
[current band] - Founded in 1983 - Note: Formed as an extension of the Houghton Schools Band, itself formed in 1973

**Houghton Brass Band** - Bedfordshire
See: *Houghton Regis Brass Band*

**Houghton Brass Band** - Durham
See: *Houghton Colliery Band*
Houghton Brass Band - Hampshire
  Active in the 1880s
Houghton Brass Band - Huntingdonshire
  Active in the 1880s
Houghton Brass Band - Northamptonshire
  See: Great Houghton Brass Band
Houghton Colliery Band - Houghton-le-Spring, Durham
  Formed in the 1890s and folded around 1939.
Houghton Lane Band - Preston, Lancashire
  Active around 1850, when it performed at the Preston Whit Walks.
Houghton Main Colliery Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  See: Wombwell Temperance Band
Houghton Regis Brass Band - Bedfordshire
  Formed in the 1850s and played in a “rural festival” in 1856. In 1885 it amalgamated for a brief period with the Dunstable Temperance Band, to form the Dunstable Promenade Band. The bands then split once again. It was still active, as the Houghton Regis Band, in 1902
Houghton-le-Spring Schools Band - Durham
  Active in the 1970s
Houghton-le-Spring Town Band - Durham
  Active in the early 1900s
House of Dickinson Band
  See: John Dickinson (Apsley) Band
Hove Brass Band - Sussex
  Active in 1853
Hove Christian Workers' Band - Sussex
  Founded in 1891. Conductor C.E. Daniels in 1900
Hove Edge Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the early 1900s. Known as “t' Billy Goats Band” from the fact that the instruments and uniforms were bought out of the proceeds from roast billy goat sandwiches.
Hove Excelsior Brass Band - Sussex
  Founded in 1904, conductor H.J. Chessall.
Howard and Bullough's Brass Band - Accrington, Lancashire
  Active in the 1890s through to the 1920s. The company manufactured textile machines
Howarth Public Band
  Active around 1910
Howarth Public Subscription Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  [no information]
Howden and Willington Brass Band - Durham
  Active in 1922
Howden and Willington Quay Temperance Band - Durham
  Active in 1899, conductor G.W. Skinner
Howden Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
  Active in 1850, 1861 and in the 1890s, conductor James Roberts
Howden Colliery Band - Durham
  Active in 1900
Howden Excelsior Band
See: Howden-le-Wear Band

Howden-le-Wear Brass Band - Durham
Formed in the early 1890s and still active in 1934. Secretary J.F. Carrick in 1893. Briefly renamed Howden Excelsior Band before reverting back. A bandstand was brought from Newcastle Northeast Exhibition 1929 and erected at the bottom of a tree covered bank side in Jubilee Park (originally called Howden Plantation) The location gave people a perfect view of the bandstand and all the famous bands that played there. (Remains of foundations can still be seen). Mr George Brown took his role as band steward very seriously. Dressed in a tail suit, top hat and white gloves, he made announcements and took requests from the audience.

Howden-le-Wear Temperance Model Brass Band
See: Howden-le-Wear Brass Band

Howdon Mission Brass Band
Active in 1894

Howley Silver Band
Active in 1968

Hoxne Brass Band - Suffolk
Active in 1870, used to practice at the Red Lion, Oak Hill. Prominent playing families were; Shermings, Butcher and Copping. The band played every year for the anniversary meeting of the Oddfellows in the 1880s. Conductor H.V. Whitmore in 1886. By 1914 the band had transformed into (or been replaced by) a fife and drum band known as Hoxne Village Band.

Hoxted Market Brass Band
Active in 1905

Hoxton Amateur Brass Band - Middlesex
Formed in May 1861 by J. Wade. Still active in 1866

Hoxton Crusaders Brass Band
See: Hoxton Market Christian Mission Silver Band

Hoxton Dye Works Band - Middlesex
See: Wilson’s Dye Works Amateur Brass Band

Hoxton Market Brass Band
See: Hoxton Market Christian Mission Silver Band

Hoxton Market Christian Mission Silver Band - Shoreditch, Middlesex
Formed 1882. In the London blitz of 1940 all the band’s equipment (72 instruments and 60 uniforms) were destroyed. In 1906 it was renamed Hoxton Crusaders Brass Band and also known as Old Nichol Street Mission Band. Reverted to its original name some time later. Old Nichol at the time of the band’s formation was London’s most notorious slum which feature in the novel “A Child of the Jago”.

Hoxton Temperance Band - Middlesex
Active in the 1870s and 1880s. Conductor W.J. Wade in 1879, C. Folkey in 1882

Hoylake and West Kirby Band
See: West Kirby Brass Band

Hoylake Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in the 1880s to 1890

Hoyland Common Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1870s to 1890s
Hoyland Rechabite Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Formed in 1889. Renamed Hoyland Town Silver Prize Band in 1905, conductor J. Barraclough. Active through to the 1920s

Hoyland Town Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  [previous name of current band] See: Strata Brass

Hoyland Town Silver Prize Band
  See: Hoyland Rechabite Brass Band

Hucknall Albion Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
  Active in 1877

Hucknall and Linby Mining Community Brass - Nottinghamshire
  [current band] - Founded in 2008

Hucknall British Legion Band - Nottinghamshire
  Active from the 1930s to the 1950s

Hucknall Excelsior Band
  See: Hucknall Excelsior Silver Prize Band

Hucknall Excelsior Silver Prize Band - Nottinghamshire
  Active in 1889. In 1915 - Joseph Harrison secretary and bandmaster, of Annesley Road. See also: Hucknall Temperance Prize Band for some related information

Hucknall Excelsior Temperance Prize Band
  See: Hucknall Excelsior Silver Prize Band

Hucknall Huthwaite Band - Nottinghamshire
  Active in 1894 when it promoted a contest

Hucknall Huthwaite Excelsior Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
  Active in 1881

Hucknall Huthwaite Prize Band - Nottinghamshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Huthwaite Prize Band

Hucknall Old Band - Nottinghamshire
  [no information]

Hucknall Silver Prize Band
  See: Hucknall Temperance Prize Band

Hucknall Temperance Prize Band - Nottinghamshire
  Formed in 1885 and started at the Butlers Hill, Cavendish Street, Primitive Methodist Church. (Newark - June 29, 1898) - “The annual festival of the children’s Sunday School Union took place on Thursday and proved a single success. The weather was fine, and from many windows and standards flags floated and bunting was displayed. The sides of the market were lined with vehicles full of folk who were anxious to view the annual spectacle, and pedestrians made a deep fringe round the market square. While the schools assembled, the Newark Borough Band and the Hucknall Temperance Prize Band entertained the crowd with melodies. Over 2,000 children sang a selection of hymns before they moved off in procession with their teachers for a parade through the town.” (Newark - March 2 1898) - “The town was considerably enlivened on Saturday by a visit from the Hucknall Excelsior Temperance Prize Band which accompanied the Hucknall football team. The band played from the GN station to the Market-place and afterwards down to the Muskham Road Ground. In the Market-place at night the band gave an admirable concert the music being listened to and enjoyed by several hundreds of people. The band is a noted prize-taking combination and there were about 30 performers. They pitched in the corner of the Market-place nearly opposite Chain-lane
and played a selection of pieces with the feeling and expression that has made them the winners of many contests.” In 1904 Sam Taylor was the conductor, as he was also in 1915 by which time the band had changed its name to the Hucknall Silver Prize Band.

**Hucknall Tokard Brass Band** - Nottinghamshire
- Active in 1863 to 1866

**Hucknall Torkard Excelsior Brass Band** - Nottinghamshire
- Active in 1895

**Hucknall-Linby Miners Welfare Band** - Nottinghamshire
- [previous name of current band] See: *Newstead Brass*

**Hucknall-under-Huthwaite Brass Band** - Nottinghamshire
- Active in 1866

**Hucknall and Ripponden Brass** - Yorkshire (West Riding)

**Huddersfield and Upper Agbrigg Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
- [no information]

**Huddersfield Borough Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
- Active in the 1880s and 1890s

**Huddersfield Brass** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
- [previous name of current band] See: *Huddersfield & Ripponden Brass*

**Huddersfield Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
- Conductor W. Drake in 1860

**Huddersfield Catholic Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
- Active in 1874, conductor Joe Podmore

**Huddersfield Fire Brigade Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
- Active in the 1880s to WW1. Conductor Joe Willie in 1906

**Huddersfield Friendly and Trades Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
- [no information]

**Huddersfield Home Guard Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
- Active in the 1940s

**Huddersfield L.M.S. Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
- Active in the 1930s

**Huddersfield Postal Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
- Active in the 1900s

**Huddersfield Princess Street Mission Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
- [no information]

**Huddersfield Rifles Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
- Began contesting in 1887

**Huddersfield Subscription Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
- Active in 1939

**Huddersfield Teco Band**
- See: *Sellers International Brass Band*

**Huddersfield Temperance Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
- Formed in 1884. Still active in the 1890s

**Hudson’s Dry Soap Works Brass Band** - Liverpool, Lancashire
- Active from the early 1880s through to the 1900s
Hugglescote and Ellistown Brass Band - Leicestershire
   Active from the 1890s to the 1950s. Was conducted by Mr W. Burton in 1939.
Hugglescote and South Leicester Welfare Band - Leicestershire
   Active in the 1960s and 1970s
Hugglescote Brass Band - Leicestershire
   Founded in mid-1867, conductor Mr Dennis. Still active in 1868
Hugglescote East End Brass Band - Leicestershire
   Active in the 1890s
Hugglescote Town Band - Leicestershire
   Active from the 1890s to the 1930s
Hugglescote West End Band - Leicestershire
   Active in the 1890s
Hugh Stevenson and Sons Band - Manchester, Lancashire
   Active in the 1920s to 1940s. Hugh Stevenson and Sons Ltd was a paper box-making
   business started in 1859 by Mr Hugh Stevenson at Great Marlborough Street, Manchester
Huish Champflower Brass Band - Somerset
   Active in 1882
Huish School Brass Band - Huish Episcopi, Somerset
   Active in 1919
Hull A.S.R.S Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in the 1880s to the 1890s. Conductor Mr Barnet in 1880
Hull Albion Model Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in 1883
Hull Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   See: Hull A.S.R.S Band
Hull British Oil and Cake Mills Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   See: British Oil and Cake Mills Band
Hull Brunswick Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   See: Brunswick Model Brass Band
Hull Carpenters' Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
   See: Messrs Samuelson and Co. Brass Band
Hull Catholic Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Conductor J.B. Acey, leader G. Barrett in 1860. Later in that year the band became
   associated with the rifle volunteers and thereafter appeared as Hull Rifles Band
Hull Christian Silver Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   See: Hull Christian Temperance Silver Band
Hull Christian Temperance Silver Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Formed in 1894. Active in 1909
Hull City Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Edward Pearcey was Bandmaster in 1913
Hull City N.E.R. Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   See: Hull Railway Servants Brass Band
Hull City Police Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in the 1960s
Hull District Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in 1864
Hull Druids' Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in the 1850, conductor R. Smith in 1857. In 1859 it performed a concert with the Barton Ropery Band in Barton Temperance Hall.

Hull Flax and Cotton Mills Harmonic Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in the 1840s to the 1860s

Hull Foresters' Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in the mid-1880s

Hull Juvenile Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Founded in 1859, conductor E. Jackson. Made its debut performance at the Queen's Theatre in December 1859.

Hull King's Hall Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
See: King's Hall Silver Band

Hull Kingston Cotton Mills Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Formed in mid-1855 with sixteen performers on saxhorns. “Mr Browne of Silver Street was the music superintendent, and on a march through the town the band was well received.” Still active in the early 1860s

Hull Mechanics Institute Model Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Founded in 1866, still active in 1880

Hull Model Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
See: Hull Mechanics Institute Model Brass Band

Hull N.E.R. Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
See: Hull Railway Servants Brass Band

Hull Oil and Colour Works Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
See: Messrs Blundell, Spence and Co.’s Works Harmonic Brass Band

Hull Orphan Sailors Childrens Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in the 1880s to around 1910. Conductor Mr Arnott in 1896. The home was established in 1867, at Thanet House, a large property on Park Street, Hull. Its purchase was largely funded by a £5,000 donation from Sir Titus Salt, the Bradford manufacturer and philanthropist. By 1893, however, the space was proving increasingly inadequate, and new cottage homes were built on Cottingham Road, opening in 1895, known as Newland Cottage Homes. The boys' band performed at local social events. For a number of years, the band also went on fund-raising tours but in 1907 it was decided that the absence of the boys from the homes, and the attention they received, were not good for them, and the tours were then severely curtailed.

Hull Osborne Street P.S.A. Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in 1901

Hull Park Street Children's Home Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
See: Hull Orphan Sailors Childrens Brass Band

Hull Pease Street Mission Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in 1906

Hull Police Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active from 1864, conductor R. Smith, to the 1900s

Hull Post Office Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Founded around 1868. Active to the 1900s

Hull Radiator Works Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
See: Ideal Boilers and Radiator Works Band
Hull Railway Servants Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Hull Railwaymen's Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in the 1950s to 1970s

Hull Renaissance Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
[current band]

Hull Rifles Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
See: Hull Catholic Brass Band

Hull Seamen's and General Orphan Asylum Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
See: Hull Orphan Sailors Childrens Brass Band

Hull Shipwright's Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
See: Messrs Samuelson and Co. Brass Band

Hull Silver Prize Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in the early 1900s. Mary Newton notes: “My father, Harry Cook, played in the Hull Silver Prize Band. He played the cornet. This was in the years before the first world war, and my eldest brother who was born in 1908 was their mascot when he was about ten or eleven. My father was at the Battle of the Somme and shell shocked. I am the last of his children. I remember seeing a photograph of the band taken in a waggonette - they must have been going on a day out.”

Hull Sons of Temperance Prize Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Founded in 1906. Active through to the 1910s. In 1910 the conductor was C. Norman and Band Secretary H. Roe. Played concerts in East Park at 3pm on Sunday June 26th 1910, and in West Park at 3pm on Sunday July 17th 1910, in aid of the Hull and Sculcoates Dispensary Working Men's Committee, where the programme was: Vigilant - J. Farrell, Gems of England - Rimmer, Andante from C Minor Symphony - Beethoven, Memories of the Past - Rimmer, Senator - G. Allan, Sandon - T Allsopp, In the Twilight - Rimmer, and Robert Devereux - Donizetti. Separate to Hull Temperance Brass Band

Hull Spring Bank Orphanage Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active from the late 1870s through to 1927. Conductor R. Smith in the 1870s, Mr Pitt in 1912

Hull St Andrew's Junior Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Formed in November 1914 and active into the late 1930s. It was founded by eight working men who obtained £380 worth of clothing and instruments on credit, their object being to train boys as musicians and aid local charitable institutions. In 1915 the conductor was Thomas E. Dearmer, joint secretaries Edward J. Dalton and Samuel Brown (who was a coal teemer at St Andrew's Dock). R.W. Taylor conductor in 1917 (who composed a “Trombone March” in 1919 that particularly please Arthur Pearce and Black Dyke Mills Band when they played it that December). The band did much to raise money for charities through their concerts and consisted of up to 40 boys ranging from 9 to 16 years old. A postcard was published with the following rhyme on it: “Hail to St Andrews Junior Band! Which side by older players take a stand; 'Tis wonderful that boys so young as these should play so well, as e'en to critics please. Diligence and good tuition tell the reason why they do succeed so well; for each lad tries to do what he is told - the Band thus helps the character to mould. 'Twas in November, nineteen-fourteen, in West Hull that its humble birth was seen, but, like the acorn in the wayside sown, it now has to a health sapling grown. Large sums for charities their help has raised, For which they have been well and duly praised; the widows and the orphans' hearts are full of thanks
to these little boys of Hull. No sect or section has the slightest claim, except the good of mankind be the aim - for each and all the Band has freely played; no charge, except expenses, has been made. If of assistance you should be in need, at times when you're engaged in noble deed, and helpfully you find the band could use; invite them. They're not likely to refuse." The band won first prize in the Boys Sections, with the Wood Challenge Cup, at the National Brass Band Festival at the Crystal Palace in September 1920 (Malcolm T. Lamb secretary that year). H. Wildbore secretary in 1936. Also known as St Andrew’s Silver Prize Band in the late 1920s and 1930s

**Hull St Andrew's Silver Prize Band** - Yorkshire (East Riding)

See: **Hull St Andrew's Junior Brass Band**

**Hull Temperance Brass Band** - Yorkshire (East Riding)

Founded in 1905. Separate to Hull Sons of Temperance Brass Band

**Hull Temperance League Brass Band** - Yorkshire (East Riding)

Founded in 1857

**Hull Town Cricket Club Brass Band** - Yorkshire (East Riding)

Founded in late 1856 from the members of the Club, providing entertainment during the winter months.

**Hull United Model Brass Band** - Yorkshire (East Riding)

Active in 1885

**Hull United Order of Druids Band** - Yorkshire (East Riding)

See: **Hull Druids’ Brass Band**

**Hull Waterloo Brass Band** - Yorkshire (East Riding)


**Hull Waterloo Prize Silver Band** - Yorkshire (East Riding)

See: **Hull Waterloo Brass Band**

**Hull Wellington Troop Brass Band** - Yorkshire (East Riding)

A Scouts brass band, formed in April 1914, conductor Thomas E. Dearmer, secretary J.A. Brown

**Hull Wesleyan Mission Band** - Yorkshire (East Riding)

Founded in 1882, bandmaster M.T. Mowforth. The mission church was in Hessle Road.

**Hull Wilson’s Band** - Yorkshire (East Riding)

See: **Thomas Wilson, Sons and Company Prize Brass Band**

**Hulme and Chorlton-on-Medlock Lads Club Brass Band**

See: **Hulme Lads’ Club Brass Band**

**Hulme Brass Band** - Lancashire

Active in the 1880s to 1900s. Also known as Hulme Old Brass Band

**Hulme Lads' Club Brass Band** - Lancashire

Founded in 1888, conductor H.L. Holding. Still active in 1892

**Hulme Old Brass Band** - Lancashire

See: **Hulme Brass Band**

**Hulme Public Brass Band** - Lancashire

Active from the 1900s to the 1930s. In 1914, it presented a silver baton to Sam Myers.

**Hulme Public Silver Prize Band** - Lancashire

See: **Hulme Public Brass Band**
Hulme Royal Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1867

Hulme Temperance Band - Lancashire
Active from the 1870s to the 1930s

Hulme Temperance Subscription Silver Prize Band - Lancashire
See: Hulme Temperance Band

Hulton Brass Band - Walkden, Lancashire
Formed in 1975 when the Walkden Junior Band broke away from Walkden Band. They rehearsed at a local Church and seem to have initially done well. The band received sponsorship from Agecroft Colliery for a short time, changing its name to Agecroft Colliery Band. Unfortunately the venture seems to have lasted only about six years and the band folded in the early 1980's.

Humberstone Brass Band - Leicestershire
Active in 1860, 1863

Humberstone Excelsior Brass Band - Leicestershire
Active in 1900

Hungerford Brass Band - Berkshire
Active in 1861. Presumed to have folded before 1876 when the current Hungerford Town Band was formed

Hungerford Town Band - Berkshire
[current band] - Founded in 1876

Hunmanby and District Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Formed in 1979

Hunmanby Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in 1851. Amalgamated with the Hunmanby Silver Band after 1918.

Hunmanby Mitford Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in 1894. Bandmaster William Raylor in 1905

Hunmanby Silver Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1979 - Former names: Dennis Bayley Hunmanby and District Silver Band

Hunmanby Silver Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active before 1880. After the 1914-18 Great War, a prominent local business man, Sir Dennis Bayley supplied a full set of musical instruments and uniforms, and the band was renamed the Dennis Bayley Hunmanby Silver Band, which also combined with the Hunmanby Brass Band of the time. It folded around 1959. A successor band was formed in 1979.

Hunningham School Band
Active in the 1930s.

Hunny Hill Brass Band - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
Formed in 1861, locally called the Hunny Hill Noisers.

Hunslet Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the 1860s to the 1890s

Hunslet Leather Works Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)

Hunslet Ragged School Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1885
Hunslet Temperance Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
   Active in 1860 to 1866

Hunsonby Brass Band - Cumberland  
   Active in the 1880s

Huntingdon and District Brass Band - Huntingdonshire  
   Active in the 1970s

Huntingdon and Peterborough Youth Brass Band - Huntingdonshire  
   Active in the 1970s and early 1980s

Huntingdon Brass Band (1) - Huntingdonshire  
   Active in the 1850s and 1860s

Huntingdon Brass Band (2)  
   See: Huntingdon Town Band

Huntingdon British Legion Band  
   Active in the late 1920s

Huntingdon Town Band  
   Formed in 1896, disbanded in 1904, revived again in 1908, folded around 1914, or soon afterwards. Their instruments were given by the town council to the Huntingdonshire Cyclist Battalion Band in 1916.

Huntingdon Youth Brass Band - Huntingdonshire  
   Active in the 1980s

Huntingdonshire Cyclist Battalion Band  
   See: Old Fletton Victoria Prize Band

Huntley and Palmer's Brass Band - Reading, Berkshire  
   Active in 1887 - associated with the biscuit factory.

Huntly Brass Band - Aberdeenshire  
   Active in 1869, 1914

Huntsham Brass Band - Devon  
   Active in 1863. Conductor Mr Davey in 1864

Hunwick Colliery Band - Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding)  
   Formed in the 1890s. Conductor H. Gibson in 1899. Merged with the Evenwood Colliery Band at some time. Also known as Hunwick Silver Band and competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Probably folded in the 1950s.

Hunwick Silver Band  
   See: Hunwick Colliery Band

Hurley Brass Band - Warwickshire  
   Active from the late 1870s. Conductor William Spare in 1887-1902. Disbanded for a short while and was reformed in 1911, again with William Spare as secretary. Still active in 1924

Hurley Moate Dobcross Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
   [previous name of current band] See: Dobcross Silver Band

Hurlford Brass Band - Ayrshire  
   Active in 1863, In 1879, it headed a procession in August to inaugurate the Kilmarnock Burns Monument and Kay Park, accommodated on raised seats on a lorry, which was drawn by three powerful Clydesdales, and profusely decorated with evergreens. Still active into the late 1900s. Conductor Alexander Dunlop in 1885

Hurst Brass Band - Hurstpierpoint, Sussex  
   Active in the 1890s

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Hurst Brass Band (1) - Lancashire
Active in the 1860s

Hurst Brass Band (2) - Lancashire
Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Hurst Green and Etchingham Brass Band - Sussex
Active in 1902 to 1921. Conductor J. Daniels in 1903

Hurst Green Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1885 to 1901. Conductor W. Cross in 1893

Hurst Green Brass Band - Sussex
See: Hurst Green and Etchingham Brass Band

Hurst Village Band - Sussex
See: Hurst Brass Band (Lancashire)

Hurworth Brass Band - Durham
Active in 1866, conductor William Close, through to 1900. Conductor J. Lewis in 1893, Mr Crowther in 1894

Hurworth Saxhorn Band - Durham
See: Hurworth Brass Band

Husthwaite Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1888

Husthwaite Old Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
See: Husthwaite Brass Band

Hutchesontown Silver Band
See: Oatlands Parish Church Brass Band

Hutchinsons Coaches Band
See: Coltness Iron Works Silver Band

Huthwaite Prize Band - Nottinghamshire
[current band] - Founded in 1857 - Former names: Hucknall Huthwaite Prize Band, Huthwaite Silver Prize Band

Huthwaite Prize Band
Active in 1925

Huthwaite Silver Prize Band - Nottinghamshire
[previous name of current band] See: Huthwaite Prize Band

Hutton Brass Band - Essex
Active in 1863, conductor John Bannister

Hutton Cranswick Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active from the 1880s to the 1930s

Hutton Roof and Lupton Brass Band - Westmorland
Active in 1852

Hutton Rudby Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in the 1880s and 1890s

Hyde Band - Cheshire
[current band] - Founded in 1895 - Note: Formed by Mr H. E. (Bert) Shutler from the former Hyde and Mockbegger Band, which was a fife and drum band

Hyde Borough Band - Cheshire
Active in 1883. 1900? „..... The procession was led by a group of mounted policemen and they were followed by the Hyde Borough Band and the Mottram and Broadbottom Band. 1931 - Twenty-one-year-old Frances Lockett, of Hyde, was voted the town’s first
cotton queen. She had a civic reception in her honour and more than 20,000 people turned out to welcome her. Frances was also taken through the streets, which were decorated with flowers and ribbons, in an open landau carriage drawn by four bay horses. Mounted police led the procession and she was followed by the Kingston Mill Band, a troupe of Morris dancers, more than 300 workers from Newton Mill, members of the Hyde Lads Club, 40 cars and the Hyde Borough Band.

**Hyde Brass Band** - Cheshire  
Active in the 1850s

**Hyde British Legion Band** - Cheshire  
Formed after 1945

**Hyde Catholic Brass Band** - Cheshire  
Active in 1869

**Hyde Home Guard 36th Cheshire Band** - Cheshire  
Active in 1942

**Hyde Original Band** - Cheshire  
Active in the 1930s

**Hyde Road (Manchester Tramways) Depot Band** - Manchester, Lancashire  
Active in the 1900s

**Hyde Road Methodist Gorton Brass Band** - Lancashire  
Active in the 1930s

**Hyde United Liberal Brass Band** - Cheshire  
Active in the 1870s

**Hylton Colliery Brass Band (1)** - Castletown, Durham  
Formed in the early 1900s. Renamed as Castletown Colliery Band at some point. Active through to the 1930s

**Hylton Colliery Brass Band (2)** - Castletown, Durham  

**Hylton Colliery Silver Band** - Durham  
[previous name of current band] See: Monkwearmouth Lodge Band

**Hymac Ltd Band** - Rhymney,  
See: Hymac Rhymney Band

**Hymac Rhymney Band**  
Active in 1969 when conducted by Richard Nash. Won the Welsh Regional Championships (3rd Section) in 1976. Also known as Rhymney Silver Band.

**Hyson Brass Founders Brass Band** - Hyson Green, Nottinghamshire  
Active in 1868

**Hyson Green Brass Band** - Nottinghamshire  
Active in 1869

**Hythe Adult School Brass Band** - Colchester, Essex  
Active in 1899

**Hythe and Dibden Brass Band** - Hampshire  
Active in the 1990s and 2000s

**Hythe and Dibden Brass Band** - Hampshire  
[current band] - Founded in 1988

**Hythe Brass Band** - Colchester, Essex  
Active from 1900 to WW1. In 1905 the bandmaster was A. J. Barber
Hythe Brass Band - Hampshire  
See: Hythe Town Band

Hythe Brass Band - Kent  
Active from the 1850s to the 1890s

Hythe Excelsior Band - Kent  
Active in the 1900s

Hythe National Reserve Band - Hampshire  
Active in 1913

Hythe Town Band - Hampshire  
Active from the 1880s to the 1920s

Hyundai Heart of England Band  
See: Heart of England Band

I.C.I. (Alkali) Band - Winnington, Cheshire  
Formed in 1923 as Winnington Boy Scouts Band, then Winnington Lads' Club Band in March 1936. Adopted ICI (Alkali) name in June 1936. Still active in the early 1960s

I.C.I. Mond Division Band - Runcorn, Cheshire  
Active in the 1960s

I.C.I. Recreational Band - Grangemouth, Stirlingshire  
See: Scottish Dyes Band

I.M.I. Yorkshire Imperial Band  
See: Yorkshire Imperial Band

I.N.F. Rutherglen Band  
See: Rutherglen I.N.F. Band

I.O.R. Band - Bolton, Lancashire  
See: Bolton Rechabites Band

Ibsley Brass Band - Hampshire  
Active in 1860

Ibstock Brick Brass - Leicestershire  

Ibstock Building Products Band - Leicestershire  
[previous name of current band] See: Ibstock Brick Brass

Ibstock Excelsior Brass Band - Leicestershire  
Active in 1889 (conductor S.Y. Vickers) and in 1897 when it organised a brass band contest at the Ram Hotel grounds in Ibstock, on Saturday August 21st 1897. The test piece was “Gems of Victorian Melody”. Some records of the band are held at The Record Office for Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland. Still active in 1914.

Ibstock St Denys Brass Band - Leicestershire  
Active in the 1880s and 1890s

Ibstock Town Band - Leicestershire  
Active in 1893

Ibstock United Band - Leicestershire  
[previous name of current band] See: Desford Colliery Band

Ibstock United Silver Band - Leicestershire  
Founded in 1898. Active to the early 1950s.

Ibstock Welfare Brass Band - Leicestershire  
Active from the early 1960s to the late 1960s.
Ickford Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
  Active in 1888 and 1895

Ickleton Brass Band - Cambridgeshire
  Active in the 1900s and 1910s. Conductor W. Brown in 1905

Ickringill's Brass Band - Keighley, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Formed by James Ickringill, a Victorian businessman and church founder, owner of
  Eastwood Mill, Keighley and Legrams Mill, Bradford - also created local Boys and Girls
  Brigades.

Ideal Boilers and Radiator Works Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
  Active in the 1930s to 1940

Idle Airedale Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1856 through 1876

Idle and Thackley Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active, at least, from 1898-1943. One report gives it disbanding in 1930, but it must then
  have been revived soon afterwards.

Idle and Thackley Public Subscription Band
  See: Idle and Thackley Brass Band

Idle Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active from 1853 to the late 1880s

Idle Conservative Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Founded in March 1867, obtained their instruments in May 1867, bandmaster Mr Terry.
  Active through to 1875

Idle Working Men's Conservative Society Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  See: Idle Conservative Brass Band

Idris Brass Band - Dolgellau, Merioneth
  See: Cader Idris Brass Band

Ieuenctid Trefor Band - Caernarfonshire
  Active in 1990

Iford Brass Band - Sussex
  Operating during 1930s and 40s at least, when the conductor was Frank Geisler. Born in
  Belgium, he lived in Christchurch, Dorset and was very active with bands around that
  area of the South coast. He conducted Iford Brass Band and he also played Eb Bass.

Ifton Band - Shropshire
  [current band] - Founded in 1916 - Former names: Ifton Brass Band, Ifton Colliery Silver
  Band (1959)

Ifton Brass Band - Shropshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Ifton Band

Ifton Colliery Silver Band - Shropshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Ifton Band

Ifton Heath Silver Band - Shropshire
  Active in 1960

Ightfield Brass Band - Shropshire
  Active in 1866 to 1869

Ilchester Brass Band - Somerset
  Active in 1867 to 1869. Secretary A. Singleton in 1869
**Ilex Brass Band** - Rawtenstall, Lancashire
  Active in 1863 and 1864. The band consisted of workmen at the Ilex Mill in the town, owned by Messrs Peter Whitehead and Sons

**Ilford Horns Temperance Band** - Essex
  Active from the 1890s to WW1. Conductor R. Wilson in 1899, Carl Taylor in 1903

**Ilford Old Band** - Essex
  Active in the 1930s

**Ilford Silver Band**
  See: *Ilford Old Band*

**Ilford Silver Prize Band**
  See: *Ilford (St John Ambulance) Band*

**Ilford St John Ambulance Band** - Essex
  Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Later renamed Ilford Silver Prize Band

**Ilford Town Band** - Essex
  Active in 1900, when it opened the Grand Fete and Gala held in the Central Park, Ilford on Saturday 16 June 1900.

**Ilfracombe Brass Band** - Devon
  Active in 1858

**Ilfracombe Foresters’ Brass Band** - Devon
  Founded in 1868. Still active in 1873

**Ilfracombe Rechabite Brass Band** - Devon
  Active in 1891, conductor F. Becker, also in 1895

**Ilfracombe Silver Band**
  See: Ilfracombe Town Band (2)

**Ilfracombe Town Band (1)** - Devon

**Ilfracombe Town Band (2)** - Devon
  Formed in 1950, still active in the mid-1960s. Also known as Ilfracombe Silver Band

**Ilfracombe Wesleyan Sunday School Brass Band** - Devon
  Active in 1895

**Ilkeston and Shipley Brass Band** - Derbyshire
  Active in 1875

**Ilkeston Borough Band** - Derbyshire
  Active in the 1890s through to WW1

**Ilkeston Brass** - Derbyshire
  [current band] - Founded in 1920 - Former names: Stanton Ironworks Band, Stanton Works Band, (to 1960s) - Note: The band still rehearses on old Stanton Iron Works site near to the Motorway, continuing its links with the past. In the mid-seventies, a television serial called Sounding Brass, starring Brian Glover, was produced by Granada, based around the workings, romances and personalities of a local brass band - much as the recent Brassed Off film portrayed. The writer, Don Shaw, followed Ilkeston Brass to concerts, contests, marches and pubs for nearly 6 months before he wrote and produced the series. Ilkeston Brass were chosen as the Band for the series, a great honour.

**Ilkeston Brass Band** - Derbyshire
  See: Ilkeston Excelsior Brass Band
Ilkeston Church Army Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1920s

Ilkeston Excelsior Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active from 1853 to the 1890s

Ilkeston Main Brass Band - Derbyshire
   [no information]

Ilkeston Temperance Band - Derbyshire
   Active in 1895

Ilkeston United Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in 1905, secretary Mr Sinfield

Ilkeston Volunteers Band - Derbyshire
   Active in 1895

Ilkley Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from 1851 to the 1900s

Ilkley Urban District Council Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1900

Illogan Brass Band - Cornwall
   Active in 1863, and they took part in a contest held in the Redruth area under their
conductor Mr U Bosanko. Conductor Rev. Harry Oxland in 1891-1914. Still active in 1914

Illogan Broad Lane Band - Cornwall
   Active in 1889, 1890

Illogan Reed and Brass Band - Cornwall
   Then the Rev Harry Oxland was appointed to the village in the 1890s he promptly
formed a band finding musicians from Bridge, Illogan Highway and the village itself.
Despite calling the band the Illogan Reed and Brass Band, they were allowed, for a
couple of years, to take part in the local brass band contests, but their real local fame was
enhanced in 1909 when they travelled to London for the Crystal Palace Military Bands
contest and came seventh. They changed their title just after this to the Illogan Military
Brass Band which strikes me as unexplainable as they had always, from day one, been a
“military band”, meaning a full complement of woodwind instruments (including a
bassoon) and eventually french horns instead of tenor horns. The band was taken over in
1926 by Con Oxland, son of the founder, but they were forced to disband in 1939. From
all the newspaper accounts of this band, they were well on a par with the Camborne
Town Band, so therefore deserve a mention in these archives.

Illogan Silver Band - Cornwall
   [previous name of current band] See: Illogan Sparnon Silver Band

Illogan Sparnon Silver Band - Cornwall
   [current band] - Founded in 1976 - Former names: Illogan Silver Band

Ilminster Brass Band
   [no information]

Ilminster Brass Band (1) - Somerset
   Active in the 1860s, conductor John Holbrook

Ilminster Brass Band (2) - Somerset
   Formed in 1880, assistant bandmaster James Taylor (he was conductor by 1884). First
appearance in public was on Christmas Eve that year, when they paraded the streets of
the town. Still active in 1905
Ilsley and Compton Brass Band
See: Ilsley United Brass Band

Ilsley Brass Band
See: East Ilsley Brass Band

Ilsley United Brass Band
See: East Ilsley Brass Band

Immingham and District Band
See: Immingham Brass Band

Immingham Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active from 1912 to 1952

Ince Blundell Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1854

Ind Coope and Allsopp Silver Band
Formed in 1950, the players working in the brewing industry as drivers, transporters, brewers and bottlers. It remained active through the 1950s

Ind Coope Brewery Brass Band - Essex
See: Romford Brewery Brass Band

Ind Coope Burton Brewery Brass Band - Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire
Formed in 1981 by Eric Johnson, it enjoyed good contest successes, culminating with Midlands Third Section Champions in 1985. The band folded in 1996. Also known as Carlsberg Tetley Brass Band

Indefatigable Training Ship Brass Band - Birkenhead, Cheshire
Active in 1889 to the 1900s

Independent Order of Good Templars Band - Lesmahagow,
Formed in the 1880s and disbanded in 1932 - when the instruments were disposed of, the proceeds of the sale provided the funds for the first Lesmahagow Old Age Pensioners’ “treat”.

Independent Order of Rechabites Band - Bolton, Lancashire
See: Bolton Rechabites Band

Indian Queens Silver Band - Cornwall
[current band] - Founded in 1856

Ingatestone Brass Band - Essex
Active in the 1930s

Ingatestone Open Brotherhood Silver Band - Essex
Active in the 1950s

Ingleby and Battersby Brass Band - Ingleby Greenhow, Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1862

Ingleby Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
See: Ingleby Greenhow Brass Band

Ingleby Greenhow Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1865, 1866

Ingledew’s Brass Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1860s to the 1890s. Conductor C. Ingledew in 1860.

Ingledew’s Model Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Ingledew’s Brass Band

Ingleton Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the 1840s through to the 1930s
Ingleton Philharmonic Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Founded in 1858
Inglewhite Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in May 1890, when it played at Calder Vale.
Ingrave and East Horndon Brass Band - Essex
Inkberrow Brass Band (1) - Worcestershire
   Active in 1853, conductor Mr Clarke
Inkberrow Brass Band (2) - Worcestershire
   See: Inkberrow Excelsior Brass Band
Inkberrow Excelsior Brass Band - Worcestershire
   Active in 1892, conductor Arthur Key
Inkpen Brass Band (1) - Berkshire
   Active in 1866
Inkpen Brass Band (2) - Berkshire
   Active from the early 1900s to the 1950s
Inkpen Imperial Band - Berkshire
   Active in 1928
Inkpen Temperance Band - Berkshire
   Active in the 1900s
Innerleithen and Traquair Brass Band - Peebleshire
   [no information]
Innerleithen Brass Band - Peebleshire
   Active in 1864
Innovate Skelmanthorpe Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Skelmanthorpe Band
Institute Red Ribbon Army Brass Band - Gloucester, Gloucestershire
   Active in the 1880s
Intake Brass Band - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1869 to 1871
International Staff Band of the Salvation Army - London
   [current band] - Founded in 1891
Inverbervie Town Band - Kincardineshire
   Active in the 1900s
Inverbervie Volunteers Band - Kincardineshire
   Active in the early 1900s, bandmaster William Davidson
Inverclyde District Band - Greenock, Renfrewshire
   Active from the 1960s. Folded some time in the 1990s. Also known as Greenock and District Silver Band
Inverkeithing and Burntisland Band - Fife
   Active in 1963
Inverkeithing Brass Band - Fife
   Founded in 1859, disbanded in the mid-1900s
Inverkeithing Burgh Band - Fife
   Active in the 1920s and 1930s, conducted by W.A. Allison. Folded during WW2, revived in 1958 for about three years
Inverness Amateur Brass Band - Inverness-shire
   Founded in 1858 by C.H. Morine.
Inverness Artillery Brass Band - Inverness-shire
   Active in the 1880s
Inverness Brass Band - Inverness-shire
   Active from pre-1850, conductor Mr Mcgillivray in 1852. In 1863 the instruments and
   music were handed over into the keeping of Mr W. Ferguson, hatter, and the members of
   the band took over its running, instead of the town council. Conductor A. Wernthal in
   1865. Still active in 1869
Inverness Mechanics Brass Band - Inverness-shire
   Active in 1859
Inverness Mechanics Instrumental Brass Band - Inverness-shire
   See: Inverness Mechanics Brass Band
Inverness Silver Band - Inverness-shire
   Formed in 1920, appealed for instruments and uniforms in 1921. Its first public
   appearance was at the Great Musical Fete in the Northern Meeting Rooms, together with
   choirs of 700 voices. It became free of debt in 1922, had its first AGM in 1923. Secretary,
   Mr A Ross, a railway worker, retired in May 1924. William Grant, bandmaster, resigned
   in August 1924. Bandmaster in April 1925 was Mr G Scotland, followed in June by a
   crisis when “Numbers of the committee take little personal interest. No effort to recruit
   young musicians. A good band is sorely needed in Inverness. The first consideration is a
   good bandmaster. Those who know about the Silver Band will not tell us what is wrong.
   There is something far wrong with the band which cannot keep its own engagements.”
   At the 1927 AGM, George Smith Laing was in the chair. “Last year was the most
   successful since the band’s inauguration. 40 appearances. In 4 cases the band was paid.
   10 members under tuition. Compliments to Bandmaster MacConnachie.” Folded in 1936,
   and the instruments were loaned to the Inverness District Asylum.
Inverness Town Band - Inverness-shire
   Founded in April 1904, conductor Harry T. Tuff, with £300 donated by Andrew
   Carnegie. Still active in 1922
Inverurie Brass Band (1) - Aberdeenshire
   Active in 1850 to 1866
Inverurie Brass Band (2) - Aberdeenshire
   Formed in April 1921. F.C. Oddy was appointed bandmaster.
Invicta Brass Band, East Peckham Invicta, East Peckham British Legion - Kent
   [previous name of current band] See: East Peckham Silver Band
Ipstones Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in 1863 to 1869
Ipswich and Norwich Co-op Band - Suffolk
   [current band] - Founded in 1982 - Former names: Connells Sounding Brass (to 1992),
   Ipswich Co-op Band (to 2002)
Ipswich Brass Band - Suffolk
   Active in 1850
Ipswich Co-op Band - Suffolk
   [previous name of current band] See: Ipswich & Norwich Co-op Band
Ipswich Gas Company Band
   See: Ipswich Gas Works Band
Ipswich Gas Works Brass Band - Suffolk
   Founded in 1864, conducted by Walter Parker. Bandmaster Henry Dunt in 1865. Entered a contest at Woodbridge in 1866. Still active in 1886

Ipswich Hospital Band - Suffolk
   [current band] - Founded in 1976

Ipswich Juvenile Oddfellows’ Brass Band - Suffolk
   Founded in 1888

Ipswich Over 50's Brass Band - Suffolk
   [current band] - Founded in 1995

Ipswich Public Brass Band - Suffolk
   Active in the 1880s to 1910s. Conductor John Cooper in 1888, R.W. Manning in 1887-1900

Ipswich St John's Home Band - Suffolk
   Active in the 1906, conductor A. Suckling - the home was a workhouse school for boys and girls

Ipswich Town Band - Suffolk, #6, Active in the 1970s. Amalgamated with Connells Sounding Brass (Ipswich) in 1985, #7, Connells Sounding Brass for details

Ipswich Town Mission Brass Band - Suffolk
   Founded in 1895. Still active in 1913

Irchester Brass Band - Northamptonshire
   Active from 1875, conductor Mr Skinner in 1888

Ireland Alloys Band - Hoyland, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Strata Brass

Ireland Alloys Band
   Active in the 1970s and 1980s

Ireland Colliery (Chesterfield) Band - Derbyshire
   [current band] - Former names: Ireland Colliery Band - Note: Merged with Pearsons Pottery Chesterfield Band

Ireland Colliery Band - Staveley, Derbyshire
   Formed in the 1880s. Merged with Pearsons Pottery Chesterfield Band in the late 1980s to form Ireland Colliery Chesterfield Band.

Ireland Colliery Band - Derbyshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Ireland Colliery (Chesterfield) Band

Irlam and Cadishead Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1912

Irlam Brass Band - Lancashire
   Founded in 1882. Later known also as Irlam Brass Band Blue Ribbon Army, Irlam Public Band (1920s-1999) and Irlam Silver Band until its demise in 2009. In the 1880s there was a great Temperance Movement, attached mostly to a religious organisation, which spread throughout the North of England. It was known as the Blue Ribbon Army. There was an establishment at Patricroft. On Saturday, 13th May, 1882, Irlam Brass Band led this Army from Patricroft, along Liverpool Road and Worsley Road, Winton, to Eccles Market Cross and from there they went to the Co-op. Hall, where a Meeting was held. Afterwards a concert was given to a packed audience. On the following Wednesday, the members of the Patricroft Blue Ribbon Army opened a Mission in Irlam Parish School room. To give you an idea of the size and popularity of this event, about four hundred and fifty people were conveyed from Patricroft and assembled at the Irlam Toll Bar (near the present-day Co-op. Margarine Works). Thee they walked in procession to the school headed by Irlarn
Brass Band with their Blue Ribbon banner. By the 12th of June, 1882, a branch of the Blue Ribbon Army had been formed in Irlam. On this day, the Irlam Brass Band, who were all members of the Blue Ribbon Army, led the procession displaying a splendid new silk banner. In 1883, Irlam Brass Band needed funds and so a grand concert was held in the school room on March 3rd. The Band took a prominent part in the programme. It is reasonable to say that the first Band Contest to be held locally took place on the 17th July, 1886. It was staged by Irlam Brass Band on a field near Irlam Railway Station. Prizes amounting to £36.00 were given. Eight bands competed. Mr. Gaggs of Manchester was the Judge. Rawtenstall came first. Stretford second, Audenshaw third and Hollinwood was fourth. Even in those far off days the weather was unfavourable, but nevertheless the Irlam Brass Band played for dancing in the evening. Throughout the 1890 period the Temperance Bands were very active. They competed with the Public Houses in their offerings of musical entertainment. One of the most noteworthy musical events in the history of Irlam and Cadishead happened in 1909., when King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra paid a brief visit to the district. Before the arrival of the Royal motor procession, St. John's Band, Irlam Village Brass Band and Cadishend Brass Band all provided a musical interlude. In the 1920's Irlam Brass Band practiced in the old Fustian Cutting Shop at the side of the Ship Hotel. In the 1980s they had a Band Room on Liverpool Road, Irlam, situated between the children's playground and the local Police Station. The Band moved to this location in February, 1926. Building materials for the erection of this Band Room were donated by Mr. George Thomas, J.P., of Irlam Hall. Irlam Brass Band gained first place in Dawson's Musical Festival in 1925. This was held in Warrington.

**Irlam o' th' Heights Band** - Lancashire  
Active in 1891 to the early 1900s

**Irlam Public Band**  
See: **Irlam Brass Band**

**Irlam Silver Band**  
See: **Irlam Brass Band**

**Irlam St John Brass Band** - Lancashire  
Active in 1899

**Irlam Village Band**  
See: **Irlam Village Old Prize Band**

**Irlam Village Old Prize Band** - Lancashire  
Active in 1903 and 1914

**Iron Church Brass Band** - Manchester, Lancashire  
Active in 1882

**Iron School Brass Band** - Colne, Lancashire  
Active in 1867 - based at the Adult Iron School.

**Ironville Church Mission Brass Band** - Derbyshire  
Active in 1892, conductor Mr Abbott

**Irthlingborough Brass Band** - Northamptonshire  
Active from the early 1860s. Conductor Arthur Neville from around 1862 to his death in 1882. The folded sometime after then. A successor band was formed in 1893

**Irthlingborough Town Band** - Northamptonshire  
Founded in 1893. Active through to the 1950s. Conductors H. Sharpe in 1893, O. Taylor in 1900, J.B. Yorke in 1907, F. Tyler in 1908. Active through to the 1950s
Irton and Drigg Brass Band - Cumberland
See: Drigg and Irton Brass Band

Irvine and Dreghorn Brass Band - Ayrshire
[current band] - Founded in 1983 - Note: Amalgamation of Irvine Youth Band (founded 1975) and Dreghorn Youth Band

Irvine Brass Band - Ayrshire
Active in the 1890s

Irvine Burgh Band
See: Irvine Brass Band

Irvine Silver Band
See: Irvine Youth Band

Irvine Valley Brass - Ayrshire
Active in 1989, conductor Robert Snowden

Irvine Youth Band - Ayrshire
Formed in 1975, merged with Dreghorn Youth Band in 1983 to form the current Irvine and Dreghorn Brass Band

Irwell Bank Brass Band - Stoneclough, Lancashire
Formed in 1875 by the Irwell Bank Congregational Church. The band was very successful throughout its lifetime. Mr E Gittins was bandmaster from the formation of the band to 1906. In 1906 a newspaper article in the Farnworth Journal showed the band was thinking of setting up its own headquarters in Farnworth. As that was where the majority of the players came from. Whether they managed to purchase a bandroom in 1906 I don't know, but in 1926 they moved to new premises in Peel Street, Farnworth. In 1929 a notice appeared in the local newspaper announcing that the effects of the band and the appointments of their band club were to be sold by auction. The band had been in financial difficulties for some time and the pressure of a creditor led them to go into voluntary liquidation. 19 instruments, drum, 21 uniforms and a large library were sold to Bedford Sunday School for £62 and 10 shillings. Other lots included a pianoforte, stools, whist tables, floor coverings, glasses and a full-sized billiards table with all accessories. It seems they had been living the high life! The band gave their last concert on Bradford Street recreation ground in April of 1929.

Irwell Bank Congregational Band
See: Irwell Bank Brass Band

Irwell Bank Kearsley Band
See: Irwell Bank Brass Band

Irwell Colliery Band
Active in 1925

Irwell Forge Band
See: Ainsworth Brass Band

Irwell Old Band - Lancashire
Active from the 1890s to the 1930s. Won a 50 Guineas Challenge Shield at the National Championships at the Crystal Palace in 1913, the shield being presented to the band at Pendleton Town Hall by John Henry Iles, the contest director.

Irwell Old Prize Band
See: Irwell Old Band

Irwell Springs (Bacup) Band - Lancashire
See: Irwell Springs Brass Band
Irwell Springs Brass Band - Bacup, Lancashire
Formed in 1864 under the baton of G. Law, from a meeting of a few musical cotton operatives in a back bedroom, where the bedstead served as a music stand. The band rose to prominence in the early years of the 20th Century under a number of professional conductors including Edwin Swift, Alexander Owen, William Rimmer and William Halliwell. It won the National Championships in 1905, 1908 and 1913 and the British Open in 1905. Disbanded in 1960. In the minutes book of Irwell Springs Band, when the first players were being recruited, is the entry - "NAME: L. Hey, CHOICE OF INSTRUMENT: Aught."

Irwell Street Brass Band - Salford, Lancashire
Active in 1865

Irwell Street Mission Prize Band - Salford, Lancashire
Belonging to the Methodists Central Hall, Irwell Street, in the city. Formed in 1893. Active to the 1930s. Acquired new instruments in 1899, conductor H. Baxter

Irwell Street Prize Band
See: Irwell Street Mission Prize Band

Isham Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in the 1870s and 1880s

Islington Brass Band - Hampshire
Active in 1862 to 1868

Island Queen Band - Islington, Middlesex
Founded in 1881, bandmaster R. Warwick. Based at the Island Queen public house in Noel Road.

Isle of Ely College Brass Band - Wisbech, Cambridgeshire
Active in the 1960s and 1970s

Isle of Man Artillery Corps Band

Isleham Borough Band
See: Isleham Brass Band

Isleham Brass Band - Cambridgeshire
Formed in 1903. Conductor W.H. Curtis. A news report from July 1904: "Isleham band furnishes a striking example of what can be accomplished by steady and determined work. It was only formed a year ago but has become an important and appreciated institution. Its members have had to work hand and faced their first public performance on the occasion of the Harvest Festival last October with trepidation. Recently they have given short open-air sacred concerts on the green on Sunday evenings after the services at the various places of worship. It is to be hoped that their success will stir up the inhabitants of other villages," Probably folded during WW1.

Isleham Jubilee Band - Cambridgeshire
Probably formed in 1935, active through to the 1950s

Isle's Hanham Brass Band - Gloucestershire
See: Hanham Brass Band

Isleworth Town Band - Middlesex
Active in the 1890s

Islington Amateur Brass Band - Middlesex
See: Islington Brass Band
Islington Brass Band - Middlesex
Active in 1863, conductor W.J. Wade, practising each Thursday evening, 8 - 10pm, at Camden Coffee House, Islington Green, subscription 6d per week. Still active in 1866

Islington Central Mission Band - Middlesex
Active in the 1900s

Islington Green Youth Club Brass Band - Middlesex
Active in 1969

Islington Middle Class School Brass Band - Middlesex
See: Middle Class School Brass Band

Islington Poor House Brass Band - Middlesex
Formed at the beginning of 1866, gave their first performance on Islington Green in September 1866, consisting of 15 boys ("orphans or worse than orphans") aged between 10 and 13 years. Based at the Workhouse in Barnsbury Street. Probably folded when the Workhouse moved around 1870. A successor band at the new Workhouse was formed in 1881

Islington Poor Law School Brass Band - Middlesex
Formed in 1881. Based at the Poor Law School in Hornsey Road. Conductor J. O'Brien in 1900

Islington Prize Band
Active in the 1930s

Islington Reformatory Brass Band - Middlesex
See: Islington Poor House Brass Band

Islington St Mary School Band
Active in 1876

Iislep Brass Band - Oxfordshire
Active from the 1850s to the 1890s. Founded by Rev. Francis Trench in the late 1850s, originally established at an expense of £40, raised by subscriptions. The instruments, to begin with, remained the property of the rector and churchwardens and "were not to be taken into any public house or similar place". Conductor Mr Green in 1861

Ison Green Brass Band - Hyson Green, Nottinghamshire
Active in 1855

Issington Brass Band - Hampshire
See: Isington Brass Band

Ivian Brass Band - Huntingdonshire
See: St Ives Brass Band (1)

Ivy Leaf Brass Band - Middlesbrough, Yorkshire, North Riding
Active in the 1930s

Ivybridge Band - Devon
Active in the 1900s

Iwerne Minster Brass Band - Dorset
Active in 1858 to 1864 - also known as the Shroton Musical Institution Brass Band

Ixworth Primitive Methodists Brass Band - Suffolk
Active in the 1900s to 1912

J. and P. Coats Ltd Brass Band - Paisley, Renfrewshire
Active in the 1900s. Coats Ltd is a thread and weaving business established in Paisley in the early 1800s. Also known as Ferguslie Brass Band
J.J. Cordes Works Brass Band - Newport, Monmouthshire
   See: Cordes Works Brass Band

J.L.B. Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
   Active in 1934.

Jack Guy's Skipton Mission Band
   See: Skipton Properties Band

Jackfield (Severn Gorge) Brass Band - Shropshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Jackfield Elcock Reisen Band

Jackfield Band - Shropshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Jackfield Elcock Reisen Band

Jackfield Elcock Reisen Band - Shropshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1895 - Former names: Jackfield Prize Band (1906), Jackfield Prize Silver Band (1923), Jackfield Band, Jackfield (Severn Gorge) Brass Band

Jackfield Prize Silver Band - Shropshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Jackfield Elcock Reisen Band

Jackson Street Mission Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
   Active in the 1930s

Jackson's Brass Band - Norwich, Norfolk
   Active in the 1850s and 1860s

Jackson's Saxhorn Band
   See: Jackson’s Brass Band

Jackson's United Brass Band - Huddersfield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Founded in 1860. Still active in 1869, treasurer J. MacMillen

JAG Mount Charles Band - Cornwall
   [previous name of current band] See: Mount Charles Band

Jaguar (Coventry) Band - Warwickshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Jaguar Land Rover Band

Jaguar Car Works Band
   Active in the late 1950s and early 1960s

Jaguar Cars (City of Coventry) Band
   See: City of Coventry Band

Jaguar Land Rover Band - Warwickshire
   [current band] - Founded in the 1940s - Former names: Coventry Boys Band, Coventry School of Music Brass Band, Coventry Festival Band (1957), Rolls-Royce (Coventry) Band (1982-2002), Jaguar (Coventry) Band (2002-2011)

James' Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   Based in Cheltenham. Active in 1913

James' Brothers Brass Band
   See: James’ Foundry Company Brass Band

James' Company Brass Band - Walsall, Staffordshire
   See: James’ Foundry Company Brass Band

James Deeping Brass Band - Lincolnshire
   See: Deeping St James Brass Band

James' Foundry Company Brass Band - Walsall, Staffordshire
   Active from the early 1860s. They played at the Cottage Hospital Gala in August 1865. Still active in 1867
James’ Iron Works Brass Band
See: James’ Foundry Company Brass Band

James Smith and Sons Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
Active in the mid-1880s. Possibly linked to the boot and shoe makers of the same name in the city.

James Smith and Sons’ Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
See: Messrs Smith’s Brass Band

James Upton’s Baskerville Works Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
See: Baskerville Prize Band

Jamestown and Vale of Leven Silver Band - Dunbartonshire
It was founded as a flute band on temperance principles in 1872 by the headmaster of the Free School, John McNidder and William Munro. Thanks to the generosity of Orr Ewing, Alexander Smollett and others, they obtained their first set of instruments in 1877 and were successful in competitions around the country. Under their first resident conductor, Mr. Shaw, they further improved but ran into financial difficulties in the early 1900s. The band appears to have been reconstituted after the first world war and finally disbanded about 1931.

Jamestown Temperance Band - Dunbartonshire
Active from the 1900s to the 1920s

Jarretts Brass Band - Leicestershire
Active in the 1980s

Jarrow Borough Band - Durham
Formed in the 1890s and still active in 1935.

Jarrow Brass Band - Durham
Founded in 1861. Made its public debut in November 1861, two weeks after the Catholic Band. Conductor Thomas Carter in 1867. Active to the 1880s

Jarrow British Legion Band - Durham
Active in the 1930s

Jarrow Chemical Works Brass Band - Durham
Active in 1865, conductor J. Maughan

Jarrow Engineer Volunteers Band - Durham
Active in 1875 when it promoted a contest

Jarrow Free Gardeners' Operatic Brass Band - Durham
Active in 1872

Jarrow Rolling Mills Brass Band - Durham
Formed in May 1865, conductor Thomas Carter, following the “lock-out” in Jarrow earlier, during which time there were nightly musical reunions while the men were kept from their employment. Still active in 1867

Jarrow Roman Catholic Brass Band - Durham
Founded in 1861. Made its public debut in October 1861

Jarrow Temperance Band - Durham
Active in the early 1880s. Merged with the Tyne Dock Temperance Band around 1886.

Jarvis Industrial Welfare Band - Durham
Active in the 1940s and 1950s

Jayess (Queensbury) Band
Formed in the early 1980s. Merged with the Jayess ’87 Band to form the Yorkshire Co-operatives Band in 1998
Jayess '87 Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in the late 1980s. Merged with the Jayess (Queensbury) Band to form the Yorkshire Co-operatives Band in 1998

Jayess Newbiggin Brass Band - Northumberland
[current band] - Founded in 2009

Jedburgh Brass Band - Roxburghshire
[previous name of current band] See: Jedforest Instrumental Band

Jedforest Instrumental Band - Roxburghshire
[current band] - Founded in 1853 - Former names: Jedburgh Brass Band

Jersey Premier Brass - Isle of Jersey
[current band] - Founded in 1997

Jersey Temperance Brass Band - Isle of Jersey
Active in 1861. Not affiliated to any particular temperance society on the island.

Jervis Brass Band - Jarrow, Durham
See: Palmer’s Works Band

Jessop’s Steel Works Brass Band - Brightside, Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Messrs W. Jessop and Sons Works Brass Band

Jewish Lads' Brigade Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
Active in the 1910s to the 1930s

JJB Sports Leyland Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Leyland Band

John Dickinson (Apsley) Band - Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire
Formed in 1888, earlier known as Dickinson's Silver Band, consisting of employees of the paper makers John Dickinson and Co of Apsley. Also known as Apsley Mills Silver Prize Band. The Company eventually withdrew their support, and the band changed its name to the Hemel Hempstead Band, in recognition of the support extended to them by the Borough Council. This continued until sponsorship was gained from Atlas Copco Compressors Ltd, becoming the Atlas Copco (Dacorum) Band. In August 1986 the band amalgamated with the Berkhamsted and Boxmoor Band to form the Atlas Copco Band.

1932 - Chipperfield, Hertfordshire. The RAOB had chosen to come to St Paul’s Church for their annual Sunday Festival. The assembled brethren represented a large number of lodges from quite a wide area and, in spite of the threatening weather, the group numbered just one short of a hundred. The group assembled in the Church Institute (now the Village Hall) at 3 p.m. and paraded through the village led by Dickinson’s Silver Band. At 4 p.m. a service was held in the church. Following this, they processed to the war memorial, led by the cross-bearer, vicar and choir and a wreath was laid there. The finale was most impressive. A senior brother ordered the circle of men to link arms and on the command ‘Count’, each member in succession called out his number in the chain up to 99. The band played Handel’s ‘Largo’ and the line broke up and dispersed.

John Foster Black Dyke Mills Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Black Dyke Band

John Knowles Works Band - Woodville, Derbyshire
Active in the 1930s, linked to the pottery works.

John Laing (Hendon) Band
See: Hendon Band

John Leggott College Brass Band - Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire
Active in the 1960s and 1970s

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John Summers and Sons Steelworks Band - Shotton, Flintshire
Active from 1919. Amalgamated with the Connahs Quay Silver Prize Band in 1972 to form the new Deeside Silver Band

John Taylor School Brass Band - Staffordshire
Based at the school in Barton-under-Needwood, it was active in the 1960s and 1970s

John Thompson Works Prize Band - Wolverhampton, Staffordshire
Active in 1920s through 1960s. In the 20s and 30s it was also known as the Band of the 6th Battalion South Staffs Regiment. After WW2 it was known as the John Thompson Works Band.

John Waddington Band
See: Yorkshire Evening Post Band

John White Footwear Brass Band - Higham Ferrers, Northamptonshire
Formed in 1953, gave its first concert in January 1954, disbanded in 1957. Made its broadcasting debut in 1955 with a concert relayed from the Parish Rooms in Higham Ferrers, George Thompson conducting. George Thompson had previously been the conductor of the Odhams Press Band. All the bandsmen were employees of the John White Footwear organisation.

John Wootten's Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
See: Gawcott Brass Band

Johnstone Band
See: Johnstone Band

Johnstone Brass Band
[previous name of current band] See: Johnstone Band

Jones and Crossland Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
See: Birmingham School of Music Band

Joppa Brass Band
See: Leeds Joppa Band

Joppa Operatic Band
See: Leeds Joppa Band

JPD Mereside Brass - Cheshire
[previous name of current band] See: Mereside Brass

Jubilee (Victoria) Brass Band - Farndon, Cheshire
[previous name of current band] See: Farndon & District Brass Band

Jubilee Brass (Oxford) Band - Oxfordshire
[current band] - Founded in 1977 - Note: Set up from a group of players who split away from the City of Oxford Silver Band in 1977

Jubilee Brass Band - Halliwell, Lancashire
See: Halliwell Brass Band

Jubilee Brass Southampton - Hampshire
[current band] - Founded in 2008

Jubilee Concert Band
See: Horncastle Jubilee Concert Band
Jubilee School Brass Band - Halliwell, Lancashire  
See: Halliwell Brass Band  

Jump Brass Band  
See: Jump Subscription Brass Band  

Jump Subscription Brass Band - Barnsley, Yorkshire (West Riding)  
Active in the 1880s to WW1, conductor W. Chadwick in 1880, Albert Wadsworth in 1906, A. Copeland in 1908  

Junction Foundry Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)  
Active in 1858  

Junction Street Baptist School Brass Band  
See: Junction Street Brass Band  

Junction Street Brass Band - Derby, Derbyshire  
Active from the early 1900s to the 1930s. At their annual meeting in 1912 it was reported that the previous year they had an income of £43, £20 spent on instruments, £24 obtained from engagements. The band secretary was J. Thompson, 79, Drewry-lane, Derby.  

Junction Street Sunday School Brass Band  
See: Junction Street Brass Band  

Junction Works and Victoria Tube Works Band - Wolverhampton, Staffordshire  
Active in 1862  

Junior Leaders Regiment R.A.C. Band - Bovington Camp, Dorset  
Active in the 1960s to 1980s  

Junior Oddfellows Brass Band - Ipswich, Suffolk  
Active in 1891  

Juniper Green Brass Band - Midlothian  
Active in the 1880s to 1900s. Conductor J. Scott in 1900  

JWE Mobile Phone Dodworth Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
[previous name of current band] See: Dodworth Colliery Miners Welfare Band  

K Division Police Brass Band - West Ham, Essex  
Founded in 1860, consisting of 35 policemen from Bow and West Ham, conductor W. Lake. Made its public debut in November 1860, by which time there were 40 performers. Still active in 1865. See also B, D, E, H, L, N, P, S and T Division Police Brass Bands  

Katesgrove Iron Works Brass Band - Reading, Berkshire  
See: Messrs Barrett, Exall and Andrews Brass Band  

Katherine Bayley Charity School Band - Coventry, Warwickshire  
See: Bayley’s Charity Brass Band  

Keal Cotes Brass Band - Lincolnshire  
Active around 1910  

Kearby Social Brass Band - Netherby, Yorkshire (West Riding)  
Active in 1908  

Kearsley Public Band - Lancashire  
Active in the 1920s and 1930s  

Kearsley Silver Band - Lancashire  
See: Kearsley St Stephens Band  

Kearsley St Stephens Band - Lancashire  
Formed in 1869. In December 1867 the Parish Notes of St Stephen’s Church record that “On December 17th a miscellaneous entertainment, in aid of the School Fund was given by gentlemen amateurs, who most kindly and spontaneously offered their services. The
managers of the School tender them their hearty thanks”. The next mention is the following Whitsun. “On the 5th June 1868 the Whitsuntide procession was headed by the Royal Hulme Brass Band and our own drum and fife band”. In May 1869 it was minuted, “A brass band is also being formed, which has met with such liberal support already from the above Schools as renders it certain that success will attend all of its promoters. The following are the subscriptions already received: Mr Blair Esq - £10; Clifton and Kearsley Coal Company - £7; Wm Tonge - £4 and 4 shillings; Wm Welsby - £3 and 15 shillings; Wm Jones - £3 and 15 shillings; Mr Steward - £1; Mr Johnson - £1; Mrs Baker - 11 shillings and 6 pence; Mr Joseph Grundy - 10 shillings; Mr D Taylor - 10 shillings; Mr Charles Hollows - 5 shillings; Mr Dennis Lever - 5 shillings; Mr James Grundy - 5 shillings; Mr Richard Edwardes - 5 shillings; Mr Barnet Fyles - 5 shillings.” Further subscriptions were made in July and a Tea Party was held on the 16th August. Were an audience spent an ‘unusually pleasant evening’. In September of 1869 it was noted that the brass band contributed very largely to the entertainment of the Wakes Tea Party. Soon after the band was founded they appointed an aptly named Mr Blower as their first musical instructor. The band changed to Kearsley Silver Band sometime during the 1940’s. In 1951 they competed in the 4th section North West regional championships at the Victoria Hall, Bolton. In 1961 disaster struck the band, there was a blaze at the bandroom destroying the entire music library of the band and several instruments. The band was already in debt and the band treasurer said that they were facing a total bill of £900 for repairs and replacement of instruments, there was ‘no hope’ for the future existence of the band. Band President Robert Smith was more upbeat however, saying ‘we have a lot of young members. With their enthusiasm I am sure we shall overcome this setback’. The bands saviour took the shape of Eaton Truck Components on Worsley Road North. Eaton agreed a sponsorship deal with the band and with a lot of hard work and the help of other local bands, chiefly Walkden Band who lent them the use of several instruments and a big street drum, the band managed to pull through. They changed the bands name to Eaton Works Band and moved into the works canteen for rehearsals. Also known as Eaton (Truck Components) Band and Eaton Transmission Gear Group Band. Due to falling numbers of players they merged with Farnworth Old Band in 1991 under the new name of Eaton Farnworth Brass Band.

**Kearsley Youth Brass Band** - Lancashire
[Current band] - Founded in 2010

**Kedleston Street Brass Band** - Derby, Derbyshire
Formed in 1903. Secretary - F.W. Lewis of 43 Sherwin Street; Bandmaster - T.A. Bailey

**Kedleston Street Primitive Methodists Band**
See: Kedleston Street Brass Band

**Keelby Amateur Brass Band** - Lincolnshire
Active from 1862 to the 1880s

**Keelby Brass Band** - Lincolnshire
See: Keelby Amateur Brass Band

**Kegworth Brass Band** - Leicestershire
Active 1887 and also in the late 1920s and 1930s

**Keighley Brass Band**
Formed in the 1840s by Benjamin and William Marriner, owners of the Greengates Mill. Also known as Keighley Mariners Band. Conductor J. Sugden in 1860. Two euphonium players around 1900 were Myles Riley and Herbert Riley. In a competition of bass
players at the Crystal Palace in 1861 (the prize being a sonorophone contre-bass in E flat, with rotary valves), five players entered the lists, and the prize was eventually awarded to a bass player of the Keighley Band, who played a double B flat trombone of his own invention. The Manchester Guardian said: “This portion of the competition greatly excited the risible faculties of the assembly. The unwieldy instruments, the gruff and deep tones they emitted, the elephantine gambols they were made to execute, and the earnestness of the players, made the scene irresistibly comic.” They competed in the Barnoldswick Contest in 1886. The band was active into the 1990s.

Keighley Mariners Band
See: Keighley Brass Band

Keighley Victoria Brass Band
Active in the 1930s

Keinton Brass Band - Somerset
Active from the mid-1860s to the 1910s. Conductor A. Cook in 1895-1911. Also known as Keinton Temperance Band

Keinton Mandeville Temperance Brass Band - Somerset
See: Keinton Brass Band

Keith and District Brass - Banffshire
[previous name of current band] See: Keith and District Silver Band

Keith and District Silver Band - Banffshire
[current band] - Founded in 1969 - Former names: Keith & District Brass

Keith Brass Band - Banffshire
Active from the 1850s to WW1. Conductor Charles Middleton in 1880-1893, J.N. Taylor in 1905

Kelbarrow Brass Band
Active in the 1920s/30s

Kelbrook Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1860s to 1869

Keld Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in the early 1900s and 1920s

Kellingley Colliery Band - Knottingley, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in June 1981 from a small nucleus of former Lofthouse Colliery Band members. The band then progressed, providing musical opportunities for the youngsters of the mining community. Active through the 1980s

Kelsall's Wax Works Brass Band
A professional brass band belonging to the travelling wax works. Active in 1869

Kelso Brass Band - Roxburghshire
Active in 1866 to 1869

Kelso Silver Band - Roxburghshire
Active in the 1950s

Kelty and Blairadam Band - Fife
See: Kelty Brass Band

Kelty Brass Band - Fife
Active from the early 1860s, conductor Mr Forrester in 1880. Also known as Kelty and Blairadam Band. In 1895, they won the Second Section in the first Scottish Championships, conducted by John Gladney. Over 8,000 followers of the 22 competing bands attended this event which was held in Edinburgh's Waverley Market.

Facilities in...
the market were primitive. There was no seating. Bands performed standing in the ring used by the cattle auctioneers with spectators on stepped terraces. The major advantage of the venue was its proximity to Edinburgh’s main line railway station. Most bands and their supporters made their way to the Championships by train, the railway specials to the Championships being the first organised railway excursions to any event in Scotland. The Kelty and Blairadam Band merged with Cowdenbeath Band in 1999 to form Kingdom Brass.

**Kelvedon Brass Band** - Essex  
Active in 1861 to 1869. Conductor T. Braybrooke in 1869

**Kelvedon Brotherhood Brass Band** - Essex  
Active in 1914 and the 1950s. Part of the Pleasant Sunday Afternoons Brotherhood.

**Kelvedon Hatch Brass Band** - Essex  
Active in the early 1900s

**Kelvin Dock Brass Band** - Glasgow, Lanarkshire  
Active in 1854

**Kemble Brass Band** - Wiltshire  
Active in 1867 to 1869

**Kemsford Brass Band** - Gloucestershire  
Active in 1867

**Kempston Brass Band** - Bedfordshire  
See: **Kempston Town Band**

**Kempston Town Band** - Bedfordshire  
Active from the mid-1860s to the 1930s

**Kempston White Cross Brass Band** - Bedfordshire  
Formed in the 1890s, bandmaster G. Leach.

**Kendal Amateur Brass Band** - Westmorland  
Active in 1840 and 1868

**Kendal Borough Band** - Westmorland  
Active from the early 1900s. On Saturday July 19, 1912, to celebrate the Co-op jubilee, nearly 3,000 children took part in a parade through the town, starting from New Road and finishing in Town View Field. The Morecambe Silver Band met the special trains at Kendal Station and the children were marched to New Road, where a procession was formed with the younger ones being carried on charabancs and lorries. “Once tea was served, the adults were admitted to take part in the festivities and, during that period, the Kendal Borough Band played “pleasing selections” of music. Active until the late 1970s

**Kendal Catholic Brass Band** - Westmorland  
Active in 1869

**Kendal Free Gardeners’ Brass Band** - Westmorland  
Active in 1855

**Kendal Mechanics Brass Band** - Westmorland  
Active in 1851 to 1853.

**Kendal Temperance Brass Band** - Westmorland  
Active in 1850

**Kendal Union Brass Band** - Westmorland  
See: **Kendal Workhouse Brass Band**
Kendal Union Juvenile Brass Band - Westmorland
   See: Kendal Workhouse Brass Band

Kendal Volunteers Brass Band - Westmorland
   Active in the 1890s

Kendal Workhouse Brass Band - Westmorland
   Formed in June 1866 by John Bateman, who was also the conductor. First public appearance in January 1867. Still active in 1875. It was actually a juvenile band made up from boys in the workhouse.

Kendrick's Pride of the Village Saxhorn Band - West Bromwich, Staffordshire
   Active in 1866

Kenfig Hill Brass Band - Glamorgan
   Active in 1916

Kenilworth Brass Band - Warwickshire
   Founded in 1892, conductor Romeo Bond in 1895. Contemporary with the Kenilworth Subscription Band for a while, taking on the name of Kenilworth Town Band at some time.

Kenilworth Silver Band
   See: Kenilworth Subscription Brass Band

Kenilworth Subscription Brass Band - Warwickshire
   Founded in 1903. Active in 1905, conductor T. Brown. Renamed Kenilworth Town Band and then Kenilworth Silver Band. Folded at the end of 1954 when most of its players transferred to Leamington and formed the Royal Leamington Spa Silver Band being joined by a few members of Cubbington Band and Bishops Itchington Imperial Band.

Kenilworth Town Band (1)
   See: Kenilworth Brass Band

Kenilworth Town Band (2)
   See: Kenilworth Subscription Brass Band

Kennedy's Swinton Concert Band
   See: Swinton Concert Brass

Kennet School Brass Band - Thatcham, Berkshire
   Active in the 1970s and 1980s

Kennet Vale Band - Wiltshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1934 - Former names: Kennet Vale Silver Band - Note: Formed by the amalgamation of the Lockeridge Band and Overton Band

Kennet Vale Silver Band - Wiltshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Kennet Vale Band

Kennington (Oxford) Band - Oxfordshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1973 - Former names: Kennington (Oxford) Youth Band (to 1985) - Note: Kennington (Oxford) Youth Band was founded in 1973 with a significant number of players from City of Oxford (Junior) Band. They were based in Kennington, just outside Oxford and were an immediate success winning many local and national contests as well as playing over a hundred concerts every year. Renamed Kennington (Oxford) Band when all the players became too old even to vaguely call themselves youths - around 1985!

Kennington (Oxford) Youth Band - Oxfordshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Kennington (Oxford) Band
Kensington and Chelsea Brass Band - Middlesex
Active in 1922

Kensington Borough Temperance Band - Middlesex
Active in the early 1900s, folding in 1906

Kensington Silver Band - Middlesex
Active in the 1950s and 1960s

Kensworth Brass Band - Bedfordshire
Formed in 1919 by Francis Domino Bowles, of 'Bleak Hall' in the village, who bought all the instruments and uniforms, and trained the players. Performed on Studham Green in 1920. The band continued until the late 1930s when it folded.

Kent Brass - Maidstone, Kent
Active in the 1970s and 1980s. Rehearsed at the Fountain pub in Barming, near Maidstone. Kent Youth Brass also existed.

Kent County Industrial School Band - Kingsnorth, Kent
Active from the late 1870s to 1913. Bandmaster E. Clinton in 1893-1906. The school was also known as Stanhope Industrial School for Boys and was built in 1875 to house 200 boys. A “good band” had been established by 1879, and up to 40 boys performed in it, and they regularly went from the school to join army bands.

Kent Police Band - Kent
[current band] - Founded in 1977

Kent Street Mission Band - Warrington, Lancashire
Formed around 1903. When the mission was demolished in 1950 the band moved and took on the name Warrington Silver Band. A Junior Band was started in 1965. Merged with Latchford Prize Band in 1980 to form Latchford Warrington Silver Band.

Kenton Brass Band - Northumberland
Active in 1870. Also known as 3rd Northumberland Artillery Band

Kent's Works Silver Band - Luton, Bedfordshire
Probably formed around 1946. Still active in the 1970s, they were attached to George Kent Ltd. (electrical components) factory. Went on to become Longland Brass, named after the association with Ted Longland. The band survived into the 1980's. They eventually became High Town Brass because they rehearsed in an area of Luton called High Town.

Keppoch Instrumental Brass Band - Possil Park, Lanarkshire
Active in 1858

Keresley and Coundon Brass Band - Warwickshire
Active in the 1930s to 1950s, conductor C. Oughton in the 1930s.

Kernow Brass - Cornwall
The word “Kernow” is a word in the Cornish language that means “Cornwall”. A group of bandsmen decided to form a new Mid-Cornwall band in 1981. Instruments were purchased and rehearsals began under the baton of Stanley Penhaligon, he being taken over by Mike Faro. In 1983 a new conductor was appointed, Alan Slaughter, a Royal Marines musician. He stayed until 1994 when Mike Faro came back to fill in until a more permanent person could take on the job. That person was David Pope, who now conducts the Bugle Band. Kernow Brass contested almost from day one, with the last competitive appearance being in 2000 at the Bugle Festival. They do appear to have had a successful 20 years so why did they disband? Probably because they never had a home
of their own, and the way modern bands function, this need is extremely important. Also known as St Austell Kernow Band, Kernow Royal British Legion Band

**Kernow Concert Brass** - Cornwall
- [current band] - Founded in 2007

**Kernow Royal British Legion Band** - Cornwall
- See: *Kernow Brass*

**Kerrison School Brass Band** - Thorndon, Suffolk
- The Kerrison Reformatory School for Boys was founded in 1856. In 1882 a drum and fife band of 25 boys was formed. The band became very popular in the county. Such was its success in October 1898, drums and fifes gave way to military band instruments, uniforms having just been acquired. By 1901 the numbers had increased to 30 and by 1915 there were 53. They were quite a sight in their blue uniforms with red trim when they marched up to church every Sunday. At the resignation of bandmaster Sapey in 1934, and no provision remained for the salary of a successor, it was reluctantly decided that the band should not continue.

**Kerse Brass Band** - Ayrshire
- Active in 1879, when it took part in a procession in August to inaugurate the Kilmarnock Burns Monument and Kay Park, accompanying the Oddfellows Lodge, who had gorgeous banners illustrative of the objects of the Order, and the fantastic robes and head gear of the officials attracted no little notice. Still active in the 1900s, conductor E. McGlasson. The band probably folded during WW1.

**Kerse Parish Church Brass Band** - Grangemouth, Stirlingshire
- Active in 1924

**KES Brass** - Essex
- [previous name of current band] See: *Bocking Concert Brass*

**Keswick Brass Band (1)** - Cumberland
- Active from the late 1830s to the early 1860s

**Keswick Brass Band (2)** - Cumberland
- See: *Keswick Temperance Band*

**Keswick Rechabites Band** - Cumberland
- See: *Keswick Temperance Band*

**Keswick Temperance Band** - Cumberland
- Active in the 1900s

**Keswick Union Brass Band** - Cumberland
- Active in 1856

**Ketley Brass Band** - Shropshire
- Active in 1867

**Kettering Albert Brass Band** - Northamptonshire
- [previous name of current band] See: *Kettering Town Silver Band*

**Kettering Brass Band** - Northamptonshire
- Active in 1859

**Kettering Christian Army Brass Band** - Northamptonshire
- Active in the 1900s

**Kettering Fuller Mission Brass Band** - Northamptonshire
- Active in 1893 to 1935

**Kettering Gold and Silver Band** - Northamptonshire
- Active in the 1970s to 1990s
Kettering Midland Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active from the early 1900s to WW1.

Kettering Primitive Mission Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in 1908

Kettering Rifles Band - Northamptonshire
Active from the 1880s to the 1970s. In 1910, the Bandmaster was T.R. Preston and the Secretary, E.R. James

Kettering Temperance Band - Northamptonshire
Active in the 1850s and 1860s

Kettering Town Silver Band - Northamptonshire
[current band] - Founded in 1871 - Former names: Stanley's Band, Albert Brass Band - Note: Originally formed by workmen at the Stanley's Boot and Shoe Works, Albert Street.

Kettering United Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Kettering Victoria Mission Band - Northamptonshire
See: Victoria Hall Mission Brass Band

Kettle Brass Band - Fife
Active in 1876

Kettleshulme Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in 1886

Kettlewell Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1862

Ketton Brass Band - Rutland
Formed in May 1888 by Dr Snell, with 20 members and conductor A. Rippon. Active through to 1914. Conductor S. Selby in 1906, C. Hawkins in 1908-1913. Also known as Ketton Excelsior Band, Ketton Primrose Brass Band

Ketton Excelsior Band
See: Ketton Brass Band

Ketton Primrose Brass Band
See: Ketton Brass Band

Keyham Dockyard Brass Band - Devon
Founded in late 1856

Keynsham Brass Band - Somerset
[current band] - Founded in 1980

Keynsham Brass Band - Somerset
Active from the 1880s, but disbanded in 1975. A successor band was formed in 1980. Records of the band, covering 1912 to 1948, are held at the Bristol Record Office.

Keynsham Town Band
See: Keynsham Brass Band

Keyworth Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active from the 1870s to the 1930s. Conductor O. Disney in 1930

Kibblesworth and Ravensworth Brass Band
See: Ravensworth Colliery Band

Kibblesworth Brass Band - Durham
Active from the 1850s to WW1. Conductor R. Roddams in 1916
Kibblesworth Colliery Band - Durham
   Formed after WW2 and still active in the late 1950s. Probably folded in the 1960s

Kibworth Band - Leicestershire
   [current band] - Founded in 1905 - Former names: Kibworth Temperance Band,
   Kibworth Brass Band, Alliance & Leicester Kibworth Band

Kibworth Brass Band (1) - Leicestershire
   Formed in the 1850s by Mr Higham. Folded some time before November 1867 when a
   successor band was formed, also by Mr Higham

Kibworth Brass Band (2) - Leicestershire
   Founded in November 1867 by Mr Higham. Captain Phillips became bandmaster in 1869
   which greatly improved their playing. Conductor John Illiffe from 1879. Folded in the
   1890s. A successor band was formed in 1905.

Kibworth Brass Band (3) - Leicestershire
   [previous name of current band] See: Kibworth Band

Kibworth Temperance Band - Leicestershire
   [previous name of current band] See: Kibworth Band

Kidderminster Brass Band (1) - Worcestershire
   See: Kidderminster Old Band

Kidderminster Brass Band (2) - Worcestershire
   Formed in 1980, folded somewhere around 1990.

Kidderminster Conservative Brass Band - Worcestershire
   Active in 1861

Kidderminster Excelsior Band - Worcestershire
   Founded on Monday 5th October 1868 with 21 members, instruments costing £100. A
   separate band to the “Old” band. Still active in 1869

Kidderminster Juvenile Brass Band - Worcestershire
   Active in 1857

Kidderminster Old Band - Worcestershire
   Active from the 1840s, enrolling with the 1st Kidderminster Rifle Corps in 1860 for a
   short period. Active through to the 1880s

Kidderminster Old Meeting Sunday School Brass Band - Worcestershire
   Active in 1858

Kidderminster Saxhorn Band
   See: Kidderminster Old Band

Kidderminster Silver Band - Worcestershire
   Active in the 1950s, conductor J.H. Boffy

Kidderminster St Mary’s Victoria Brass Band - Worcestershire
   Active in the early 1870s

Kidderminster Town Band - Worcestershire
   Active in the 1900s

Kidlington Amateur Brass Band - Oxfordshire
   Active in 1853. Various mentions from c.1840 through to 1872, with regular references to
   the band appearing in the press. Assumed to have folded in the early 1870s.

Kidlington Brass Band (1) - Oxfordshire
   See: Kidlington Amateur Brass Band

Kidlington Brass Band (2) - Oxfordshire
   See: Kidlington Silver Band
Kidlington Concert Brass - Oxfordshire

Kidlington Silver Band - Oxfordshire
Formed around 1892, when it is described in the press as being a new formation. This band continues for 100 years through to 1992 when the band merged with Oxford Concert Brass to form Kidlington Concert Brass. It spent its early years in the lower sections, however following the appointment of Terry Brotherhood in 1979 the band quickly progressed through the sections, from the third section in 1982 to the championship section in 1990. It found itself in the first section in 1992 following the creation of this section. Conductors included: Terry Brotherhood - c.1979 to 1991, David Martin - c.1976 - 1979, G. Chesterman - c.1955 - 1967.

Kidsgrove Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in 1855 to 1868

Kidsgrove Excelsior Band - Staffordshire
Active in 1873. In 1876 a brass band competition was held at the beautifully wooded grounds of Oxley Manor, Wolverhampton. Crowds of people lined the Stafford Road to see the event and a jolly time was had by all, thanks to the benevolence of the owner of land, the M.P. Alexander Staveley Hill. After the prize giving, won by the Kidsgrove Real Excelsior Band, the entertainments went on into the evening with “Old English pastimes”, and dancing. The band competed in the British Open in 1934. It had probably folded by WW2.

Kidsgrove Original Band - Staffordshire
See: Kidsgrove Excelsior Band

Kidsgrove Real Excelsior Band - Staffordshire
See: Kidsgrove Excelsior Band

Kidsgrove Town Band - Staffordshire
See: Kidsgrove Excelsior Band

Kidwelly Brass Band - Carmarthenshire
See: Kidwelly Town Band

Kidwelly Town Band - Carmarthenshire
Active from the 1880s to WW1. Also active from the early 1970s to early 1980s. Not known if the band existed in the interim.

Kilbarchan Brass Band - Renfrewshire
Active in the 1850s through to the 1890s

Kilbarchan Rifles Band - Renfrewshire
Active in the 1860s

Kilbarnie and Glengarnock Brass Band - Ayrshire
Active in the 1900s. In 1904 the members of the Band presented their leader, Mr Andrew McCallum, with a silver mounted baton. Mr James Houston presided at the ceremony and Mr James Fyfe made the presentation. Still active in 1917

Kilbarnie Brass Band
See: Kilbarnie and Glengarnock Brass Band

Kilburn and Marylebone G.C.R. Band
See: Great Central and Metropolitan Band

Kilburn Brass Band - Derbyshire
See: Kilburn United Brass Band
Kilburn Colliery Band - Derbyshire
   Played at the annual tea meeting at the colliery in August 1862

Kilburn Gas Works Brass Band - Middlesex
   Active in the 1900s to WW1.

Kilburn Gas, Light and Coke Company Band
   See: Kilburn Gas Works Brass Band

Kilburn Temperance Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in 1865

Kilburn United Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Kilburn Victoria Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1950s

Kildwick and District Band
   See: Kildwick Brass Band

Kildwick Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Attained 4th place at a contest in Keighly on 1 September 1866, competed in a contest at
   the Wakefield Agricultural Show on 24 August 1867, and also at at contest at the Craven
   Agricultural Society, Skipton, on 30 August 1867. Took part in the Friendly Societies’
   Gala at Keighley in 1907. It folded sometime in the late 1920s. For further details see
   “Kildwick Brass Band” at www.ibew.co.uk.

Kilkhampton Amateur Brass Band
   See: Kilkhampton Band

Kilkhampton Band - Cornwall
   Active in 1863. Kilkhampton can be found about 5 miles north of Bude and from 1866 to
   1890 their band was certainly carrying out engagements in the North Cornwall area.
   Whilst there are many references to their activities, not once is a conductor mentioned.
   They did no contesting. Still active in 1897

Killamarsh and Dronfield Community Band - Derbyshire
   [current band] - Founded in 2012 - Former names: Formed from previous members of
   Killamarsh Silver Band

Killamarsh Brass Band - Derbyshire
   See: Killamarsh Old Brass Band

Killamarsh Old Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active from the 1830s. Merged with Killamarsh St Giles Band in 1890 to form the current
   Killamarsh Silver Band

Killamarsh Silver Band - Derbyshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1887 - Former names: Killamarsh St Giles Band (to 1890) -
   Note: Amalgamated with Killamarsh Old Band in 1890

Killamarsh St Giles Band - Derbyshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Killamarsh Silver Band

Killamarsh St Giles Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active from around 1890. Conductor G. Burnham in 1904, W.H. Hepworth in 1911.
   Merged with Killamarsh Old Band to form the current Killamarsh Silver Band

Killamarsh Steel Works Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in 1863

Killingworth Colliery Brass Band - Northumberland
   Active in 1876, secretary James Wardle
Kilmarnock Area Schools Band - Ayrshire
Active in the 1970s and 1980s

Kilmarnock Brass Band - Ayrshire
Active in the 1860s to 1880s

Kilmarnock Burgh Band - Ayrshire
Active in the 1920s to 1940s

Kilmarnock Concert Brass - Ayrshire
[current band] - Founded in 1970 - Former names: Kilmarnock Youth Band

Kilmarnock Laigh Kirk Band - Ayrshire
The band’s records, 1855-1877, are held in the Ayrshire Archives

Kilmarnock Youth Band - Ayrshire
[previous name of current band] See: Kilmarnock Concert Brass

Kilmington Brass Band - Somerset
Active in 1859

Kilndown and Goudhurst Brass Band
See: Goudhurst Brass Band

Kilnhurst Alliance Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the 1870s to WW1. Conductor J.W. Taylor, 1880, J. Williams, 1896, J. Tyas in 1904

Kilnhurst Brass Band
See: Kilnhurst Alliance Brass Band

Kilnhurst Colliery Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1930s

Kilsyth Brass Band - Stirlingshire
See: Kilsyth Instrumental Brass Band

Kilsyth Burgh Band - Stirlingshire
Formed in 1936 by the amalgamation of the Kilsyth Public Silver Band and the Kilsyth Town Silver Band

Kilsyth Instrumental Brass Band - Stirlingshire
Active in 1865 to 1869

Kilsyth Miners Welfare Band - Stirlingshire
Formed after WW2 and active through to the late 1950s

Kilsyth Public Silver Band - Stirlingshire
Active from the 1880s. Merged with the Kilsyth Town Silver Band in 1936 to form the Kilsyth Burgh Band

Kilsyth Town Silver Band - Stirlingshire
Active from the 1900s. Merged with the Kilsyth Public Silver Band in 1936 to form the Kilsyth Burgh Band

Kilsyth Victoria Band - Stirlingshire
Active in 1912

Kilve Band - Somerset
Active in 1909

Kilwinning Brass Band
Active in 1872, when they participated in the celebrations for the opening of the new Orange Hall in Irvine.
Kilwinning Iron Works Band
Active in 1872, when they participated in the celebrations for the opening of the new Orange Hall in Irvine.

Kimberley Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active from 1854 to the 1910s, conducted by F.R. Twells from 1878. In 1894 it became the Babbington Colliery St John Ambulance Band, still led by Mr Twells until his death in 1908.

Kimbolton Brass Band - Huntingdonshire
Active in the 1890s to WW1

Kimbolton Comrades Silver Band - Huntingdonshire
Formed after WW1 and active through to the 1950s

Kincardine Brass Band - Fife
Active in 1859 to 1864

Kineton Brass Band - Warwickshire
Active in the early 1880s. For further details see “Kineton Brass Band” at www.ibew.co.uk

King Cross Brass Band (1) - Halifax, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1853, conductor Joseph Soothill

King Cross Brass Band (2) - Halifax, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Founded in 1870, rehearsing at the Old King Cross Inn. Active through to WW2. In 1905, their band room was next to the Trafalgar Inn, Halifax.

King Cross British Legion Band - Halifax, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the late 1940s to the early 1950s

King Cross Prize Band
See: King Cross Brass Band (2)

King Cross Subscription Band
See: King Cross Brass Band (2)

King Oswald Brass Band - Oswestry, Shropshire
Active in the 1880s and 1890s. Conductor in 1891 was J.P. Littlehales

King Street Wesleyan Bible Class Band
See: Bristol Central Mission Brass Band

Kingdom Brass - Fife
[current band] - Founded in 1999 - Note: Amalgamation of Cowdenbeath Band and Kelty & Blairadam Band

Kinghorn Brass Band - Fife
Active from 1862 through to WW1. Conductor George Oswald in 1903 onwards

Kinglassie Colliery Band - Fife
Active in 1949

King's Cliffe Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active from 1860, disbanding in 1904, shortly after new instruments had been bought.

King's Cliffe Victoria Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in 1902

King's Cross Band
See: King’s Cross Subscription Band

King's Cross Mission Brass Band - Middlesex
Active in the early 1900s. The mission was based at Charlotte Street (later renamed Carnegie Street).
King's Cross Subscription Band - Middlesex
   In 1911 the band was refused the right to bear the title “Royal”. Competed in the Crystal
   Palace Championships in the 1930s as King's Cross Band

King's Dyke and Whittlesey Band - Cambridgeshire
   Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

King's Dyke Brass Band - Cambridgeshire
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s

King's Hall Mission Band
   See: King's Hall Silver Band

King's Hall Silver Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in 1910s to 1930s

King's Heath Adult School Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
   Founded in 1903, conductor Harry Price. Active through to the 1920s. Also known as
   Kings Heath Early Morning School Band

King's Heath Brass Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
   Active from the early 1900s to the 1930s. Assisted the newly formed Shirley Town Band
   in engagements in the early 1920s. Believed to have gone out of existence in the 1950s.

King's Heath Early Morning School Band
   See: Kings Heath Adult School Band

King's Heath Lamplighters Band
   See: Kings Heath Brass Band

King's Heath Old Band
   See: Kings Heath Brass Band

King's Lancashire Military Convalescent Hospital Band - Blackpool, Lancashire
   Active around 1915

Kings Langley School Brass Band - Hertfordshire
   [no information]

Kings Lynn Imperial Silver Band
   See: Surrey Street Mission Band

King's Lynn Police Band - Norfolk
   Active in 1880s

King's Lynn Railway Band
   Active around 1910

Kings Lynn Town Band - Norfolk
   [current band] - Founded in 1894

King's Norton Brass Band - Worcestershire
   Active in the 1900s to 1920s. Conductor A. Fewster in 1905

King's Nympton Club Brass Band - Devon
   Active in 1868

King's Nympton Methodist Temperance Band - Devon
   Active in the early 1900s

King's Nympton Town Band - Devon
   Active in the early 1900s

King's Park Brass - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1981 - Former names: 118th Glasgow Boys? Brigade Band (to
   2004)
King's Somborne Brass Band - Hampshire
   Active in the 1850s to 1880s
King's Somborne Temperance Band - Hampshire
   Active in the 1890s to 1930s. Conductor Charles Browning in 1903
King's Stag Brass Band - Dorset
   Active in the 1880s. H. Mogg bandmaster in 1881
King's Stanley Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   [current band] - Founded in the 1960s - Note: Restarted by Norman Pickett and his family
King's Stanley Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   Active from 1866 through until 1939. A successor band was formed in the mid 1960s by Norman Pickett and his family.
Kings Sutton Brass Band - Northamptonshire
   Active from 1861 to the 1900s
Kings Sutton Temperance Brass Band
   See: Kings Sutton Brass Band
Kingsbridge Brass Band (1) - Devon
   Active in 1860, conductor Mr Cranch. Still active in 1869
Kingsbridge Brass Band (2) - Devon
   See: Kingsbridge Subscription Band
Kingsbridge Rifles Band - Devon
   Active in the 1860s
Kingsbridge Silver Band - Devon
   [current band] - Founded in the 1930s
Kingsbridge Subscription Band - Devon
   Founded in 1885. Robert Carter, of Garden Mill, later Shindle Mill, was said to be Bandmaster, late 19th century. He was also a solo cornet player at concerts in Kingsbridge Town Hall. Active through to WW1. A successor band was formed in the 1920s/1930 (Kingsbridge Borough Band, later the current Kingsbridge Silver Band)
Kingsbury Episcopi Brass Band - Somerset
   Active in 1884
Kingsclere Brass Band - Hampshire
   Active in 1862 to 1866
Kingskerswell Brass Band - Devon
   Active from 1864 to 1914. Conductor T. Woollacott in 1908, W.H. Nicks in 1914
Kingskettle Brass Band - Fife
   Active from the early 1880s into the 1920s. Conductor R. Moyes in 1910
Kingsland Brass Band - Holyhead, Anglesey
   Active in the 1880s and 1890s, conducted by William Roberts
Kingsland Brass Band - Middlesex
   See: Kingsland Police Brass Band
Kingsland P.S.A. Brass Band - Middlesex
   Active in 1909. The Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Societies (or Brotherhools) were a national effort by non-conformist churches to involve young men in social and religious activity on Sunday afternoons.
Kingsland Police Brass Band - Middlesex
   See: N Division Police Brass Band
Kingsleigh School Brass Band - Bournemouth, Hampshire
   Active in the 1990s

Kingsley Brass Band - Cheshire
   See: Kingsley Temperance Brass Band

Kingsley Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in 1866 and the early 1900s

Kingsley Temperance Brass Band - Cheshire
   Active in 1868, 1869

Kingsthorpe Brass Band - Northamptonshire
   Active from the early 1880s to the early 1890s. Conductor George Whyman in 1886-1888, W. West in 1889

Kingston Amateur Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in 1864, conductor Mr. Acey. Still active in 1877

Kingston Brass Band - Ferring, Sussex
   [no information]

Kingston Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
   See: Kingston Amateur Brass Band

Kingston Brass Band - near Swanage, Dorset
   Active in 1885. The village had a band, paid for by the Third Earl of Eldon, lord of that manor.

Kingston Brass Band - Devon
   Active in 1908

Kingston Cotton Mills Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
   See: Hull Kingston Cotton Mills Band

Kingston Lisle United Brass Band - Berkshire
   Active in the 1900s and 1920s. Documents relating to the band are in Tom Brown's School Museum, Uffington. It was nicknamed the “Block-splitters”. Harry Timms used to play the big drum.

Kingston Mills Band - Hyde, Cheshire
   Based at a cotton mill in Hyde, Cheshire, and formed by the mill owner, Henry Clayton, commenced contesting in 1872 and, by 1888, had won many prizes including a hat-trick at the British Open in 1885, 1886 and 1887 under the baton of John Gladney. By 1890 it was earning fabulous sums from its contesting and concert giving. It fell upon poor times after 1901 and, after the Second World War, a nucleus of the remaining members formed the Hyde British Legion Band. In 1896, the secretary was Thomas Ogden, and in 1902 it was John Knowles. A picture of the band shows it with a drum stating “1837-1897” implying the band was formed in 1837. Folded at or during WW2.

Kingston Mills Prize Band - Hyde, Cheshire
   See: Kingston Mills Band

Kingston Mills Reserve Band - Hyde, Cheshire
   Active in the 1890s

Kingston Mission Silver Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in 1932

Kingston Park Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
   See: Kingston Amateur Brass Band

Kingston Private Brass Band - Kingston Upon Thames, Surrey
   Active in 1860, conductor E. Wood
Kingston Temperance Brass Band - near Sturminster Newton, Dorset
   Active in 1864

Kingston United Brass Band - Berkshire
   See: Kingston Lisle United Brass Band

Kingston Unity Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in 1858

Kingston Unity Brass Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from the 1890s to the 1930s. Linked to the Leeds Kingston Unity Friendly Society.

Kingsway Printers Cleethorpes Band - Lincolnshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1880 - Former names: Cleethorpes New Brass Band, Cleethorpes Silver Prize Band (to 1936), Cleethorpes Borough Band (to 1974), Cleethorpes Band - Note: Report by the editor of the column 'Telegraph Talk' in 'The Eastern Daily Telegraph' on 16th December 1897 that: 'The Cleethorpes New Brass Band will shortly make their public appearance. They practise nightly in Nuttal's Booth, blowing most industriously - I am glad to say not to make 'night hideous.' Their first start will be made as Christmas waits.

Kingsway Rochdale Band - Lancashire
   Active in the late 1980s and 1990s

Kingsway Youth Band - Rochdale, Lancashire
   Active in the 1970s

Kingswood (Bristol) Band - Gloucestershire
   See: Kingswood and District Band

Kingswood Abbey Band - Gloucestershire
   [previous name of current band] See: Wotton & District Silver Band

Kingswood Abbey Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
   Active from the early 1900s to the 1940s

Kingswood Amateur Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
   Active in 1861

Kingswood and District Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
   Formed in 1958. Later known as Potters Wood Kingswood Hill Bristol Silver Band (1960s), Kingswood (Potters Wood) Silver Band (1966), Bendix Kingswood Band (1976-2006), and Kingswood (Bristol) Band (to 2007). It amalgamated with the Albion Dockyard Silver Band in 1966 and then with the Bristol East Band in 2007 to form the Bristol East and Kingswood Band.

Kingswood and District Band - Surrey
   Active from the 1920s to the 1960s

Kingswood and Hanham British Legion Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
   Active in the 1940s and 1950s. Competed in the 2nd Annual Open Brass Band Festival at the Wesley Central Hall, Portsmouth (organised by the Portsmouth City Fire Brigade Prize Band), on Saturday 16th September 1950.

Kingswood Brass - Northamptonshire
   Active in the 1980s, conducted by Glynn Whittington

Kingswood Civil Defence Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
   Active in 1954

Kingswood Colliery Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
   Active in 1865, conductor W. Hardman. Cossham and Wethered were a company owning various coal mines in the Bristol area, including Kingswood Colliery
Kingswood Evangel Mission Band
See: Kingswood Evangel Prize Silver Band

Kingswood Evangel Prize Silver Band - Gloucestershire
Formed in 1881 to aid the work of the local Salvation Army, but when required to sign the SA Band Rules, in 1888, they declined and formed the Evangel Mission Band instead. Took part in the Winterbourne Carnival in 1923. Competed in the 2nd Annual Open Brass Band Festival at the Wesley Central Hall, Portsmouth (organised by the Portsmouth City Fire Brigade Prize Band), on Saturday 16th September 1950. Competed in the 1962 West of England Regional Championships, conducted by W.S. Smith. Probably folded in the 1960s.

Kingswood Evangelist Mission Silver Band
See: Kingswood Evangel Prize Silver Band

Kingswood Gospel Temperance Mission Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
Active in 1884

Kingswood Primitive Methodist Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
Active in 1884, disbanded in 1907. Secretary J. Edwards in 1884

Kingswood Reformatory School Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
Active in 1894, 1905. The school was opened and certified in 1854, eventually growing to 150 pupils.

Kingswood School Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
Active in 1894

Kingswood Sunday School Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
Active in 1860. The school was attached to the Zion Free Methodist Chapel

Kingswood Town Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
Active in the early 1900s to 1930s. In 1933 it took part in a festival of brass bands at the Colston Hall, Bristol.

Kingswood Wesleyan Brass Band
See: Kingswood Primitive Methodist Brass Band

Kingswood Y.M.C.A. Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
Active in the 1930s

Kington Amateur Brass Band - Herefordshire
Active in the 1930s

Kington Brass Band - Herefordshire
Active in 1862, conductor Mr Phillips

Kington Magna Brass Band - Dorset
Active in 1863 and through the 1860s - engaged by the Gillingham Total Abstinence Society

Kington Oddfellows Brass Band - Herefordshire
Active in 1861, 1862

Kington Temperance Brass Band - Kington Magna, Dorset
See: Kington Magna Brass Band

Kinnaird and District Band - Perthshire
Active from the 1900s to the 1930s

Kinnaird Instrumental Band - Perthshire
Active in the 1860s

Kinneil Brass Band - West Lothian
[previous name of current band] See: Unison Kinneil Band
Kinneil Colliery Silver Band - West Lothian
   Active in 1958, when it competed in the Glasgow Charities Contest, winning the “Second Section Cup” and coming third in the open contest, playing “New World Symphony” by Dvorak.

Kinneil Instrumental Band - West Lothian
   [previous name of current band] See: Unison Kinneil Band

Kinsley Colliery Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1900s

Kinsley Fitzwilliam-Hemsworth Colliery Band
   See: Kinsley Colliery Band

Kinson Brass Band - Dorset
   Active in the 1850s to the 1900s. Conductor Mr Saunders in 1863, T. Burt in 1903, S.W. Saunders in 1905

Kintbury Brass Band - Berkshire
   Active in 1892

Kippax (Allerton Bywater Workshops N.U.M.) Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Kippax Band

Kippax Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [current band] - Founded in 1834 - Former names: Kippax Old Prize Band, Kippax (Allerton Bywater Workshops N.U.M.) Band - Note: In 1933 the Band decided to have tea to “commemorate the Band as being the oldest brass band in England on January 13th 1934. This year makes 120 years as a Band and 100 years as an all Brass Band.” The band was thus established 1814 and converted to all-brass in 1834.

Kippax Old Prize Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Kippax Band

Kippax Primitive Methodist Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1889

Kippax United Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1900s

Kirby Wiske Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Founded in 1855

Kirk Ella Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
   See: Kirk Ella Subscription Brass Band

Kirk Ella Harmonic Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in 1880

Kirk Ella Subscription Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in 1867, 1868. Conductor Mr Acey in 1867

Kirk Hammerton Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1863, conductor William Ripley. Conductor Mr Lumley in 1864. Still active in 1869

Kirkaldy Trades Band
   Formed in 1873. Active in 1905

Kirkburton Amalgamated Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in July 1853 - possibly a combination of the two temperance bands?

Kirkburton and Netherthong Brass Band
   Active in 1873
Kirkburton Brass Band
See: Kirkburton Old Band

Kirkburton Old Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Founded in 1821. Active through to the 1900s

Kirkburton Temperance Band (1) - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the 1850s to the 1870s. In 1860 conductor M. Rollinson and leader J. Charlesworth. In 1869, secretary James Mellor, treasurer G. Lockwood

Kirkburton Temperance Band (2) - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in 1853. Instruments were ordered from Higham’s in Manchester for delivery on 10th May. The members started up this second temperance band in Kirkburton because they complained of being unjustly treated by the trustees of the other temperance band from which they had been ejected.

Kirkburton Victoria Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in 1863. Active through to the 1950s. Secretary Charles Hargreaves in 1866

Kirkby Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1853, conductor F. Fenny. (Kirkby, near Stokesley)

Kirkby Colliery Band - Nottinghamshire
In 1927 the miners of Summit Colliery, Kirby-in-Ashfield, offered to pay a bond of one old penny per ten working men to help develop a band once more (following the demise of the earlier Kirky Silver Band. A deal was agreed with the colliery owners and the band was on its way again but this time as a 'colliery band'. During the 1930s the band began to contest in the 4th Section. A third place in the national finals ensured promotion to the 3rd Section. In 1940, however, the band closed down as a result of the Second World War. Many of the players, being colliery and railway men, had extra work due to the war effort and others were lost on active service. Instruments were put into storage for safe keeping. In 1944 the instruments were returned as the war came to an end. With the nationalization of the coal industry came the formation of the 'Coal Industry Social and Welfare Organisation' (CISWO) which promoted contests for mining bands and helped spread the news that the brass band movement was a worthy institution. Luckily, the Summit miners realized what potential they had close to home and in 1949 they were presented with their own band room. In 1963 the band folded. A successor band was formed in 1970 following the closure of the Summit Colliery itself in 1969. See also Kirkby Silver Band

Kirkby Colliery Welfare Band - Nottinghamshire

Kirkby Cross and Great Holland Brass Band
See: Great Holland Brass Band

Kirkby Lonsdale Brass Band (1) - Westmorland
Active in 1821, folded prior to 1859. A successor band was formed in 1859 (the current Kirkby Lonsdale Band)

Kirkby Lonsdale Brass Band (2) - Westmorland
[current band] - Founded in 1859

Kirkby Malzeard Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1856
Kirkby Old Band - Nottinghamshire
Active from the 1920s to the 1950s. Competed in a brass band contest at Overseal, Leicestershire in July 1921, under conductor Angus Holden (drawn 11 of 11 bands, they were placed first)

Kirkby Silver Band - Nottinghamshire
In 1887 the Butterley Brick Company purchased land in Kirkby and the main pit shaft of the 'Summit Colliery' was sunk. The mine survived for 82 years, finally closing in 1969. In 1897 a band known as the Kirkby Silver Band was formed and its members consisted mainly of surface workers and office staff from the mine. Those who worked underground were given 'free time' for rehearsals and band engagements. Rehearsals were held at the local Tabernacle Church on Lowmoor Road. The band broke up in 1924 and very little memorabilia exists from that time.

Kirkby Stephen Brass Band - Westmorland
Active from the late 1830s to the 1900s. Conductor Joseph Sayer in 1858.

Kirkby Stephen Silver Band - Westmorland
[current band] - Founded in 1857

Kirkby Stephen Star Benefit Building Society’s Brass Band - Westmorland
Active in 1868

Kirkby Stephen Temperance Brass Band - Westmorland
Active in 1857

Kirkby Stephen United Brass Band - Westmorland
Active in 1864

Kirkby Thore Brass Band - Westmorland
Active in the 1840s and 1850s. Conductor Mr Cockburn in 1853. Also known as Kirkby Thore Foresters’ Brass Band

Kirkby Thore Foresters’ Brass Band
See: Kirkby Thore Brass Band

Kirkby-in-Ashfield Band
See: Kirkby Silver Band

Kirkby-in-Ashfield Temperance Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in the 1890s to WW1.

Kirkby-in-Ashfield Town Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in the 1890s

Kirkbymoorside Temperance Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Founded in 1887 by E. Dawson as a brass and reed band, converted to all-brass sometime afterwards.

Kirkbymoorside Town Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1815 - Note: Brass band in 1856. Conductor Mr Chambers in 1869

Kirkcaldy and District Brass Band - Fife
Active in the 1870s

Kirkcaldy Band
Active in 1894

Kirkcaldy Boys Brigade Brass Band - Fife
Active in the 1940s and 1950s

Kirkcaldy Caledonia Band - Fife
Active in the late 1940s
Kirkcaldy Caledonia Band  
Active in 1949

Kirkcaldy Trades Band - Fife  
Active from the early 1880s to WW1. In 1885 they were placed third in the first recorded Brass Band Contest in Scotland, which took place at Wemyss Castle Estate near Kirkcaldy, Fife in July 1885. A first prize of £40 and a travel grant of £10 was enough to lure the champion band of England, Besses O’ Th’ Barn from Lancashire to compete. Besses Band won the contest and also won the subsidiary event, a March Contest, for which they received another £2. Alloa Burgh Band were placed second and the Kirkcaldy Trades Band third.

Kirkcudbright Brass Band - Kirkcudbrightshire  
Active in the 1930s

Kirkdale Industrial Ragged School Brass Band - Lancashire  
Active from 1866 to the early 1900s. The school was established in 1843 and by 1866 it accommodated 1,250 children. In addition to the band, a ship was erected on the grounds and a former sailor provided training.

Kirkdale Public Brass Band - Lancashire  
Active in the 1900s to 1940s

Kirkella Subscription Band  
See: Kirk Ella Subscription Band

Kirkham Harmonic Brass Band - Lancashire  
Active in 1839

Kirkham Subscription Prize Brass Band - Lancashire  
Active from the 1890s to the 1940s. From the obituary of Joseph Kirby, who died in March 1910: “It is with the most profound regret and sorrow we record the death of Mr. Joseph Kirby of Freckleton St., Kirkham, which sad event took place at the Moss Side Fever Hospital. Ever since it became known of the dangerous character of the disease with which he was afflicted, there were numerous anxious inquiries day by day, by a host of friends in the town and surrounding districts. When the sad news was announced on Saturday, it cast quite a gloom over the whole community, and wherever there were two or three gathered together, it became the sole topic of conversation. ….. The deceased had for several years, been one of the most prominent members of the Kirkham Subscription Prize Brass Band, and was one of the best trombone players in the country, having won prizes at Blackpool, Wigan and elsewhere. The interment took place in the churchyard of the Kirkham Parish Church, the remains being borne to their last resting place by members of the band. The bells at the Parish Church were muffled. It was at the express wish of Mr. Kirby that the band did not play at the funeral, but it is stated they will render sacred selections at the graveside on Sunday afternoon. “

Kirkheaton Brass Band - Northumberland  
Active from the 1870s to the 1880s

Kirkheaton Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
Active from the 1850s to the 1890s

Kirkhouse Brass Band - Cumberland  
Active from the 1850s to the 1890s

Kirkhouse Foundry Band - Cumberland  
See: Kirkhouse Brass Band
Kirkintilloch Band - Dunbartonshire
[current band] - Founded in 1890 - Former names: Kirkintilloch Rechabite Band (to 1914), Kirkintilloch Public Band (to 1930), Kirkintilloch Silver Band - Note: Kirkintilloch Silver Band has its origins in the Rechabite Band, which was founded c 1896 by the Rechabites, a radical wing of the Temperance movement. The Silver Band was taken over by the Town Council in 1914, and renamed the Kirkintilloch Public Band. In 1930 the band set up on their own as the Kirkintilloch Silver Band.

Kirkintilloch Kelvin Band - Dunbartonshire
[current band] - Founded in 1994

Kirkintilloch Public Band - Dunbartonshire
[previous name of current band] See: Kirkintilloch Band

Kirkintilloch Rechabite Band - Dunbartonshire
[previous name of current band] See: Kirkintilloch Band

Kirkintilloch Silver Band - Dunbartonshire
[previous name of current band] See: Kirkintilloch Band

Kirkless (NCB) Band - Wigan, Lancashire
See: Standish Band

Kirkless (NCB) Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Standish Band

Kirkmuirhill Brass Band - Lanarkshire
Active in 1863

Kirkoswald Brass Band - Cumberland
Active in 1853 and 1859

Kirkstall Amateur Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Kirkstall Brass Band

Kirkstall and Burley United Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1900s

Kirkstall Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1853, 1866 and 1905. Conductor Harry Jackson in 1865. Secretary J.D. Turner in 1887

Kirkstall Forge Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1887

Kirkstall Old Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1890s

Kirkstall Prize Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1870

Kirkstall Saxhorn Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1850s

Kirkstall Tannery Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Leeds Joppa Band

Kirkwall Brass Band - Orkney
Active in 1864 to 1868

Kirkwall Town Band - Orkney
[current band] - Founded in 1973

Kirkwall Town Band - Orkney
There are references to the Kirkwall Town Band in The Orcadian archive as long back as 1890 when the conductor was a Mr Robert (Bob) Spence who was a popular local figure
and proprietor of the Kirkwall store “Cumming and Spence.”. The minutes of the Kirkwall Town band’s meetings for the years 1929 - 1954 are in the Orkney Archive. From research there it is clear that the band at that time had the instrumentation of a traditional brass band but with the addition of clarinets. The band stopped during the years of the Second World War and the instruments given over to the Kirkwall Branch of the Salvation Army. There were moves to reform the band in 1945 and by January of 1947 the band began again. There is a letter in the archive from Capt. Chas. A. Geleit of the Salvation Army Headquarters in London thanking the band for the use of their instruments during the war years, which allowed visiting servicemen to come and blow. There are records of concerts as late as 1957 but sometime after that date the band stopped. The band’s minutes, 1945-1951, and a file relating to the Band, 1927-1954, are held in the Orkney Archives. A successor band was established in 1973.

Kirriemuir Brass Band - Angus
See: Kirriemuir Instrumental Brass Band
Kirriemuir Instrumental Brass Band - Angus
Active in 1853, 1860. Conductor George Barrie in 1861
Kirriemuir Town Band - Angus
It should be placed on record that there was once a Brass Band in Kirriemuir although little remains of its history. In the 1890s Kirriemuir had plenty musical activity in which the Volunteer Band “alternating between Brass and Flute as the spirit moved” played an important part. The Bandmaster was James Lamb, the oldest of three brothers “all noted bandmasters”, the other brothers being associated with Forfar and Brechin bands. “Circumstances arose in 1903 which led to the Volunteer Band being dispensed with” according to published documents available to the writer. It was, however, replaced by the Town Band consisting of a “full compliment” of twenty-four players, funds being raised by public subscription. The Band was successful at the time having played in the streets and public parks during the season and eventually being granted permission to give Sunday concerts. It was “reconstructed” in 1928, whatever that means, and managed to stay active until 1934. After two years during which efforts were made to get the Band going again some action was needed. The Kirriemuir Free Press of 4th June 1936 records that a meeting was to be called by Provost Doig with the object of winding up the band and placing its assets in trust. On July 2nd the same newspaper announced that the Kirriemuir Town Band had been formally wound up. One player, Alan Reid, (the writer’s first teacher when he joined Forfar Instrumental Band) came to Forfar at once. The following year he is credited with organising a concert in Kirriemuir in which Forfar played a major part. Since then players from Kirriemuir have found a home in Forfar and the Forfar band has played a part in the musical life of Kirriemuir. Way back in the 1960s the Kirriemuir instruments, mostly in a rather sorry state, were “lent” to Forfar, who paid for the repair of those that were useable as reserve or learner’s instruments. As recently as 1999 the remaining assets of the Kirriemuir Town Band were ceded to Forfar Instrumental Band. Forfar continues to welcome players from Kirriemuir and plays there several times a year.

Kirton Brass Band - Lincolnshire
[current band] - Founded in 1870
**Kirton Brass Band** - Lincolnshire
   
   Active in 1852, and then from the early 1880s to the early 1950s. Conductor C. Marris in 1883, A. Brocklebank in 1883, Henry Woodward in 1895, E.B. Morris in 1911, A.H. Patchett in 1949

**Kislingbury Brass Band** - Northamptonshire
   
   Active in 1865 to 1867

**Kiveton Park Colliery Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s

**Kiveton Park Temperance Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   
   Active in the 1870s and 1880s. Conductor J. Bewering in 1886

**KM Gillingham Band** - Kent
   
   [previous name of current band] See: *Medway Band*

**KM Medway Band** - Kent
   
   [previous name of current band] See: *Medway Band*

**Knaphill United Brass Band** - Surrey
   
   [no information]

**Knapp's Silver Band** - Clanfield,
   
   The band was formed of workers at the Knapp's Foundry Works. Active in 1910

**Knarsdale Brass Band** - Northumberland
   
   Active in 1865

**Knighton Brass Band (1)** - Radnorshire
   
   Formed in 1849 with 15 members, by Mr Love and Mr Archibald, with instruments by Potter.

**Knighton Brass Band (2)** - Radnorshire
   
   Active from the early 1900s and folded before WW2. A successor band was formed in 1945

**Knighton Town Brass Band** - Radnorshire
   
   [previous name of current band] See: *Knighton Town Silver Band*

**Knighton Town Silver Band** - Radnorshire
   
   [current band] - Founded in 1842 - Former names: Knighton Town Brass Band

**Knightswood Brass Band** - Dunbartonshire
   
   Active from the 1880s to WW2.

**Knightswood Silver Band**
   
   See: *Knightswood Brass Band*

**Knipton Brass Band** - Leicestershire
   
   Active from the 1870s to the 1930s. W. Payne secretary in 1896

**Knockholt Brass Band** - Kent
   
   Active from the early 1900s. Conductor A.E. Newton in 1904, T. White in 1923, P. Bond in 1934, F.A. Bond in 1935

**Knottingley (Bagleys) Glass Works Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   
   Active in the 1890s. Also known as Bagley's (Bottle Works) Brass Band
Knottingley Concert Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Knottingley Glass Bottle Company Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Knottingley (Bagleys) Glass Works Band
Knottingley Mission Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1880s
Knottingley Schools Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Knottingley Concert Brass Band
Knottingley Silver Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [current band] - Founded in 1864 - Former names: Knottingley Town Band
Knottingley Town Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Knottingley Silver Band
Knottingley Youth Brass - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Knottingley Concert Brass Band
Knowle Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
   Active in 1902
Knowle Brass Band - Solihull, Warwickshire
   Formed in 1904.
Knowle Green Brass Band (1) - Lancashire
   Active in 1856
Knowle Green Brass Band (2) - Lancashire
   Originally formed by young men working at White Carr Mill in 1872. The Band used the schoolroom for practices from 1889 and in 1891 requested a reduction in the rent, which was 1/- per week. The Church meeting decided that if the band became a temperance band they could use the room free, if not they would have to continue to pay 30/- a year. The decision was not recorded but years later in reports of school treats and annual field days the Preston Guardian was still referring to Knowle Green Brass Band so presumably it did not change. In 1902 the Preston Guardian reported it as playing at a Knowle Green social which raised £10 towards the cost of a piano. In June 1911 they played in Longridge for the Coronation celebrations (George V and Queen Mary). After 1913 there seems to be no further mention of the band - presumed to have folded before or during WW1.
Knutsford and Alderley Band
   See: Knutsford and Cross Town Band
Knutsford and Cross Town Band - Cheshire
   Active in the 1910s to 1970s. Renamed Knutsford and Alderley Band in the late 1950s.
Knutsford Temperance Band
   Active from the 1890s to WW1. In 1896 it competed at a contest at Hawarden.
Knutton Forge Brass Band - Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire
   Active from the 1870s to the 1880s. In 1886 it competed at Eastham, Liverpool, conducted by Joseph Lewis. Renamed the Newcastle Town Band in the late 1880s, still conducted by Joseph Lewis. The band was formally adopted by the town of Newcastle in 1900. It was still active in 1903
Knuzden Brook Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1857
Knypersley Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in 1856 to the 1870s

Krumlin Mills Band
   See: Blackburn Valley Brass Band

L Division Police Brass Band - Lambeth, Surrey
   Active in 1861. See also B, D, E, G, H, K, N, P, S and T Division Police Brass Bands

L. and N.W. Steam Shed Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
   Active in the 1880s

L. and S.W. Locomotive Works Band
   See: London and South Western Railway Band

L. and Y.R. Alexandra Band
   See: Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Alexandra Band

L.A.V. (Chorley) Band, 3rd
   See: 3rd L.A.V. (Chorley) Band

L.C.C. Tramways Band - London
   Active in 1910

L.C.S. Waltham Forest Band - Essex
   [previous name of current band] See: East London Brass

L.M. and S. Ambulance Brass Band - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1920s

L.M.S. Alexandra Band
   See: Alexandra L.M.S. Brass Band

L.M.S. Brass Band - Stockport, Cheshire
   Active in 1930s - 1950s

L.M.S. Manchester Band
   Active in 1895

L.M.S. Railway Band - Southport, Lancashire
   See: Southport L.M.S. Railway Band

L.M.S. Works Silver Band - Derby, Derbyshire
   Formed in November 1936

L.N.E.R. (Gorton) Works Band
   Active in the 1930s and 1940s. Pre-war the Geff Benson was musical director of the band, which was based in Cornwall Street, Openshaw. Also possibly known as LNER (Manchester District) Silver Prize Band - under which name they were a prizewinner at the Leicester contest on 5th March 1938, and also winning a deportment prize at a contest in Salford in May 1930. (See also, possibly, Gorton and Openshaw Prize Silver Band). Renamed (for a time) British Railways (Eastern Region) Band in 1948 when the region was created. Competed in the Junior Shield in 1962, conducted by J. Hall

L.N.E.R. (Manchester District) Silver Prize Band
   See: L.N.E.R. (Gorton) Works Band

L.N.E.R. Works Silver Band - Shildon, Durham
   See: Shildon British Railways Band

L.N.W.R. Manchester Brass Band
   Active in the 1900s to WW1.

La Societe de L'Avenir - Isle of Jersey
   [previous name of current band] See: Band of the Island of Jersey
**Laceby Brass Band** - Lincolnshire  
Active in 1897

**Laceby Rechabite Brass Band** - Lincolnshire  
Active in 1841

**Lads of Kent Brass Band** - Kent  
A touring band of boys, organised into three companies (A, B and C). Active in the 1900s and 1910s. In 1912, while visiting York, the NSPPC prosecuted the owners who were found guilty of cruelty.

**Lady Boswell's Brass Band** - Auchinleck, Lanarkshire  
Active in 1863. In 1879, it took part in a procession in August to inaugurate the Kilmarnock Burns Monument and Kay Park, accompanying the Free Gardeners lodge.

**Lady Dartmouth's Brass Band** - Farnley Tyas, Yorkshire (West Riding)  
Founded in September 1858, conductor Thomas Haigh, and supported by the Earl of Dartmouth. Still active in 1868

**Lady Lane Mission Brass Band** - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)  
Active in 1893 and the 1900s

**Lady Manners School Brass Band** - Bakewell, Derbyshire  
Active in the 1980s and 1990s

**Lady Windsor Colliery Band** - Ynysybwl, Glamorgan  
Active from the 1930s. Presumed to have folded sometime in the 2000s.

**Laindon Brass Band** - Essex  
Formed in 1903

**Laing's Brass Band** - Sunderland, Durham  
Active in the late 1860s into the 1870s. Conductor W.D. Eastern in 1869. The works band of James Laing Shipbuilders on the Wear.

**Laira Youth Brass Band** - Plymouth, Devon  
[current band] - Founded in 1972

**Lakenheath Brass Band** - Suffolk  
Active in 1862 through to WW1. The original band of Lakenheath was called the band of Hope and was run by the Methodist church - hence a Temperance Band. The survivors of WW1 took over the assets and debts of the band and renamed it Lakenheath Brass Band. Fourteen instruments were bought at this time costing £235. In 1935 silver instruments were purchased and the name was changed to The Lakenheath Silver Band. This lasted until 1960. Mr Coleman was bandmaster at one time. He had 14 brothers and 4 sisters some of whom also played in the band. George Elsegood was another conductor of the Lakenheath Band. George was a brass band legend in the area. A successor band was formed in the 1970s.

**Lakenheath Silver Band** - Suffolk  
[current band]

**Laleham Village Brass Band** - Middlesex  
Active in the 1910s

**Lambden Family Band** - Hampshire  
Active in the 1910s. The father was Tom Lambden, with wife, five daughters and two sons, playing a variety of brass instruments

**Lamberhead Green Band** - Lancashire  
Active in 1881
Lamberhurst Brass Band - Kent
Formed in 1870. Walter Bayley was bandmaster for many years. The band folded around 1934.

Lambert Brothers Tube Works Brass Band - Walsall, Staffordshire
Active in 1864 to 1866

Lambeth Borough Band - Surrey
Founded in 1908, conductor Ernest Roch. Some its founding members came from the recently defunct Crossway Mission Band. Active through into the 1930s

Lambeth British Legion Band - Surrey
Active in 1935

Lambeth Division Police Brass Band - Surrey
See: L Division Police Brass Band

Lambeth Industrial School Brass Band - Surrey
Active in 1861

Lambeth Mission Band - Surrey
Active in the 1900s, based at the Mission in Collingwood Street

Lambeth Potteries Brass Band - Surrey
See: Messrs Doulton and Co. Brass Band

Lambhill Mission Brass Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
Active in the 1910s

Lambley Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in 1863 to 1869

Lambley Robin Hood Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in 1875

Lambourn Brass Band - Berkshire
Active in the 1860s to 1900s. Conductor in 1864 was Mr Barrett, and in 1908, C. Maberley.

Lambton Brass Band - Durham
See: Lambton Saxhorn Band

Lambton Saxhorn Band - Durham
Active in 1860, conductor in 1864 was A. Clinton. Probably linked to Lord Durham's engineering works at Philadelphia, which made locomotives and stationary engines. Still active in the 1880s

Lamington Brass Band - Lanarkshire
Active in 1857

Lamonby Band - Cumberland
Active in 1909

Lamorbey and District Band - Kent
See: Lamorbey and Sidcup Brass Band

Lamorbey and Sidcup Brass Band - Kent
Active in the 1910s

Lamplugh Brass Band - Cumberland
Active from the 1850s to the 1870s. Conductor T. Harrison in 1870

Lanark Brass Band - Lanarkshire
Founded in 1901, conductor D. Thompson

Lanark Division Youth Band - Lanarkshire
See: Lanarkshire Youth Brass Band
Lanark Rifle Volunteers Band, 1st - Lanarkshire
   See: 1st Lanark Rifle Volunteers Band
Lanark Town Band - Lanarkshire
   Probably formed shortly after WW1. Active in the 1920s to 1950s
Lanarkshire Royal Engineers Band - Lanarkshire
   Active in the 1900s
Lanarkshire Youth Brass Band - Lanarkshire
   Active in the 1980s to 2000s
Lancashire and Yorkshire (Carriage Department) Band - Manchester, Lancashire
   Active in the 1880s to the 1900s
Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Alexandra Band - Newton Heath, Lancashire
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Conductor T. W. Locking in 1890. Frank Owen became conductor in 1902.
Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Band - Southport, Lancashire
   See: Southport Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Band
Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Loco Works Band - Horwich, Lancashire
   Active in 1905
Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Miles Platting Brass Band
   See: Miles Platting Brass Band
Lancashire Brass - Lancashire
   Active from the 1970s to the 1990s
Lancashire Constabulary Band - Hutton, Lancashire
   Formed in 1964 and active through to the 1990s.
Lancashire Evening Post Band - Brindle, Lancashire
   [previous name of current band] See: Brindle Brass Band
Lancashire Fusiliers Association Brass Band - Lancashire
Lancashire Home Guard Band, 48th
   See: 48th Lancashire Home Guard Band
Lancashire Life and Lake District Life Morecambe Brass Band - Lancashire
   [previous name of current band] See: Morecambe Brass Band
Lancashire Operatives Brass Band - London
   Active in 1863
Lancashire Polytechnic Band
   See: Preston Polytechnic Band
Lancashire Rifle Volunteers (Bacup) Band, 4th
   See: Bacup Old Band
Lancashire Yeomanry Stockport Band
   See: Stockport Yeomanry Brass Band
Lancaster Borough Band - Lancashire
   Formed before 1853. In that year the members of Lancaster Brass Band, led by Henry Brockbank, sought subscriptions from the “Nobility, Gentry and Inhabitants of Lancaster” to establish a first class band, with new instruments. The band was henceforth known as Lancaster Borough Band. Active in 1864. Played at Garstang in May 1885. In 1912 Robert Redhead was foreman and bandmaster, of 55 Willow Lane. The band continued until around 1938.
Lancaster Brass Band
See: Lancaster Borough Band

Lancaster City Brass - Lancashire
[current band] - Founded in 2007

Lancaster Harmonic Brass Band - Lancashire
Founded in July 1838

Lancaster Sheds Brass Band - Lancaster, Lancashire
Active in 1863, probably based at the Lancaster Green Ayre depot

Lancaster Town Band - Blaina, Monmouthshire
See: Blaina Band

Lancaster Volunteer Artillery Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1870s

Lancastrian Building Society Tyldesley Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Tyldesley Band (Maxilead Metals)

Lancaster Brass Band - Durham

Lancaster Brass Band - Durham
Active in 1860, conductor Mr Moon, teacher J.W. Lawrence, when it was said to have been “in its infancy”. A successor band was formed in 1978

Lancaster Grorud Band - Durham
[previous name of current band] See: Lanchester Brass Band

Lancing and Sompting Royal British Legion Band - Sussex
[previous name of current band] See: Lancing Brass

Lancing Brass - Sussex
[current band] - Founded in 1966 - Former names: Lancing & Sompting Royal British Legion Band

Lancing Brass Band - Sussex
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Land Girls’ Brass Band - London
See: Women’s Land Army Brass Band

Landore Brass Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1870s

Landore Workmen’s Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1900s

Landrake Band - Cornwall
[current band] - Founded in 2010

Landrake Band - Cornwall
To the West of Saltash, Landrake Band were busy from 1876. In 1907 they were led by Edgar Panter and in 1928 by Lewis Goard. It does appear that they were still active in 1939 as there is a report of them performing at a local sports day. During WW2 they got a band together in 1943 for a local carnival, then a few engagements in 1944 and by 1945 they do seem to be back in business under the direction of A Davey. Then they rapidly went through new titles (eg Landrake Band: Landrake Working Men’s Band and Landrake Brass Band) and all in 1945! Soon after this they disbanded. I can find no record of any Cornish contests attended. A sideline is that in 1952 their instruments were raided by a group of schoolboy “musicians” for a local event. One of these “players” commented that the only tune they knew was “Jingle Bells” so for the next two hours
they pretended to play and hummed loudly, this one song over and over again. For this they won the “Tableaux Hunorous” prize, so I suppose that it could be argued that the band did win a competition at least once. Their practice room was in the old Liberal Club. Conductors named include Edgar Panter just before World War One and Lewis Goard in 1928. Around 1928 there were 13 players plus conductor. Named players at the time were C, E and S Barrett, J Broad, R May, W Scholar, W and C Thomas. After the Second World War the band was conducted by Alf Davey. Enos Barrett and Bill Smale may also have conducted them around this time. Engagements from this period included the Notter Bridge Gymkhana, the Landrake Gymkhana and the Landrake Carnival amongst others. They also appeared further afield as it is known that they were among the bands that played in Callington for their carnival during the time the Callington Band did not exist. In 1948 the players included John, Gerald and Bert Ede, Brian Brown, Clarence and Wesley Thomas, Bill Hawken, Bill Smale, Enos Barrett, Will Rawlings, Arthur Chiswell and William Scholar. Other players have been named as Ern Sparks, Ken Eastment, and Ern Bunney. The Landrake Band folded some time around the 1950’s, either about 1950 or possibly as late as 1956. It seems the last conductor moved up country and that caused the band to fold. It has also been said that their rehearsal room was lost to them.

Landscope Brass Band - Devon
   Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Lane Bridge Brass Band - Burnley, Lancashire
   Active in the 1870s

Lane End Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
   Active from 1863 to the 1890s

Lane End Orpheus Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
   Active in the early 1900s to WW1.

Laneshaw Bridge Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1870s and 1880s

Laneshawbridge Band
   See: Laneshaw Bridge Brass Band

Langburgh Brass - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: North Skelton Band

Langcliffe Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   At the turn of the century Langcliffe, Giggleswick and Settle had brass bands, here it was a group of men largely from the Chapel community. Bob West played the cornet, his brother Fred the euphonium and Alf Farrer came down from Stainforth when they were short of players, likewise Tom Marsden, were members. Jimmie Fox beat the drum, which when not in use was hung up on a nail in the school. The rest of the instruments were kept in the loft above the stables at the Hall (along with the bier). The Band always played round the Big Tree on Christmas morning, went home for dinner and then out again to go round the big houses, so Langcliffe families did not see much of their menfolk on Christmas Day. In the end enthusiasm waned and some men left to join Giggleswick band although Alf Hocking tried to keep Langcliffe going by recruiting youngsters. Dick Middleton was one of these but on the second time he turned up it was announced that the band was 'disbanded'. This would be about 1938 as they played for the Jubilee and Coronation celebrations.
Langdale Band - Westmorland
Active from before 1900 until around 1960. It folded for a few years from 1902 to after 1906. It probably ceased for some years during WW2, but it was revived around the time of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth.

Langford and Filkins Brass Band - Oxfordshire
Active in the 1920s to 1930s

Langford Brass Band - Bedfordshire
Active from the 1890s to the 1950s

Langford Brass Band - Wiltshire
See: Steeple Langford Brass Band

Langham Brass Band - Norfolk
Active in the 1880s

Langham Labour League Band - Essex
Active in 1871 and 1876

Langholm Brass Band - Dumfriesshire
Founded in 1856. Active through to 1900. Conductor William Calvert in 1875

Langholm Temperance Band - Dumfriesshire
Disbanded around 1927. The instruments were sold to the Annan Town Band for £105

Langholm Town Band - Dumfriesshire
[current band] - Founded in 1815 - Note: Began contesting in 1864 and had attended thirteen contests and won seven prizes worth £50 by 1888. One of its first engagements was to welcome the Scots Greys back from Waterloo.

Langley Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in 1856 to 1862

Langley Brass Band - Northumberland
Active in 1860, possibly linked to the Langley Mills in the village.

Langley Brass Band - Worcestershire
[current band] - Founded in 1878 - Former names: Langley Prize Band

Langley Mill Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in 1887

Langley Moor Brass Band - Durham
Active in 1867

Langley Park Band - Durham
Known to be in existence in 1921 when they received their 1st full set of CISWO instruments. Folded in 2004.

Langley Park Colliery Band
See: Langley Park Band

Langley Ploughmaker's Band - Warwickshire
The works band of the W.J. Hillson, Swan Foundry iron works in Langley/Claverdon. Formed around the 1860s

Langley Prize Band - Worcestershire
[previous name of current band] See: Langley Brass Band

Langport and Curry Rivel Brass Band - Somerset
See: Curry Rivel Brass Band

Langport Town Band - Somerset
Active from the 1890s to the 1940s
Langsett Road Primitive Methodist Brass Band - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1891

Langtoft Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active from the 1850s to the 1870s. Conductor T. Johnson in 1859

Langton Matravers - Dorset
A band existed in the village in the second half of the Nineteenth Century. The instruments were bought by Mrs Frances Serrell, a rather eccentric but philanthropic widow who lived in Durnford Manor House, situated in the very centre of the village. In the village museum there is a photo of her Band-Master in his uniform and the names of several known Members. They also possess the Band-Master’s silver Cornet, which was a gift from Mrs Serrell, an E flat Clarinet and two brass instruments used in the band, though they are now in a rather sorry state. They are of the Tenor Horn/Tuba variety. The Band folded when Mrs Serrell died in 1889

Langtree Amateur Brass Band - Devon
Active in 1868, 1869

Langwathby Band - Cumberland
[no information]

Langwith Brass Band
See: Langwith Miners Welfare Band

Langwith Colliery Institute Silver Band
See: Langwith Miners Welfare Band

Langwith Miners Welfare Band - Derbyshire
Active from the 1880s. Conductor T. Renshaw in 1903. Also known as Langwith Brass Band. Competed in a brass band contest at Overseal, Leicestershire in July 1921, under conductor A.S. Grant (drawn 1 of 11 bands, they were placed 3rd). Continued through to the early 1980s

Lanner and District Silver Band - Cornwall
[current band] - Founded in 1965

Lanner Silver Band - Cornwall
Formed in the 1890s and disbanded in 1902. A successor band was formed in 1965

Lansil Works Brass Band - Lancaster, Lancashire
Active in the late 1940s. The Cellulose Acetate Silk Co. opened their works after WW2 in the, now redundant, National Projectile Factory, Caton Road, Lancaster, later changing its name to Lansil (Lancaster Silk) in 1937.

Laporte Industries Band - Widnes, Lancashire
Active in the 1980s. Still active in 1991. Disbanded in 1993? However it is reported that the Rothwell Temperance Junior Band had, by 1989, “acquired a two-year-old set of Yamaha instruments from the defunct Laporte Industries Band.”

Largo and District Band - Fife
Formed after WW1 and active into the 1930s

Largo Brass Band - Fife
Active from the 1870s to WW1

Largo Silver Band
See: Largo and District Band

Largs Brass Band - Ayrshire
Active in 1861 to 1869
Larkhall Brass Band - Lanarkshire
Active from the 1860s to 1960s. Larkhall Public, Larkhall Raploch, Larkhall Silver were all active in this period, and it is not clear which was which, but they all seemed to share the same conductors and were probably the same band.

Larkhall Colliery Band - Lanarkshire
See: Larkhall Brass Band

Larkhall Junior Brass Band - Lanarkshire
Active in 1865

Larkhall Public Band - Lanarkshire
See: Larkhall Brass Band

Larkhall Raploch Band - Lanarkshire
See: Larkhall Brass Band

Larkhall Silver Band - Lanarkshire
See: Larkhall Brass Band

Larne Town Silver Band
Folded before 1962, when its instruments were obtained by the 1st Larne Old Boys' Association Silver Band

Lascelles School Brass Band - Harrow, Middlesex
Active in the 1960s and 1970s

Lassodie Public Band - Fife
Active from the 1880s to the 1920s. Conducted by James Robinson in the 1890s, W.A. Allison in 1928

Lasswade Brass Band - Midlothian
Active in the 1890s

Lastingham and Cropton Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Formed in 1888, active through the 1890s

Lastingham Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active from the late 1850s to the mid-1880s. A successor band was formed in 1888

Latchford Prize Band - Warrington, Lancashire
Formed in 1860, or earlier as Latchford Brass Band. The earliest known performance of the band was on the 10th of July 1860, when the band led the procession to the then new Latchford Baptist church in Ackers Lane, prior to the construction of the Manchester Ship Canal. Later also known as Latchford Subscription Band. Merged with Warrington Silver Band to form Latchford Warrington Silver Band in 1980.

Latchford Subscription Band
See: Latchford Prize Band

Latchford Warrington Silver Band - Lancashire
[current band] - Founded in 1980 - Note: Merger of Warrington Silver Band and Latchford Prize Band

Late Yeomanry Band
See: Stockport Yeomanry Brass Band

Lathom and Burscough Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1949

Lauder Brass Band - Berwickshire

Launceston Good Templars Band - Cornwall
Active in the 1900s
Launceston Grammar School Brass Band - Cornwall
Active in 1865, conductor Mr Clifford

Launceston Town Band - Cornwall
[current band]

Launton Brass Band - Oxfordshire
Active in 1861 to 1865

Laurencekirk Brass Band - Kincardineshire
Founded in 1894, the players receiving the instruments in March that year. There were 13 members by October 1894, conducted by William D. Hampton. Conductor in 1903 was E. Dishington. The band was re-organised in 1906 and continued through to WW1.

Laurieston Brass Band - Stirlingshire
See: Laurieston Zetland Brass Band

Laurieston Instrumental Brass Band - Stirlingshire
See: Laurieston Zetland Brass Band

Laurieston Westquarter Band - Stirlingshire
See: Laurieston Zetland Brass Band

Laurieston Zetland Brass Band - Stirlingshire
Active from 1853 to the 1930s. Also known as Laurieston Westquarter Band. Conductor Mr Drummond in 1894

Lavender Hill Gospel Temperance Band - Clapham, Surrey
Founded in 1891, conductor T.E. Embury. Competed in the 1901 contest at the Crystal Palace on July 10th. H. T. Embury was one of the players. Competed in the 4th Section National Finals in 1902.

Lavender Hill Temperance Band
See: Lavender Hill Gospel Temperance Band

Lavenham Brass Band - Essex
Founded in 1866, conductor Mr Ambler. Still active in 1896

Laverton Temperance Band - Gloucestershire
Active in 1909, when it gave a concert at Laverton Village Hall, conducted by Mr Round, for the Farm and Garden Produce show.

Lavington Brass Band - Wiltshire
See: Market Lavington Brass Band

Lavister and Rossett Brass Band - Denbighshire
Active in the 1900s - possibly a combination of the Lavister Brass Band and Rossett Brass Band which were active in the 1890s

Lavister Brass Band - Denbighshire
Founded in 1881. Conductor James Ridgway in 1887. Still active in the 1890s

Lawrence Street Chapel School Brass Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
Active in 1867 to 1869

Laxey Brass Band - Isle of Man
Active in the 1890s, conductor Thomas William Kinrade.

Laxey United Temperance Band - Isle of Man
Formed in 1892, conductor David Senogles. contemporary with the Laxey Brass Band.

Layer de la Haye Band - Essex
Active in the 1900s and 1910s. For more details, see “Grandad Played The Cornet: A History of Brass Bands in North East Essex”, by David Cawdell.
Layer de la Haye Methodist Church Band - Essex
Active in the early 1900s

Layerthorpe Mission Band - York, Yorkshire
Active between 1891 and 1897

Lazey United Temperance Brass Band - Isle of Man
Active in 1894 - conductor D. Senogles

Lazonby Brass Band - Cumberland
Active in 1860 to 1866

Lazonby Temperance Brass Band - Cumberland
Active in the 1890s/1900s

Lea and Salwick Brass Band - Lea Town, Lancashire
Active in 1902

Lea Mills Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active from 1863 through to WW1. Patron was the John Smedley Mills at Lea Bridge, near Cromford.

Leadbeater and Scott's Band - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1891

Leadgate Brass Band - Cumberland
Active in the 1860s to 1870

Leadgate Colliery Band
See: Leadgate Workmen’s Band

Leadgate Mission Brass Band - Durham
A Wesleyan Mission band, Active in the 1870s, 1891, and also from 1903 to 1934

Leadgate Saxhorn Band - Durham
Active in 1886 when it led a procession during the strike at the South Medomsley Colliery, still active in 1891

Leadgate Wesleyan Mission Brass Band
See: Leadgate Mission Brass Band

Leadgate Workmen’s Band - Durham
Formed in the 1900s and still active in 1931

Leadhills Silver Band - Lanarkshire
[current band] - Founded in 2010

Leadhills Silver Band
Active in the early 1900s. Appears to have folded and reformed a couple of times over the past century, A successor band was formed in 2010.

League of the Cross Band - Cleator Moor, Cumberland
See: Cleator Moor St Mary’s Brass Band

League of the Cross Band - Newport, Monmouthshire
Active in 1888, conducted by W. Pullen

League of the Cross Brass Band - Warrington, Lancashire
See: Warrington League of the Cross Brass Band

Leake Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in 1865 to 1867

Lealholm Amateur Brass Band - Yorkshire, North Riding
Active in 1857

Lealholm Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
See: Glaisdale and Lealholm Brass Band
Lealholm Bridge Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)

See: Glaisdale and Lealholm Brass Band

Leamington Brass Band - Warwickshire

Active in 1840, 1863

Leamington Mechanics Band - Warwickshire

Active in 1887 to the 1900s. Still active in 1903

Leamington Priors Town Band - Warwickshire

Accounts of the band, from 1897-1900, are held at Warwickshire County Record Office

Leamington Rechabite Brass Band - Warwickshire

Formed in 1845. A report from 1845: “In the early part of last winter, some of the Brethren thinking a Band of Music in connection with this Tent would be an acquisition, devised plans for raising funds necessary for the purchase of instruments, uniforms, etc., and they determined to raise a Brass Band to consist of 21 performers, all of whom were to be members of the Rechabite Order, and, consequently, all sober men; the number was quickly made up, but, being working men, they were unable to spare sufficient money from their earnings for the object in view; they made a calculation of all the expenses attending it and found it amount to nearly £200. They solicited the assistance of their wealthy and benevolent townsmen, who promptly responded to the call, and many contributed liberally. About £23 was raised by subscriptions, paid by the members of the Band. The instruments, which were from the manufactory of Mr. James Gisborne, brass musical instrument maker to the army, Suffolk Street, Birmingham, arrived last Christmas; and the uniforms from Mr. J. C. Power, Regent-street, in this town. Mr. R. Edwards, now a Rechabite and Band Master, was engaged as tutor, under whose able instructions the members of the Band trust they shall be able to attain to such proficiency as will be quite satisfactory to those kind ladies and gentlemen who have given their assistance, and to themselves for the time and attention they have devoted to the study. The Band will be happy, on all loyal occasions, if requested so to give their services to the town.”

Leamington Royal Spa Brass Band - Warwickshire

Founded in the early 1890s. Secretary S.A. Farley in 1901. Conductor A. Titcomb, secretary W.V. Rouse in 1903, Tom Proctor in 1909. Conductor A.E. Fox in 1908. Active through to WW1. Also known as Royal Spa Brass Band

Leamington Temperance Brass Band - Warwickshire

Active in 1866 to 1869

Leasingthorne Brass Band

See: Leasingthorne Colliery Prize Band

Leasingthorne Colliery Prize Band - Durham

Formed in the 1900s and active through to the 1950s. It was disbanded when the workers were transferred to the Dean and Chapter Colliery at Ferryhill.

Leatherhead and Bookham Brass Band

See: Leatherhead Town Brass Band (1)

Leatherhead Town Band - Surrey

[previous name of current band] See: Mole Valley Silver Band

Leatherhead Town Brass Band (1) - Surrey

Active in the 1890s. Merged with Great Bookham Brass Band in 1911 to form Bookham United Silver Band, which subsequently folded in 1916
Leatherhead Town Brass Band (2) - Surrey
  Active from the 1920s to the 1950s

Leavesden Industrial School Band - Hertfordshire
  In 1868, the St Pancras Guardians built a new industrial school for pauper children in the parish. They acquired a 38-acre site in a rural location at Leavesden. By 1896 it held over 600 children. The band was active from 1879 to the 1920s, conducted by W. Woodland in 1900.

Lechlade Brass Band - Gloucestershire
  Active in the 1850s and 1860s

Lechlade Town Band - Gloucestershire
  Active in 1910

Ledbury Brass Band - Herefordshire
  Active from 1852 to the 1890s

Lee Brass Band - Lee Common, Buckinghamshire
  Active in the 1900s and 1910s. Conductor Henry Jacobs

Lee Brig Altofts and Normanton Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  [previous name of current band] See: Altofts and Normanton Brass Band

Lee Moor and Stanley Silver Prize Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Founded in 1896. Active to the 1920s

Lee Mount Band - Halifax, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Founded in 1888. Active to the 1940s. In 1905 rehearsed at Old Lane, Halifax.

Lee Mount Prize Band
  See: Lee Mount Band

Lee Mount Subscription Brass Band
  See: Lee Mount Band

Leebotwood Brass Band - Shropshire
  Active in the 1850s and the 1930s. Conductor Mr Dodd in 1856

Leeds (Smiths) Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1850s

Leeds Alliance Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1866, conductor Mr Drake. Still active in 1872

Leeds Amateur Brass Band - Kent
  Founded in 1869, conductor Mr Curtis

Leeds and Lenham Brass Band - Kent
  Active in 1866

Leeds Artillery Volunteers Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active from the 1860s to the 1880s

Leeds Borough Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1870s

Leeds British Legion Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1920s

Leeds Central Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1899

Leeds City Brass Band (1) - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the late 1890s, when it was conducted by Squire Firth. A report from 1898 states: “Squire Firth was born at the well-known musical place of Queensbury, near Bradford on June 12th, 1865. His father, Mr. Greenwood Firth (b. 1832), is one of the
oldest bandsmen at the present day, and played Trombone with the famous Black Dyke Band for 23 years, and is playing at the present time. Whilst very young our subject was put to learn music under the talented Cornet Soloist and teacher, the late G. F. Birkinshaw, and at the age of 15 started playing Solo Cornet with the Great Horton Brass band. He made very rapid progress as a Cornet player, and began solo Cornet contesting, winning several money prizes, and also a Besson Cornet at Thurlstone, near Penistone, against most of the noted Cornet players. He was engaged to play Solo Cornet with the Earby Brass Band, for which he played two years, after which he had an engagement with the Lindley Brass Band. He followed his position as Solo Cornet player for twelve months, and afterwards, was re-engaged as solo cornet player and bandmaster for two years. He next took charge of Skipton Brass Band as bandmaster, and it was during his stay with the band that Mr. Firth began to make a name for himself, taking the band in 1895 to the Champion Contest at the Agricultural Hall, London, and scoring fifth prize. In 1896 they attended Nelson and Carlisle contests, and secured third and fourth prizes respectively, and also numerous other prizes. Towards the end of 1896 the Leeds City Brass Band, from amongst 13 applicants, engaged Mr. Firth, and the marvellous success that has been attained by this band under Mr. Firth’s direction speaks splendidly for his abilities as a teacher. Mr. Firth is also very clever with the pen and scores all his selections. He has several more bands under his care, and will, without doubt, bring them to the front, if they will only be guided by him. Mr. Firth, being formerly in the hotel business (he was landlord of the Wheatsheaf Inn in Skipton), has now given it up, owing to the demands made upon his services for teaching, and also his solo cornet work. His eldest son, Edwin Firth, was solo cornetist with Foden's Band, and killed in France in WW I while serving with the London Artists' Rifles.”

Leeds City Brass Band (2) - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in late 1950s and early 1960s. Probably a continuation of the Leeds City Royal Artillery Association Band.

Leeds City Brass Band (3) - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Leeds City Commercial Club Band

Leeds City Commercial Club Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in late 1960s and early 1970s. Probably a continuation of the Leeds City Band.
Some memories from Bob Thomas: “The band was sponsored by Jim Windsor who had made big money as a “bookie”. The band rehearsed in the large booking office on the first floor of an Edwardian building in Vicar Lane next to the Markets. On one side of the room were the counters like a Post Office where the punters placed their bets. On the other wall was a long blackboard with a platform underneath where an employee would chalk up the day’s runners and riders. The music stands were kept in a beer crate (what else?) under this platform and it took two blokes to lift it. Only men in the band. Three Micklethwaites. David the top cornet, his dad Les on Eb bass and Ron on 2nd horn. The Button and Higham families were also well represented. The band remained fairly stable with Lawrence Myers on euph and David Petty on soprano. Alf Schofield was bumper up. He had a lip like a “causer edge”! (kerb stone). He could keep going all day. A very dependable player. One of the Bb bass players was a Geordie called Stanford. He was really deaf but he knew how to play the bass! I never knew if he could feel the vibrations but he was spot on. The band was led by Fred Argyle one of the dynasty of excellent musicians from the Stourton /Rothwell area. I very rarely saw Fred lose patience and he was rewarded with a loyal and hard working third section band. One strange
arrangement I remember was the operation of the music library. This was a small room at the top of the building. Each practise night the librarian called Bob would arrive on the bus and climb the stairs. He never came into the band room. He would spend the time sorting and mending until it was “home time” then get the bus home. Occasionally Fred would send one of the young ‘uns like me to get a piece of music. It was the only time Bob saw a player. These Yorkshiremen! The band was well run, had good instruments and uniforms and had plenty of decent jobs. The members came from all parts of Leeds - mostly by bus. They were all working men. Printers, engineers, clothing workers and the like. It was a good grounding for me both musically and socially. The Commercial Club was at the top of the building. It was like an ordinary working mens club with snooker tables, a concert room and caricatures of long forgotten sportsmen on the walls. It always had a pleasant smell of beer and cooking. I would have quick pint with the blokes in the club (underage of course) before getting the half ten bus home. Jim Windsor was a good sponsor and did not forget his working class roots. There was always an end of year band dinner in the club. All this has gone now of course and the remnants of the band were subsumed into the Horsforth band. This happened long after I had left Leeds for college. Those hours spent during evenings and Sunday mornings paid dividends for me in later years.”. The band amalgamated with Horsforth Brass Band to form Horsforth Leeds City Band in the 1980s

Leeds City Royal Artillery Association Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed 1949

Leeds City Tramway Employees Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Leeds Tramways Band

Leeds Clarion Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1899, secretary Alfred V. Popplestone. Still active in 1907

Leeds Company of Medical Staff Corps Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Amalgamated with the Leeds Excelsior Temperance Band in 1904

Leeds Corporation Employees Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1900s

Leeds Engineers’ Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1882.

Leeds Excelsior Temperance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Founded in 1903, conductor R.S. Kitchen. Amalgamated with the Leeds Company of Medical Staff Corps Band in 1904

Leeds Forge Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Instituted 1882 by the head of the Leeds Forge Company, Samuel Fox one-time Mayor of Harrogate. Members were originally all workmen in the Leeds Forge Company’s Works. The practices took place in the Forge every Sunday from 10.30 to 12.30, with several others held during the week. The players were equipped with two sets of instruments, two sets of uniforms and full rehearsal accommodations. Fox was very ambitious and offered gold medals and further funding if they could beat Besses o’ th’ Barn Band. They began contesting in 1886 and made a very successful start with high placings in the British Open. Following changes in management at the Forge the band was disbanded in 1892 with all instruments and equipment recalled.

Leeds Holy Family Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1929
Leeds Joppa Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1850s and 1860s. Conductor in 1856 was Charles Wilby. The band was attached to the Joppa Tannery, located on Kirkstall Road, which employed up to 400 people producing “upper leather” for shoes.

Leeds Joppa Operatic Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Leeds Joppa Band

Leeds Kingston Unity Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Kingston Unity Brass Band

Leeds Millburn’s Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1850s to 1870s

Leeds Model Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Yorkshire Evening Post Band

Leeds Operatic Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Leeds Joppa Band

Leeds Parochial Brass Band - Kent
   Active in 1870, conductor Mr Curtis

Leeds Police Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Founded in 1899

Leeds Post Office Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Leeds Postmen’s Band

Leeds Postmen's Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Founded in 1889, disbanded in 1899

Leeds Railway Foundry Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Founded in 1851. Leader Mr Lambert in 1853. Active through to the 1860s. Based at Sir P. Fairbairn's foundry. Also known as Wellington Foundry Band.

Leeds Reformatory School Band - Adel, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   The school was opened at Adel East Moor in 1857. A swimming pool was built in 1887, and the boys activities included joinery, tailoring, shoemaking, farm work, calligraphy, building trades, cooking and blacksmithing. Many of the boys went on to join the Grimsby fishing fleet for which their swimming training was considered useful. The band was active from the 1880s to the 1900s. A report from 1888 states: “Before I visited the classes under instruction, I heard the well-trained band perform a selection from Masaniello. I have heard that particular excerpt performed by a goodly number of bands at one time and another, and I have heard it rendered by grown-up musicians in a manner which would give no cause for envy to the band-boys of the Reformatory at Adel.” In 1896 there were 22 boys in the band.

Leeds Rifle Volunteers Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1870s

Leeds Royal Park Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the late 1850s through to 1874. Conductor Mr Milward, leader Mr Hobson in 1862

Leeds Royal Park Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1866

Leeds Socialist Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Founded in 1896

Leeds St Mary’s Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1892 to the 1900s
**Leeds Temperance Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Flourished in the 1840 and 1850s and undertook a four-week season of concert in Scarborough in 1847 for £60. Repeated the season in 1848/9 also. Played at Boroughbridge in 1906

**Leeds Tramway Employees Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1901 (presumed to have folded prior to 1911 when the Leeds Tramways Band was formed)

**Leeds Tramways Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Founded in 1911

**Leeds Wellington Foundry Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Leeds Railway Foundry Band

**Leeds Working Men's Club Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1863, 16 members

**Leek Blue Ribbon Army Brass Band** - Staffordshire
Active in the 1880s

**Leek Brass Band** - Staffordshire
Active in 1860 to 1869. Conductor Mr Mee in 1869

**Leek British Legion Band** - Staffordshire
Active in the 1930s to 1950s

**Leek Harmonic Brass Band** - Staffordshire
Formed in 1867 and held Friday evening concerts in the market place during the summer. May have also been called Leek Promenade Band in 1873.

**Leek Old Brass Band** - Staffordshire
See: Leek Brass Band

**Leek Promenade Band** - Staffordshire
See: Leek Harmonic Brass Band

**Leek Temperance Band** - Staffordshire
Active in the 1890s to WW1, W. Hough bandmaster and secretary. In 1912 Stephen Godwin was bandmaster and Henry Head secretary.

**Leek Town Band** - Staffordshire
Active in the 1890s

**Leek Volunteer Band** - Staffordshire
Active in the 1880s. They gave open air concerts to large audiences in Leek Market Place on Monday evenings in the summer, as well as leading local processions.

**Lees and Glodwick Band** - Oldham, Lancashire
See: Glodwick Band

**Lees Band** - Oldham, Lancashire
[current band] - Founded in 2011

**Lees Brass Band** - Oldham, Lancashire
Founded in 1840, disbanded in 1908

**Lees Old Band** - Oldham, Lancashire
See: Lees Brass Band

**Lees Street Congregational Brass Band** - Openshaw, Lancashire
Active in the 1880s

**Lees Temperance Brass Band** - Oldham, Lancashire
Active in 1856 to 1869
Leeswood Brass Band (1) - Flintshire
Active in 1859

Leeswood Brass Band (2) - Flintshire
Active in the 1940s

Leicester Albion Brass Band - Leicestershire
Active in 1895

Leicester and Rutland Police Band - Leicestershire
Active in the 1940s and 1950s

Leicester Blind Institution Brass Band - Leicestershire
Active in 1865. The Institute was located on the High Street.

Leicester Borough Police Band - Leicestershire
Active in 1880s, conductor J.A. Smith in 1882, folded in 1906 when the council took exception to the band rehearsing during work hours.

Leicester Borough Workmen's Band - Leicestershire
See: Leicester Excelsior Brass Band

Leicester Catholic Brass Band - Leicestershire
Active in 1865, 1884

Leicester City Police Band - Leicestershire
See: Leicester Borough Police Band

Leicester Club and Institute Band - Leicestershire
See: City of Leicester Band

Leicester Corporation Gas Department Band - Leicestershire
See: Leicester Corporation Gasworks Band

Leicester Corporation Gasworks Band - Leicestershire
Active in 1891 to the 1900s, conductor was C.V. Palmer in the 1890s, Mr Hewitt in 1900. From the Ayleston Road gasworks in the town.

Leicester Cottage Homes Band - Leicestershire
See: Countesthorpe Cottage Homes Band

Leicester Excelsior Brass Band - Leicestershire
Founded in 1897, conductor John Chapman. Renamed Leicester Borough Workmen's Band, then Borough of Leicester Club and Institute Silver Band in 1910, active through to WW1

Leicester Factory Brass Band - Leicestershire
Active in 1859

Leicester Foresters Band - Leicestershire
[previous name of current band] See: Foresters Brass 2000

Leicester Foresters Brass Band - Leicestershire
Active in the 1960s and 1970s

Leicester Gasworks Band - Leicestershire
See: Leicester Corporation Gasworks Band

Leicester Highfield Brass Band - Leicestershire
Founded around 1875. Wound up in the courts as of 10th February 1902. However it is recorded as competing in a contest at Rugby in March that year.

Leicester Imperial Band - Leicestershire
Active in the early 1900s and 1920s. Also known as Leicester Imperial Prize Brass Band. Competed in a brass band contest at Overseal, Leicestershire in July 1921, under conductor S. S. H. Iliffe (drawn 3 of 11 bands, they were placed 4th). Still active in 1964,
when conducted by A. Anderson. Secretary in 1908 was Lawrence Edgar Clarke. The Leicester Imperial Prize Brass Band Ltd. company was incorporated in 1901 and dissolved between 1916 and 1932.

**Leicester Imperial Prize Brass Band** - Leicestershire
See: *Leicester Imperial Band*

**Leicester Ivanhoe Band** - Leicestershire
Agive in 1912. Competed in a brass band contest at Overseal, Leicestershire in July 1921, under conductor C. A. Anderson (drawn 5 of 11 bands, they were not placed)

**Leicester Midland Railway Workmen's Band** - Leicestershire
Active in 1899 and the 1900s

**Leicester North End Brass Band** - Leicestershire
Active in the 1890s

**Leicester Oddfellows Brass Band** - Leicestershire
Active in 1862

**Leicester Railwaymen's Club Band** - Leicestershire
Active in the 1950s

**Leicester Rechabite Brass Band** - Leicestershire
Active in 1854

**Leicester Saxtuba Brass Band (1)** - Leicestershire
Active from 1862 to around 1879. Conductor W. Acton in 1868. A successor band was formed in 1884

**Leicester Saxtuba Brass Band (2)** - Leicestershire
Founded in 1884, conductor E.W. How. 20 members of the band in 1885 at a concert in Countesthorpe.

**Leicester Sea and Air Cadets Band** - Leicestershire
Active in the 1940s

**Leicester Special Constabulary Band** - Leicestershire
[no information]

**Leicester St Margaret's Brass Band** - Leicestershire
See: *St Margaret's Brass Band (Leicester)*

**Leicester Teetotal Brass Band** - Leicestershire
See: *Leicester Temperance Brass Band*

**Leicester Temperance Brass Band** - Leicestershire
Active in the 1850s and 1860s. Conductor J.A. Smith in 1862

**Leicester Temperance Union Brass Band** - Leicestershire
Founded in 1907, conductor Alex Castle

**Leicester Town Temperance Band** - Leicestershire
Active in the 1900s to WW1

**Leicestershire and Rutland Lunatic Asylum Brass Band** - Leicester, Leicestershire
Active in 1869

**Leicestershire Co-op Snibston Charnwood Brass** - Leicestershire
[current band] - Founded in 1999 - Former names: Merger of Leicestershire Co-operative (South Midlands Welfare) Band and Charnwood Brass

**Leicestershire Co-operative (SMW) Band** - Snibston, Leicestershire
Formed in 1971 as a colliery band. Merged with Charnwood Brass in 1999 to form Leicestershire Co-op Snibston Charnwood Brass.
Leicestershire Co-operative (South Midlands Welfare) Band - Snibston, Leicestershire
See: Leicestershire Co-operative (SMW) Band
Leicestershire Volunteers Band - Leicestershire
Active in 1879 when it was directed by J Smith
Leigh (Lanes) Band
Active in 1930
Leigh Bedford Band
See: Bedford (Leigh) Band
Leigh Borough Band
See: Lowton Silver Band
Leigh Brass Band - Essex
See: Leigh Town Band
Leigh British Legion Band
See: Leigh Silver Band
Leigh Public Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1890s
Leigh Silver Band - Lancashire
Formed in 1920, it disbanded in December 2001. Formerly known as Leigh British Legion Band. Competed in the First Annual Brass Band Contest organised by Wigan Borough Prize Band in 1943 (conducted by H. Foxwell).
Leigh St Clement's Brass Band - Leigh-on-Sea, Essex
Active in the 1890s and 1900s
Leigh Street Brass Band - Wigan, Lancashire
Active in the early 1900s
Leigh Street Primitive Methodist Band - Warrington, Lancashire
Founded in 1875, conductor John Podmore to 1895, Mr Little, 1901-1903, Fred Podmore, 1904. Still active in 1909
Leigh Town Band - Leigh-on-Sea, Essex
Active from the 1890s to the 1910s
Leigh United Friends Society Brass Band - Leigh-on-Sea, Essex
Active in 1864
Leigh upon Mendip Brass Band - Somerset
Active in 1887
Leigh Village Brass Band - Dorset
Active in 1937
Leigh Volunteers Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s
Leighton and Heath Brass Band - Bedfordshire
Active in 1882
Leighton Brass Band - Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire
See: Leighton Buzzard Brass Band
Leighton Buzzard Brass Band - Bedfordshire
Active in 1862 to 1869. Leader Charles Mortimer in 1869
Leighton Buzzard Good Templar Brass Band - Bedfordshire
Active in 1874, James J. Mead secretary, Edward Glaisyer treasurer
Leighton Buzzard Temperance Band - Bedfordshire
Active in the 1900s and 1940s
Leighton Excelsior Brass Band - Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire
  Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Bandmaster W.A. Kempster in 1890

Leighton Ironworks Band - Uttoxeter, Staffordshire
  Active from the 1890s to the 1910s. The band was supported by Samuel Bamford, the
  owner of the Leighton Ironworks (which was established in 1871 in addition to the
  Bamford Ironmongery business founded in 1845). The band was later known as the
  Bamford Military Band

Leighton Mission Brass Band - Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire
  Active in 1980

Leighton Road Mission Brass Band - Kentish Town, Middlesex
  Converted to brass band in 1899

Leighton Temperance Silver Band - Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire

Leintwardine Brass Band - Herefordshire
  Active in 1861, conductor Mr Turly. Still active in 1868

Leintwardine Temperance Brass Band - Herefordshire
  Active in 1866, conductor R. Jones. Still active in 1869

Leiston Brass Band - Suffolk
  Active in 1852

Leiston British Legion Band - Suffolk
  [previous name of current band] See: Leiston Royal British Legion Band

Leiston Royal British Legion Band - Suffolk
  [current band] - Founded in 1886 - Former names: Leiston Works Band, Leiston British
  Legion Band (1932-1971) - Note: Supported by Garretts Engineering Works, until the firm
  closed in 1932

Leiston Works A. A. Brass Band - Suffolk
  Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Leiston Works Band - Suffolk
  [previous name of current band] See: Leiston Royal British Legion Band

Leiston Works Brass Band - Suffolk
  Active in 1862 - associated with the Richard Garrett and Sons engineering works, which
  made steam tractors and cast and machined metal products.

Leisure Hour Brass Band - Harpurhey, Lancashire
  Active in the 1880s

Leith and Edinburgh Postal Band - Midlothian
  Active in the 1900s

Leith Brass Band - Midlothian
  Active from the 1850s, conductor Joseph Hogg in 1894, S. Campbell in 1900, A. Ewing in
  1903, Mr Whitecross in 1904. Still active in 1906

Leith Industrial School Brass Band - Midlothian
  Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Leith Silver Band - Midlothian
  Active in the 1950s and 1960s

Leith Trades Brass Band - Midlothian
  Active in the 1900s
Lelant Brass Band - Cornwall
Formed in 1905 under James Maddern. He stayed until 1911 when the leadership was handed over to John Tanner. EC Wills took over in 1914 and promptly left in 1915 to go to Redruth Band. The band closed down during WW1 but reorganised when that bit of unpleasantness was over. About 1931 F Gregory took over and stayed until 1942 when strange things began to happen. In 1942 they were reorganised under the new title Lelant United Services Band, still under F Gregory who, because of this second disagreement with Germany, was now in the National Fire Service (NFS). This lasted until 1943 when the Home Guard (Dad’s Army) was formed and Lelant’s instruments were loaned to the 14th Battalion Home Guard (St Ives) Band, now under the baton of Bandmaster Coombe. The Lelant Band - civilian - reappeared in 1945. Their contesting was confined to 1911 - 1914, their best result being achieved at a St Dennis contest in 1913 when they entered the second section playing “Village Bride” and winning £5 for their 2nd placing. After WW2, with the exception of victory parades, nothing more can be found. At one time the band kept their instruments in the Primitive Methodist Chapel “beneath the gallery that was then in place by the entrance”. A. Gregory was secretary in 1908.

Lelant Downs Brass Band - Cornwall
In the St Ives/Hayle area, the Lelant Downs Brass Band sounds like one of these makeshift bands for a one-off gig. In 1888 they played for the Ludgvan Wesley Sunday School Festival and the press report leaves one in no doubt the there could not have been any learners performing.

Lemington Glass Works Prize Band - Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland
Active in the 1930s

Lench’s Excelsior Works Band - Blackheath, Staffordshire
Active in the 1920s and 1930s. Based at Thomas William Lench’s works in Blackheath, a firm making bolts and structural fasteners since 1880.

Lenham Brass Band - Kent
Active in 1859 to 1868

Lennox Mill Brass Band - Lennoxtown, Stirlingshire
Formed in 1850, disbanding in 1922. In its early years it rendered great assistance to the local printfield workers on strike by touring the country and raising funds. In the 1860s it associated itself with the local volunteer corps for a while.

Lennoxtown Brass Band - Stirlingshire
Active in 1864. Conductor L. Wells in 1865. Still active in 1869

Lenton Alliance Brass Band - Nottingham, Nottinghamshire
Active in 1877

Lenton Band - Nottingham, Nottinghamshire
Active in 1909

Leominster Brass Band - Herefordshire
Active in 1850, conductor Mr Dearn. Still active in 1858

Leominster Oddfellows Brass Band - Herefordshire
Active in 1862, conductor Mr Huxley

Leonard Stanley Brass Band - Upton St Leonards, Gloucestershire
Active in the 1890s

Lepton Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1858, conductor Mr Lee
**Lerryn Band** - Cornwall

There is news of a Lerryn Band playing at the Peace Celebrations of 1919. This could be a band formed just for that event as I have no further information on them.

**Lerwick Brass Band** - Shetland

[current band] - Founded in 1863

**Lerwick Brass Band** - Shetland

Formed in the 1860s and active until the 1890s. A successor band was formed in 1914.

**Leslie and District Brass Band** - Fife

Formed in 1913. They acquired new instruments which were held in trust by the council. In 1928 was conducted by Charles M. Terris. Active through to the 1960s

**Leslie Brass Band** - Fife

Active in the 1880s/1890s. Folded in 1897 and their instruments were put into the town council's care.

**Leslie Silver Band** - Fife

See: Leslie and District Brass Band

**Leslie Town Band** - Fife

See: Leslie and District Brass Band

**Lesmahagow and District Public Miners' Welfare Band** - Lanarkshire

Started in 1927 as an offshoot of the Independent Order of Good Templars Band and was known simply as the Public Band, but the need for a regular source of funds brought association with the Miners' Welfare club. Due to dwindling public support and the lack of players of the right calibre, it was found necessary to wind up the band at the start of WW2. During its brief history, the Public band had reached the Premier grade and had achieved nation-wide recognition following its successes on the contest field and radio broadcasts on the BBC. When the band disposed of their instruments they donated the proceeds of the sale of their instruments to the Nursing Association to buy the district nurse's first car. The band trophies, which dated from the contests held in the village in the twenties, saw the light of day once more when the Lesmahagow Highland Games were inaugurated in the late nineteen fifties. The 'Nethanvale Cup' is awarded to the best Lanarkshire pipe band in Grade Three and the 'St. Machute' trophy to the band second in Grade Three. The Vale of Nethan Pipe Band, which came into being in 1953 as an offshoot of the Boys' Brigade band, quickly rose to prominence under the firm leadership of Pipe Major Archie Templeton and drum-tutor Jim Macintyre but later fell into obscurity with comparable rapidity. However, on the third Saturday of June each year, the Highland Games remains a popular date in the pipe band contest and sporting calendars as a reminder of the golden age of bands in Lesmahagow Parish.

**Lesmahagow I.O.G.T. Brass Band** - Lanarkshire

Active in 1907 through to the 1920s

**Lesmahagow Independent Order of Good Templars Band** - Lanarkshire

See: Lesmahagow I.O.G.T. Brass Band

**Lesmahagow Public Band** - Lanarkshire

See: Lesmahagow and District Public Miners’ Welfare Band

**Lesmahagow Rifle Volunteers Brass Band** - Lanarkshire

Active in 1863

**Letchworth Garden City Band** - Hertfordshire

[current band] - Founded in 1906
Letchworth Town Band  
Active in 1938

Leven Brass Band - Fife  
Founded in the 1870s by Robert Burt. Still active in the 1900s, G.E. Grey conductor in 1904. Probably folded prior to or during WW1, to be replaced by the Leven Town Band thereafter.

Leven Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)  
Formed in 1868, made its first public appearance at Christmas that year. Still active in the 1880s, conductor John Adams in 1883

Leven Temperance Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)  
Founded in May 1860, conductor Mr Brown

Leven Town Band - Fife  
Founded after WW1, active through to the 1970s

Leven Valley Brass Band - Cumberland  
Active in the 1900s

Levenshulme Brass Band - Lancashire  
Active from the 1880s to the 1950s

Levenshulme Mission Band - Lancashire  
Active in the early 1900s

Lever Bridge Brass Band - Darcy Lever, Lancashire  
Active in 1869, 1870

Levern Instrumental Band - Renfrewshire  
[previous name of current band] See: Barrhead Burgh Band

Leverton Brass Band - Lincolnshire  
Active in the 1920s

Levy and Distin's Grand Instrumental Union Brass Band - London  
Founded in 1867. A professional brass band formed to highlight the instruments sold by Distin's and featuring some of the leading performers in the city, including M. Levy on principal cornet.

Lewes Brass Band - Sussex  
See: Lewes Town Band

Lewes Glynde and Beddingham Brass - Sussex  
[current band] - Founded in 1922 - Former names: Glynde & Beddingham Brass Band (to 2002), (a.k.a. LGB Brass)

Lewes Temperance Mission Brass Band - Sussex  
Active in the 1890s

Lewes Town and Volunteer Cinque Ports Band  
See: Lewes Town Band

Lewes Town Band - Sussex  
Formed around 1840 as the Lewes Town and Volunteer Cinque Ports Band. The band played at regular local functions throughout the 20th century including concerts at the Town Hall, civic events, church parades and Armistice Day, local band contests and at the annual Lewes Bonfire ceremonies with one of the bonfire societies. In the 1950s the band provided two men to play state trumpets as heralds at the Sussex Assizes. Past conductors include Mr Emmler and Mr Gates (19th century), A K Tappin (1904-1948), F Austin and F Lockwood (variously, 1948-1950), Squadron Leader T D Atkinson (c1950- ). Records of the band, from 1914-1950, are held at the East Sussex Record Office
Lewington Glass Works Band - Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland
Formed in the 1900s and still active in 1947, probably folded in the 1950s

Lewington Yamaha Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1980s and 1990s

Lewis Graddfa Youth Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1970s

Lewis Merthyr (Cardiff Lift Co.) Band - Glamorgan
[previous name of current band] See: Lewis Merthyr Silver Band

Lewis Merthyr Colliery Temperance Band
See: Trehafod Rechabites Brass Band

Lewis Merthyr Silver Band - Glamorgan
[current band] - Founded in 1880 - Former names: Cymmer (Porth) Colliery Band (to 1949), Lewis Merthyr (Cardiff Lift Co.) Band - Note: Trehafod Recobite Band bore the name of “Lewis Merthyr” in the early 1900s as it received support off the then prosperous, Lewis Merthyr Colliery. Around that time it changed from an all-brass band to a military type band.

Lewis Merthyr Silver Band
See: Trehafod Rechabites Brass Band

Lewis Merthyr Workmen’s Institute Band - Glamorgan
Active in 1951

Lewisham Borough Band - Kent
See: Lewisham Brass Band

Lewisham Brass Band - Kent
Active from the early 1890s to 1939

Leyburn Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)

Leyburn Centenary Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Leyburn District Band

Leyburn District Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 2003 - Former names: Leyburn Centenary Band

Leyburn Saxhorn Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
See: Leyburn Band

Leyland and Farington Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1863

Leyland Band - Lancashire

Leyland Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1850s to 1868

Leyland British Legion Band - Lancashire
Active from the 1930s to the 1950s

Leyland DAF Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Leyland Band

Leyland Motors Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Leyland Band
Leyland P.S.A. Brotherhood Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1900s. Part of the Pleasant Sunday Afternoons Brotherhood.

Leyland Parish Church Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1930s and 1940s

Leyland Parish Church V.A.C. Band - Lancashire
   See: Leyland Parish Church Band

Leyland Prize Band - Lancashire
   See: Leyland Subscription Band

Leyland Subscription Band - Lancashire

Leyland Vehicles Band - Lancashire
   [previous name of current band] See: Leyland Band

Leysian Methodist Mission Brass Band - Finsbury, Middlesex
   Founded in the 1890s. Active to the 1920s. (Minutes 1903-1924 exist in the London Metropolitan Archives). It was renamed Finsbury Temperance Band in 1905. Conductor D. Price in 1905. Based at the Leysian Methodist Mission, City Road, Finsbury.

Leysian Mission Band - Finsbury, Middlesex
   See: Leysian Methodist Mission Brass Band

Leyton Borough Silver Band - Essex
   Active from the 1920s to the 1960s. Also known as Leyton Silver Band.

Leyton Christchurch Brass Band - Essex
   Active before WW2

Leyton Silver Band - Essex
   See: Leyton Borough Silver Band

Leytonstone Excelsior Band
   Active in the 1900s

LGB Brass - Sussex
   [previous name of current band] See: Lewes Glynde & Beddingham Brass

Lhanbryde Brass Band - Morayshire
   Founded in 1866

Liberton Industrial School Band
   See: Guthrie’s Industrial School Band

Licensed Victuallers’ School Brass Band - Vauxhall, Surrey
   Active in 1867, conductor Mr Tyler. The school was located in Kennington Lane. Still active in 1868

Lichfield British Legion Band - Staffordshire
   Formed in October 1947

Lichfield City Band - Staffordshire
   Formed in 1910 and survived until 1937. A new Lichfield City Band was formed in 1985

Lichfield Juvenile Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in 1858

Lichfield Rifle Corps Band
   See: Lichfield Volunteer Band

Lichfield Volunteer Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1860s and 1905
Liddesdale Temperance Band - Roxburghshire
Active from the 1890s to the 1960s. James Crozier conductor in 1899, W.G. Armstrong in 1933

Lidlington Brass Band - Bedfordshire
Active the 1900s, conductor H. Frost in 1902, W. Henman in 1909

Lifford and Sherborne Mills Brass Band - Worcestershire
Active in 1867

Lifford Brass Band - Worcestershire
Active in 1868

Lifton Brass Band
Active in 1936

Lightcliffe Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[no information]

Lighthouse Brass Band - Walthamstow, Essex
See: Lighthouse Silver Band

Lighthouse Mission Band - Walthamstow, Essex
See: Lighthouse Silver Band

Lighthouse Silver Band - Walthamstow, Essex
Active from the 1890s, conductor W.E. Lawrence in 1894. Disbanded in the 1950s

Lightwater Brass Band - Surrey
Photographs, a jacket worn by one of the bandsmen and part of a tea service issued with the band’s name on it are held in the Surrey Heath Museum.

Lilleshall Collieries Prize Band
See: Lilleshall Colliery Brass Band

Lilleshall Colliery Brass Band - Shropshire
Active from the 1890s. Originally St George's Temperance Band and renamed following the colliery sponsorship in 1907, when the company bought the band many new instruments and a set of new uniforms. Name changed to Oakengates and District Band in 1962 when the council helped financially. The band folded in the late 1960s.

Limehouse Children's Establishment Brass Band - Middlesex
Active in 1861

Linacre Wesleyan Mission Silver Band - Lancashire
Active in early 1900s

Lincoln Amateur Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in 1857

Lincoln Beevor Band - Lincolnshire
[current band] - Founded in 1975 - Former names: Beevor Youth Band

Lincoln Blue Ribbon Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in 1883

Lincoln Borough Band - Lincolnshire
[previous name of current band] See: City of Lincoln Band

Lincoln British Legion Band - Lincolnshire
Active in the 1950s

Lincoln City Brass Band (1) - Lincolnshire
See: Lincoln City Saxhorn Band

Lincoln City Brass Band (2) - Lincolnshire
See: Lincoln St Michael’s Brass Band
Lincoln City Saxhorn Band - Lincolnshire
  Active in the 1850s, conductor F.M. Ward in 1859

Lincoln Excelsior Brass Band - Lincolnshire
  Active in the 1880s and 1890s. John Elvin was secretary in 1897

Lincoln Far Newland Brass Band - Lincolnshire
  Active in the 1900s and 1910s, J.H. Brooks conductor in 1906

Lincoln Good Templar Brass Band - Lincolnshire
  See: Lincoln Temperance Band

Lincoln Imperial Brass Band - Lincolnshire
  Active in the 1950s

Lincoln Iron and Steel Works Band - Lincolnshire
  Active in 1890s to 1920s. Won 2nd prize and the Daily Telegraph Cup, in the Crystal Palace Championships in 1920.

Lincoln Ironworks Band - Lincolnshire
  See: Lincoln Iron and Steel Works Band

Lincoln Malleable Iron Works Band - Lincolnshire
  [previous name of current band] See: City of Lincoln Band

Lincoln Malleable Ironworks Silver Band - Lincolnshire
  See: Lincoln Iron and Steel Works Band

Lincoln Newland Mission Band - Lincolnshire
  See: Newland Mission Brass Band

Lincoln Oddfellows Band - Lincolnshire
  Active in the 1880s

Lincoln Old Comrades Brass Band - Lincolnshire
  Active in 1919

Lincoln Rechabite Brass Band - Lincolnshire
  Active in 1896

Lincoln Sheaf Works Band - Lincolnshire
  See: Sheaf Works Prize Band

Lincoln St Michael's Brass Band - Lincolnshire

Lincoln Temperance Band (1) - Lincolnshire
  Active in 1853 - composed of “youths engaged in the foundry of Clayton & Co., who, in the course of a short period, under the tuition of Mr Ashton, have made astonishing progress.”

Lincoln Temperance Band (2) - Lincolnshire
  Founded in 1882, conductor John Ashton

Lincoln Town Band - Lincolnshire
  Active in the 1970s

Lincoln Victoria Brass Band - Lincolnshire
  Active in 1897 into the 1900s

Lincoln Y.M.C.A. Mission Band - Lincolnshire
  See: Newland Mission Brass Band
Lincolnshire Fire Brigade Band - Grantham, Lincolnshire
See: Ruston and Hornsby Band

Lincolnshire Pauper Asylum Brass Band - Bracebridge Heath, Lincolnshire
Formed in late 1853. The asylum had been opened in 1852, originally to house 250 inmates.

Lincolnshire Youth Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in the 1990s

Lindal Moor Brass Band - Lindal-in-Furness, Lancashire
Active in 1900

Lindfield Brass Band - Sussex
Founded in 1887, conductor Mr Trill. Still active in 1920

Lindley Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1835 - Former names: Lindley Brass Band, Lindley Prize Band, Priest Lindley Band, Peter Hawke Garages Lindley Band, PHG Lindley Band - Note: A report in 1863 gives the conductor as Garside Mills, and that the Lindley Brass Band had been formed around 1852, meeting in the Saddle Inn, Lindley.

Lindley Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Lindley Band

Lingdale Ironstone Miners’ Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
See: Lingdale Silver Band

Lingdale Silver Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Formed in 1851 as Lingdale Ironstone Miners’ Band. Later known as Lingdale Silver Band, Lingdale Silver (ICI Chemical Products) Band (from 1986). Merged with Yarm and District Band in 1998 to form Lockwood Band

Lingfield and District Brass Band - Surrey
[previous name of current band] See: Lingfield Silver Band

Lingfield Silver Band - Surrey
[current band] - Founded in 1913 - Former names: Lingfield and District Brass Band

Linkinhorne and North Hill Band - Cornwall
See: Linkinhorne Parish Band

Linkinhorne Parish Band - Cornwall
The village of Linkinhorne can be found between Callington and Launceston. They, the villagers, formed a band in 1887/88 and by 1890 they were fully kitted out with uniforms - all eleven (plus bass and side drums) of them. By 1910 their uniform had changed completely and very smart they look too. By now they had 15 players. In 1907 J Doney took over the leadership of the band and probably stayed with them until the end which appears to be about 1921.

Links Pottery Brass Band - Kirkcaldy, Fife
Active in 1855 and 1859. The David Methven and Sons (Kirkcaldy Pottery) was located in Links Street - famous for its “Wemyss Ware”

Linlithgow Brass Band - West Lothian
Formed in 1859. Report of it disbanding in 1899. Another report of it (or a successor band) being active in 1903

Linlithgow Corporation Band - West Lothian
Active around 1900, conductor Frank Waddington, followed by David Ainslie

Linlithgow Town Band - West Lothian
See: Linlithgow Brass Band
Linlithgow Union Brass Band - West Lothian
Active in 1865

Linotype Brass Band
See: Broadheath Linotype Brass Band

Linthwaite Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1852 - Former names: Linthwaite Silver Band

Linthwaite Church School Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Founded in June 1860 by 19 young men, rehearsing in the parish church school room.

Linthwaite Silver Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Linthwaite Band

Linton Brass Band - Cambridgeshire
Formed in December 1879. Active in the 1880s to WW1. Conductor W.M. Willis in 1885.

Linton Colliery Band - Morpeth, Northumberland
Active in the early 1900s

Linton Miners’ Silver Model Band
See: Linton Colliery Band

Linton Green Brass Band - Lintzford, Durham
Active in the 1880s

Lions Youth Brass - Crewe, Cheshire
[current band] - Founded in 1988

Liscard Victoria Subscription Band - Cheshire
Active in 1904

Liskeard Borough Band - Cornwall
Formed in the 1890s under Mr C Penny.

Liskeard Brass Band - Cornwall
Active in 1867

Liskeard Silver Band - Cornwall
[current band] - Founded in 1920 - Note: Other related bands: Liskeard Temperance Band (1901), Liskeard Borough Band (1890s), Greenbank Band (Liskeard), 1886

Liskeard Temperance Band
Formed in 1901 - it continued until about 1914 when war broke out. Some of the members, together with a few of an old Volunteer Band, decided to carry on for the duration under Mr T Edmonds. Assumed to have folded during or shortly after the War. A successor band, Liskeard Silver Band, was formed in 1920.

Liss Band - Hampshire
[current band] - Founded in 1974

Lister's Silver Band
See: Stinchcombe Silver Band

Lister's Social Club Band
See: Stinchcombe Silver Band

Litchborough Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in the 1890s to 1930s

Litchurch Iron Works and Victoria Foundry Saxhorn Band - Derbyshire
See: Cotton Lane Brass Band

Litherland Brass Band - Lancashire
Active from the 1890s, but folded, probably in the early 1950s. It reformed sometime in the 1960’s under W.E. (Billy) Pugh and played in the area until it ceased to exist in the
late 1970’s. Although never a large band, it had a youth section, again led by Billy Pugh. A number of the people who started there are still active these days.

**Little Bowden Brass Band** - Leicestershire
Active in 1884 - possibly related to the Syminton’s soup powder factory in Little Bowden. May be the same band as “Symington’s Brass Band”

**Little Bromwich E.M.S. Brass Band**
See: **Little Bromwich Early Morning School Brass Band**

**Little Bromwich Early Morning School Brass Band** - Warwickshire
Active in the early 1900s to 1915. Conductor Mr Hall in 1907

**Little Bromwich School Band**
See: **Little Bromwich Early Morning School Brass Band**

**Little Chester Brass Band** - Derbyshire
Founded in 1902. Still active in 1910

**Little Chilton Colliery Band** - Durham
Active in 1855

**Little Common Brass Band** - Sussex
Active in the 1880s and 1890s

**Little Compton Brass Band** - Warwickshire
Active in the 1850s to the 1870s

**Little Dawley Brass Band** - Shropshire
Active in 1855

**Little Downham Brass Band** - Cambridgeshire
Active in 1857 to 1879

**Little Gaddesden Brass Band** - Hertfordshire
Active in 1903, conductor J. Hager

**Little Ilford Tabernacle Brass Band**
Active in the early 1900s, when the conductor was Harry Jones.

**Little John Brass Band** - Calverton, Nottinghamshire
Active in 1855

**Little Lever Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active from 1857, still active in 1865, secretary Joseph Beddows.

**Little Lever Temperance Band** - Lancashire
Formed in 1896 by the Church of England Temperance Society. All the bandmen paid a subscription of 2 pence per week to be a member. Within a few years they had become successful on the contest scene and were able to add Prize to their name. Conductor G. Gettins in 1903. The band initially rehearsed at St Matthew's Church, but later moved to their own bandroom in Back Lever Street. It was commented in 1935 that the band was in low waters financially but the bandmen made up for this in their enthusiasm. At this time it was customary to divide the engagement fee half and half between the band and the bandmen, most bands did this as a source of beer money for the men. It disbanded in the 1940’s.

**Little London Brass Band** - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1870s and 1880s

**Little London Brass Band** - Hampshire
Active in 1917

**Little Mill Reformatory Brass Band** - Pontypool,
Active in 1914
Little Sheffield Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
    Active in 1864

Little Waltham and District Band - Essex
    Active in the 1950s

Little Weeton Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
    See: Little Weighton Brass Band

Little Weighton Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
    Active in 1857

Littleborough Brass Band - Lancashire
    See: Littleborough Public Band

Littleborough Public Band - Lancashire
    [current band] - Founded in 1862 - Former names: Littleborough Public Silver Band -
    Note: Originally formed from three bands, one of which was Littleborough Temperance
    Band

Littleborough Reach Brass Band - Lancashire
    Active in 1909

Littleborough Temperance Band - Lancashire
    See: Littleborough Public Band

Littlebury Brass Band - Essex
    Active in 1905

Littledean Brass Band - Gloucestershire
    Active in 1843.

Littledean Hill Brass Band - Gloucestershire
    Active in 1864

Littledean Temperance Brass Band - Gloucestershire
    Active in 1865, 1866

Littlehampton Sacred Brass Band - Sussex
    Formed in the early 1880s as a drum and fife band by George Sainsbury who moved to
    Littlehampton from Fawley in Hampshire. By 1885 it had converted to a full brass band
    and was known as Littlehampton Town Band. Eventually, Sainsbury left England and
    went to live in Canada where he set up the Weston Boys Brass Band. Some time after
    1925 the band converted to a concert band lineup with woodwind instruments,
    eventually disbanding in 1952.

Littlehampton Town Band - Sussex
    See: Littlehampton Sacred Brass Band

Littlemore Brass Band - Oxfordshire
    Active in the 1850s

Littlemore County Asylum Band - Oxfordshire
    Active in the 1880s. The Littlemore Hospital (Oxford County and City Pauper Lunatic
    Asylum) was built in 1848 housing up to 200 patients.

Littleover Brass Band - Derbyshire
    Active in 1863, conductor Edwin Green

Littleport Brass Band - Cambridgeshire
    [current band] - Founded in 1880

Littletown Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
    Active in 1857
Littlewoods Grimsdyke Brass - Harrow, Middlesex
   [previous name of current band] See: Grimsdyke Brass

Littleworth Brass Band - near Amberley, Gloucestershire
   Active in 1863

Litton Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in 1887, conductor Mr Heaton. Still active in 1897

Liverpool Alliance Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
   Conductor J.G. Rungden in 1860.

Liverpool Amateur Brass Band
   Active from 1860, conductor Charles Steen. Still active in 1866, conductor T.D. Richardson

Liverpool Artisans' Brass Band
   Active in the 1890s and the 1900s

Liverpool Blind Asylum Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
   Active in 1897 and the 1900s. The school was in Brunswick Road.

Liverpool Blue Coat School Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
   See: Blue Coat School Brass Band (Liverpool)

Liverpool Boys' Orphanage Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
   The Liverpool Catholic Boys Orphanage, a certified industrial school, was opened in Beacon Lane from 1863 to 1949. The band was active in the 1890s through to its closure. Run by Sisters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul, it was also known as St Vincent de Paul Brass Band, Beacon Lane Boys Band, Liverpool Orphanage Brass Band.

Liverpool Boys' Refuge Industrial School Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
   Active in the 1880s to 1900s

Liverpool Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
   See: Liverpool Amateur Brass Band

Liverpool British Workman Public House Company Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
   Active in 1885

Liverpool Catholic Blind School Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
   See: Liverpool Blind Asylum Brass Band

Liverpool Catholic Institute Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
   Active in 1858

Liverpool Catholic Total Abstinence Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
   Active in the 1880s

Liverpool Central Hall Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
   Founded in 1902, conductor J. Marr

Liverpool City Brass Band (1) - Liverpool, Lancashire
   See: Liverpool City Unity Band

Liverpool City Brass Band (2) - Liverpool, Lancashire
   Active in the 1950s

Liverpool City Unity Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
   Founded in 1891 from members of the disbanded Gray and Davison Brass Band. Later renamed Liverpool City Band, active into the 1900s

Liverpool Constabulary Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
   Founded in April 1868, with 15 members, conductor Mr Beardall. Conductor A.P. Crawley in 1894
Liverpool Corporation Passenger Tramways Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
Active in the 1900s to 1937

Liverpool Corporation Passenger Transport Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
Active in 1958 to 1962

Liverpool Corporation South School Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
Active in 1863

Liverpool Excelsior Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
Active in the 1900s

Liverpool Industrial Ragged School Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
Active in 1871, through to the 1900s. Conductor A.B. Smith in 1904, The industrial school was established on Beaufort Street by Rev. Canon Henry Postance.

Liverpool Industrial Schools (Westminster Road) Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
See: Kirkdale Industrial Ragged School Brass Band

Liverpool L. and N.W. Railway (Alexandra Docks) Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
See: Liverpool L. and N.W. Railway Band

Liverpool L. and N.W. Railway Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Conductor Frank Howells resigned in 1901 to be succeeded by C. Elsom. Also known as Bootle Alexandra Band and Alexandra Docks Band

Liverpool Liberal Federation Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
Founded in 1908, conductor C. Rimmer

Liverpool Navy League Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
Founded in 1904, conductor George Smith

Liverpool North End Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
Founded around 1905, still active in 1918. Bandmaster J. Williams in 1905, J.B. Jenkins in 1908

Liverpool Orphan Boys Asylum Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
Active in 1860

Liverpool Orphanage Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
See: Liverpool Boys’ Orphanage Band

Liverpool P.S.A. Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
Active in the 1890s, disbanding in 1902

Liverpool Police Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
See: Liverpool Constabulary Band

Liverpool Postal Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
Active in the 1890s, conductor F. Moynagh in 1894

Liverpool Press Guard Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
Active in the 1860s

Liverpool Ragged Schools Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
See: Soho Street Ragged Schools Brass Band

Liverpool Reformatory School Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
Active in the 1890s. The Liverpool Juvenile Reformatory Farm School, Mill Lane (now Winwick Road), Newton-in-Makerfield, was operational between 1850 and 1900. Abel Jones, who lived in Earlestown from 1861 until his death in 1886, was the band’s conductor. As an aside, it is interesting to note that a certain delinquent, sent to such a school at the age of 12, would never have otherwise had the opportunity to learn to play
an instrument, became world famous. This school was the New Orleans Home for Colored Waifs - he was Louis Armstrong.

**Liverpool Road Brass Band** - Liverpool, Lancashire

*See: Liverpool Road L. and N.W. Brass Band*

**Liverpool Road L. and N.W. Brass Band** - Manchester, Lancashire

Active in the 1900s to WW1.

**Liverpool Seamen's Orphanage Band** - Liverpool, Lancashire

Active in the 1870s to the 1900s. The orphanage was opened in 1869 and the band was active in 1870, playing at the laying of the chapel foundations at the site at Newsham Park. Conductor G.C. Smith in 1900

**Liverpool Socialist Brass Band** - Liverpool, Lancashire

[no information]

**Liverpool Sons of Temperance Brass Band** - Liverpool, Lancashire

Active in 1853

**Liverpool South Corporation Schools Brass Band** - Liverpool, Lancashire

Founded in mid-1861, conductor Mr Emidy, instruments and uniforms costing nearly £80. Still active in 1864

**Liverpool St Albans Brass Band** - Liverpool, Lancashire

Active in the 1900s, based at the St Albans Church in Athol Street.

**Liverpool St Alphonsus Band** - Liverpool, Lancashire

Active in the 1900s, based at the St Alphonsus Church in Great Mersey Street. Conductor J. Heron in 1902

**Liverpool Teetotal Crusade Band** - Liverpool, Lancashire

Formed in 1903, conductor Charles Rimmer. The Liverpool and District Teetotal Crusade was originally formed in the 1890s as the Open-Air Total Abstinence Mission. Also known as the Temperance Crusade Band

**Liverpool Total Abstinence Brass Band** - Liverpool, Lancashire

Active in 1886, conductor Henry Jenkinson

**Liverpool Victoria Brass Band** - Liverpool, Lancashire

Active in the 1890s and early 1900s. Conductor J. Finney in 1895

**Liverpool Welsh Temperance Band** - Liverpool, Lancashire

Active in the 1890s

**Liverpool West Derby Band** - Liverpool, Lancashire

Active in the 1860s

**Liverpool Workshops for the Blind Band** - Liverpool, Lancashire

Founded in 1885, conductor G.W. Nicholson. Active through to 1918, conductor W.R. Gasking in 1894.

**Liversedge Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)

Founded in 1889, active through the 1890s

**Livingston Brass Band** - Midlothian

Formed in 1976. Merged with Broxburn Public Brass Band in 2004 to form Broxburn and Livingston Brass Band

**Livingstone Brass Band** - Hertfordshire

Active in 1899

**Lixwm Brass Band** - Flintshire

Active in the 1900s to the 1930s
Lizard Band - Cornwall

THE RIVAL BANDSMEN OF MENEAGE. Or He Who Collars a Man and Gets Knocked Down is Served Rightly. This was the heading in the “Cornishman” newspaper of 1888 when reporting an assault case heard at the West Kerrier petty sessions. Roughly what happened was that there was a festival held in St Keverne and the Porthalla Band were engaged to provide the music. St Keverne Band had usually played at this event, but not this time, although several of their members turned up for a day out. The Lizard Band had the nerve to bring their instruments but were not allowed to perform. During an interval, whilst Porthalla Band were having their tea, Richard Jose, John Tiddy and Mr Chiddock, all Lizard Band members, were laughing together and jeering at bandsmen of the other two bands. William Scobie, of St Keverne Band, remonstrated with them, upon which Jose grabbed Scobie by the collar. Scobie floored him with a punch to the side of the head rendering him unconscious for several minutes. End of fracas. The court dismissed the case and each party had to pay their own costs, estimated at being not less than £3. The Good Old Days!! Apart from that, Lizard band seems to have been active only in the early 1880’s.

Llan Ffestiniog Brass Band - Merioneth

See: Blaenau Festiniog Brass Band

Llanaelhaearn Brass Band - Caernarfonshire

Active in 1869

Llanbedrgoch Brass Band - Anglesey

Active in 1861

Llanberis Brass Band (1) - Caernarfonshire

Active in the 1870s

Llanberis Brass Band (2) - Caernarfonshire

Founded in 1886 by a Mr Ayres, an Englishman who had made his home in Portdinorwic. The instruments of the defunct Llanrug band were still in storage in Cinch Ddu, but through Mr Ayres’ efforts they were transferred to Llanberis. This band was controlled from the Vaynol Estate who owned the instruments, and it was not until 1894 that Llanberis managed to get instruments of their own and function independently. These were second-hand instruments which were bought for £30 but it was soon realised that the band could never make progress with instruments in such poor condition. A few years later Dr Mills Roberts came to take charge of the Quarry Hospital. He was a keen musician and it was mainly through his enthusiasm that a Volunteers’ Band was formed in the village in 1902. A young bandsman of exceptional talent, Thomas Williams (Twin Bach) was chosen as bandmaster. Several others gave many years of devoted service to the Llanberis hand; notably Owen Evans (Now Ilan) the postman; a line bass player who used to ‘boom-boom’ his way on his daily rounds, walking in strict march time and climbing with his bundle of letters to the scattered smallholdings of Gwaun Cwm Brwynog on the slopes of Snowdon. The band remained active through to the 1980s.

Llanberis Silver Band

See: Llanberis Brass Band (2)

Llanberis Subscription Brass Band

See: Llanberis Brass Band (2)

Llanberis Volunteers Band - Caernarfonshire

Active in the early 1900s
Llanbradach Brass Band - Glamorgan
    Active from the 1890s to the 1920s

Llanddulas Brass Band - Denbighshire
    Active from the 1890s to the early 1920s.

Llanddulas Silver Band - Denbighshire
    Active from the late 1940s to the early 1960s. The band played at Gwrych Castle on Sunday’s in the summer. As Terry Jones recalls: “The band was very much a family affair, my Taid Dafydd Jones was the band master, my father Glynne Jones played trombone, Uncle Stanley played cornet and cousins Elwyn Roberts and Merfyn Hughes also played.”

Llandegla Brass Band - Denbighshire
    Active in 1867 to 1869. Conductor Mr Edwards in 1868

Llandeilo Brass Band - Carmarthenshire
    Active in the 1850s and from the early 1900s to the 1920s

Llandilo Brass Band
    See: Llandeilo Brass Band

Llandinorwic Brass Band
    See: Llandinorwic Ebenezer Band

Llandinorwic Ebenezer Band - Caernarfonshire
    Active from 1866 to the 1890s

Llandovery Brass Band - Carmarthenshire
    Active in 1886

Llandrindod Wells Silver Band - Radnorshire
    [current band] - Founded in 1969

Llandrindod Wells Temperance Band - Radnorshire
    Active in 1890s. Disbanded around 1950. A successor band was formed in 1969

Llandudno Amateur Brass Band - Caernarfonshire
    Active in the 1890s. Presumed to have folded before 1910 when the St Tudno Silver Band became Llandudno Town Band.

Llandudno Town Band - Caernarfonshire
    [current band] - Founded in the 1890s - Former names: St Tudno Silver Band (to 1910) - Note: Adopted by the town in 1910

Llandyssul Brass Band - Cardiganshire
    Active in 1860. One of its leaders, Thomas Rees, died in December 1860, aged 41

Llanelli and District Silver Band - Carmarthenshire
    Founded in 1912 as Llanelli Public Band. Later known as Llanelli Town Band and Pressed Steel Fisher Llanelli Band. Probably folded in the mid 2000s.

Llanelli Public Band
    See: Llanelli and District Silver Band

Llanelli Rechabite Brass Band - Carmarthenshire
    Active in 1884

Llanelli Silver Prize Band - Carmarthenshire
    [previous name of current band] See: Llanelli Town Band

Llanelli Temperance Band - Carmarthenshire
    Founded in 1906

Llanelli Town Band - Carmarthenshire
    [current band] - Founded in 1912 - Former names: Llanelli Silver Prize Band
Llanelli Town Band (1) - Carmarthenshire
Active in the 1880s and 1890s. Conductor T.C. Edwards in 1888

Llanelli Town Band (2)
See: Llanelli and District Silver Band

Llanelly Brass Band - Brecknockshire
Active in the 1850s and 1860s

Llanerch-y-medd Brass Band - Anglesey
See: Llannerch-y-medd Brass Band

Llanerch-y-mor Brass Band - Flintshire
See: Llannerch-y-mor Brass Band

Llanerfyl Brass Band - Montgomeryshire
Active in the 1870s

Llanfachreth Brass Band - Merioneth
Active in the 1880s through to WW1. Robert Evans was a euphonium player in the band, whose members were mainly farmers, and when he died in 1948 the last verse of the march “Now or Never” was inscribed on his tombstone.

Llanfair Brass Band - Llanfair Caereinion, Montgomeryshire
Active in 1869, conductor J. Smith, to the 1900s

Llanfairfechan Brass Band - Caernarfonshire
Active in the 1870s to the 1920s

Llanfyllin Brass Band - Montgomeryshire
Active in the 1850s to the 1880s

Llanfynydd Brass Band - Flintshire
Active in the early 1900s

Llangefni Brass Band - Anglesey
Active from the early 1860s to the 1970s

Llangefni Town Band
See: Llangefni Brass Band

Llangollen Brass Band - Denbighshire
Active from the 1850s to the 1890s. A successor band was formed in 1904 (the current Llangollen Town Band)

Llangollen Silver Band - Denbighshire
[current band] - Founded in 1904

Llanhilleth Brass Band - Monmouthshire
Active in 1900, when it was conducted by Frederick James Hayes. Also known as Llanhilleth Town Band, contemporary with the Colliery Band in 1914.

Llanhilleth Colliery Band - Monmouthshire
Founded in 1908, conductor Mr Watkins. Still active in 1914

Llanidloes Borough Band - Montgomeryshire
Active from the 1920s to the 1940s

Llanidloes Borough Silver Band - Montgomeryshire
[current band]

Llanidloes Brass Band - Montgomeryshire
Active from the 1850s through to WW1. Conductor Mr Mill in 1856

Llanllyfni Brass Band - Caernarfonshire
Active from the mid-1860s into the 1870s
Llannerch-y-medd Brass Band - Anglesey
   Founded in 1862. Active through to the 1890s, it was conducted by William Thomas (b.1820) for fifty years!

Llannerch-y-mor and Mostyn Band - Flintshire
   See: Llannerch-y-mor Brass Band

Llanchymor Band - Flintshire
   See: Llannerch-y-mor Brass Band

Llannerch-y-mor Brass Band - Flintshire
   Active in the 1890s. Llannerch-y-mor was a small private dock, located between Mostyn and Flint and constructed as part of the nearby lead smelting works, which probably supplied most of the men for the band. Conductor Thomas Hughes in 1893. The band is reported to have disbanded in 1899

Llanpumsaint Brass Band - Carmarthenshire
   Active in the 1900s

Llanrug Brass Band (1) - Caernarfonshire
   Formed around 1830. Active into the 1850s. A successor band was formed in the early 1860s

Llanrug Brass Band (2) - Caernarfonshire
   See: Llanrug Royal Brass Band

Llanrug Royal Brass Band - Caernarfonshire
   Formed in the early 1860s. In 1871 it came under the patronage of the squire of the Vaynol Estate, who was also the owner of the Dinorwic Slate Quarry. and was given the new title of Royal Vaynol Brass Band. On March 23rd, 1873, the bandmaster's son, Robert, met with a serious accident in the quarry when he fell from the rock face over fifty feet, and later died. When the lady of Vaynol heard the news she bought a set of black uniforms for the band to attend the young quarryman's funeral, and a black ribbon was tied to each instrument. Won first prize in the Festiniog Eisteddfod brass band contest in 1884. When the quarrymen were unemployed during the 'lock-out' of 1885, an order was received from the Vaynol that all the instruments were to be returned immediately to Gilfach Ddu, Llanberis, for safe keeping while the men were out. The road to Llanberis was crowded with unemployed quarrymen, and the band was persuaded to play a march to cheer them up. As a result they lost the instruments for ever. The conductor at the time was an Englishman named Mr Tidswell, and he was paid a monthly wage of £10 from the quarry office. This was promptly stopped and he had to return to England to earn his living, the band folded then in 1885/1886. A successor band, the Vaynol Royal Silver Band, was formed in 1888.

Llanrug Silver Band - Caernarfonshire
   [current band]

Llanrwst Brass Band - Denbighshire
   Active from 1861 to the 1870s

Llanrwst Town Band - Denbighshire
   Active in the 1930s

Llansaint Silver Band - Carmarthenshire
   Active from the early 1900s (known as Llansaint Temperance Band) to the 1990s. Competed in the 1964 West of England Regional Championships (4th Section), conducted by E. Charlton
Llansaint Temperance Band - Carmarthenshire
   See: Llansaint Silver Band
Llansamlet Brass Band - Glamorgan
   Founded in 1895. Active through to the 1930s
Llansanffraid Brass Band - Caernarfonshire
   Active in 1868
Llansilin Band - Denbighshire
   Folded around 1960
Llanstephan Brass Band - Radnorshire
   Active in 1895
Llantrisant Brass Band - Glamorgan
   Active in 1868, 1869
Llantrisant Town Band - Glamorgan
   Formed in the 1920s with players from Beddau, Cross Inn and Tynant. It rehearsed in the Cross Keys, before moving to the former jail house below the Town Hall. The bandmaster was John M. Thomas of Tynant. The euphonium player, Daniel Williams (Dan the Band), became conductor in the 1930s and they performed in the demonstration marches of 1934. It perished during World War II and the last performance was at the Armistice Parade in Beddau.
Llanwarne Brass Band - Herefordshire
   Active in 1876, with Mr. Benjamin Court as bandmaster
Llanwyddelan Brass Band - Montgomeryshire
   Active in 1869
Llanymynech Brass Band - Montgomeryshire
   Founded in 1862. Conductor Mr Sangers in 1864. Still active in 1869
Llawr-y-Bettws Brass Band - Merioneth
   Active in the 1880s
Llay Colliery Welfare Band - Wrexham, Denbighshire
   Active from the 1920s. Disbanded in 1967 - with instruments and equipment going to the Point of Ayr Band.
Llay Welfare Band - Denbighshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1970 - Former names: Gresford Band, Gresford Colliery Welfare Silver Band - Note: Original Llay Colliery Band disbanded in 1967 - with instruments and equipment going to the Point of Ayr Band. In the 1970's Gresford band found themselves homeless when the N.U.M office in Wrexham was closed. They were offered practice facilities at the Miners Institute in Llay. The offer was accepted and Llay Welfare band was reborn
Llay Welfare Institute Band
   See: Colliery Welfare Band
Lloyd and Foster's Axle and Tyre Works Saxhorn Band - Wednesbury, Staffordshire
   Active in 1866 and through to the 1870s
Lloyd Park Hall Brass Band - Walthamstow, Essex
   Active in the early 1920s - based at the Lloyd Park Hall Methodist Mission in Forest Road
Lloyd's Ironworks Brass Band - Wednesbury, Staffordshire
   Active in the 1860s - contemporary with the Lloyd's Steel and Axle Works Band
Lloyds Silver Band - Sittingbourne, Kent
   [previous name of current band] See: UK Paper Band
Lloyd's Steel and Axle Works Band
  See: Lloyd and Foster’s Axle and Tyre Works Saxhorn Band

Llwycoed Silver and Colliery Welfare Band - Wrexham, Denbighshire
  Founded in 1914. Disbanded in 1967 - with instruments and equipment going to the
  Point of Ayr Band

Llwydcoed Band - Glamorgan
  [current band] - Founded in 1912

Llwynhendy Brass Band - Carmarthenshire
  Active in the 1870s to 1890s

Llwynypia Sherwood Mission Band - Glamorgan
  Founded in 1908, still active in 1911. Conductor Samuel Lock in 1909. Also known as
  Llwynypia Primitive Methodist Mission Gospel Band

Llysnewydd Brass Band - Carmarthenshire
  Active in 1867

Loanhead Burgh Band - Midlothian
  See: Loanhead Ex-Servicemen Band

Loanhead Ex-Service and Burgh Band - Midlothian
  See: Loanhead Ex-Servicemen Band

Loanhead Ex-Servicemen Band - Midlothian
  Formed after 1918 and disbanded at the start of the Second World War

Lob Mill Brass Band - Todmorden, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1870s and 1880s. Cotton mill

Lobb Mills Brass Band - Todmorden, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  See: Lob Mill Brass Band

Lochee Brass Band (1) - Dundee, Angus
  See: Lochee Instrumental Band

Lochee Brass Band (2) - Dundee, Angus
  See: Camperdown Linen Works Band

Lochee Instrumental Band - Dundee, Angus
  Active in the 1860s to 1867

Lochee Operative Brass Band - Dundee, Angus
  See: Camperdown Linen Works Band

Lochee Trades Band - Dundee, Angus
  See: Lochee Brass Band

Lochgelly Band - Fife
  [current band] - Founded in 1854 - Former names: Lochgelly Instrumental Brass Band,
  Lochgelly Public Brass Band

Lochgelly Instrumental Brass Band - Fife
  [previous name of current band] See: Lochgelly Band

Lochgelly Private Band - Fife
  Active in 1905, conducted by D. Gibbs. Contemporary with the, then, Lochgelly Public
  Brass Band

Lochgelly Public Brass Band - Fife
  [previous name of current band] See: Lochgelly Band

Lochgilphead Asylum Brass Band - Argyllshire
  Active in the 1890s and 1900s
Lochhead, Victoria and Earseat Band
   See: Victoria Lochhead Band

Lochore Colliery Band - Fife
   Active in the 1920s to 1950s

Lockridge Silver Band - Wiltshire
   Formed in 1910. Amalgated with the Overton Mission Band in 1934 to form Kennet Vale Silver Band, at which time the bandmaster was Reg Stagg.

Lockerley and District Silver Prize Band - Hampshire
   Originally a temperance organisation formed by Isaac Pritchard, organist at Lockerley Hole Baptist chapel in about 1880

Lockerley Silver Band - Hampshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1880 - Note: The band was established as a Temperance Band and the original conductor was a Mr. Issac Pritchard. He was succeeded by is son Caleb Pritchard who died sometime during the Great War in 1914 -1918. The baton was then taken over by Edwin Moody, who was instrumental in getting the band to joint the Wessex Association and so entering the competition field.

Locks Heath Brass Band - Hampshire
   Active in the late 1920s and 1930s. Conductor Roland Hill in 1930

Lockton Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active in 1865 to 1868

Lockwood Brass - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   [current band] - Founded in 1998 - Former names: Merger of Lingdale Silver Band and Yarm & District Band

Lockwood Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from the 1940s to the mid1990s. Also known as Lockwood (Jos Lumb and Son) Band, early 1980s, and Lockwood F. Drake Fibres Band, late 1980s.

Lockwood’s Sax Horn Band - Castleford, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1856

Locomotive Brass Band - New Holland, Lincolnshire
   See: Manchester and Sheffield Railway Company Locomotive Band

Loddon Brass Band - Norfolk
   [current band] - Founded in the 1960s

Loddon Secondary School Band - Norfolk
   Active in 1975

Loddon Town Band - Norfolk
   Founded in 1907 - it met in a small band room near the Fox and Hounds pub in Loddon. It folded in the 1950s and gave the instruments to the then new Loddon Secondary Modern School. A successor band was formed in the 1960s.

Lofthouse 2000 Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [current band] - Founded in 1999

Lofthouse and Middlesmoor Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)

Lofthouse Brass Band
   See: Lofthouse Saxhorn Band

Lofthouse Colliery Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in from the 1950s to the early 1980s. Based at Lofthouse, near Wakefield
Lofthouse Saxhorn Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1853. In 1859 it took part in the Lofthouse Grand Village Band Contest in November that year. It was conducted by J Walker, had 10 performers, and played Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah, and the test piece, Grand Parade March by Jones. Based at Loftus, near Skinningrove. Active through to 1869

Loftus and Skinningrove Brass Band
See: Skinningrove Miners' Brass Band

Loftus and Skinningrove Mines Band
See: Skinningrove Miners’ Brass Band

Loftus Brass Band
See: Skinningrove Miners’ Brass Band

Loftus County Modern School Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in the 1960s

Loftus Iron Works Band
See: Skinningrove Iron and Steel Works Band

Loftus Mines Brass Band
See: Skinningrove Miners’ Brass Band

Londesborough Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in 1866, conductor J.B. Acey

London and North Western Brass Band - Wolverton, Buckinghamshire
See: Wolverton Works Brass Band

London and North Western Carriage Works Band - Crewe, Cheshire
See: London and North Western Railway Crewe Works Band

London and North Western Carriage Works Brass Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
Active in 1863

London and North Western Railway Band - Bescot, Staffordshire
Active in the 1900s

London and North Western Railway Band - Edge Hill, Lancashire
See: Edge Hill (British Railways) Band

London and North Western Railway Band - Manchester, Lancashire
Active in the 1900s and 1910s. Conductor Mr Wormald in 1906, Mr Lathom in 1909

London and North Western Railway Band - Stockport, Cheshire
See: Stockport London and North Western Railway Employees Band

London and North Western Railway Band - Hertfordshire
[previous name of current band] See: Watford Band

London and North Western Railway Crewe Works Band
Active in the 1910s and 1920s.

London and North Western Steam Shed Band
Active in 1879

London and South Western Locomotive Works Band
See: London and South Western Railway Locomotive and Carriage Department Brass Band

London and South Western Railway Band - Nine Elms, Surrey
Active in the 1900s

London and South Western Railway Locomotive and Carriage Department Brass Band - Surrey
Active in 1875
London and South Western Railway Temperance Union Brass Band - Clapham Junction, Surrey
   Active in 1889
London Carmen's No. 10 Brass Band - Southwark, Surrey
   See: Southwark Borough Brass Band
London Carmen's Trade Union Band
   See: London Carmen’s Union Brass Band
London Carmen’s Union Brass Band
   Active in the 1900s
London City Mission Band - Poplar, Middlesex
   Active in the 1900s, based at the church in Grundy Street. Also known as Shaftesbury Hall Band
London College of Music Brass Band
   Active in the 1980s
London County Council Tramway Brotherhood Band - London
   Active in the 1900s
London Electricity Redbridge Brass Band - Essex
   [previous name of current band] See: Redbridge Brass
London Great Central and Metropolitan Band
   [no information]
London Home Guard 5th Brass Band
   Active in 1944
London Labour Protection League Brass Band
   Active in the 1900s
London Metropolitan Brass - Muswell Hill, Middlesex
   [current band] - Founded in 2013 - Former names: Fortismere Community Brass
London North Western Garston Docks Prize Brass Band
   [no information]
London Plasterers' Band
   See: Metropolitan Society of Plasterers Brass Band
London Prize Band
   Active from the early 1900s to WW1.
London Road Congregational Brass Band - Derby, Derbyshire
   Active in the 1880s and 1890s
London Road P.S.A. Brass Band - Portsmouth, Hampshire
   Active in the 1920s and 1930s. The Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Societies (or Brotherhoods) were a national effort by non-conformist churches to involve young men in social and religious activity on Sunday afternoons.
London Road Station Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
   Active in 1891. London Road Station was later renamed Manchester Picadilly.
London Silver Band
   Active in the 1920s. Merged with Peel Institute Band to form Finsbury Borough Band / Peel's Silver Band
London Strand Union Schools Band
   See: Strand Union Schools Band
London Street Brass Band - Reading, Berkshire
Active in the 1880s to the 1900s - linked to the Primitive Methodist Chapel there.
Conductor Mr Port in 1900.

London Temperance Band
Active in the 1900s

London Tilbury and Southend Railway Band
Active in the 1900s, conductor Mr Hedges in 1904

London Tin Plate Workers' Brass Band - Islington, Middlesex
Active in 1868, conductor James Tidswell

London Tramways Band
Active in the 1930s

London Victoria Amateurs Brass Band
See: Victoria Rifle Volunteers Band

London Works Brass Band - Smethwick, Staffordshire
Active in 1867, 1868

London, Brighton and South Coast Railway Locomotive Department Brass Band - New Cross, Kent
Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Conductor M.B. Ginman in 1900

London, Brighton and South Coast Railway Operatives Literary Society Brass Band - Brighton, Sussex
Active in 1862

London, Brighton and South Coast Railway Signalmen's Brass Band
Active in 1891 when it regularly played in Battersea Park.

London, Midland and Scottish Band
See: L.M.S. Band

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Londonderry Bottle Works Brass Band - Durham
See: Seaham Harbour Bottle Works Band

Londonderry Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1856

Londonderry Workshops Brass Band - Durham
See: Seaham Harbour Bottle Works Band

Long Ashton Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active in the 1860s

Long Bredy Brass Band - Dorset
Formed in 1921

Long Buckby Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in 1867, conductor Frederick March. Members included Jack Hill, Sam Warren, Tom Watkin, Bill Letts, Jack Eyre, Bill Wills, Den Clifton, Jeff Leson, Levi Mason, Ted Mason and George Kennell

Long Buckby Excelsior Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in 1891

Long Buckby Home Guard Band - Northamptonshire
Formed in 1940 by the merger of Long Buckby Temperance Silver Prize Band and Long Buckby Town Band. After the war, it merged with the Daventry Town Band to form Daventry and District Silver Band.
Long Buckby Sanders Independence Band  
See: Sanders Independence Band

Long Buckby Temperance Silver Prize Band - Northamptonshire  
Founded in 1884 as a drum and fife band by George York, W. Blincow, J. Faulkner and W. Green. Had converted to all-brass by the end of the 1880s. Played as part of the celebrations for the visit to Northampton of His Majesty King George V and Her Majesty Queen Mary on Tuesday the 23rd September 1913 - at Far Cotton. Competitions were attended and prizes won with brass instruments bound with waxed ends of shoemaker's threads and leaks stuffed with soap or some such material. At the height of their competitive success (from 1898 to 1904) a little fellow used to stand on a soap box in order that he might see the music in order to play his cornet solo. This little chap was George York junior, the son of the founder of the band (and conductor of the band in 1940). It merged with Long Buckby Town Band in 1940 to form the Long Buckby Home Guard Band.

Long Buckby Temperance Society Brass Band - Northamptonshire  
Active in 1867

Long Buckby Town Band  
See: Sanders Independence Band

Long Clawson Brass Band - Leicestershire  
Active from 1868 to the 1930s

Long Clawson Temperance Brass Band - Leicestershire  
Active in 1889, secretary T. Huckerby

Long Crendon Brass Band - Buckinghamshire  
Active from the 1840s to the 1900s

Long Crendon Excelsior Band - Buckinghamshire  
Active in the 1890s

Long Downs Brass Band - Cornwall  
Long Downs is situated about 5 miles North West of Falmouth and in 1881 a band of that name played at a Wesleyan Sunday school procession and tea treat in Porkellis. At present no more is known about this group either before or after this event.

Long Eaton British Legion Band - Derbyshire  
Active in the 1940s and 1950s

Long Eaton Good Templar Band - Derbyshire  
Active in the 1870s, re-organised in 1881 as Long Eaton Temperance Brass Band, still active in the 1890s

Long Eaton Mission Brass Band - Derbyshire  
Active in 1882

Long Eaton Mount Tabor Band  
See: Mount Tabor Band

Long Eaton Silver Band - Derbyshire  
[current band] - Founded in 1906

Long Eaton Temperance Brass Band  
See: Long Eaton Good Templar Band

Long Eaton Town Band - Derbyshire  
Active in the 1880s. Folded some time before the current Long Eaton Band was formed in 1906
Long Itchington Brass Band - Warwickshire
Active from the 1880s to the 1920s. Conductor S. Chater in 1883, W.E. Chater in 1907, Mr Priest in 1924. Still active in 1927

Long Itchington Excelsior Band
See: Long Itchington Brass Band

Long Itchington Silver Band
See: Long Itchington Brass Band

Long Lawford Brass Band - Warwickshire
Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Long Lea Valley Brass Band - Derbyshire
Formed in 1963. Still active in the 1990s

Long Marston Brass Band - Hertfordshire
Active from the 1910s to the 1940s

Long Melford and Sudbury Brass Band - Suffolk
[previous name of current band] See: Long Melford Silver Band

Long Melford Brass Band - Suffolk
[previous name of current band] See: Long Melford Silver Band

Long Melford Silver Band - Suffolk
[current band] - Founded in 1894 - Former names: Long Melford Brass Band (to 1949)
Long Melford and Sudbury Brass Band (early 1950s). (c1900 to 1911 attached to the Suffolk Regiment 2nd Volunteer Battalloon (TA), and became the band of 'C' company)

Long Preston Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1870s

Long Stratton Brass Band (1) - Norfolk
Active in 1841

Long Stratton Brass Band (2) - Norfolk
Active in the 1900s

Long Sutton Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Formed in 1860, public debut on Christmas Eve 1860. Active into the 1870s

Long Sutton Brass Band - Somerset
Active in the 1890s, conductor F. Burt.

Longannet Colliery Band - Cowdenbeath,
See: Cowdenbeath Brass Band

Longbridge Deverill Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active in 1855 to 1868, and the 1940s

Longden Brass Band - Shropshire
Active in the 1900s and 1910s

Longford Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in 1855 to 1866

Longford Brass Band - Warwickshire
Active in 1859

Longford Hall Mission Brass Band - Salford, Lancashire
Active in the 1890s to 1930s. It was re-organised in 1905, conductor H. Yarwood

Longford Star Brass Band - Warwickshire
Active in the 1880s. Competed in a brass band contest at Bedworth in 1888

Longford Union Place Military Band - Warwickshire
Competed in a brass band contest at Bedworth in 1888
Longhirst Brass Band - Northumberland
   Founded in 1860 or 1861. Active to the late 1880s. Conductor J. Ponton and secretary T. Fornear in 1873

Longhope Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   Active in 1928, secretary Harold Brains. In 1931, conductor G. Bullock

Longland Brass
   See: Kent’s Works Silver Band

Longnor Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in 1928, secretary Harold Brains. In 1931, conductor G. Bullock

Longridge Band - Lancashire
   [current band] - Founded in 1845 - Former names: National School Band, Longridge Brass Band (1846), Longridge Rifle Band (1866-1871), Temperance Band of St Lawrence’s Longridge (1883), St Lawrence Prize Band (1898), Longridge Subscription Prize Band (1920), Longridge Prize Band (c.1945-c.1967) - Note: The band started out as The National School Band in 1845 and as school boys grow and leave school, the following year had become The Longridge Brass Band. Some time around 1866 they became The Longridge Rifle Band, no doubt lured by the use of a drill hall and some form of uniform. In or around 1871 the Army was more demanding of its associates and so they reverted to being Longridge Brass Band. In 1883 they once again became formally associated with the Church of England (St Lawrence’s) and paraded under the doubtful title of The Temperance Band of St Lawrence’s Longridge. 1898 was the year they first used the title St Lawrence’s Prize Band and in 1920 became Longridge Subscription Prize Band. They remained associated with St Lawrence’s until at least 1935. Following the end of hostilities they used the title Longridge Prize Band until at least 1967 and at some time after that became The Longridge Band. It would be reasonable to assume that the move towards the Church of England in the late 1870’s caused certain members of the Roman persuasion to form their own band and so from 1878 until 1880 there was The Alston Lane Ends Brass Band. Reasonable because all there is at Alston Lane Ends is the Catholic Church

Longridge Brass Band - Lancashire
   [previous name of current band] See: Longridge Band

Longridge Rifle Band - Lancashire
   [previous name of current band] See: Longridge Band

Longridge St Lawrence Band - Lancashire
   See: St Lawrence Silver Prize Band

Longridge Subscription Prize Band - Lancashire
   [previous name of current band] See: Longridge Band

Longriggend Temperance Band - Lanarkshire
   Active in the 1890s

Longsight Steam Sheds Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1860s to 1880s

Longton Borough Band - Staffordshire
   Active from the 1870s to the 1930s

Longton Brass Band - Preston, Lancashire
   Active in 1872

Longton Brass Band - Staffordshire
   See: Longton Saxhorn Band
Longton Saxhorn Band - Staffordshire
Active in the 1840s to 1869. Conductor Mr Colclough in 1856, Mr Hilton in 1869

Longton St Andrew's Brass Band - Preston, Lancashire
Active in the 1930s

Longton St James' Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in the 1880s

Longton Subscription Brass Band - Preston, Lancashire
Active in 1901, secretary R. Walmsley

Longton Town Band - Staffordshire
See: Co-operative Society Prize Band (Burslem and District)

Longton Victoria Brass Band - Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire
Active in 1888

Longton Zion Sabbath School Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in 1868, conductor R. Rigby

Longton Brass Band - Cumberland
Active in the 1900s, conductor Mr Prosser in 1904, and 1910 when Jas. Bell was secretary.
In 1914 the secretary was William Bell

Longtown Brass Band - Herefordshire
Founded in early 1862. Still active in 1867

Longwith Band
Competed at the Crystal Palace in 1920

Longwood Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1861 to 1865

Lonsdale Scouts and Guides Band - Westmorland
Active in the 1970s and 1980s

Looe Town Band - Cornwall
Looe does have a history of “on/off” bands, starting with the Volunteer Artillery Band (1865-1907). Even this unit, on several occasions, had no band. Town Band conductor Mr Mitchell in 1902 when they received new instruments. Even so, from 1907 to 1912, there does appear to be two bands in town, the Artillery and a town band, probably because most players played in both bands. Certainly the town band, in 1907, were efficient enough to play such items as the overture “Tancredi”. A photo of the band of this period shows 24 players, among whom were five clarinets and one flute/piccolo. An impressive size for a Cornish band of this period. The town band was led by AR Mitchell. After 1912 nothing can be found of an active band, though there are several attempts to reform between the wars - all to no avail.

Lord Donington's Private Band - Castle Donington, Leicestershire
Active in the 1890s

Lord Lawson School Brass Band - Birtley, Durham
One of the most successful school brass bands, active in the 1970s. It unfortunately folded once it's conductor Mr Bruce Wigham left, in 1986.

Lord Londesborough's Brass Band - Seamer, Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1853, and 1854, when it performed at Grimston Park, near Tadcaster.

Lord Londesborough's St Ursula Yacht Brass Band - Seamer, Yorkshire (North Riding)
See: Lord Londesborough’s Brass Band
Lord Londonderry's Volunteer Temperance Band - Silksworth, Durham
Formed in 1884, the band was one of the oldest in the area. Known as Silksworth Temperance Band. Brass Band players are notorious for liking the odd pint and so it was obvious the temperance tag wouldn't last. Therefore in 1905 (or 1908?), the band became the Silksworth Colliery Band, a name they carried proudly for over 80 years. Conductor T. Coulson 1908-1933. When the colliery closed, Vaux Brewery became the band's first ever sponsor, with the band renamed as the Vaux Samson Band. This was not to last, however, as Vaux itself closed in 1999. The band was then sponsored by Pride Valley Foods and adopted the new title of Pride Valley Brass, only to disband in 2005.

Lord Londonderry's Volunteer Temperance Band - Durham
[previous name of current band] See: RMT Silksworth Band

Lord Yarborough's Brocklesby Yeomanry Band - Lincolnshire
Active in 1845

Lord's Hill Brass Band
See: Lordshill Brass Band

Lordshill Brass Band - Snailbeach, Shropshire
Active in 1912

Loscoe Miners Welfare Silver Band - Derbyshire
Active in the 1950s and 1960s

Lossiemouth Artillery Band - Morayshire
Active in the 1880s

Lostock Hall Memorial Band - Lancashire
[current band] - Founded in 1948 - Former names: Four Lane Ends Band

Lostock Industrial School Band - Bolton, Lancashire
The school was opened at Lostock Junction in 1870. For a time one of the teachers at the Industrial School took to teaching the boys music and formed a band. The band was short lived around the 1900's.

Lostock Junction Brass Band - Bolton, Lancashire
Active in 1902, when they headed a procession through Chew Moor.

Lostock Mill Brass Band - Bolton, Lancashire
Active in the 1870s and 1880s. Conductor Mr Range in 1881

Lostwithiel Borough Band
See: Lostwithiel Brass Band

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Lostwithiel Brass 88 - Cornwall
Formed in 1988, folded before 1996 when the current Lostwithiel Town Band was formed.

Lostwithiel Brass Band - Cornwall
Active from the 1880s to WW2. Conductor Mr Prideaux in 1898, W. Stevens in 1939

Lostwithiel Silver Band - Cornwall
Formed after WW2, folded in the mid 1980s

Lostwithiel Town Band - Cornwall
[current band] - Founded in 1996

Lothersdale Temperance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1900s, conductor J.H. Proctor.
Loudon Brass Band - Cardiff, Glamorgan
  Active in 1910

Loudon Square Brass Band - Cardiff, Glamorgan
  Active in 1902, conductor A.J. Moore.

Loudoun Academy Brass Band - Galston, Ayrshire
  Active in the 1970s and 1980s. See also Loudoun Brass Band

Loudoun Brass Band - Ayrshire
  Originally consisted of players from Loudoun Academy Band but became a separate organisation in 1974. In 1990, it amalgamated with Newmilns Burgh Band and Galston Burgh Band, to form the current Newmilns and Galston Band

Loudoun Youth Band
  See: Loudon Academy Brass Band

Loughborough Borough Brass Band - Leicestershire
  Active from the 1880s to WW1. Conductor A. Woodcock in 1900

Loughborough Brass Band - Leicestershire
  Active in the 1840s and 1850s

Loughborough Juvenile Brass Band - Leicestershire
  Active in 1851, conductor J. Onion

Loughborough Silver Band - Leicestershire
  See: Loughborough Town Silver Band

Loughborough Town Silver Band - Leicestershire
  Active from the 1940s to the 1990s

Loughborough Youth Brass Band - Leicestershire
  Active from the 1960s to the 1980s

Loughor Excelsior Brass Band - Carmarthenshire
  Formed in 1873. Disbanded 1918. The Loughor Excelsior Brass Band was formed under the baton of William Dennis in 1873. Very little is known of those early years, but the band would have featured prominently in the entertainment of the villagers and at ceremonial functions, funerals, outdoor marches and concerts. A balance sheet for 31st December, 1902 mentions that new silver plated instruments had been bought for £318 from Messrs. Boosey and Co. Military Band Instrument Manufacturers, Regent Street, London. The officers were obliged to pay the amount in full within three years. In the summer of 1903 under the baton of Mr. Bleddyn Dennis, the band earned itself the title of a Silver Band Prize. Competing at Llanelly, the Loughor players emerged as winners of the prestigious Challenge Shield of the West Wales Association. Each summer at the Loughor Regatta, the Silver Band was always present to provide suitable music of an entertaining nature. With the outbreak of the Ward in Europe in 1914, Mr. Bleddyn Dennis joined the Swansea Police Band, to become its conductor, but left in 1912 for New Zealand. The trenches of France denied the village of its young men, who joined the Welsh Regiments as infantry men. Thus after 1918 enthusiasm waned and the organisation folded. The drum and sticks were preserved until 1938 when they were given to the Salvation Army Band in Gorseinon.

Loughor Rechabite Silver Band - Carmarthenshire
  Active in the 1900s

Loughor Town Band - Glamorgan
  [current band] - Founded in 1995
Loughton Brass Band
See: Loughton Excelsior Brass Band

Loughton Excelsior Brass Band - Essex
Formed in 1888, conductor C. Wilmer. Active through to the 1920s. They would perform at the drinking fountain at the corner of High Road and Station Road, Loughton. Conductor Thomas Bidgood in 1899

Louth Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active from the 1840s to the 1860s

Louth Mission Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active from the 1910s to the 1920s

Louth Riverhead Silver Band - Lincolnshire
[current band] - Founded in 1935

Low Bentham Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1870

Low Moor Brass Band - Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the 1840s to the 1860s. Consisted exclusively of workmen from the Low Moor Ironworks

Low Moor Ironworks Band - Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding)

Low Moor L.M.S. Band - Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1930s

Low Row and Feetham Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1892

Low Row Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1861

Low Spennymoor Brass Band - Durham
Active in 1875

Lowca Brass Band
See: Lowca Colliery Band

Lowca Colliery Band - Whitehaven, Cumberland
Active in the 1890s and from the 1930s to the 1960s

Lower Annandale Band - Annan, Dumfriesshire
Active from 1830s to 1850s at least

Lower Ince Temperance Band - Wigan, Lancashire
Formed in August 1894. Still active in the late 1960s

Lower Moss Lane Mission Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
Active in 1904

Lower Norwood Industrial School Brass Band - Surrey
Active in 1861. This was a workhouse school operated by the Lambeth Board of Guardians, located in Elder Road, West Norwood. Still active in 1866

Lower Place Band
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Lower Union Street Mission Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in 1932

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    Active in 1850

Luckett's Travel (Southsea) Band
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Lucton School Brass Band - Herefordshire
    Active in the 1970s and 1980s

Luddenden and Luddenden Foot Subscription Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
    Founded in 1891

Luddenden Foot Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
    Active in the 1860s and 1870s. Conductor A. Harwood in 1860, Mr Kershaw in 1869

Luddenden Old Band
    See: Oats Royd Mills Brass Band

Ludford Brass Band - Lincolnshire
    Founded in 1862, leader William Rowson

Ludgershall Brass Band - Wiltshire
    Active in 1867

Ludgvan Brass Band - Cornwall
    Back in 1850 the local Wesleyan Sunday school procession was headed by “the well known Ludgvan Band of Musicians”. At this very early date, especially for Cornwall, I would hazard a guess that this was not a brass band but it very soon became one. It seems to have carried on until 1889, then twenty years later a Ludgvan Brass Band, under R T Williams re-energed, but for how long is not clear. Certainly in the 1920s the band existed under the baton of Mr R Taylor, the band sporting 15 players. What happened after that is another Cornish mystery.

Ludlow Brass Band - Shropshire
    Active in the 1840s and 1850s. Conductor Mr Price in 1859

Ludlow School Brass Band - Shropshire
    Active in the 1980s

Ludlow Town Band (1) - Shropshire
    Active from the 1890s to the 1930s

Ludlow Town Band (2) - Shropshire
    Formed in the early 1970s and folded around 2000.

Luffenham Brass Band - Rutland
    Active in 1857 to 1864. Conductor Mr Rose in 1863

Lugar Brass Band - Ayrshire
    Active in 1863

Lugar Silver Band - Ayrshire
    Active from the early 1900s to the 1920s

Luke Turner's Brass Band - Leicester, Leicestershire
    See: Messrs Luke Turner and Co.’s Brass Band

Lumb Brass Band - Lancashire
    Active through the 1860s. Michael Barlow was the leader in 1863. Conductor John Lord in 1866
Lumb Foot Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Lumbfoot Brass Band

Lumbfoot Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the late 1850s, when members of the Ponden Band joined it. At that time the Lumbfoot Band consisted of fifteen or sixteen young men, most of whom worked in the mill, and Messrs. Butterfield Brothers let them have the dining room to play in. The band was still active into the 1870s

Lumley (6th Pit) Colliery Band
See: Lumley Colliery Band

Lumley and New Lambton Colliery - Durham
Active in 1922

Lumley Bethel Band - Durham
Active around 1970

Lumley Brass Band - Durham
Active in the 1870s to 1900s. Conductor R. Hewitson in 1883

Lumley Church Brass Band - Durham
[current band] - Founded in 1960 or 1963 - Former names: Lumley Methodist Church Brass Band

Lumley Colliery Band - Durham
Formed in the 1890s. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Won the Cassell's Shield at the Crystal Palace in 1928. Still active in 1964, but folded later in the 1960s.

Lumley Colliery Silver Prize Band
See: Lumley Colliery Band

Lumley Methodist Church Brass Band - Durham
[previous name of current band] See: Lumley Church Brass Band

Lumley Temperance Band
See: Lumley Brass Band

Lumley Town Band - Durham
Active in 1928

Lundin Mill and Largo Brass Band - Fife
Formed around 1883

L'Union Musicale - Isle of Jersey
[previous name of current band] See: Band of the Island of Jersey

Luppitt Brass Band - Devon
Active in 1852

Lupton Brass Band - Westmorland
See: Hutton Roof and Lupton Brass Band

Luton Alliance Brass Band - Bedfordshire
Active in the 1850s, conductor George Bryer, and in 1879, when they advertised for a Solo Cornet player, annual salary £20. Conductor C. Spratley in 1894. Still active in 1897.

Luton Band - Bedfordshire
[current band] - Founded in 1883 - Former names: Ashton Street Mission Band (to 1890), Luton Red Cross Band (to 1931 ? asked to change its name following the formal adoption of “Red Cross” as the military medical services emblem at the Geneva Convention in 1929), Deritend Luton Band (1988-1988) - Note: Other related bands: St Albans City Band
Luton Brass Band - Bedfordshire
   Founded in 1859. By September that year they had commenced practicing, and sought subscriptions to purchase further instruments. A successor band was formed in 1883

Luton Excelsior Brass Band - Bedfordshire
   Active in the 1870s

Luton Public Band - Bedfordshire
   Active in the 1930s

Luton Red Cross Band - Bedfordshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Luton Band

Luton Town Brass Band - Bedfordshire
   Active in the 1890s

Luton Volunteers Brass Band - Bedfordshire
   Active in 1863, and also in the 1890s and 1900s

Luton Wesleyan Central Mission Brass Band - Bedfordshire
   See: Wesleyan Central Mission Brass Band

Luton Working Men's Club and Institute Brass Band - Bedfordshire
   Founded in December 1867, with instruments costing £30, based at the club in King Street. Still active in 1869

Lutterworth Brass Band (1) - Leicestershire
   Active from the 1840s to the late 1860s. Conductor G. Vears in 1858 also playing the cornet-a-piston. A successor band was formed in 1881

Lutterworth Brass Band (2) - Leicestershire
   Formed in 1881 by George Vears, making their first appearance in public at the Association for Prosecution of Felons annual dinner. Active to WW1. A. Wheeler conductor in 1896, R.W. Illiff conductor in 1907.

Lutterworth Town Band - Leicestershire
   [current band] - Founded in 1982

Lutterworth Town Band - Leicestershire
   Formed in the early 1950s, folded in the 1960s. A successor band was formed in 1982.

Lutterworth Wycliffe Brass Band - Leicestershire
   Active in the 1890s, conductor A. Wheeler in 1897.

Lutton Brass Band
   See: West Lutton Brass Band

Lybster Brass Band - Caithness
   Active in 1868

Lycett Mission Band - Middlesex
   Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Lydbrook Band - Gloucestershire
   [current band] - Founded in 1923 - Former names: Lydbrook Junior Reed and Brass Band, Lydbrook Onward Band, Lydbrook Silver Band - Note: Formed by merger of Lydbrook Junior Reed and Brass Band, The Arthur and England Band and Lydbrook Excelsior Band to form Lydbrook Onward Band

Lydbrook Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   Active from the 1860s to WW1.
Lydbrook Excelsior Band - Gloucestershire
   Earlier known as Lydbrook Morgan’s Band in the 1880s, renamed as the Excelsior Band in 1900. Merged with the Trafalgar Colliery Band in 1905, becoming (Lydbrook) Trafalgar Brass Band.

Lydbrook Junior Reed and Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   [previous name of current band] See: Lydbrook Band

Lydbrook Morgan’s Band
   See: Lydbrook Excelsior Band

Lydbrook Onward Band - Gloucestershire
   [previous name of current band] See: Lydbrook Band

Lydbrook Onward Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   Active from the 1920s to the 1940s

Lydbrook Silver Band - Gloucestershire
   [previous name of current band] See: Lydbrook Band

Lydbrook Tin Plate Works Band - Gloucestershire
   Active in 1882.

Lydbrook Trafalgar Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   See: Trafalgar Colliery Band

Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Brass Band - Somerset
   Active in 1865

Lydeard St Lawrence Brass Band - Somerset
   Active in 1868

Lydford Town Band
   Active in 1895

Lydgate Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [current band] - Founded in 1977

Lydiard Millicent Band - Wiltshire
   Active in 1913

Lydlinch Brass Band - Dorset
   Formed in 1879, bandmaster Henry Mogg. Still active in 1885

Lydmet Lydney Band - Gloucestershire
   [previous name of current band] See: Lydney Town Band

Lydney Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   Founded in 1882, conductor George Palmer. Disbanded prior to 1892 when the current Lydney Town Band was formed.

Lydney Excelsior Band - Gloucestershire
   Active in the 1890s

Lydney Mission Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   Founded around 1902

Lydney Town Band - Gloucestershire
   [current band] - Founded in 1892 - Former names: Lydney Town Band, Lydney Town Silver Prize Band (to 1989), Lydmet Lydney Band (to 2007)

Lye Town Band - Worcestershire
   Active in 1906

Lye Waste Brass Band - Lye, Worcestershire
   Active in 1854
Lyham Road Hall Mission Band - Brixton, Surrey
   Active around 1900
Lyme Regis Town Band - Dorset
   [current band] - Founded in 1981
Lyme Regis Town Band - Dorset
   Active from the 1890s. It disbanded in the early 1950s. A successor band was formed in 1981.
Lyminge Silver Band - Kent
   Active from the 1910s to the 1930s. The band stored its instruments in the hall of the Methodist Church, which was completely destroyed by a direct hit in World War II, and all instruments lost, which must have been a bitter financial blow.
Lymington Borough Band - Hampshire
   See: Lymington Town Band
Lymington Borough Military Band - Hampshire
   See: Lymington Town Band
Lymington Brass Band - Hampshire
   Active in 1840 through to 1871
Lymington Temperance Band - Hampshire
   See: Lymington Town Band
Lymington Town and Temperance Band - Hampshire
   See: Lymington Town Band
Lymington Town and Volunteer Band - Hampshire
   See: Lymington Town Band
Lymington Town Band - Hampshire
   Founded in 1883 as Lymington Town and Volunteer Band. In 1885 it became A Company 4th Voluntary Battalion Hampshire Regiment Brass Band. Later known as Lymington Town Band, then Lymington Town Prize Band. It was a military band in instrumentation in the early 1900s (not known if it ever converted to all brass). Still active in 1911 when Arthur Percival Cooper Hewitt was the secretary. Still active in 1938.
Lym Stadium Band - Cheshire
   See: Lym Subscription Band
Lym British Legion Band - Cheshire
   Active in 1932
Lym Subscription Band - Cheshire
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s
Lym Temperance Band - Cheshire
   Active in the 1880s
Lym Working Men’s Sax-horn Band - Cheshire
   Active in 1855, conductor Mr Bartle
Lympstone Amateur Brass Band - Devon
   Active in 1844
Lympstone Brass Band - Devon
   [previous name of current band] See: South West Comms Band
Lympstone Silver Band - Devon
   [previous name of current band] See: South West Comms Band
Lympstone Southwest Telecomms Band - Devon
   [previous name of current band] See: South West Comms Band
Lyncombe and Widcombe Brass Band - Somerset  
   Active in 1887 and 1888

Lyncombe Brass Band - Somerset  
   See: Lyncombe and Widcombe Brass Band

Lyndhurst Brass Band - Hampshire  
   Active in the 1860s through to the 1900s. Conductor E. Bull in 1889 and 1900

Lyneham Brass Band - Wiltshire  
   Active in 1863, 1911. Conductor Mr Walker in 1867

Lynemouth and Ellington Silver Prize Band - Northumberland  
   [previous name of current band] See: Northumbrian Water Ellington Colliery Band

Lynemouth Colliery Band  
   See: Newbiggin Colliery Band

Lynn Brass Band - Kings Lynn, Norfolk  
   Active in 1850

Lynn Original Brass Band - Kings Lynn, Norfolk  
   See: Lynn Working Men’s Saxhorn Band

Lynn Working Men’s Saxhorn Band - Kings Lynn, Norfolk  
   Active between 1854 and 1866. Josiah H Reddie was a founder member.

Lynton and Lynmouth Brass Band - Devon  
   Active from the late 1860s, conductor E.E. Hodges in 1884, E. Harding in 1898. Also known as Lynton Victoria Brass Band. Still active in 1902, disbanding some time before 1910 when a successor band was formed. (It probably disbanded in the 1870s, reforming in the early 1880s under E. Hodges, but there is no direct evidence of this)

Lynton Brass Band (1) - Devon  
   See: Lynton and Lynmouth Brass Band

Lynton Brass Band (2) - Devon  
   Formed in 1910, bandmaster W. Rumsam. Still active in 1915. Probably folded during WW1. A successor band was formed in the 1930s

Lynton Brass Band (3) - Devon  
   Formed around 1934, conductor Hedley Parker. Still active in 1939

Lynton Victoria Brass Band - Devon  
   See: Lynton and Lynmouth Brass Band

Lysaght’s Orb Works Brass Band - Newport, Monmouthshire  
   Formed under Bandmaster Jack Marsh when the men returned from the Great War, and the first parade was at the reunion at Somerton Park in 1919. Mr. A. Leyshon (late of New Tredegar and Cwm Prize Bands), who has a lifetime experience of first-class contesting was placed in charge in 1924, since when the band has been known as “The Newport Popular Band” and are regularly engaged for the important events in Monmouthshire and adjoining counties. Their repertoire consists of the works of all the great masters and they can be guaranteed to give a programme suitable to any occasion. Mr. Fred Pugh and Mr. Brad. Shergold are the only members who were members at the time of its formation. Mr. Owen Davies has been the Hon. Secretary for the past seven years. As reward for perseverance and success, Mr. W. R. Lysaght has presented them with a very comprehensive Coronation gift of new instruments and uniforms. (Report by Owen Davies, Band Secretary, 1937)
Lysaght’s St Vincent’s Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
   Active in the 1880s. Formed by men in the employ of Messrs Lysaght & Co. (a.k.a. J. Lysaght’s)

Lysaght’s Steel Works Brass Band - Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire
   See: Normanby Park Steelworks Brass Band

Lytchett Matravers Brass Band - Dorset
   Active in the 1890s. Conductor N. Edwards in 1894

Lytchett Minster Brass Band - Dorset
   Active in 1885

Lytham Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1851

Lytham British Legion Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1936

Lytham Volunteer Band 2nd East Lancs Regiment - Lancashire
   Active in 1897

M. and S.W. Athletic Club Brass Band
   See: Midland and South Western Junction Railway Band

M. and S.W.J.R. Works Band
   See: Midland and South West Junction Railway Works Band

M. S. and L. Railway Brass Band
   See: Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway Brass Band

M.T.T. Band (Hackney, South Australia)
   Active in 1925

Mabe Brass Band - Cornwall
   A band typical of their time (sometimes known as Mabe Burnt House Band). Found three or four miles North West of Falmouth, we know they were formed just before 1882 by a Mr Rapson (jun), later disbanded then reformed in 1911 ready for the Coronation. Who conducted them at this stage is not known but after WW1, in 1919, J Thomas was appointed to conduct. In 1931-32 they had H Jenkins who handed over to W H A Starke, who was relieved in 1933 by C A Dawes who gave the job back to W H A Starke in 1934, who in turn handed it all back to C A Dawes in 1936. In 1938 he gave the baton to the bands’ 1919 conductor Mr J Thomas. They carried out regular contesting in the 30’s, the best result being taken at Falmouth in 1936, playing the 4th section test “The Spirit of Youth.” A 1933 photo shows a band with a healthy 21 players. The bands was still active in the late 1940s

Mabe Burnt House Band
   See: Mabe Brass Band

Macclesfield Brass Band
   See: Macclesfield Harmonic Brass Band

Macclesfield Harmonic Brass Band - Cheshire
   Active from the 1840s to 1860s

Macclesfield Industrial School Brass Band - Cheshire
   Active in the 1880s to 1900s, bandmaster Mr Knutton. The school was founded in 1858, with a permanent building being erected in 1866 at Turnock Street. The bandroom could also serve as an infirmary if necessary.

Macclesfield Old Brass Band - Cheshire
   Active in the 1850s to the 1900s. Conductor Mr Upson in 1904
Macclesfield Silver Band - Cheshire
See: Macclesfield Town Band

Macclesfield Town Band - Cheshire
Active 1915 to 1968

Machno Vale Silver Band - Caernarfonshire
In all probability, the band started around 1830 in Cwm Penmachno. At the time the quarries of the area were strong, no doubt providing several members for the band. At one time there were buildings in Swc'h Cwm and there was one room between the Co-op and Swc'h's stable that was used as a meeting place for the young people of the area. The band took this room over and practised there from 1902 until the 1940's. The bandmaster Robert Thomas (Richie Thomas' father) was also a member of a band from Llan Ffestiniog and turned down an offer to play in the Black Dykes band in favour of conducting the local band.

Machynlleth Brass Band - Montgomeryshire
Active in the 1850s and 1860s. A “new” brass band was formed in the town in 1860/1861

Machynlleth Town Band - Montgomeryshire
Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Mackworth Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in 1904, secretary R. Johnson, bandmaster Mr Baurer

Mactaggart Scott Loanhead Band - Midlothian
[current band] - Founded in 1943 - Former names: MacTaggart Scott Works Band

MacTaggart Scott Works Band - Midlothian
[previous name of current band] See: Mactaggart Scott Loanhead Band

Madeley Brass Band - Shropshire
Active in 1860

Madeley Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in 1855

Madeley Silver Band
See: Madeley Town Band

Madeley Town Band - Shropshire
The Band led the Broseley Friendly Society Parade, in aid of the Hospitals in 1906. From the Wellington Journal and Shrewsbury News, 25th September 1909: “Broseley Hospital Sunday - After the church service the Madeley Town Band gave a selection of music on the Memorial Green, as well as the Jackfield Band.” The old Three Horseshoes pub in Madeley Market Square was the largest pub in Madeley, and was the headquarters of the Madeley Band. In 1911 the Madeley Town Prize Brass Band was refused the right to bear the title “Royal”. Still active in 1950

Maden Recreation Ground Band - Bacup, Lancashire
Formed around 1903, bandmaster W.H. Brearley

Madron British Legion Band - Cornwall
This band, a mile or two from Penzance, occupied the scene from about 1930 to 1939. Contesting seems to have happened only in 1933 under their then conductor, Mr A P Richards, during which, at Redruth Contest, they came first for Deportment.

Maelor Brass Band
Active in 1891
Maerdy Silver Band - Glamorgan
Formed in the 1920s. Active into the 1930s. Conductor Griffith Evans, who composed the “Maerdy March”

Maesteg Catholic Band
See: Maesteg League of the Cross Band

Maesteg Hibernia Band - Glamorgan
Active in the early 1900s to the 1920s, contemporary with the Maesteg League of the Cross Band. Conductor Beth David in 1924

Maesteg League of the Cross Band - Glamorgan
Formed around 1905, conductor Mr Jury.

Maesteg Roman Catholic Band
See: Maesteg League of the Cross Band

Maesteg Town Band - Glamorgan
Active in 1889, 1911 and 1948

Maesteg Volunteer Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Magdalen and District Silver Band - Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalen, Norfolk
Magdalen and District Band was formed in 1948 when Eric Bell, a member of the St Germans band, called a meeting to see if there was any interest in forming a band for the village. Among the keen youngsters at that first meeting was 11-year-old Maurice Gent, who was a member until the band folded in 2009. The early meetings were held in a coal shed where Maurice Gent, and fellow members Alwyn Pruden, Peter Youngs and Cecil Star sat on a bunker to learn their new art. As time went on more lads joined them. To start with the four lads had just two instruments to share - a cornet and a tenor horn - but as the band and its committee grew, more instruments were eventually bought. A women’s committee was formed to help with the fundraising while the men’s committee concentrated on the music. The band had its last engagement in summer 2008.

Magdalen Road P.S.A. Band - Norwich, Norfolk
Active in 1906

Magnum Brass Band - Hade Edge, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1874. Based at the Magnum Quarry at Hade Edge

Maiden Bradley Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active in 1858 to 1864

Maiden Newton Brass Band - Dorset
Active from the early 1860s to 1920s. Conductor Joseph Yeates in 1878

Maidenhead Amateur Brass Band - Berkshire
See: Maidenhead Brass Band (2)

Maidenhead Brass Band (1) - Berkshire
Active from 1855 to 1858. Conductor William Burnham in 1855

Maidenhead Brass Band (2) - Berkshire
Founded in 1866, conductor Mr Parker. First public appearance in May 1866. Active through to the early 1900s

Maidenhead Primitive Methodist Brass Band
See: Maidenhead Wesleyan Mission Brass Band

Maidenhead Rechabite Brass Band - Berkshire
Founded in 1885, conductor J. Pearson.
Maidenhead Silver Band
See: Maidenhead Town Band

Maidenhead Town Band - Berkshire
Active in the 1890s to 1920s. Conductor L.P. Connor in 1899

Maidenhead Wesleyan Mission Brass Band - Berkshire
Active in 1892

Maids Moreton Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
Active in 1891

Maidstone Borough Brass Band - Kent
Active in 1909

Maidstone Boys Technical School Band - Kent
Active in the 1970s

Maidstone Corporation Brass Band - Kent
Active around 1900, conductor C.J. Lomas in 1901. Still active in 1917

Maidstone Depot Brass Band - Kent
Active in the late 1840s and early 1850s

Maidstone Invicta Brass Band - Kent
Active from 1900, conductor Mr Manning in 1906

Maidstone Trinity Brass
See: Trinity Brass

Maindee Brass Band - Monmouthshire
Active in the early 1900s

Maindee Excelsior Band
See: Maindee Brass Band

Mainsforth Colliery and Tursdale Workshops Band - Durham
[previous name of current band] See: Ferryhill Town Band

Mainsforth Colliery Band - Durham
[previous name of current band] See: Ferryhill Town Band

Malden and Coombe Brass Band - Surrey
Active in the early 1900s

Maldon Brass Band - Essex
Active from the early 1870s, conductor Mr Allen in 1886. Still active in 1893

Malinbridge Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1880s

Malinslee and St George's Brass Band
See: Malinslee Brass Band

Malinslee Brass Band - Shropshire
Active from 1862 to the 1870s. Conductor Richard Millington in 1863, John Simpson in 1869

Malleable Iron Works Brass Band - Stockton-on-Tees, Durham
See: Stockton Malleable Band (1)

Malling and District Youth Band - Kent
Active in the 1980s

Malling Town Band - Kent
Active in the 1930s

Malmesbury Brass Band - Wiltshire
See: Malmesbury Town Band
Malmesbury Town Band - Wiltshire
Active in 1859. In 1877 it led the procession to the new station to meet the inaugural train. In 1945 its instruments were sold. A successor concert band was formed in the town c.1990

Malpas Town Band - Cheshire
Active from 1919 to 1940. For further details see “Malpas Brass Band” at www.ibew.co.uk

Malton Amateur Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Formed by John Gibson in 1877 and folded in 1884.

Malton and Driffield Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1845, also known as Wolds Brass Band

Malton and Norton Saxhorn Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in the 1850s and 1860s. Conductor H. Milburn in 1860

Malton and Norton United Band
See: Malton and Norton Saxhorn Band

Malton Blue Ribbon Army Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in the 1880s

Malton Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1896

Malton Brass or Mixed Wind Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active between 1837 and 1855

Malton Messenger Saxhorn Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Founded in 1857 by Henry Smithson, proprietor of the “Malton Messenger” newspaper. Made first public appearance on 16th October that year conducted by Mr Milburn of Leeds. In August 1858 played in Longster's Orchard, Malton accompanying dancers at the Malton Regatta. Some of the original bandsmen included Will Foster, Hardwick Spurr, John, George and Thomas Leefe, John Morrit, John Stamper, John Bull, Tindal Clarke, John Hudson, Robert Taylor, Bob Piercy and Tom Allison. In 1860 the band was conducted by Mr Jennison of Norton and was renamed the Malton Rifle Volunteers Band. John Gibson became conductor in 1862 and served until 1877, when he left to form his own band, Malton Amateur Brass Band. The band was then conducted by JF Drake until Gibson's return in 1884. In 1887 a revolt among the band led to a mass resignation from the Volunteers and the band was restyled the “New Malton Town Band”. JW Marshall was conductor of the band in 1899 and the band was still in existence in 1902.

Malton Rifle Volunteers Band (1)
See: Malton Messenger Saxhorn Band
Malton Rifle Volunteers Band (2)  
Formed in 1894 until it disbanded in 1899

Malton Temperance Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)  
[previous name of current band] See: Malton White Star Band

Malton Temperance Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)  
Formed in 1899 by William Gibson, with eleven players, including Tom Banks, Jack Haykings, Ernest Cartwright and Tom Tate Smith. In 1900 the band announced that it would henceforth be known as the Malton White Star Band - which still exists today.

Malton White Star Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)  
[previous name of current band]  
Formed in 1899 by William Gibson, with eleven players, including Tom Banks, Jack Haykings, Ernest Cartwright and Tom Tate Smith

Malton United Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)  
Founded in 1857 by William Turner. Conductor H. Millburn in 1858. Active in the 1860s, conducted by Welford Gibson

Malton White Star Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)  
[current band] - Founded in 1899 - Former names: Malton Temperance Band (to 1900) -  
Note: Formed by William Gibson, with eleven players, including Tom Banks, Jack Haykings, Ernest Cartwright and Tom Tate Smith

Malvern Brass Band - Worcestershire  
Active in 1877 to 1882. Also known as Malvern Recreation Brass Band

Malvern Chase Brass Band - Worcestershire  
[current band] - Founded in 1968 - Former names: Chase High School Brass Band

Malvern Hills District Brass Band - Worcestershire  
[current band] - Founded in 1979

Malvern Imperial Band - Worcestershire  
Active in the 1930s

Malvern Mechanics Band - Worcestershire  
Active in 1877/79.

Malvern Recreation Brass Band - Worcestershire  
See: Malvern Brass Band

Malvern Rhine Band - Worcestershire  
Active in 1865

Malvern Town Band - Worcestershire  
See: Malvern Imperial Band

Malvern Wells Brass Band - Worcestershire  
Active in 1895

Malvern Working Man's and Literary Institute Brass Band - Worcestershire  
Founded in June 1859, conductor F. Langdon

Mamble Brass Band - Worcestershire  
Active in 1854

Manaccan Band - Cornwall  
I have a record of a William Martin playing for Manaccan Band from 1873 - 1888. This is the only proof that I have that this outfit existed at that time. The other mention I have is in 1942, during WW2, when what was left of the band nipped across to help Gweek Band play at the Gweek Hospital Sunday. Manaccan has a most convuluted history starting off as Manaccan Band, then joining with St Martin Band in the 20’s, then going it alone again for a while, then St Martin joining Manaccan sometime after 1926, remaining under the Manaccan title until their demise in 1946.
Manchester and Salford Boys and Girls Refuges and Homes Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1900s and 1910s. The homes were established from 1870 and comprised orphanages and home for a range of poor and convicted children.

Manchester and Salford Postmen's Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1883, when some of its members played at the funeral of John Leah, trombonist in the Pendleton Brass Band.

Manchester and Salford Reformatory for Boys Brass Band - Lancashire
   Opened in 1867 on French Barn Lane, Blackley, closing in 1905. The band was active in the 1880s and 1890s.

Manchester and Sheffield Railway Company Locomotive Band - New Holland, Lincolnshire
   Active in the 1860s

Manchester Borough Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1851

Manchester Boys Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1940s, post WW2.

Manchester C.W.S. Tobacco Factory Band - Lancashire
   See: C.W.S. (Manchester) Band

Manchester Celtic Silver Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1908, conductor Joseph Jessop

Manchester Central Hall Band - Lancashire
   See: Central Hall Mission Band

Manchester Chronicle Employees Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Manchester City Police Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1880s

Manchester City Royal Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active from 1860 to the 1890s

Manchester City Temperance Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1892

Manchester Civil Defence Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1945

Manchester Corporation (Water Street) Band - Lancashire
   See: Corporation Cleansing Department Water Street Brass Band

Manchester Corporation Employees (Birchfields Road) Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1930s

Manchester Corporation Employees (Hyde Road) Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1930s

Manchester Corporation Tramways Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1930s

Manchester Excelsior Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1877

Manchester Fire Brigade Silver Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1950s

Manchester Foresters' Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1880s

Manchester G.P.O. Telegraph Messengers Band - Lancashire
   See: Manchester Telegraph Messengers Band
Manchester Jewish Brass Band - Lancashire
   Began as an activity of the Jewish Working Men’s Club. Active in the 1910s/20s.
   Bandmaster was Mr Nolan in 1913
Manchester Leisure Hour Band - Lancashire
   See: Leisure Hour Brass Band
Manchester Midland Railway Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1900s and 1910s, conductor Harry Carr in 1905
Manchester Post Office Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1930s
Manchester Postal Brass Band - Lancashire
   See: Manchester Post Office Brass Band
Manchester Postmen’s Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1880s
Manchester Public Silver Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s
Manchester Ragged School Brass Band - Lancashire
   See: Ardwick Green Industrial School Brass Band
Manchester Rechabite Pioneer Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1890s
Manchester Schools Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1960s
Manchester Self Supporting Boys’ Home Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1890s
Manchester Southern Brass Band - Lancashire
   See: South Manchester Brass Band
Manchester St Catherine’s Band - Lancashire
   See: St Catherine’s Public Subscription Brass Band
Manchester Telegraph Messengers Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1900s to 1920s
Manchester Union Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1867
Manchester United Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1920s
Manchester Victoria Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1851
Manchester Victoria Hall Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1930s
Manchester Y.M.C.A. Band - Lancashire
   See: Gravel Lane Methodist Band
Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway Brass Band - Gorton, Lancashire
   Active from 1867 to the 1880s
Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway Brass Band - Mexbrough, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Mexborough Plant Band
Manea British Legion Band - Cambridgeshire
   See: Manea Silver Band
Manea Excelsior Band - Cambridgeshire

See: Manea Silver Band

Manea Silver Band - Cambridgeshire

[current band] - Founded in 1982

Manea Silver Band - Cambridgeshire

Manea Silver Band was founded in 1882. For 50 years the band was recognised as one of the finest in the Fenland region, and in the first quarter of the twentieth century many prizes were won at local contests. Following the First World War the band was briefly known as Manea British Legion Band. The highest honour gained by the band was in 1924 when the band won first prize in its section at the Crystal Palace Brass Band contest. News of the band’s success in London was allegedly sent home by carrier pigeon. The band continued to be successful until the 1960s, when falling membership and a lack of enthusiastic leadership lead to its cessation. Sadly, at that time many of the instruments were loaned to other bands in the area and no record was kept of their distribution. Much of the music, which was stored under the stage at the school, was eaten by mice and had to be destroyed. A successor band was formed in 1982

Mangotsfield Brass Band - Gloucestershire

Active in 1856

Manningham Brass Band - Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding)

Active in November 1885 when it entertained the 7,000 crowd at the opening of a new stand at the Carlisle Road gound of Manningham Rugby Club. They were conducted by W. Atkinson at the Barnoldswick Contest in 1886. Later, in 1896, it serenaded the 8,000 crowd prior to the vital Rugby League game between Bradford City and Hull on 18 April. Still active in 1898

Manningham Temperance Band - Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding)

Active in the 1890s

Manningtree Albion Brass Band - Essex

Active in 1898, 1900

Manningtree Brass Band (1) - Essex

Active in 1866

Manningtree Brass Band (2) - Essex

Active in the 1930s. Took part in Great Bentley Brass Band Contest on 18 April 1938.

Manningtree British Legion Band - Essex

See: Manningtree Brass Band (2)

Manningtree Xylonite Works Band - Essex

See: Xylonite Works Band

Manor Colliery Band - Wakefield, Yorkshire (West Riding)

Active in the 1970s

Manor House Works Brass Band - Long Eaton, Derbyshire

Founded in 1865, conductor W. Watkins. Still active in 1866. This was based at Samuel John Claye’s factory, built around the original Manor House, which manufactured railway wagons and rolling stock

Mansfield Borough Brass Band - Nottinghamshire

Active from the 1890s to the 1960s. Conductor Sam Taylor in 1905

Mansfield Brass Band - Nottinghamshire

Active in 1856 to 1886
Mansfield Colliery Silver Prize Band - Nottinghamshire
Active from the 1900s to the 1960s. Led the 44th Annual Temperance procession on Whit Monday in 1915. Starting from Somercotes, a sea of banners, flags and gaily decorated floats proceeded through Leabrooks and Riddings, gathering strength as it marched, and parading the village of Ironville before winding its way up to the Jessop Monument in Codnor Park.

Mansfield Excelsior Band - Nottinghamshire
Founded in 1900. Active to the 1920s. Newspaper report from 25 May 1900: “Celebrations for the relief of Mafeking included the display of Union Jacks outside shops, the wearing of patriotic favours by almost everybody, the playing of patriotic tunes in front of the Town Hall by the Mansfield Excelsior Band around 10pm, followed by an impromptu late-night”. Secretary F. Brooke in 1902. Conductor Mr Suttel in 1908

Mansfield House Brass Band - Plaistow, Essex
Founded in 1896, active into the 1900s. Mansfield House was established in 1884 as a residence for theological students, quickly developing into a large, thriving, male-orientated institution working in welfare, sporting, social, educational and political fields- with a close connection with the neighbouring Canning Town Women's Settlement. There was also an orchestra and glee society.

Mansfield Juvenile Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in 1850

Mansfield Mission Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in the 1930s

Mansfield Primitive Methodist Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in 1894

Mansfield Temperance Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in 1899

Mansfield United Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Mansfield Reporter - newspaper report from 6 July 1877: “Roller Skating Rink ..... The Mansfield United Brass Band was also present and contributed much to the pleasure of the proceedings by playing a selection of dance and operatic music.” As well as providing a skating area, the rink had another area where other entertainments took place. It opened on 24 June 1876 and closed sometime in the latter part of 1881. Band still active in 1884

Mansfield Woodhouse Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in 1855 through to WW1

Manvers and Barnburgh Band
See: Manvers Main Colliery Band

Manvers Main Ambulance Band
See: Manvers Main Colliery Band

Manvers Main Colliery Band - Wath-on-Dearne, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the 1900s to the 1950s. Known as Manvers and Barnburgh Band from 1944 onwards.

Maple Street Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
Active in the 1870s

Mapperley Colliery Ambulance Band - Derbyshire
Active from the 1900s to the 1930s. J. Hancock secretary in 1936
Mapperley Colliery Brass Band  
See: Mapperley Colliery Ambulance Band

Mapplewell and Silkstone Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding) 
Active in 1869

Mapplewell Band - Yorkshire (West Riding) 
Active in 1851 and 1871

Marazion Town Band - Cornwall 
3 to 4 miles east of Penzance, Marazion overlooks St Michael's Mount. In 1867 they were active, playing at the opening of a public building in Penzance. Later, in 1875, travelling to Redruth, they took part in a Temperance Fete. Not much more is heard about them until the run-up to WW1 and most unusually, they were active all through WW1 and WW2. The cessation of hostilities in 1945 also seems to have heralded their own end. Who conducted them in those very early days is not known; however, all during WW1 Alfred Floyd conducted (he had conducted the Marazion Artillery Volunteers from about 1909). 1919 - 1928 was the era of R J Berryman, he being relieved by George W Cave, who stayed just for two years (Cave had started his conducting career in about 1922 and became a most respected Cornish conductor, even conducting Coventry City during WW2). Edwin J Williams came for a year (1930/31) and he was taken over by Welshman Beth David, who stayed with the band until their demise in 1945. During WW2 he was also conducted the St Keverne Home Guard Band. He died in 1946, aged 76. From 1928 to 1935 the band entered various Cornish contests. Section 4 netted five 1sts, 4 2nds. and 6 3rds. Section 3 brought in one 1st, four 2nds, and one 3rd. A brief sojourn into Section 2 saw them awarded one 3rd. Their best musical period was, without a doubt, the mid 1930’s.

Marbury Brass Band - Cheshire  
Active in 1862

March Area Music Centre Brass Band - Cambridgeshire 
Active in the 1970s and 1980s

March Brass 2000 - Cambridgeshire 
[current band] - Founded in 1891 - Former names: March Railway Silver Band (to 1999)

March Brass Band - Cambridgeshire 
Active in 1858 to 1865

March Imperial Silver Band - Cambridgeshire 
Active in the 1920s

March Juvenile Brass Band - Cambridgeshire 
Founded in 1860. Active in 1861, conductor William Simmons

March Railway Servants Brass Band - Cambridgeshire 
Active in the 1900s

March Railway Silver Band - Cambridgeshire 
[previous name of current band] See: March Brass 2000

March Town Band - Cambridgeshire 
Active in the 1910 and 1930s to 1950s

March Volunteers Band - Cambridgeshire 
Active in the 1900s

Marchwood Brass - Hampshire 
[previous name of current band] See: New Forest Brass Band
Marden Brass Band - Kent
Active in 1864 to 1868

Mordon’s Band
See: Bristol Britannia Band

Mardy Brass Band
See: Mardy Workingmen’s Brass Band

Mardy House Secondary School Band - Aberdare, Glamorgan
Active in the 1960s and 1970s

Mardy Workingmen’s Brass Band - Monmouthshire
Active in the early 1900s

Mareham Brass Band - Lincolnshire
[previous name of current band] See: Mareham Le Fen Victory Silver Band

Mareham Le Fen Victory Silver Band - Lincolnshire
[current band] - Founded in 1919 - Former names: Mareham Le Fen Victory Brass Band (to 1928)

Marehay Brass Band - Ripley, Derbyshire
Active in 1899

Margarine Works Brass Band - Southall, Middlesex
Active in the 1890s and 1900s. The Maypole Dairy margarine factory was established in 1894 by Otto Monsted, becoming one of the world’s largest margarine manufacturing works.

Margate Brass Band - Kent
See: Margate Town Brass Band

Margate Promenade Brass Band - Kent
Active in 1867

Margate Silver Band - Kent
[previous name of current band] See: Cantium Brass

Margate Town Brass Band - Kent
Active in 1857. Conductor Mr Marsh in 1859

Margate Wesleyan Mission Band - Kent
Active in the early 1900s

Marham Brass Band - Norfolk
Active in 1847 to 1864

Marhamchurch Brass Band - Cornwall
Active in 1868

Marine Brass Band - Holyhead, Anglesey
Active in 1890, conducted by Richard Rowlands

Mariners Band - Keighley, Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Keighley Brass Band

Marion Street Mission Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
Active in 1890

Market Deeping Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Formed in 1891. Conductor George Bunning in 1892. Bandmaster F.J. Bearman in 1896, conductor Mr Shillaker. In 1902 conductor was T.R. Kay, secretary W. Greenfield. Still active in 1919. Folded some time before 1924 when the local Boy Scouts asked the parish council to hand over the band’s instruments.
Market Drayton Brass Band - Shropshire
  Active in 1856 and in the early 1900s

Market Harborough Volunteers Band - Leicestershire
  Active in the 1880s to 1900s

Market Lavington Brass Band - Wiltshire
  Active in the 1850s and 1860s. Conductor W.P. House in 1854 and 1862. Also active from
  the 1900s through to 1948 (possibly a different band). Conductor J.H. Merritt in 1901.
  Gained 3rd place in a contest at the West Lavington Flower Show in August 1913, with
  the South of England Temperance Prize Band (1st place, conductor Mr. John Green),
  Chippenham Silver Prize band (2nd place), and Gorse Hill Prize Band. The adjudicator
  was Mr. J. G. Jubb of Manchester.

Market Lavington Teetotal Brass Band - Wiltshire
  Active in 1851

Market Rasen Band - Lincolnshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Resdev Market Rasen Band

Market Rasen Brass Band (1) - Lincolnshire
  Active in the 1860s to 1868

Market Rasen Brass Band (2) - Lincolnshire
  See: Market Rasen Volunteer Rifles Band

Market Rasen RPC Band - Lincolnshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Resdev Market Rasen Band

Market Rasen Town Band (1) - Lincolnshire
  See: Market Rasen Volunteer Rifles Band

Market Rasen Town Band (2) - Lincolnshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Resdev Market Rasen Band

Market Rasen Volunteer Rifles Band - Lincolnshire
  Active in the early 1880s, becoming Market Rasen Town Band in the mid 1880s.
  Conductor C. Sanderson in 1906. It eventually disbanded in 1939. A successor band was
  formed in 1966

Market Weighton Brass Band (1) - Yorkshire (East Riding)
  Active from the 1840s to the 1870s. Conductor Mr Johnson in 1865

Market Weighton Brass Band (2) - Yorkshire (East Riding)
  See: Market Weighton Town Band

Market Weighton Coronation Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
  Active in the 1900s, T. Cooper conductor in 1902

Market Weighton Reformatory School Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
  Active in the early 1900s

Market Weighton Town Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
  Active from the early 1900s to the 1930s. Conductors J. Whaley in 1907, John William
  Hemmingway in 1927

Markfield Band - Leicestershire
  See: William Davis Construction Group Band

Markfield Brass Band - Leicestershire
  Active in 1859 to 1868

Markham and District Band - Monmouthshire
  [current band] - Founded in 1928 - Former names: Markham British Legion Band (to
  1930), Markham and District Colliery Band, Markham Brass Band
Markham and District Colliery Band - Monmouthshire
[previous name of current band] See: Markham & District Band

Markham Brass Band - Monmouthshire
[previous name of current band] See: Markham & District Band

Markham British Legion Band - Monmouthshire
[previous name of current band] See: Markham & District Band

Markham Main Colliery Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1924 - Former names: Markham Main Colliery St John Ambulance Band - Note: Coronation Day 1937 - Owing to the bad weather the Historical Pageant staged for Coronation Day was postponed until Saturday evening, when it is hoped that a further firework display, together with the lighting of the bonfire, will be held. The parade of decorated vehicles and people in fancy dress was held, however, and a large crowd followed it. The procession formed at the Landsale Yard, and during the time it was being assembled the Markham Main Ambulance Band, conducted by Mr. E. Griffiths, played.

Markham Main Colliery St John Ambulance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Markham Main Colliery Band

Marks Tey Brotherhood Band
Active in the 1930s, the band folded during WW2. For more details, see “Grandad Played The Cornet: A History of Brass Bands in North East Essex”, by David Cawdell.

Marksbury Brass Band - Somerset
Active in 1861, 1862. Known as the Happy Family Band, due to it being conducted by a father and his sons

Marlborough Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active in 1862, 1864

Marlborough Place Mission Brass Band - St John's Wood, Middlesex
Active between 1885 and 1903

Marlborough Silver Town Band - Wiltshire
Active from the 1880s to the 1950s. Conductor Robert Stiles in 1899-1910. Records of the band, from 1895-1948, are held at Wiltshire and Swindon Record Office

Marlborough Victoria Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active in 1899

Marley Hill Brass Band - Durham
Active in the 1850s to 1863

Marley Hill Colliery Band - Durham
See: Marley Hill Silver Prize Band

Marley Hill Silver Prize Band - Durham
Formed in 1890. One of the founder members was John Bewick, a colliery blacksmith. He was born at Highfield near Hexham in 1856 and came with his parents to Old Sunniside in 1860. At the age of 12 he began work in the engine sheds at Andrews House colliery where he stayed for 6 months before serving his apprenticeship as a blacksmith. He subsequently worked for 57 years in this trade for J .Bowes and Partners. Still active in 1939, the band rehearsed in Sunniside. Also known as Marley Hill Colliery Band

Marlow Brass Band (1) - Buckinghamshire
Active from the mid-1840s into the 1850s. A successor band was formed in 1861

Marlow Brass Band (2) - Buckinghamshire
Founded in May 1861
Marlow Primitive Methodist Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
  Active in 1900
Marlow Town Band - Buckinghamshire
  [current band] - Founded in 1906
Marlow Town Band - Buckinghamshire
  Founded in 1880. Folded some time before 1906, when a successor band was formed.
  Secretary in 1885 was C.M. Footitt
Marlow Town Band - Buckinghamshire
  Active in 1900
Marlpool Brass Band - Derbyshire
  Active in 1900
Marnhull Brass Band - Dorset
  Active in 1892, conductor Sidney Parsons
Marnhull Star of the Vale Brass Band - Dorset
  Active in the 1890s through to WW2. Henry Haskett was its conductor for nearly 50 years.
Marple Band - Cheshire
  [current band]
Marple Brass Band - Cheshire
  Active in the 1860s. A successor band was formed in 1900.
Marple Secondary School Brass Band - Cheshire
  Active in the 1970s
Marquis of Breadalbane's Brass Band - Killin, Perthshire
  Active in 1861
Marr College Brass Band - Troon, Ayrshire
  Active in the 1970s and 1980s
Marriner's Band - Keighley, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Formed in the 1840s by the worsted mill owner WL Marriner, in Keighley, the band
  competed in the 1861 Crystal Palace contest with the alternate name of “the Band of the
  35th Rifle Volunteer Corps” and won the Sydenham Cup. In the 1862 contest they were
  styled WL Marriner's Private Brass Band, and used two flugel horns in their line-up.
  Subscriptions were collected from the members in the early years. They won the Daily
  Mirror Cup at Crystal Palace in 1909 and were incorporated into Keighley Borough Band
  in 1914.
Marriner's Juvenile Band - Keighley, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active from the 1860s to the 1890s.
Marriner's Mill Band
  See: Marriner's Band
Mars Training Ship Band - Newport-on-Tay, Fife
  See: Training Ship Mars Band
Mars Training Ship Brass Band - Dundee, Angus
  Active in 1890
Marsden Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  [previous name of current band] See: Marsden Silver Riverhead Brewery Band
Marsden Colliery Band - Durham
  Formed in the 1850s as South Shields Temperance Band, it was disbanded by the
  Marsden Colliery Miners Lodge in 1930 in controversial circumstances, and its
  instruments were bought by Dinnington Colliery Band. Also known as the North and
  South Shields Temperance Band, and the South Shields Excelsior Temperance Band
Marsden Colliery Prize Band
See: Marsden Colliery Band

Marsden Mechanics Institution Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Founded in 1855, still active in 1858

Marsden Moor Brass Band - Staveley, Derbyshire
Active in the 1890s. The village of Marsden Moor is now known as Mastin Moor.

Marsden Moor Church Brass Band - Staveley, Derbyshire
Active in 1888

Marsden Musical Institute Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Marsden Silver Riverhead Brewery Band

Marsden Secondary School Band
See: Marsden Senior School Band

Marsden Senior School Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1930s to 1950s

Marsden Silver Prize Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Marsden Silver Riverhead Brewery Band

Marsden Silver Riverhead Brewery Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1889 - Former names: Marsden Band, Marsden Musical Institute Band, Marsden Silver Prize Band

Marsden St Andrews Band (1) - Durham
Active in 1922

Marsden St Andrews Band (2) - Durham
Formed in 1930 by some bandsmen from the previous Marsden Colliery Band, probably did not last beyond 1939

Marsden Union Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Founded in 1830

Marsh Gibbon Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
Formed in 1865. Active through the 1870s and 1880s, folding in the early 1890s. Conductor Mr Cross in 1870, William Allen in 1871, J. Herring in 1887 and Jesse Heritage in 1888. A successor band was formed in 1906 by Will Herring and Marley Walker.

Marsh Gibbon Silver Band - Buckinghamshire
[current band] - Founded in 1906

Marshall's Iron Works Brass Band - Wednesbury, Staffordshire
See: Marshall's Monway Works Brass Band

Marshall's Monway Works Brass Band - Wednesbury, Staffordshire
Active in the 1860s, based at Marshall's Ironworks in Portway Road, Wednesbury.

Marsham Brass Band - Norfolk
Active in the 1860s and the 1920s

Marshchapel Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Formed in 1863, conductor Mr Bush. Still active in 1865

Marshes Road Methodist Band - Newport, Monmouthshire
Active in the 1900s, Mr Kilburn conductor in 1904

Marshfield Brass Band - Gloucestershire
[current band] - Founded in the 1930s

Marshfield Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active from 1860 to the 1880s. A successor band was formed in the early 1930s.
Marshside Brass Band - Lancashire  
[cURRENT BAND] - Founded in the 1890s - Former names: Marshside Temperance Brass Band, Marshside Teetotal Brass Band - Note: Played at the founding of the Mere Brow Methodist Church in 1902

Marshside Teetotal Brass Band - Lancashire  
[PREVIOUS NAME OF CURRENT BAND] See: Marshside Brass Band

Marshside Temperance Brass Band - Lancashire  
[PREVIOUS NAME OF CURRENT BAND] See: Marshside Brass Band

Marske and District Prize Silver Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)  
[PREVIOUS NAME OF CURRENT BAND] See: Marske Brass Band

Marske Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)  
[CURRENT BAND] - Founded in 1875 - Former names: Upleatham Mines Band, New Marske Band (1937), New Marske Silver Prize Band, Marske and District Prize Silver Band (1966-1994)

Marske Brass Band  
See: Marske Operatic Brass Band

Marske Operatic Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)  
Active in the 1860s to the 1900s

Marske United Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)  
Founded in 1903, conductor H. Barker

Marston Brass Band - Marston Gate, Somerset  
Active in 1860 to 1863

Marston Brass Band - Lincolnshire  
Active in 1887

Marston Green Cottage Homes Band - Warwickshire  
Active in the 1900s, conductor F. Wilson. The Homes was built in 1879 by Birmingham Union, accommodating up to 420 children. A number of boys were trained to form an efficient brass band, which, besides playing at the Homes, had frequent engagements in the district.

Marston Valley Band - Lidlington, Bedfordshire  
Records of the band, from 1951-56, are held at Bedfordshire and Luton Archives and Record Service. Linked to the local brick making industry. The band had a meteoric rise from the 4th Section to the Championship Section in successive years.

Marston Valley Brick Works Band  
See: Marston Valley Band

Martland’s Brass Band - Preston, Lancashire  
Active in the 1850s. Some quotes from the Preston Guardian: “3rd June 1854 - ... met at the White Bull Inn, Myerscough ... and hearing a cheeting tune or two from Mr Martland’s brass band, of Preston”. “18th June 1853 - Great Eccleston Club Day - on Monday last, the members of the Prosperity Lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows held their anniversary at the lodge-house, Black Bull Inn, Great Eccleston. At nine o’clock the members formed in procession, headed by Martland’s celebrated sax-horn hand (from Preston)”

Martland’s Saxhorn Band  
See: Martland’s Brass Band

Martlesham Brass - Suffolk  
[CURRENT BAND] - Founded in 1996
Martley Brass Band - Worcestershire
   Active in 1881 to the late 1890s. Also known as Martley Foresters' Brass Band. Mr Footman conductor in 1883
Martley Foresters Brass Band - Worcestershire
   See: Martley Brass Band
Martock Band - Somerset
   Founded by 1889. Active around 1912 - disbanded in the 1920's.
Marton Mere Band - Lancashire
   [previous name of current band] See: Blackpool Brass
Marton Temperance Band - Great Marton, Lancashire
   Active in 1868
Martyr's Christian Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
   Active in the 1880s and 1900s
Marwood Juniors Brass Band - Northamptonshire
   Active in the 1980s
Maryhill Brass Band - Lanarkshire
   Active in 1860 to 1869
Marylebone Borough and Great Central Railway Band - Middlesex
   Active in the 1900s. Conductor Mr Reeves in 1902
Marylebone Municipal Employees Brass Band - Middlesex
   Active in the 1900s
Marylebone Poor Law Schools Band
   See: Southall Schools Brass Band
Maryport Albion Band - Cumberland
   Active in the 1930s to 1960s
Maryport Artillery Band - Cumberland
   See: Maryport Town Brass Band
Maryport Brass Band - Cumberland
   Active in 1851
Maryport Silver Band - Cumberland
   See: Maryport Solway Silver Band
Maryport Solway Silver Band - Cumberland
   Active in the 1930s
Maryport Town Brass Band - Cumberland
   Active from the 1870s to the 1900s. In 1891 it took part in a concert with Workington Vocal Union Voice Choir. Conductor Henry Thompson in 1891
Masham Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active in 1858. Conductor T. Welford in 1862
Massingham Crown Brass Band
   See: Great Massingham Silver Band
Masson Mills Brass Band - Matlock Bath, Derbyshire
   Active in the 1890s to 1900s
Master Cutler's Brass Band - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1869
Master's Brass, The
   See: Strood Gospel Mission Silver Band
Mastin Moor Brass Band
   See: Marsden Moor Brass Band

Mather and Platt Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1880s, also active in 1948 - based at the Mather and Platt Ironworks in Newton Heath

Mather and Platt Social Club Brass Band
   See: Mather and Platt Brass Band

Matlock Band - Derbyshire
   [current band] - Founded in the 1850s

Matlock Bath Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Founded in 1866

Matlock Derwent Silver Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1900s

Matlock United Silver Prize Band - Derbyshire
   Active 1899, conductor L. Wildgoose, also in 1914. Possibly related to the current Matlock Band?

Matlock Volunteer Rifles Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1860s

Matravers' Brass Band - Melksham, Wiltshire
   See: Messrs Matravers and Sons' Brass Band

Matthews Norfolk Brass - Norfolk
   [previous name of current band] See: Norfolk Brass

Maudsley and Sons Brass Band - Lambeth, Surrey
   See: Messrs Maudsley, Sons and Field Brass Band

Maw and Co. Brass Band - Broseley, Shropshire
   Active in 1862, also known as Benthall Brass Band. Conductor S.L. Lover in 1863. Maw and Co. were tile makers in the Ironbridge gorge area, moving to the Benthall Works at Broseley in 1852. Still active in 1869

Mawddwy Brass Band - Merioneth
   See: Dinas-Mawddwy Brass Band

Mawgan Band - Cornwall
   See: Dinas-Mawddwy Brass Band

Mawnan Brass Band - Cornwall
   South of Falmouth, Mawnan Band seems to have functioned from the 1880’s through to 1935, with a note in a local newspaper of 1936 bemoaning the fact that there is no longer a Mawnan Band. There is a record of only one contest attended - that at Falmouth in 1884. This was a one section contest and Mawnan came in third. The only mention of a conductor is found in 1905 when the name John Opie is recorded.

Maxey Brass Band - Northamptonshire
   Active in 1862 to 1867

Maybloom (Borough of Greenwich) Band - Kent
   Active in the 1960s, based at the Maybloom Working Men's Club.
Maybole Burgh Band - Ayrshire
Originally Maybole Carrick Band, then Carrick Instrumental Band. In 1867 the band instruments were taken from the local bandsmen, because they would not attend practices, and given to the Volunteers who formed a band among its members, and although for a time it was factually a military band it was always considered the Maybole band. About the turn of the century the instruments were returned to the Council and the Maybole Burgh Band came into existence before the first World War. It won many competitions under the leadership of W.E. Shaw, the Bandmaster, and played in the town and district for many years until, again through lack of young people attending practices, in the 1950s the Council took over the instruments and stored them away and the town was left without a band. It was hoped some townspeople interested in band music would come forward and another band be formed but this was not to be and, as the instruments were deteriorating in storage, the council sold them. By coincidence the council purchased scarlet and ermine robes for the Provost and Bailies about the time the instruments were sold and it was the ribald belief of many ratepayers that the council had robbed the band to robe their civic heads and that it was the sale price of the big drum which went to buy the Provost’s cocked hat.

Maybole Carrick Band,
See: Maybole Burgh Band

Mayfield Band - Sussex
[current band] - Founded in 1892 - Former names: St Dunstan's Mayfield Band, Mayfield Silver Band

Mayfield Brass Band - Sussex
Active in the 1870s and 1880s. A successor band (the current Mayfield Band) was formed in the early 1890s.

Mayfield Road Mission Band - Dalston, Middlesex
Active in the early 1900s

Mayfield Silver Band - Sussex
[previous name of current band] See: Mayfield Band

Mayford Industrial School Brass Band - Surrey
Active in the early 1900s to 1920s

Mayorhold Mission Total Abstinence Band - Northampton, Northamptonshire
Active in the 1900s

McKee’s Jersey Brass Band - Isle of Jersey
Active in the 1880s

McKiernan Group Heating Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Radcliffe Brass Band

McLaren Colliery Brass Band
See: McLaren’s Workmen’s Silver Band

McLaren Workmen's Silver Band - Abertysswg, Monmouthshire
Founded in 1907, conductor Thomas Threlfall. Based at the McLaren Colliery. Later also known as Pontlottyn McLaren Silver Band. Bandmaster J. Jackson in 1919

Meadow Lane Brass Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1854

Meadowbank Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in 1865 to 1869. Conductor Samuel Hulse in 1868
Mealsgate Coronation Brass Band - Cumberland
   Active in 1910
Mealsgate Rechabite Brass Band - Cumberland
   Active in 1890
Measham Band - Leicestershire
   Active in the 1850s and 1870s
Measham Town Band - Leicestershire
   Founded in 1902
Medomsley Cottage Homes Band - Deaf Hill, Durham
   Cottages built by the North Eastern Railway. The band was formed in the 1900s.
Medstead Brass Band - Hampshire
   Active from the early 1900s. Conductor T. Collister in 1903. The Band's activities were
   suspended for the first world war and then resumed. Band members are thought to
   include Dick Licence and Mr. Poole the drummer. The Band was under the auspices of
   the Medstead Friendly Society.
Medway Band - Kent
   [current band] - Founded in 1928 - Former names: Chatham Town Band, Medway
   Imperial Silver Band (1945), Medway Towns Band, KM Gillingham Band, KM Medway
   Band (2000) - Note: Amalgamated with City of Rochester Band to become Medway
   Towns Band
Medway Concert Brass - Kent
   [current band] - Founded in 1987
Medway Imperial Silver Band - Kent
   [previous name of current band] See: Medway Band
Medway Imperial Silver Band
   See: Chatham Town Band
Medway Towns Band - Kent
   [previous name of current band] See: Medway Band
Meersbrook Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active after WW2 - in the 1940s to 1960s
Megavissey Brass Band (1) - Cornwall
   Founded in 1867, when it was reported that “many young men enrolled”, and attempts
   were made to raise cash for a band fund. Still active in 1869
Megavissey Brass Band (2) - Cornwall
   See: Megavissey Coronation Band
Megavissey Coronation Band - Cornwall
   A band was formed in 1937 to assist in the celebrations of the coronation of George VI
   and forever after they were officially titled The Mevagissey Coronation Band. This band
   was formed because of the enthusiasm for bands of one man, Samuel Rowe, a local music
   teacher, who does seem to have conducted a band in Mevagissey during WW1. Samuel
   Rowe’s name keeps popping up due to his many attempts to form bands in Mevagissey.
   He even stored all the old instruments in his house.
Megavissey Town Band - Cornwall
   See: Megavissey Coronation Band
Meir and Longton Royal British Legion Band - Staffordshire
   [current band] - Founded in 2003
**Melbourne Baptist Brass Band** - Derbyshire
Formed in July 1899, still active in 1920 when it took part in the town’s “Band Sunday” with the Town Band. In 1902 conductor was H. Fieldsend, bandmaster A. Andrews

**Melbourne Baptist Sunday School Band**
See: *Melbourne Baptist Brass Band*

**Melbourne Brass Band** - Derbyshire
Existed as early as September 1845, when they played to celebrate Lord Melbourne’s arrival at Melbourne Hall, and in 1856 when they celebrated the end of the Crimean War. In 1860 they were commended at the great National Brass Band Contest at Crystal Palace, leader L. Warren. The Band was on the verge of signing up to sail with a ship to the Baltic in 1855, when wives and girlfriends intervened at the last moment and stopped them. A member of the Melbourne band once joined the travelling band that accompanied Wombwells Menagerie, a kind of Victorian “zoo on wheels”. The band was still active in 1920, conducted by F. Newbold. A successor band was formed in 1992.

**Melbourne Conservative Club Brass Band** - Derbyshire
Formed in 1890.

**Melbourne Town Band** - Derbyshire
[current band] - Founded in 1992

**Melbourne Town Band**
See: *Melbourne Brass Band*

**Melbourne Wesleyan Brass Band** - Derbyshire
Active in 1895 into the 1900s

**Meldrum Brass Band** - Aberdeenshire
See: *Oldmeldrum Brass Band*

**Melingriffith Band** - Glamorgan
[previous name of current band] See: *City of Cardiff (Melingriffith) Brass Band*

**Melingriffith Volunteer and Cadet Corps Band** - Glamorgan
[previous name of current band] See: *City of Cardiff (Melingriffith) Brass Band*

**Melingriffith Works Band** - Glamorgan
[previous name of current band] See: *City of Cardiff (Melingriffith) Brass Band*

**Melsony Amateur Brass Band** - Wiltshire
Active from the 1870s. Probably derived from the Melksham 2nd Wilts Volunteers Battalion Band which was active in 1869. The Melksham Brass Band was active through to 1902

**Melksham Brass Band** - Wiltshire
See: *Melksham Amateur Brass Band*

**Melksham Coronation Band** - Wiltshire
Formed in 1937 - active through to the late 1940s

**Melksham Town Band** - Wiltshire
See: *Melksham Amateur Brass Band*

**Melling Brass Band** - Lancashire
Centred on Melling Pottery and was made up mainly of pottery workers. Active in the early 1900s to WW1. Bandmaster Joseph Leadbetter in 1903. Still active in 1915

**Mellor Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active from the 1880s to WW1

**Mellor Brook Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active in 1887 through to the 1900s
**Mells Brass Band** - Somerset
Active in 1899

**Melsonby Brass Band** - Yorkshire, North Riding
Active in the 1890s, through to at least 1937

**Meltham and Meltham Mills Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1846 - Former names: Meltham Mills Band (to 1946)

**Meltham Mills Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: **Meltham and Meltham Mills Brass Band**

**Melton Band** - Leicestershire
[current band] - Founded in 1838 - Former names: Melton Town Silver Band, Melton Borough Band

**Melton Borough Band** - Leicestershire
[previous name of current band] See: **Melton Band**

**Melton Mowbray P.S.A. Band** - Leicestershire
Active in the 1900s

**Melton Mowbray Temperance Brass Band** - Leicestershire
Founded in 1869, conductor E. Brown

**Melton Mowbray Wesleyan Band** - Leicestershire
Active in the 1900s

**Melton Mowbray Young Men's Institute Band** - Leicestershire
Active in the 1900s

**Melton Saxhorn Band** - Leicestershire
Active in 1856

**Melton Town Silver Band** - Leicestershire
[previous name of current band] See: **Melton Band**

**Membury Brass Band** - Devon
Active in 1921, conductor, F.H. Dunn. Known as Membury Silver Band by 1936

**Menai Bridge Brass Band** - Anglesey
[previous name of current band] See: **Porthaethwy Menai Bridge Band**

**Mendip Brass Band (1)** - Somerset
Active in 1865

**Mendip Brass Band (2)** - Somerset
See: **Chewton Mendip Brass Band**

**Mendip Brass Band (3)** - Somerset
[current band] - Former names: Wells Community Brass Band (to 2009)

**Mendlesham Brass Band** - Suffolk
Active in 1894

**Mendlesham Green Brass Band** - Suffolk
William Arbon, the village carpenter, was the Bandmaster. On winter evenings the Band met in the carpenter's shop for rehearsal. There, seated on benches and trestles they struggled with their musical instruments and score, small boys sitting around, scarcely visible in the candlelight. Two or three winters of hard practice eventually brought its reward. What a great day it was for William and his band when, fully equipped and in uniform, they were engaged to play at the annual Mendlesham Horticultural Show and Sports. From that day their reputation was assured, rivaling that of the Combs Ford and Debenham Brass Bands.
Menston Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1856

Meole Brace Brass Band - Shropshire
  Active in 1866, 1867

Meole Brass Band - Shropshire
  See: Meole Brace Brass Band

Mercian Brass
  Active in the 1980s

Mercury Training Ship Band - Binstead, Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
  See: Training Ship Mercury Brass Band

Mere C.E.T.S. Brass Band - Wiltshire
  Active in the 1880s and 1890s. The Church of England Temperance Society Band may
  have evolved from the previous Rechabite Band.

Mere Manor Brass - Wiltshire
  Active from the 1960s to the late 1990s. Originally known as Mere Manor Youth Band

Mere Manor Youth Band
  See: Mere Manor Brass

Mere Rechabite Band - Wiltshire
  Active in the 1860s - engaged by the Gillingham Total Abstinence Society

Mere Town Silver Band - Wiltshire
  Records of the band, from 1924-1987 are held by Wiltshire and Swindon Record Office

Meredith Youth Brass Band
  Active in the 1970s, competing in the Wessex BBA Grading Contest in 1978

Mereside Brass - Cheshire
  [current band] - Founded in 2002 - Former names: JPD Mereside Brass

Merrall's Spring Head Band, Spring Head Brass Band, Haworth Public Prize Band - Note:
  Other related bands: Ponden Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  [previous name of current band] See: Haworth Brass Band

Merriott Band - Somerset
  Active in 1866, conductor John Cliff

Merrymeet Band - Cornwall
  This outfit was also known as the Menheniot Band. One supposes that Merrymeet and
  Menheniot, villages to the east of Liskeard, both sent players to the band. There is no
  doubt that this band operated before WW1 with a compliment of about 17 men, a goodly
  number for those days. No contests were entered for, and names of conductors cannot be
  found.

Merryston Brass Band - Easterhouse, Lanarkshire
  See: West Maryston Brass Band

Mersey Steel and Iron Company Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
  Active in 1856

Merstham Baptist Mission Band - Surrey
  Active in 1904

Merthyr Town Brass Band
  See: Merthyr Tydfil Brass Band

Merthyr Tydfil Brass Band - Glamorgan
  Active from the 1860s to the 1880s. Leader William Matthias in 1860.
Merthyr Vale Silver Band - Glamorgan
   Active from the 1890s to WW1. Conductor D. Stephens in 1906

Merthyr Vale Town Band
   See: Merthyr Vale Silver Band

Merthyr Volunteers Brass Band - Glamorgan
   Active from the 1880s to 1890s

Merton Brass Band - Surrey
   Active in the 1850s, rehearsing at the King’s Head Inn, Merton on Monday evenings

Merton Silver Band - Bootle, Lancashire
   Active in 1914

Message Maker (Gloucester) Band - Gloucestershire
   [previous name of current band] See: Flowers Band

Messingham Brass Band - Lincolnshire
   Active in 1859, 1864

Messrs Maudslay, Sons and Field Brass Band - Lambeth, Surrey
   Active in 1866 to 1869. Maudslay’s were manufacturers of steam engines for ships and pumps

Messrs A. Turner and Co.’s Brass Band - Leicester, Leicestershire
   Active in 1869

Messrs Alexander Watson's Works Brass Band - Kemback, Fife
   Active in 1862. Alexander Watson & Son were flax spinners at the Blebo Works, Dura Den

Messrs Aston’s Brass Band - Wrexham, Denbighshire
   Founded in 1913

Messrs Barrett, Exall and Andrewes Brass Band - Reading, Berkshire
   Active in 1860. Barrett, Exall & Andrewes manufactured agricultural machinery and portable/fixed engines, at the Katesgrove Iron Works

Messrs Bevington’s Brass Band - Bermondsey, Surrey
   Founded in 1861. Conductor W. Ward in 1866-1868. Bevingtons and Sons occupied the Neckinger Mills in Bermondsey and were the foremost tannery in the area. Still active in 1868

Messrs Blair and Co.’s Brass Band
   See: Blair and Co. Engine Works Band

Messrs Blair and Sumner's Brass Band - Bolton, Lancashire
   Active in 1854. Blair and Sumner's Bleachworks were located at Mill Hill on the banks of the River Tonge

Messrs Blundell, Spence and Co.’s Works Harmonic Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in 1855 and 1856. The company produced paints and varnishes

Messrs Bolckow and Vaughan's Band
   See: Bolckow and Vaughan’s Middlesbrough Band

Messrs Brison and Co.'s Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
   See: Messrs Walter and Brison’s Brass Band

Messrs Broadwood's Brass Band - Westminster, Middlesex
   See: Broadwood Works Brass Band

Messrs Butt's Brass Band - Southampton, Hampshire
   Active in 1865
Messrs Chance Bros. and Co. Brass Band - Oldbury, Worcestershire
   Active in 1856. Chance Brothers was a glassworks, also known as Oldbury Alkali Works. Still active in 1859. There was also a juvenile brass band attached to the works

Messrs Chance's Juvenile Brass Band - Oldbury, Worcestershire
   Active in 1857

Messrs Cliff and Son's Brass Band - Wortley, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1856. Joseph Cliff & Sons operated a Brick and Sanitary Tube works

Messrs Comber's Brass Band - Slaugham, Sussex
   Active in 1855, 1861

Messrs Conacher and Co.'s Brass Band - Huddersfield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1867, 1868. Peter Conacher's factory built organs, the first of which was sold to Huddersfield Parish Church.

Messrs Corah and Sons' Brass Band - Leicester, Leicestershire
   See: St Margaret’s Works Brass Band

Messrs Corry and Sons' Brass Band - Silvertown, Essex
   Active in 1862. Corry and Sons were coal merchants based at the Victoria Docks

Messrs Cossham and Wethered’s Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
   See: Kingswood Colliery Brass Band

Messrs Crick and Sons' Brass Band - Leicester, Leicestershire
   Active in 1861. Crick & Sons were boot and shoe manufacturers

Messrs Defries and Sons Brass Band - London (City)
   Active in 1866. Defries and Sons were gas engineers, producing gas lamps, chandeliers, meters, and were based in Gravel Lane.

Messrs Derham Brothers’ Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
   Active in 1864, when they took part in the processions celebrating the official opening of the Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol. Conductor U. Richardson in March 1864. Still active in 1868. Derham's were boot and shoe manufacturers

Messrs Doulton and Co. Brass Band - Lambeth, Surrey
   Founded in 1855, still active in 1866

Messrs Dunn and Hewett's Brass Band - Pentonville, Middlesex
   Active in 1864, 1865. Comprised of workmen from Dunn & Hewett's which were chocolate and essence of coffee manufacturers

Messrs E.A. and W. Greenslade’s Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
   Active in 1863. Greenslade’s were brush manufacturers in Thomas Street.

Messrs E.H. Turpin and Co.’s Brass Band - Nottingham, Nottinghamshire
   Active in 1859

Messrs Edward Stillwell and Son's Brass Band - London
   Active in 1864. Edward Stillwell and Son, based at Barbican, were manufacturers of gold and silver lace and embroidery, military, naval and masonic clothing

Messrs Evans' Brass Band - Derbyshire
   See: Darley Abbey Brass Band

Messrs Finzel and Company's Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
   Active in 1865, leaders Herr Pfeiffer and also George Rawbon. Conrad Finzel owned a large sugar refinery in the city. Still active in 1866

Messrs G.R. Stephenson and Partners Brass Band - Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland
   See: Stephenson’s Operatic Brass Band
Messrs Gill and Ward's Brass Band - Oxford, Oxfordshire
   Active in 1858, 1861. Gill & Ward's was a large ironmonger's business in the city.

Messrs Harvey and Syner's Brass Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
   Active in 1851

Messrs Hawes, Denny and Hargreaves Brass Band - Jackfield, Shropshire
   Active in 1864. Band composed of workmen from Hawes, Denny and Hargreaves Co.
   who were encaustic, geometrical and mosaic tile manufacturers

Messrs Hawthorn's Works Brass Band - Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland
   Active in 1867. R.W. Hawthorn & Co's Locomotive works at St Peter's in the city

Messrs Hayward and Tilley's Brass Band - Wolverhampton, Staffordshire
   Active in 1852

Messrs Hodges and Sons' Brass Band - Leicester, Leicestershire
   Active in 1864, conductor J.A. Smith. Hodges and Sons were elastic web manufacturers,
   the company folding in 1881.

Messrs J. and E. Wright's Brass Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
   See: Universe Works Brass Band

Messrs J. and W. Goldsmith's Brass Band - Trowbridge, Wiltshire
   Formed in 1851. Still active in 1866. The Goldsmith's were the sons of the principal cloth
   manufacturer of the town who, “being possessed of cultivated musical taste, and also
   being executants of no inconsiderable skill, formed the generous desire to extend to
   others the enjoyment which they themselves derive from 'the sweet art', and to provide a
   means of rational recreation for their industrial fellow townsmen. The resulting brass
   band practices twice a week”

Messrs J. Shoolbred and Co.'s Brass Band - Middlesex
   See: Tottenham House Brass Band

Messrs J.B. White and Brothers' Brass Band - Swanscombe, Kent
   Active in 1864. White's were cement manufacturers

Messrs J.G. Hepburn and Co. Brass Band - Dartford, Kent
   See: Priory Works Brass Band

Messrs J.J. Cordes Brass Band - Newport, Monmouthshire
   See: Cordes Works Brass Band

Messrs James Ferguson and Co.'s Brass Band - Auchenheath, Lanarkshire
   Active in 1863 to 1867. Ferguson's pits produced a coal particularly rich in gas and oil

Messrs Lamberts Tube Works Band
   See: Lambert Brothers Tube Works Brass Band

Messrs Luke Turner and Co.'s Brass Band - Leicester, Leicestershire
   Active in the late 1870s. Luke Turner manufactured elastic webbing used in clothing and
   upholstery

Messrs M. Oldroyd's and Sons Brass Band - Dewsbury, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1860s, based at the Oldroyd's woolen mill.

Messrs Martin's Brass Band - Bolton, Lancashire
   Active in 1863

Messrs Mattavars and Sons' Brass Band - Melksham, Wiltshire
   Active in 1868. The company originated in Westbury, Wiltshire, and took over a steam-
   powered cloth mill in Melksham in 1862.
Messrs Moulton's Brass Band - Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire
Active in 1863. This was the works band from Moulton's rubber factory at the Kingston Mill, which was established in 1848 - this was the birth of the rubber industry in the UK.

Messrs Pattinson and Sons’ Brass Band - Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland
Active in 1866, conductor Mr Cuthbertson. Robert Pattinson’s were a company of tanners and leather manufacturers, located in Gallowgate.

Messrs Peacock's Band
See: Gorton Foundry Band

Messrs Peers’ Brass Band - Sandbach, Cheshire
Formed in 1855, conductor Thomas Peers. Had previously existed as a drum and fife band, converting to brass and giving their first public performance in June 1855. Still active in 1863.

Messrs Penn and Sons' Brass Band - Deptford, Kent
Active in 1855. John Penn & Sons built marine steam engines.

Messrs Philips and Co. Brass Band - Tean, Staffordshire
Active in 1867 to 1896. Conductor F. Charsley in 1867. This band was connected to the Philips Silk Mill at Tean, where they made red ribbon, among other products, and which was the origin of the phrase “tied up in red tape”. J. & N. Philips also manufactured hats and textiles such as linen smallwares, silks and fustians.

Messrs Pinder's Brass Band
A professional brass band belonging to Pinder's Cirque Unique travelling circus. Active in 1861, conductor John Buckley.

Messrs Pitt and Co. Brass Band - London (City)
Active in 1867. Pitt & Co. were “patent tonic water and soda water” manufacturers, based in Wharf Road, City Road.

Messrs Pontifex and Wood’s Excelsior Amateur Brass Band - Holborn, Middlesex
Active in 1864. Pontifex and Wood were engineers and coppersmiths, based in Shoe Lane, Holborn.

Messrs Porritt and Witham’s Brass Band - Armley, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the late 1850s to the 1860s.

Messrs Rawlings’ Brass Band - Marylebone, Middlesex
Formed in 1862 as a fife and drum band under conductor J.A. Smith. Became a brass band in 1865, with 14 players, conductor E.G. Coleman, bandmaster/teacher D. Peachey. H.D. & J. Rawlings were drinks manufacturers, producing ginger beer and mineral waters, later fruit juices, squashes, cordials, and carbonated water. Originally at Nassau Street, Marylebone, later in Camberwell. Still active in 1868.

Messrs Rawson and Co.’s Brass Band - Leicester, Leicestershire
Active in 1860, conductor J.A. Smith. John Rawsons Ltd were hosiery manufacturers.

Messrs Rolfe & Harris’ Brass Band - Islington, Middlesex
Active in 1868, composed of workmen from the company. Rolfe & Harris were composition frame manufacturers, based at 47« Arlington Street, New North Road, Islington. The company, founded by John Rolfe and Samuel Harris, was wound up in 1886.

Messrs Salmon's Brass Band - Ulverston, Lancashire
Active in 1866. Messrs. Salmon, Barnes & Co. were based at the Canal Head Foundry and Engineering Works, Ulverston.
Messrs Samuelson and Co. Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
    Active in 1857, conductor Mr Acey. A band consisting of shipwrights from Martin Samuelson's shipyard.
Messrs Smith's Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
    Active in 1862. This was the works band of James Smith and Sons, boot and shoe manufacturers, 62, Castle Street, Bristol.
Messrs Smyth and Sons' Brass Band - Peasenhall, Suffolk
    See: Peasenhall Brass Band
Messrs Stephenson's Brass Band - Wrexham, Denbighshire
    Active in 1857
Messrs Stevens and Sons Brass Band - Southwark, Surrey
    Active in 1868. Stevens and Sons, based at the Darlington Works, Southwark Bridge Road, manufactured railway signalling equipment and semaphores.
Messrs Tangye Brothers and Price Brass Band - Smethwick, Staffordshire
    Active in 1865. Tangye Brothers were engineers, manufacturing hydraulic jacks, rams, pumps, engines and other tools
Messrs Towgood and Evans' Brass Band - Sawston, Cambridgeshire
    Active in the 1850s and 1860s, based at the paper mill in the town. See also: Sawston Brass Band. Still active in 1868
Messrs Virtue and Co. Brass Band - London (City)
    Active in 1866, conductor Mr Shapcott. Virtue's were a printing and publishing house, based in City Road
Messrs W. Jessop and Sons Works Brass Band - Brightside, Yorkshire (West Riding)
    Active in 1865, conductor George Wade in 1866. Jessop's was steel works based in Sheffield
Messrs W.H. and George Dawes Brass Band - Elsecar, Yorkshire (West Riding)
    See: Milton Ironworks Brass Band
Messrs Walter and Brison's Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
    Active in 1861. Conductor U. Richardson in 1862. Walter & Brison manufactured brushes and bellows at their factory in Redcliff Street, and was established by John Parr Walter and Emmanuel Brison (the latter actually retired from the business in 1859). Took part in the processions celebrating the official opening of the Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol in 1864
Messrs Waterlow and Sons Brass Band - London (City)
    See: Carpenters' Hall Brass Band
Messrs Waterman and Co.'s Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
    Active in 1865, 1869. Leader Joseph Lucas in 1865. Conductor J.O. Brooke in 1866. Waterman's were boot and shoe makers
Messrs Wethered and Cossham's Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
    See: Kingswood Colliery Brass Band
Messrs Whitwell's Brass Band
    See: Whitwell and Company Brass Band
Messrs Wilkinson and Co.'s Brass Band - Borrowash, Derbyshire
    See: Anglo-Scotian Mills Brass Band
Messrs William Fison and Co.’s Brass Band - Burley in Wharfedale, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1860s. William Fison’s were worsted spinners and textile manufacturers. The band accompanied all the workers on a trip to the Great Exhibition in June 1862 (those under 18 had a trip to Scarborough instead). Still active in 1864

Messrs Worthington and Co.’s Brass Band - Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire
Active from the early 1860s to the late 1880s. This was Worthington’s brewery band

Messrs Wright’s Brass Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
See: Universe Works Brass Band

Metal Trades Council Works Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
Active in 1925

Metheringham and Dunston Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in 1905 when the band heralded the football teams onto the field in a match. The music played for the home team was “See the conquering heroes come”, while they then played the opponents, Washingborough, in to “The Dead March” from Saul

Metheringham Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in 1855

Methil Brass Band - Fife
Active from the 1890s to WW1

Methil Town Band
See: Methil Brass Band

Methilhill Brass Band - Fife
Active from the mid-1860s to the 1900s. Re-organised in 1904

Methilhill Public Band - Fife
Active in the 1930s and 1940s

Methley Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1850s to the 1920s

Metropolitan Borough of Wigan Schools Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1970s and 1980s

Metropolitan Brass Band - London
From the News of the World, 12th September 1886: Railway Servants’ Fete and Gala - Yesterday afternoon, the first annual fete and gala of the Metropolitan Railway Company’s employees was held in a field near the Metropolitan Railway Station at Harrow, lent by Mr Atkins. The entertainments comprised an Old English Fair, athletic sports and a firework display. The Metropolitan Brass Band and the Willesdon Brass Band played selections of music. There was a large attendance.

Metropolitan Cable Works Band - Chadwell Heath, Essex
Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Metropolitan Carriage Works Band
See: Metropolitan Works Band

Metropolitan Dockyard Police Brass Band - Portsmouth, Hampshire
Founded in 1861, conductor Mr Jones, consisting of 30 constables, practising in the Volunteer band room at the Dockyard Factory.

Metropolitan Electric Tramways Band - London
Active in 1909

Metropolitan Society of Plasterers Brass Band - London
Founded in 1881, conductor J. Howell
**Metropolitan Works Band** - Wolverhampton, Staffordshire
Band from the Cammell works. Note from local newspaper in 1927: “Masses in harmony at the Molineux: After a hard week at work what better way to relax at the weekend than by tickling the tonsils with a little community singing in the open air at Wolverhampton's Molineux Grounds in January. Swanee River, Land Of Hope And Glory and There's A Tavern In The Town, echoed across the streets as townsfolk raised their voices accompanied by the prizewinning Metropolitan Works Band, under the direction of Joseph Lewis and Harold Casey. Before hitting the high notes, the singers were given a few helpful hints by Mr Lewis. He emphasised that everyone must join in and they must all sing together. He told the gathering that he wasn't using a baton because the crowd wouldn't see it. Instead, his associate Harold Casey, would give the necessary “physical jerks” to help the singers harmonise. Printed on the Community Singing sheet were instructions to “take a deep breath” and hold it. According to Mr Lewis the gathering must sing with the breath HELD to make more sound - and they must not get out of step with the singing. Mr Lewis promised the crowd that if they got into a mess he would blow a whistle for them to stop. Presumably if they were still holding their breath they would be in no fit state to singalong-a-Lewis.” Still active in 1938. Also known as Birmingham Carriage and Wagon Works Band, Birmingham Metropolitan Works Band.

**Mevagissey Band** - Cornwall
[no information]

**Mexborough and Swinton Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from 1866 to the 1900s. Also known as Swinton Brass Band

**Mexborough Blue Ribbon Army Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1880s

**Mexborough Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1880s to WW1. Conductor Louis Dawson in 1909

**Mexborough Great Central Railway Band**
See: **Mexborough Plant Band**

**Mexborough M.S. and L. Railway Brass Band**
See: **Mexborough Plant Band**

**Mexborough Music Centre Brass** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1980s and 1990s

**Mexborough Plant Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in the 1860s as the South Yorkshire Railway Company Band, reformed in the 1880s and still active up to 1900. It was based with the Mexborough railway works for the Manchester/Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway - later the Great Central Railway. Also known as the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway Brass Band, and the Sheffield Victoria Station Brass Band.

**Mexborough Railway Band**
See: **Mexborough Plant Band**

**Mexborough Railway Servants Band**
See: **Mexborough Plant Band**

**Mexborough Silver Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1960s

**Mexborough Town Band**
See: **Mexborough Brass Band**
**Michael Brass Band** - Isle of Man
   Active in 1869

**Michael Colliery Band** - East Wemyss, Fife
   Active from the 1920s to the 1950s

**Micheldever and Stratton Brass Band** - Hampshire
   Active in the late 1860s

**Micheldever Brass Band** - Hampshire
   Active in the early 1900s. It continued practising in June 1914 for the Hospital Sunday Parade. Subsequent village events seemed to have used other bands, so the Micheldever Band probably folded during or after World War I.

**Michelin Works Brass Band** - Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire
   Active in the 1950s

**Michelmersh Silver Band** - Hampshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1886 - Former names: Michelmersh Temperance Band - Note: Formed in 1886 as a temperance band as was the condition of the loan for instruments from the local vicar. Founded by Thomas Topp and Thomas Parsons there has always been direct descendents of these Thomas? in the band. Currently 1 Parsons and 3 Topps (2011).

**Michelmersh Temperance Band** - Hampshire
   [previous name of current band] See: *Michelmersh Silver Band*

**Micklefield Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [current band]

**Micklefield Brass Band (1)** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Conductor H. Bolton in 1908

**Micklefield Brass Band (2)** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from the 1970s to the 2000s

**Micklefield Subscription Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1920s and 1930s

**Micklehurst Brass Band** - Cheshire
   [previous name of current band] See: *Carrbrook Brass*

**Mickleover and Radbourne Band** - Derbyshire
   Active in 1887

**Mickleover Brass Band** - Derbyshire
   Active 1862, conductor Mr Hair. Still active in 1882, conductor R. Lee

**Mickleton Brass Band** - Gloucestershire
   Active in the 1840s and 1850s. Conductor Mr Farley in 1851

**Mickleton Brass Band** - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active in the mid-1850s. Still active in 1931. W. Parkin Raine was conductor in 1896

**Mickley Brass Band**
   See: *Mickley Colliery Brass Band*

**Mickley Colliery Brass Band** - Northumberland
   Founded in May 1861. Active through to the 1960s. Conductor D. Ruddock in 1883

**Mickley Square Colliery Brass Band** - Northumberland
   See: *Mickley Colliery Brass Band*

**Mickley Temperance Band**
   See: *Mickley Tynedale Temperance Band*
Mickley Tynedale Temperance Band - High Mickley, Northumberland
   Formed in 1899 and still active in 1947. Conductor J. Glanville in 1902

Mid Hants Youth Band - Hampshire
   Active in the 1960s and 1970s

Mid Oxon Brass - Oxfordshire
   Active in the 1990s

Mid Rhondda Band - Glamorgan
   [previous name of current band] See: Thomas Coaches Mid Rhondda Brass Band

Mid Sussex Brass Band - Sussex
   [current band] - Founded in 1986 - Formed by merger of Burgess Hill Brass Band and
   Haywards Heath Town Band

Middle Class School Brass Band - Islington, Middlesex
   Active in 1867. The school was located at Bath Street, City Road, opening in October 1866
   with 700 pupils. Its intent was to “provide for boys who are destined for commercial life”

Middle Rasen Brass Band - Lincolnshire
   Founded in early 1857

Middleham Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active in 1854

Middlesbrough (Dovecot) Brass
   See: Yarm and District Band

Middlesbrough Alexandra Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active in the 1860s to 1868

Middlesbrough and North Ormesby Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   See: North Ormesby and Middlesbrough Brass Band

Middlesbrough Artillery Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active in 1887

Middlesbrough Borough Silver Prize Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Formed in 1901 as the Middlesbrough Trades Band, conductor James Wilson. Still active
   in the 1950s

Middlesbrough Catholic Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   See: St Mary’s Catholic Brass Band (Middlesbrough)

Middlesbrough Comrades Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active in the 1920s

Middlesbrough Erimus Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active in the 1890s to WW1. Bandmaster T. Winter in 1899

Middlesbrough Industrial School Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Middlesbrough Model Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Formed in 1866, active up to WW2. Conductor, A. Milburn in the early days. Bandmaster
   Mr Moore in 1905. Also known as the Submarine Miners (Royal Engineers) Band in the
   1890s and 1900s

Middlesbrough National Reserve Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active in the 1930s

Middlesbrough Police Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Founded in 1868, disbanded in 1903

Middlesbrough Postal Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active in the 1910s, reforming after WW1 in 1919, bandmaster T. White
**Middlesbrough Pottery Amateur Brass Band** - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active from 1851 to 1857

**Middlesbrough St Mary's Brass Band** - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   See: *St Mary's Catholic Brass Band (Middlesbrough)*

**Middlesbrough Tees Ironworks Brass Band** - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   See: *Teesside Ironworks Brass Band*

**Middlesbrough Temperance Band (1)** - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active from the early 1880s to 1896. It promoted some band contests in the mid-1890s. Possibly folded and then re-emerged in 1898

**Middlesbrough Temperance Band (2)** - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Formed in 1898, bandmaster William Suttill until his death in 1906. Secretary T. Simpson in 1900

**Middlesbrough Trades Band** - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   See: *Middlesborough Borough Silver Prize Band*

**Middlesbrough Volunteers Band** - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active in the 1860s

**Middlesbrough Workhouse Brass Band** - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active in 1888

**Middlesex Volunteer Band**
   Active in the 1890s

**Middlemoor Brass Band** - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Formed in the 1850s and folded sometime in the 1860s.

**Middleton and Rhodes Brass Band** - Lancashire
   Active in 1870 to 1884

**Middleton and Rhodes United Band**
   See: *Middleton and Rhodes Brass Band*

**Middleton and Teesdale Band** - Durham
   [current band] - Founded in the 1850s

**Middleton and Tonge Brass Band** - Lancashire
   Active in the 1870s, conductor James Schofield

**Middleton Band** - Lancashire
   [current band] - Founded in 1876 - Former names: Middleton Brass Band, (The Pop and Ale Boys), Middleton Public Band (1884), Middleton Borough Brass Band (1887)

**Middleton Borough Brass Band** - Lancashire
   [previous name of current band] See: *Middleton Band*

**Middleton Brass Band** - Lancashire
   [previous name of current band] See: *Middleton Band*

**Middleton Cheyney Wesleyan Band** - Northamptonshire
   Active in the 1900s, conductor Caleb Charles in 1908

**Middleton Home Guard Band** - Lancashire
   Active in 1942

**Middleton Junction Brass Band** - Lancashire
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Bandmaster Ernest Stringer in 1906

**Middleton Junction Public Band** - Lancashire
   Active in the 1930s
Middleton Main Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Associated with the colliery owned by John Neal at Middleton near Leeds. Active in the 1900s

Middleton Mission Band - Suffolk
Active in the 1880s and 1890s. Mr Frost conductor in 1887

Middleton Perserverance Band - Lancashire
Active in 1882, when it competed in a contest at Kersley, Bolton.

Middleton Public Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Middleton Band

Middleton Victoria Silver Band - Middleton by Wirksworth, Derbyshire
Active in the 1890s and onwards. Sam Spencer conductor in 1900. “We had then the Middleton Victoria Silver Prize Band, around thirty men and youths were in it and Joe Sam Spencer, who lived two doors below me, used to train the new starters how to play a cornet or other instrument. He was the conductor of the band and of our chapel. At the last Sunday School Anniversary he conducted he said it was the best singing he had heard for some time. Middleton Band was well known years ago and used to play at the Baseball Ground when Derby County Football Club played at home, several friends used to walk round the ground at half time with a white sheet collecting money for band funds.” Won the Spondon Contest in 1926, conducted by H. Holmes. Competed in the Junior Cup in 1962, conducted by F. Boylin. In 1964 it amalgamated with the Brassington Band and Wirksworth Band to form the BMW band, practising at Wirksworth.

Middleton Wesleyan Temperance Band - Middleton Cheyney, Northamptonshire
Active in 1908

Middleton-by-Wirksworth Brass Band
See: Middleton Victoria Silver Band

Middlewich Brass Band (1) - Cheshire
Active in the 1850s, conductor Charles Revett in 1855

Middlewich Brass Band (2) - Cheshire
Founded in 1884, still active in the 1900s

Middlewich Centenary Band - Cheshire
Active from the 1930s to the 1970s

Middlewich Congregational Band - Cheshire
Active in the 1930s

Middlewich Harmonic Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in 1860

Middlewich Town Band - Cheshire
[previous name of current band] See: Roberts Bakery Band

Middlezoy Brass Band - Somerset
Active in the 1890s to 1930s. Conductor A. Bradley in 1898, G. Brown in 1930

Mid-Essex Brass Band - Chelmsford, Essex
Active from the late 1890s to 1919 - George Lee conductor through that period.

Mid-Hants Schools Band - Hampshire
[previous name of current band] See: Hampshire County Youth Band

Midhurst Amateur Band - Sussex
Founded in 1905, conductor A.R. Richardson. Mr Dyer conductor in 1923, also C.H. Jeans conducted that year. Active through to at least 1961. Also known as Midhurst Town Band
Midhurst Brass Band - Sussex
  Active in 1867

Midhurst Town Band (1) - Sussex
  Active from the late 1870s to the mid-1890s. Conductor A.F. Page in 1890

Midhurst Town Band (2) - Sussex
  See: Midhurst Amateur Band

Midland Amateur Brass Band - Leicester, Leicestershire
  Active in 1866, conductor Henry Nicholson. The band consisted of 14 employees of Evans & Stafford Co. in Campbell Street, who were agricultural seed merchants, grocers, and cigar manufacturers

Midland and South Western Junction Railway Band - Cirencester, Gloucestershire
  Active in the early 1900s to WW1.

Midland Brewery Brass Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
  Active in the 1890s

Midland Locomotive (Child's Hill) Band
  See: Midland Railway Loco Works Band

Midland Railway Brass Band - Bedford, Bedfordshire
  See: Bedford Midland Railway Brass Band

Midland Railway Brass Band - Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  See: Bradford Midland Railway Brass Band

Midland Railway Brass Band - Derby, Derbyshire
  See: Derby Midland Railway Brass Band

Midland Railway Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
  See: Manchester Midland Railway Band

Midland Railway Brass Band - Nottingham, Nottinghamshire
  Active in 1897 and the 1900s

Midland Railway Brass Band - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  See: Sheffield Midland Railway Brass Band

Midland Railway Company Servants' Band - Leicester, Leicestershire
  See: Leicester Midland Railway Workmen’s Band

Midland Railway Loco Works Band - Child's Hill, Middlesex
  Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Also known as St Pancras Midland Railway Band.
  Bandmaster H. Williams in 1902

Midland Railway Servants' Brass Band - Nottingham, Nottinghamshire
  Active in 1899

Midsomer Norton and Radstock Silver Band - Somerset
  [current band] - Founded in 1980

Midsomer Norton Brass Band - Somerset
  Active from the 1870s into the early 1900s

Midsomer Norton Marching Brass - Somerset
  [current band] - Founded in 1981

Midsomer Norton Old Band
  See: Midsomer Norton Brass Band

Midsomer Norton Silver Band - Somerset
  Active in the 1920s to 1930s - contemporary with the Midsomer Norton Town Band

Midsomer Norton Temperance Band - Somerset
  Active in the 1900s
**Midsomer Norton Town Band** - Somerset
   Active in the 1920s to 1930s - contemporary with the Midsomer Norton Silver Band

**Milborne Brass Band** - Somerset
   See: **Milborne Port Brass Band**

**Milborne Port Brass Band** - Somerset
   Active in 1858 to 1869

**Milborne Reformatory Brass Band** - Milborne St Andrew, Dorset
   See: **Dorset County Industrial School for Boys Band**

**Milburn Brass Band** - Westmorland
   See: **Milburn Union Brass Band**

**Milburn Union Brass Band** - Westmorland
   Active in 1861 to 1868

**Milburn's Band**
   See: **Leeds Milburn's Band**

**Milburn's Model Brass Band**
   See: **Middlesbrough Model Brass Band**

**Mildenhall British Legion Band** - Suffolk
   Active in the 1930s

**Mile End (Old Town) Workhouse Brass Band** - Middlesex
   Active in 1860. This was a juvenile brass band formed of the children at the workhouse school. Conductor Mr Froggett in 1865. Still active in 1865

**Mile End Brass Band** - Colchester, Essex
   Active in the 1900s through to WW1. In 1905 the bandmaster was H. Wheeler

**Mile End Scattered Homes Brass Band** - Middlesex
   Active in the early 1900s. The eleven homes were operated by the Mile End Union in Mile End Old Town, housing 159 children. The original Mile End Old Town workhouse was in Bancroft Road, with the “scattered homes” each being less than five minutes walk away.

**Mile End Schools Band** - Middlesex
   See: **Mile End Scattered Homes Brass Band**

**Miles Aircraft Works Brass Band** - Berkshire
   Active in the 1940s, after WW2. The works were based at Woodley Aerodrome, near Reading.

**Miles Platting Brass Band** - Lancashire
   Active in the mid-1870s through to the 1890s. Became associated with the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway.

**Miles Platting Mission Band** - Lancashire
   The mission was founded in 1884, and the band at the same time. Active through to the early 1980s

**Milford Haven Town Band** - Pembrokeshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1973

**Milford Junction N.E.R. Band** - South Milford, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: **Milford Junction Silver Band**

**Milford Junction Silver Band** - South Milford, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1900s. Performed at Monk Fryston Hall in 1907

**Mill Bank Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1860s and 1870s
Mill Bank Subscription Brass Band
See: Mill Bank Brass Band

Mill Brow Wesleyan Sunday School Band - Runcorn, Cheshire
Active in 1882, conductor George Thomas, still active in 1891 when they played a concert at Birkenhead Park.

Mill Hill Bleachworks Band - Bolton, Lancashire
See: Messrs Blair and Sumner’s Brass Band

Mill Hill Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1853, conductor George Ellis. Associated with the spinning and weaving mills owned by George Whiteley & Co., who also had a juvenile drum and fife band attached to the works. The spinning factory had 30,000 mule spindles and the weaving shed 480 looms powered by a double beam engine by Woods Bros. of Sowerby Bridge. Still active in 1861

Milland Brass Band - Sussex
Active in 1907

Millbrook Brass Band - Cheshire
Active from 1861 into the 1870s

Millbrook Young Men’s Association Brass Band - Hampshire
Active in 1869, conductor Mr Butt

Miller and Richard’s Brass Band - Edinburgh, Midlothian
Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Miller and Richard’s were a world famous Edinburgh type foundry, supplying type to print firms all over the globe

Miller Street Mission Brass Band - Motherwell, Lanarkshire
Active in the 1890s

Millfield School Brass Band - Street, Somerset
Active in the 1970s

Millgate Amateur Brass Band - Facit, Lancashire
Active from the early 1880s. Conductor John Abbott in 1885, D. Grindrod in 1887. Secretary A. Wilson in 1918, at which time, due to the war, there were only four playing members left. Wound up in the courts as of 14th February 1921

Millgate Park Temperance Band
See: Millgate Amateur Brass Band

Millom Ironworks Brass Band - Cumberland
Active in the 1890s

Millom St James’ Brass Band - Cumberland
Active in the 1890s

Millom Town Brass Band - Cumberland
Active in the 1870s

Millom Wesleyan Mission Band - Cumberland
Active in the 1880s to 1900s. Bandmaster Mr Stephens in 1909

Millwall Iron Works Brass Band - Middlesex
Active in 1857 (as Millwall Phoenix Amateur Brass Band) and the 1860s, associated with the Millwall Iron Works, Ship Building and Graving Docks Company Ltd.

Millwall Phoenix Amateur Brass Band - Middlesex
See: Millwall Iron Works Brass Band

Millward’s Brass Band - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1859
Milnathort Brass Band - Kinrossshire
Active in the 1870s. Conductor at one time was David Carmichael

Milngavie Brass Band - Stirlingshire
Active in 1863 and in the 1890s to 1914

Milnrow Band - Lancashire
[current band] - Founded in 1998 by the amalgamation of Milnrow Brass Band with Rochdale Co-op Band to form United Norwest Co-op Milnrow Band

Milnrow Brass Band (1) - Lancashire
Active from 1858 to the 1900s. Conductor N. Brown in 1860. Also known as Milnrow Public Band. A successor band was formed in 1914

Milnrow Brass Band (2) - Lancashire
Formed in 1914 as St Stephen’s Brass Band, later, between the two wars, known as Butterworth Brass Band and then Milnrow Brass Band Club Band. Merged with Rochdale Co-operative Band in 1998 to form United Norwest Co-op Milnrow Band.

Milnrow Public Band
See: Milnrow Brass Band

Milnsbridge Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1850s, 1870s through to the 1930s. Became known as Milnsbridge Socialist Brass Band from around 1908 onwards, conductor Mr Singleton.

Milnsbridge Socialist Brass Band
See: Milnsbridge Brass Band

Milnthorpe Brass Band - Westmorland
Active from the 1840s to the 1880s

Milnthorpe Miners Band - Westmorland
[current band]

Milnthorpe Volunteer Band - Westmorland
Active in 1902

Milnwood Brass Band - Lanarkshire
Founded in 1897 and active through the 1900s. Also known as Milnwood Colliery Band.
Was conducted by John McCubbrey, who was considered the doyen of Scottish bandmasters at the time of his death. He was a pupil of Professor Hardy of Glasgow Conservatory who was, in turn, a pupil of Franz Liszt. The band was Brass Band Champion of Scotland in 1902. At some point it apparently was also known as the 2nd Lanarkshire Royal Engineers Band, and Milnwood, Mossend and Clydesdale Brass Band

Milnwood Colliery Band
See: Milnwood Brass Band

Milnwood Concert Brass
See: Scottish Gas Board Band

Milnwood Town Band - Lanarkshire
Active in the 1980s

Milnwood, Mossend and Clydesdale Brass Band
See: Milnwood Brass Band

Milton Abbas Brass Band - Dorset
Active in 1863 through to 1883, also known as Abbey Milton Brass Band

Milton Abbey Brass Band - Dorset
See: Milton Abbas Brass Band
Milton Amateur Brass Band - Oxfordshire
See: Great Milton Brass Band

Milton and Ashley Temperance Band - Hampshire
Active in the 1900s, conductor F. Knight (based at New Milton)

Milton Brass Band - Great Milton, Oxfordshire
See: Great Milton Brass Band

Milton Brass Band - Islington, Middlesex
See: Milton Yard Ragged School Brass Band

Milton Brass Band - Milton Damerel, Devon
See: Milton Damerel Amateur Brass Band

Milton Brass Band - Milton Malsor, Northamptonshire
See: Milton Malsor Band

Milton Brass Band - Milton Regis, Kent
See: Milton Regis Brass Band

Milton Brass Band - Dorset
See: Milton Abbas Brass Band

Milton Brass Band - Staffordshire

Milton Brass Band - Stirlingshire
See: Whins of Milton Brass Band

Milton Damerel Amateur Brass Band - Devon
Active from 1864 to 1902. Conductor Mr Saunders in 1886

Milton Industrial School Band - Farnborough, Hampshire
Active in the early 1900s. The school opened in 1898 to house children who were placed there by magistrates courts for reasons such as having been found begging or homeless, or frequenting with thieves or prostitutes, or who had committed an imprisonable offence while under the age of 12. The school closed in 1954.

Milton Industrial School Band - Gravesend, Kent
Active in 1896. The Milton Industrial School for Boys was established in 1875 at Parrock Hall on Joy Road, Milton, to accomodate 160 ‘delinquent’ boys. A report of 1896 states: “There is a brass band of twenty-six under careful instruction. Emigration to Canada is largely used as a means of disposal for the boys.”

Milton Instrumental Band - Stirlingshire
See: Whins of Milton Brass Band

Milton Ironworks Brass Band - Elsecar, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1858, composed of workmen from the foundry owned by Messrs W.H. and George Dawes.

Milton Keynes Brass - Buckinghamshire
[current band] - Founded in 1984 - Former names: Broseley Brass (to 2007)

Milton Malsor Band - Northamptonshire
Active from the 1870s into the 1940s. Conductor W. Bailey in 1887, Thomas Leaver in 1890. During the Second World War the BBC broadcast a series of talks by “Mr Middleton” on the Home Service encouraging people to grow their own food in support of the Government’s “Dig for Victory” campaign. Middleton was the first celebrity gardener, and during the war years nearly 3,500,00 listened to his popular and practical broadcasts. Edith Sharp remembers listening to those talks well and she tells how each
year a Produce Show would be held in Milton with Mr Middleton attending and talking to his audience through the different sections. Milton Brass Band provided the music on these occasions. One year the village denizens were gathered round their radios to listen-in. The band struck up, and for a time everything was fine. Then one or two wrong notes crept in. The playing got worse and worse until the piece ended in uproar. What had happened? Well the band were playing out of doors and a sudden breeze sprang up lifting the loose sheet music off the players' stands. Determined not to let anyone down, the bandsmen pluckily kept playing without their music with the inevitable result.

Milton Regis Brass Band - Kent
   Active in the 1840s and 1850s

Milton Temperance Brass Band - Milton under Wychwood,
   Active in 1893

Milton under Wychwood Band - Oxfordshire
   Active around 1907

Milton Yard Ragged School Brass Band - Islington, Middlesex
   Active in 1866 to 1868

Milverton Brass Band - Somerset
   Active in 1862 to 1864

Milverton Gas Works Brass Band - Somerset
   Active in 1868

Minchinhampton Town Band - Gloucestershire
   Formed in 1860, it played in and around the Cotswolds until it folded in the mid 1920s. Conductor W.A. Jones in 1864. A brief history of the band is available in the booklet - “History Of Minchinhampton Town Band” by Trevor G. Picken (1977). Minutes of the band (1882-1893) are held in the Gloucestershire Archives.

Minehead Brass Band - Somerset
   Founded in 1863, active to the 1970s

Minehead Town Band
   See: Minehead Brass Band

Minera National School Brass Band - Denbighshire
   Active in 1891

Miners’ Saxtuba Band - St Austell, Cornwall
   See: St Austell Saxtuba Brass Band

Minster Brass Band - Isle of Thanet, Kent
   Founded in 1864, conductor E. Barnes (who was the local organist). Still active in 1865

Minsterley Brass Band (1) - Shropshire
   Active in 1852, folding prior to the mid-1860s

Minsterley Brass Band (2) - Shropshire
   Founded in 1868, conductor Job Parry, rehearsing in the National Schoolroom once a week. First rehearsal on 5th December 1868

Mirfield Baptist Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Founded in 1899

Mirfield Brass Band
   See: Mirfield Old Band

Mirfield British Rail Band
   See: British Railways (Mirfield) Band
Mirfield Old Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the 1850s to WW1. At some point it was linked to the volunteers, becoming 41st West Yorkshire Rifle Volunteers (Mirfield) Band.

Mirfield Silver Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1950s

Mirrlees Blackstone Works Band
See: Mirrlees Works Band

Mirrlees Works Band - Hazel Grove, Cheshire
Formed in August 1949, disbanded in 1980. Also known as the Mirrlees Blackstone Works Band.

Mission Church Brass Band
Coleridge Road Mission, Darnall, Sheffield. Active in 1903 formed some years before that.

Misterton Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in 1874 to the mid-1880s

Misterton Mission Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in the 1900s

Mitcham and Wimbledon Gas Company Band
See: Berkeley Teetotal Society Band

Mitcham Brass Band - Surrey
Active in the 1850s to 1900s. Secretary Mr Farnfield in 1877. Conductor G. (or F.) Weight in 1889. It was the 8th Surrey Rifles Band prior to 1875.

Mitcham Gas Works Band
See: Berkeley Teetotal Society Band

Mitcham Poor Law Schools Band
See: Holborn Schools Brass Band

Mitcham Temperance Band - Surrey
Active in 1898

Mitcheldean Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active in the 1840s to 1860s. A successor band was formed in the late 1880s or 1890.

Mitcheldean Town Band - Gloucestershire
Formed around 1890 and folded in 1914.

Mitchell and Darfield Miners' Institute Band
See: Mitchell’s Main and Darfield Band

Mitchell’s Main and Darfield Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Based at Darfield, near Barnsley. Active in the 1980s

Mixbury Brass Band - Oxfordshire
Active in 1862 to 1868

Mixenden Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Mixenden Mill Brass Band

Mixenden Mill Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1850. Headed the procession at the laying of the foundation stone of Ogden Water reservoir near Halifax, in August 1854. Still active in the 1870s

Mizpah Gospel Mission Brass Band - Southsea, Hampshire
Active in 1904, mission located in St Paul's Road
**Modbury Brass Band** - Devon
  Founded in July 1838. Cost of instruments and music was met through public subscription. Still active in the 1880s.

**Moderna Blanket Works Band**
  See: Cragg Vale and Mytholmroyd Band

**Moel Tryfan Brass Band**
  See: Rhosgadfan Brass Band

**Moeltryfan Silver Prize Band**
  See: Rhosgadfan Brass Band

**Moffat Town Band** - Dumfriesshire
  Active in the 1870s to 1890s. In 1888 there was a major upset, resulting in most of the players resigning. Still active in 1918.

**Moira Colliery Band** - Leicestershire
  Active from the mid-1890s to the 1930s. Conductor J. Astle in 1908. Competed in a brass band contest at Overseal, Leicestershire in July 1921, under conductor Jas. Astle (drawn 7 of 11 bands, they were placed 2nd)

**Mold Brass Band** - Flintshire
  Active in the 1840s to 1900s

**Mold Green United Band**
  See: Moldgreen Brass Band

**Mold Volunteers Band** - Flintshire
  Active in the 1880s, conductor William Griffiths in 1881

**Moldgreen Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active from the 1850s to the 1900s. Conductor was Abraham Wood in 1888.

**Mole Valley Silver Band** - Surrey
  [current band] - Founded in 1881 - Former names: Leatherhead Town Band, Bookham and District Silver Band (1947-1974)

**Molesey Brass Band**
  See: Molesey Mechanics Band

**Molesey Mechanics Band** - Surrey
  Active in 1891 and also in 1892 when, resplendent in their new uniforms of blue and gold, then were playing raising funds for Molsey Hospital. Still active into the 1900s

**Molinnis Band** - Cornwall
  Active in 1871, conducted by T. Manhire. Played for a Sunday school in Luxulyan in 1875.

**Molland Brass Band** - Devon
  Active around 1900

**Mond Silver Band** - Clydach, Glamorgan
  See: Mond’s Nickel Works Band

**Mond’s Nickel Works Band** - Clydach, Glamorgan
  Founded in 1906, active through to WW1. A learners’ class was started in 1916 under A.E. Sherwood

**Monifieth Brass Band** - Angus
  Active in 1865

**Monk Bretton Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1895 to 1910. Secretary William Hellewell, jun. in 1904
Monk Bridge Iron Works Brass Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1850s. Played at the celebrations for the laying of the foundation stone for the Holbeck Mechanics Institute, in March 1858

Monk Fryston Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1859

Monkbridge Brass Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Monk Bridge Iron Works Brass Band

Monklands Concert Brass
See: Airdrie Union Band

Monklands Youth Brass Band - Airdrie, Lanarkshire
Founded in 1980

Monkokehampton Brass Band - Devon
Active in 1863, conductor Mr Whilley

Monks Risborough Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
Active from the 1880s through to the late 1920s. The conductor in W. Martin in 1889, Mr Protheroe in 1897, C. Tucker in 1902, T. Eldridge in 1925.

Monksilver Brass Band - Somerset
Active in 1864

Monkton Brass Band - Dorset
See: Tarrant Monkton Brass Band

Monkton Combe Brass Band - Somerset
Active in 1901

Monkton Temperance Brass Band
See: Tarrant Monkton Brass Band

Monkthall Colliery Silver Band - Midlothian
Formed in 1918, it was then registered as a competing band in 1921 as “Prestonlinks Colliery Silver Band”. Early bandmasters/conductors include John Hay, a well-known name in the music ‘industry’ locally, whose son Ian (who was taught in the band) went on to become a professional musician and Head Teacher of Music at Preston Lodge High School. The pit closed in the early 1960's. The band then became known as “Prestonpans and District Silver Band” until the sponsorship from the Monkthall Colliery came along. Merged with Dalkeith Burgh Band in 1989 to form Dalkeith and Monkthall Brass Band.

Monkwearmouth Brass Band
See: Monkwearmouth Operatic Brass Band

Monkwearmouth Colliery Band - Durham
Active in 1858 and 1871

Monkwearmouth Engine Works Band - Durham
Active in 1865, conductor William Southern. Still active in the 1870s

Monkwearmouth Harmonic Brass Band - Durham
Active in 1908

Monkwearmouth Lodge Band - Durham

Monkwearmouth Lodge Band
See: Hylton Colliery Silver Band

Monkwearmouth Operatic Brass Band - Durham
Active from the late 1860s to the 1890s. Conductor W. Southern in 1869
Monmouth Band - Monmouthshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1968

Monmouth Battalion Band, 3rd
   See: 3rd Monmouth Battalion Band

Monmouth Brass Band - Monmouthshire
   Active in the 1850s and 1860s

Monmouth Rechabite Brass Band - Monmouthshire
   Active in 1844

Monmouth Street Primitive Mission Band - Abbey Hey, Lancashire
   Founded in 1907, conductor Mr Badcock

Monmouthshire Reformatory for Boys Brass Band - Monmouthshire
   The Monmouthshire Reformatory School for Boys was certified for operation February 7th, 1859. Its was located at Little Mill, in the parish of Mamhilad, near Pontypool. The brass band was formed in 1910. The school closed in 1922.

Monotype Works Band - Redhill, Surrey
   Active in the 1940s and 1950s. The Monotype Band featured in a film made in 1958 of the Brockham Green Medieval Festival.

Monsanto Chemical Works Band - Cefn-Mawr, Denbighshire
   Active in the 1940s and 1950s

Monsanto Silver Band
   See: Monsanto Chemical Works Band

Montgomery Brass Band - Montgomeryshire
   Active in 1852

Montgomeryshire County Youth Band - Montgomeryshire
   [previous name of current band] See: North Powys County Youth Band

Montpellier Brass Band - Cheltenham, Gloucestershire
   Active in 1862

Montrose Brass Band - Angus
   Active from 1860 to the 1880s. A successor band was formed in 1894 by James Watson and is still active.

Montrose Caledonian Brass Band - Angus
   Active in 1865

Montrose Silver Band - Angus
   [previous name of current band] See: Montrose Town Band

Montrose Town Band - Angus
   [current band] - Founded in 1894 - Former names: Montrose Silver Band

Montsaye School Brass Band - Rothwell, Northamptonshire
   Active in the 1980s

Monument Church Ladies' Brass Band - London (City)
   Founded in 1918

Monway Iron Works Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
   Active in 1873

Monxton Brass Band - Hampshire
   Active in 1863, conductor James Bennett

Monyash Brass Band (1) - Derbyshire
   Active in 1863
Monyash Brass Band (2) - Derbyshire
  Active from 1878 to 1902
Moon's Mill Brass Band - Higher Walton, Lancashire
  Active in 1884
Moor End Brass Band
  See: Rudland and Fadmoor Band
Moor Row Old Brass Band - Cumberland
  Founded in 1871. Active in 1897, when they held a picnic at St.Bees on Easter Monday.
  “On Sunday January 30, 1902, under the leadership of Mr. Benn, the band played
  suitable sacred music through the streets of Moor Row. The selections which were
  appreciated by the villagers, included the “Dead March in Saul.” This was played as a
  mark of respect to Private W. R. Nicholson who died of enteric fever in South Africa.” In
  March 1903, a social gathering promoted by the committee of the band was held in the
  Board Schoolroom. “There was a very large attendance and the event was of a highly
  satisfactory character in every way. The object of this gathering was to raise funds to
  renew and repair the instruments.” The band was still active up to 1939.
Moorside County Secondary School Brass Band - Caverswall, Staffordshire
  Active in the 1960s
Moorswater Brass Band - Cornwall
  Moorswater, a few miles west of Liskeard had a band that received some publicity
  1880/81. In that short period they carried out several engagement, but no Cornish
  contests. It is probable that their conductor was a man called Bray. Active in the early
  1900s
Moorthwaite Brass Band - Cumberland
  Active in 1867. Moorthwaite is near Hornsby on the River Eden
Moray Concert Brass - Morayshire
  [current band] - Founded in 1992
Morchard Bishop Brass Band - Devon
  Active from 1853 to the early 1900s
Morchard Bishop Subscription Brass Band
  See: Morchard Bishop Brass Band
Morchard Brass Band
  See: Morchard Bishop Brass Band
Morden Brass Band - Dorset
  Active in 1862
Mordialloc Brass Band
  See: Mordialloc City Band
Morecambe and Heysham Borough Band - Lancashire
  [previous name of current band] See: Morecambe Brass Band
Morecambe and Heysham Silver Band - Lancashire
  [previous name of current band] See: Morecambe Brass Band
Morecambe Borough Band - Lancashire
  [previous name of current band] See: Morecambe Brass Band
Morecambe Brass Band
  See: Morecambe Subscription Brass Band
Morecambe Brass Band - Lancashire
   [current band] - Founded in 1904 - Former names: Morecambe Borough Band, Morecambe & Heysham Borough Band, Morecambe & Heysham Silver Band, Lancashire Life and Lake District Life Morecambe Brass Band (to 2004)
Morecambe Grammar School Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1950s
Morecambe Subscription Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1870s to 1890s. A successor band was formed in 1904 (the current Morecambe Brass Band)
Moresby Brass Band - Cumberland
   Active in the 1890s
Moresby Colliery Band - Cumberland
   Active in the 1920s to 1950s. George Kirkby was the conductor in 1931
Moresby Park Colliery Band
   See: Moresby Colliery Band
Moresby Parks Colliery Band
   See: Moresby Colliery Band
Moreton Brass Band - Cheshire
   Active in 1896
Moreton Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   See: Moreton-in-the-Marsh Brass Band
Moreton Brass Band - Warwickshire
   See: Moreton Paddox Brass Band
Moreton Paddox Brass Band - Warwickshire
   Active in 1862
Moreton Post Office Brass Band - Moreton-in-the-Marsh, Gloucestershire
   Founded in 1903. Active to the 1910s
Moretonhampstead Brass Band - Devon
   Active in 1852
Moreton-in-the-Marsh Brass Band (1) - Gloucestershire
   Active in 1853 to 1869
Moreton-in-the-Marsh Brass Band (2) - Gloucestershire
   Active in 1924
Morfa Brass Band - Carmarthenshire
   Active in 1890
Morgan’s Cwmtawe Brass Band
   See: Cwmtawe Brass Band
Moria and Donisthorpe Band
   [no information]
Morland Moderna Band
   See: Moderna Blanket Works Band
Morley Borough Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Morley Brass Band
Morley Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Formed in 1848 from the earlier Morley Reed Band. Leader John Lobley in 1860, conductor John Pool in 1861. Ceres Jackson was one of the band’s greatest players. Jackson was an orphan boy brought up at the New Inn, Churwell. Those who played
with him said that his tongue was like a snake and he could 'triple tongue' with ease, this is a rare accomplishment which is essential if greatness is to be achieved. Jackson was the cornet soloist when the Black Dyke Band toured America 1906/1908. During the late Edwardian period he was in constant demand as soloist in the great 'Messiah' performances. Once in the Coliseum at Leeds, where Dame Clara Butt and David Hughes were performing before an audience of 3,000, his rendering of The Trumpet Shall Sound so electrified the company he had to take ten curtain calls. He was engaged later to conduct local bands but his impatience with those less talented than himself made him disliked. The Morley Band for over 70 years was a power in the competitive field and won many prizes. Harry Castle was the last permanent conductor, Arthur Hopwood the principal cornetist. The year before the band was taken over by the British Legion they won the West Riding Band Contest at Knottingley Town Hall, when they were conducted by Bernard Behrens of the Black Dyke Band. Active until late 1940s or early 1950s, when the band became Morley British Legion Band. Presumed to have folded in the late 1950s, early 1960s.

**Morley British Legion Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: *Morley Brass Band*

**Morley Family Juvenile Brass Band** - London
Active in 1853

**Morley Juvenile Excelsior Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed by Mr Jim Isaacs in 1910. Mr G.E. Baines was the patron of this group of youngsters. They performed many times in Dartmouth Park and gave concerts in many other towns in the West Riding. The band also included girl players. The band disbanded in 1914 after the start of WW1. (Another report gives the band forming in 1913 and still active in 1918)

**Morley Parrock Nook Anthem Prize Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1906

**Morley Textile Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the late 1930s

**Morley Wing A.T.C. Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active during WW2, 1944

**Morningside Band** - Midlothian
Active around 1900, conductor Tom Challoner

**Morpeth Band of Hope Brass Band** - Durham
Active in 1859, conductor Mr Miller

**Morpeth Borough Band** - Northumberland
Active in 1894, conductor Joseph P. Thompson. In 1901 a silver matchstick holder was presented by the band to J.W. English.

**Morpeth Brass Band** - Northumberland
Active from the 1840s to the 1890s

**Morpeth V.B.N.F. Band**
See: *Morpeth Volunteer Band*

**Morpeth Volunteer Band** - Northumberland
Active in 1889 and 1894, conductor John Jobson

**Morris Concert Band**
See: *Morris Motors Band*
Morris Motor Works Band
See: Morris Motors Band

Morris Motors Band - Oxford, Oxfordshire
Formed in 1924 from employees of Morris Motors it grew from its recreational beginnings to become a leading band under the guidance of Harry Mortimer. Founded as part of William Morris’ welfare drive, it soon started entering national competitions, winning the Crystal Palace Grand Shield in the 1930s. A signature tune, The Morris March, was written for them by Beresford, which is featured on a programme of 1926. The band was temporarily disbanded at the beginning of the Second World War, reviving in 1943 to play to workers in the factory canteen. Between 1946 and 1955 the band went from strength to strength under the leadership of its inspirational conductor Harry Mortimer, becoming one of the country’s leading brass bands. During its long career, the band made over 500 radio broadcasts and several television appearances, also performing at folk dances, in music halls and in park bandstands. Changed name to Morris Concert Band round 1972-3 and back to Morris Motors in about 1979. Some reminiscences from Stephen Bourne, who played for Morris Motors in the 1970’s and early 80’s: “There were strong ties to the Ercol Furniture Band throughout this time through the resident Conductor Walter Rees who was musical director for Ercol and also with Witney Sliver Band through Peter the baritone player, who conducted Witney. Whenever Witney or Ercol did a gig you could guarantee a fair numbers of Morris Players would be amongst them. I travelled to and from London in the car with Harry Mortimer (or HM as he preferred) every Monday and Wednesday for rehearsal in the band room at Morris Factory. We did many concerts as part of the famed “Men O’Brass” mass bands of Fairey, Fodens (or City of Coventry for a while) and Morris. There are still a number of recordings of this massed band around today. Morris Motors last appeared in the National Finals at the Royal Albert Hall in 1981 , when the Test Piece was Blitz (I still remember learning it - unpleasant - give me some Vinter or Ball any day). We regularly appeared on “Friday Night is music night!” live from the Golders Green Hippodrome on Radio 2. Robin Boyle from Radio 2 who compared the show was a friend of HM’s. As a result HM managed to get him to compere the British Open, then held in Belle Vue Manchester. I was an official in those days, responsible for taking lunch to the adjudicators and organising distribution of programmes. The Open contest was stopped for an hour between bands because of an IRA bomb threat, I think in 1978 (I could be a year out) but continued afterwards. I do remember the challenge of keeping the adjudicators out of the way. The demise of the Morris band occurred in Harry’s later days. The motor works had offered jobs and time to rehearse to players during the bands heydays (50’s and 60’s) and there was a strong Welsh Mafia in the band (or “tafia” as it became called). By the late 70’s band though, moving to Oxford to work in the now stricken car industry was not a very attractive proposition. Around this time, and certainly until 1980, there were still no women in the band and, believe or not, no women were allowed on the band bus. This was true at Fairey and Fodens too. I remember the shock when City of Coventry came to their first Men of Brass with women in the band. In 1981 the first lady joined Morris’ and the “old guard” were unhappy about it. Funny now to even think about such a World just 28 years ago.” The band folded in the late 1990s. As the car industry changed, the band’s name also changed to Austin Rover Morris Motors Band, Austin Rover Group Band, Rover Band, B.M.C. Band. Also occasionally known as Cowley Brass Band

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Morrison and Busty Collieries Band - Annfield Plain, Durham
   Formed in the 1920s. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s.
   Renamed as Consett Brass in 1974.
Morrison Busty Colliery Band - Durham
   [previous name of current band] See: Consett Band
Morrison Busty Colliery Band
   See: Morrison and Busty Collieries Band
Morrison Busty Lodge Band
   See: Morrison and Busty Collieries Band
Morrison North Band - Durham
   Active in the 1900s
Morristown Brass Band - Glamorgan
   Actually founded in Bristol by an English family named Hanney. The band bodily
   moved into Wales in the 1860s, conductor George Hanney. A rival band was formed by
   the local Welshmen which resulted in a private contest in 1875. The “English” band won
   and went on to absorb its rival. Still active in the late 1890s
Mortimer Brass Band - Berkshire
   Active in 1852
Mortlake Band - Surrey
   Active around 1900
Morton Parochial Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Founded in 1887
Morvah and St Just Band
   See: Morvah Brass Band
Morvah Brass Band - Cornwall
   Morvah can be found about 4 miles north of St Just at Land's End. They were certainly
   carrying out engagements in 1856 but under the title “Morvah and St Just Band.” As
   there was at that time a St Just Band, what can we make of this title? Possibly the neither
   band had enough players to be independently able to take on engagements, thereby
   joining up for while? Whatever, by 1863 Morvah had enough players to call themselves
   “Morvah Brass Band” and enter a contest in Redruth. This was the only contest they
   played at, the test music being “Denmark Quadrille” and “Lament for Wellington.” For
   this event they were conducted by R Williams, but were unplaced. Still active in 1866
Morwenstow Band - Cornwall
   Formed around 1868 and conducted for the next 37 years (!) by John Cholwill. There
   were at least three other Cholwills in the band - Archie, Harold, and Claude. The band,
   situated in the very far north of Cornwall, carried on up to WW2 carrying out the usual
   run of engagements of the time. After WW2 it does seem that an attempt was made to
   reform the band by accepting a Carnival engagement that was raising funds to welcome
   ex-servicemen coming home, but nothing is heard of them after that. Who conducted
   them from 1905 is not recorded, but in 1937 W H Pitman was in the chair. No Cornish
   contests were ever attended.
Mosborough Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Founded in April 1853, conductor Edwin Keeton. The Worksop Journal reported that on
   Whit Monday 1856, when three Friendly Societies formed a procession, three Bands took
   part. After the procession to the Parish Church and Divine Service, they dined at various
   hostelries. The Old Abbey Club dined at the Corn Exchange where Mr Marshall of the
Greyhound Inn catered for 240 persons. The Mosbro' Band attended and played appropriate airs after each toast. The Golden Ball Friendly Society dined in their large room.... and the Sherwood Rangers Band contributed to the pleasure of the day. The Wheat Sheaf Club dined at the club room of the Wheat Sheaf Inn, and the Sutton Brass Band very much delighted the Society with their performances. The band was still active in 1865

**Mosborough Victoria Brass Band** - Derbyshire
Active in 1863

**Moseley Brass Band** - Staffordshire
Active in the 1970s and 1980s

**Moseley Park Band**
See: *Moseley Brass Band*

**Moss Bank Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active around the 1900s

**Moss Lane Works Brass Band** - Rochdale, Lancashire
Active in 1866. This was the works band of John Tatham and Sons, manufacturers of mill machinery

**Moss Rose Community Brass Band** - Macclesfield, Cheshire
[current band] - Founded in 2009

**Moss Side Ironworks Brass Band** - Lower Ince, Lancashire
Active in the early 1880s

**Mossend Beardmore Welfare Works Band**
See: *Beardmore’s Works Brass Band*

**Mossend Emmet Brass Band** - Lanarkshire
Active in the 1920s

**Mossend Roman Catholic Band**
See: *Bellshill and Mossend Roman Catholic Band*

**Mossend St Vincent Silver Band** - Lanarkshire
Active in the 1920s and 1930s. Conductor A. Copland in 1921

**Mossley (Home Guard) 35th Cheshire Regiment Band** - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: *St John’s (Mossley) Band*

**Mossley Amateur Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active in the 1850s and 1860s, contemporary with the Mossley Temperance Band (the current Mossley Band). Still active in 1868

**Mossley Band** - Lancashire
[current band] - Founded in 1841 - Former names: Mossley Temperance Saxhorn Band, Mossley Temperance Band, Mossley Borough Band

**Mossley Borough Band** - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: *Mossley Band*

**Mossley Brass Band** - Lancashire
See: *Mossley Amateur Brass Band*

**Mossley Destruction Prize Band** - Lancashire
Active in 1906

**Mossley Druids’ Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active in 1861 to 1868. Contemporary with the Mossley Amateur Brass Band

**Mossley Hollins High School Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active in the 1970s and 1980s
**Mossley St John's Band** - Lancashire
  Active in 1980

**Mossley Temperance Band** - Lancashire
  [previous name of current band] See: Mossley Band

**Mossley Temperance Saxhorn Band** - Lancashire
  [previous name of current band] See: Mossley Band

**Moston and Beswick Band** - Lancashire
  See: Streetfold Band

**Moston and Beswick Manchester Band** - Lancashire
  See: Streetfold Band

**Moston Brass Band (1)** - Lancashire
  Active in 1851

**Moston Brass Band (2)** - Lancashire
  See: Streetfold Band

**Moston Brook Band** - Manchester, Lancashire
  Active in 1979

**Moston Temperance Band** - Lancashire
  Formed in 1883, still active in 1889

**Mostyn and Llannerch-y-mor Band**
  See: Llannerch-y-mor Brass Band

**Mostyn Hall Band** - Flintshire
  Active in 1920s

**Motcombe Brass Band** - Dorset
  Active in 1866

**Motherwell and Hamilton Palace Colliery Band**
  See: Motherwell and Palace Colliery Band

**Motherwell and Palace Colliery Band** - Lanarkshire
  Active in the 1950s and 1960s

**Motherwell and Wishaw Band** - Lanarkshire
  Probably formed after WW1. Active from the early 1920s to the 1950s. Later known as Motherwell and Wishaw Citizens' Band.

**Motherwell and Wishaw Citizens' Band**
  See: Motherwell and Wishaw Band

**Motherwell and Wishaw Town Band**
  See: Motherwell and Wishaw Band

**Motherwell Brass Band**
  See: Motherwell Town Band (1)

**Motherwell Christian Institute Brass Band** - Lanarkshire
  Active in 1892 into the 1900s, conductor John Somerville in 1899

**Motherwell Hallelujah Mission Band**
  See: Hallelujah Mission Silver Band

**Motherwell League of the Cross Band**
  See: Motherwell League of the Silver Cross Band

**Motherwell League of the Silver Cross Band** - Lanarkshire
  Formed around 1905, still active in the 1920s

**Motherwell Miller Street Mission Band**
  See: Miller Street Mission Brass Band
Motherwell Roman Catholic Brass Band - Lanarkshire
   Active in the 1920s

Motherwell St Brides Brass Band - Lanarkshire
   Active in the mid-1940s

Motherwell Town Band (1) - Lanarkshire
   Active from the 1880s to WW1. Report from the Motherwell Times, Friday 14th. June 1901: “The New Masonic Halls - Laying the Memorial Stone. ........... (after the ceremony’s close). Thereafter the company was again arranged in processional order, and proceeded by way of Muir Street, Milton Street, Calder Street, and Merry Street to the Town Hall, where the Lodge was closed in due form. The bands which accompanied the procession were the Coltness Silver Band, and the Motherwell Town Silver Band both of which more than maintained their reputation for first class music. The band was taken over by the council in 1909.

Motherwell Town Band (2)
   See: Motherwell and Wishaw Band

Mottram and Broadbottom Brass Band - Cheshire
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Steve Shaw conductor in 1907

Mottram Brass Band - Cheshire
   Active from 1856 to the early 1900s

Moulton 77 Brass Band - Northamptonshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1977

Moulton Adult School Brass Band - Northamptonshire
   Active in the 1900s, conductor J.C. Cox in 1909

Moulton Brass Band - Northamptonshire
   Active in the village from around 1907 to 1937. After disbanding in 1937 the instruments were put into storage but were unfortunately lost in a fire some years later. A successor band was formed in 1977

Moulton Brass Band (1) - Cheshire
   See: Moulton Institute Brass Band

Moulton Brass Band (2) - Cheshire
   Active in the late 1950s/early 1960s

Moulton Institute Brass Band - Cheshire
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Mount Carmel Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
   Active in the 1930s, based at the Mount Carmel R.C. Church.

Mount Charles Band - Cornwall
   [current band] - Former names: JAG Mount Charles Band

Mount Edgcumbe Training Ship Band - Saltash, Cornwall
   See: Training Ship Mount Edgcumbe Band

Mount Gerizim Brass Band - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1920s, based at the Mount Gerizim Wesleyan Reform Chapel.

Mount Pleasant Temperance Saxhorn Band - Spennymoor, Durham
   Active in 1879

Mount Sion Brass Band - Radcliffe, Lancashire
   Active in 1866 to 1869

Mount Sion Works Brass Band - Radcliffe, Lancashire
   Active in the 1940s
Mount Street Band - Salford, Lancashire
   Active in 1903
Mount Tabor Band - Long Eaton, Derbyshire
   Founded in 1906, conductor A.E. Comer. Active through to the 1930s. Conductor John Turner and secretary W. Wall in 1930
Mount Tabor Mission Silver Band
   See: Mount Tabor Band
Mount Zion Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
   Active in the 1880s/1890s
Mount Zion Brass Band - Colne, Lancashire
   Active in the 1860s through to 1939. J. Aspinall conductor and I. Thornton secretary in 1905.
Mount Zion Brass Band - Radcliffe, Lancashire
   Active in 1866
Mount Zion Mission Brass Band - Walsall, Staffordshire
   Active in 1895
Mountain Ash Brass Band - Glamorgan
   Active in the 1870s to early 1900s
Mountain Ash Hibernian Band - Glamorgan
   Active in the 1900s through to 1918
Mountain Ash Rifle Corps Band
   See: Mountain Ash Volunteers Band
Mountain Ash Volunteers Band - Glamorgan
   Active from the 1860s to the 1920s
Mountsorrel Brass Band - Leicestershire
   Active from the 1840s through to 1911. Conducted by B. Derry in 1861
Mousehill Brass Band - Surrey
   Active in the 1870s and 1897
Mousehole Brass Band - Cornwall
   Active in the early 1900s
Mow Cop Brass Band - Cheshire
   Active from the late 1840s to the 1900s
Mowddy Brass Band - Merioneth
   See: Dinas-Mawddwy Brass Band
Moxley Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1870s and 1919
Moxley Victoria Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the early 1870s
Mr Alderson's Adult Sunday School Brass Band - Stockton-on-Tees, Durham
   Active in 1886
Mr Brooke's Amateur Brass Band
   See: Avon Street Gas Works Band
Mr Higham's Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
   Active in the 1850s and 1860s
Mr Jackson's Brass Band
   See: Jackson's Brass Band
Mr M.W. Thompson's Brass Band - Guiseley, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from 1874 to 1889. Linked to Sir Matthew William Thomson, Bart., of Park Gate, Guiseley, (d. 1891)

Mr W. Thompson's Band - Guiseley, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1870s

Mr Walker's Brass Band - York, Yorkshire
See: Walker's Brass Band

Mr Widdow's Saxhorn Band - Norwich, Norfolk
See: Norwich Perserverance Brass Band

Mrs Walmesley's Colerne Brass Band - Wiltshire
See: Colerne Brass Band

Much Hadham Brass Band
Active in 1925

Much Hoole Brass Band - Lancashire
Founded in 1865, its first public appearance in October that year. Still active in 1891.

Much Wenlock and Garmston Brass Band - Shropshire
Active in 1869

Much Wenlock Brass Band (1) - Shropshire
Active in 1859. Conductor George Yates in 1862. Still active in 1869

Much Wenlock Brass Band (2) - Shropshire
Founded in 1900 and survived until the Second World War.

Mugginton Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in 1887

Muirkirk Brass Band
See: Muirkirk Parish Brass Band

Muirkirk Parish Brass Band - Ayrshire
Active from the 1880s. Folded in 1891 but was revived in the early 1900s, conductor J. Johnstone in 1904. Known as Muirkirk Parish Silver Band in 1923 when, in a band contest at Douglas, they won both the March and the Selection pieces. John Johnstone, who died in 1951, was teacher and conductor of the Band for the long period of 26 years, and many bandsmen had their first “blaw” under his firm but helpful guidance. The Band folded before the 1950s.

Muker Silver Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1897

Mulbarton and Swardeston Brass Band - Norfolk
Active in the 1900s through to 1914

Muller Cleobury Mortimer Band - Shropshire
[previous name of current band] See: Cleobury Mortimer Concert Brass

Mullion Brass Band - Cornwall
c.1870 to c.1911, there is no recorded conductors or Cornish contests attended. The band could be found down in the Lizard Peninsular. A photo of 1897 shows a smart, well-balanced band of ten players, consisting of 4 cornets, tenor horn, baritone, valve trombone, euphonium, Eb bass and a bass drum.

Multitubular Brass Band
See: Newbie Engineering Works Multitubular Brass Band
Mumbles Silver Band - Glamorgan
Active from the 1880s. Disbanded around the time of the First World War. Reminiscences of Margie Bowden: “Now my two youngest brothers were in the Mumbles Silver Band. They used to call it Bob Todd’s Band as he was the leader. What we liked to do was to walk with the band, when they marched the solders to Church. We used to look forward to Sunday. But the Mumbles Band did not last much longer, as one of the boys was called up then another and so there were not many left in the band and it finished up with solders joining in to make enough to get them to church. We just used to have some wonderful tunes in those days but, in 1914, it was spoiled for us. My two brothers, Alfred and Ernest, were called up and joined the navy and never came back.”

Munition Workers’ Band
See: Scotswood Shipyard Brass Band

Munn and Felton Works Band - Northamptonshire
[previous name of current band] See: Virtuosi GUS Band

Murray International Whitburn Band - West Lothian
[previous name of current band] See: Exchange Communications Whitburn Band

Murton Colliery Brass Band - Durham
[current band] - Founded in 1884 - Former names: Murton Temperance Gospel Blue Ribbon Army Band (to 1885), also known as Blue Ribbon Temperance Band - Note: The members wore a blue ribbon on their sleeve. Nine months after formation, with a drop in subscriptions and with recruitment of new members somewhat under strain, it was decided “that the band be still carried on, but every member be left to his own option whether to be teetotal or not, except at the time of an engagement.”

Murton Temperance Gospel Blue Ribbon Army Band - Durham
[previous name of current band] See: Murton Colliery Brass Band

Musbury Brass Band - Devon
Active in 1857

Musselburgh and Fisherrow Trades Band - Midlothian
[current band] - Founded in 1895 - Note: The entire band enlisted in the 1914-1918 War

Musselburgh Brass Band - Midlothian
Active in the 1870s and 1880s. A successor band was formed in 1895.

Musselburgh St Augustine’s Band - Midlothian
Active in the 1890s

Musselburgh Town Band
See: Musselburgh Brass Band

Muston Amateur Brass Band - Leicestershire
Active in 1887

Muthill Brass Band (1) - Perthshire
Active in 1878 and the 1880s

Muthill Brass Band (2) - Perthshire
Founded in 1905, still active in the 1920s

Myland Brass Band
See: Mile End Brass Band

Mynyddgarreg Silver Prize Band - Carmarthenshire
Myrtle Silver Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
Active in 1933

N Division Police Brass Band - Islington, Middlesex
Active in 1862. Conductor Mr Ison in 1867. Also known as Kingsland Police Brass Band.
See also B, D, E, G, H, K, L, P, S and T Division Police Brass Bands

N.C.B. No.5 Area Ambulance Band
See: East Midlands Area 5 Ambulance Band

N.E. Manchester Brass Band
Active in the 1930s

N.E.R. Band
See: West Hartlepool N.E.R. Band

N.F.S. Band
See: National Fire Service Band

N.S.R. Juvenile Brass Band - Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire
See: North Staffordshire Railway Juvenile Brass Band

Naburn Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active from the early 1890s. Conductor Henry Woodhouse in 1894. Played at the
Bishopthorpe celebrations of the Coronation of Edward VII in 1902, conductor Mr
Bartram.

Nafferton Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active from 1860 to the 1940s

Nafferton Saxhorn Band
See: Nafferton Brass Band

Nafferton Station Mills Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in 1890. Conductor F. Foster in 1898. 1903 reports in the Driffield press: Saturday
June 20 1903, “Members of Sir Tatton Sykes’ Lodge of the Hull District of Druids
celebrated their seventh anniversary at Wetwang. The Nafferton Station Mills Band
played the members to church, where the Rev Ingham preached a sermon. The
membership of the Hull district was 9,806.” August 8 1903, “Wansford played host to an
athletic and aquatic sports event. Only competitors from Wansford and Cattleholmes
were entitled to take part in the athletic events, but the aquatic events were open. The
aquatic events were the highlight of the day, with Mr J Cawthorn winning the greasy
pole event and taking home a leg of mutton. A swimming match from the bridge to the
Trout Inn was entered by seven competitors. After the sports, the villagers enjoyed a
fireworks display and music from the Nafferton Station Mills Band.”

Nafferton United Prize Silver Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active around 1910 to the 1930s

Nailsea Brass Band - Somerset
Active in 1860

Nailsea Glass Works Brass Band - Somerset
Active in 1866, leader Mr Malin. Still active in 1869

Nailsworth and Horsley Silver Band - Gloucestershire
[previous name of current band] See: Nailsworth Silver Band

Nailsworth Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active in 1859
Nailsworth Silver Band - Gloucestershire
[cURRENT BAND] - Founded in 1919 - Former names: Nailsworth Silver Band, Nailsworth and Horsley Silver Band (until c.1970) - Note: In 1948 Nailsworth amalgamated with Horsley Band to become the Nailsworth and Horsley Silver Band

Nairn Brass Band - Nairnshire
Formed in 1859, conductor Herr Meerfeldt. Still active in 1883, conductor Mr Mills. Presumed to have folded that year as a meeting was held in June 1884 to discuss forming a new Town Band, with £20 pledged to start. This was to be a pipe band.

Nanceledra Band - Cornwall
The players of Nanceledra, just south of St Ives, had players from Towednack join them to play for a Home Guard church parade in 1941. This group was put together and led by F Pope. This would appear to be a one-off.

Nant Brass Band - Denbighshire
Formed in 1898, conductor Thomas Morris

Nant Purls Brass Band - Caernarfonshire
[No information]

Nantlle Vale Band - Caernarfonshire
[Previous name of current band] See: Nantlle Vale Royal Silver Band

Nantlle Vale Royal Silver Band - Caernarfonshire
[current band] - Founded in 1865 - Former names: Pen yr Orsedd Band, Nantlle Vale Band (to 1894) - Note: Winners of the British Championship in 19 and granted the title Royal after a command performance in 1905. The success in the 1920 lead to applications from the likes of Alexander Owen, William Rimmer and Harry Mortimer to conduct the band. Since the closure of the quarry the band no longer competes at the same level and is now more for fun but it still competes in the 4th section and gained 2nd place in the 2005 National Eisteddfod. Records of the band, from 1950-1987 are held by Gwynedd Archives, Caernarfon Record Office.

Nantwich Brass Band - Cheshire
Active from the 1840s to the early 1900s. Conductor T. Hassall from 1853 to 1862, Charles Hassall in 1865. Probably folded during WW1. Competed in the very first British Open in 1853.

Nantwich National School Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in 1875

Nantwich Old Brass Band
See: Nantwich Brass Band

Nantwich Town Band - Cheshire
c.1878 -1936. A non-contesting band that performed at local events, primarily parades, garden parties and charity events. It was wound up in 1936 and little exists of the band but memories.

Nant-y-glo Brass Band - Monmouthshire
Active in 1850, 1862

Nantymoel Gospel Temperance Band - Glamorgan
Active in 1906
Nantymoel Town Band (1) - Glamorgan
Active in the early 1900s, conductor George Harris. Folded in 1933

Nantymoel Town Band (2) - Glamorgan
Active in 1964

Naphill Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
A founder member and conductor of the band was Albert George Parslow, who was also Bandmaster of the Wycombe Excelsior Band (later known as High Wycombe Town Silver Band). Band was formed in the early 1900s and active through to the 1930s. Conductor Mr Hussey in 1914

Naphill United Brass Band
See: Naphill Brass Band

Napier Street Primitive Methodist Band - Gorton, Lancashire
Founded in 1908, conductor Dan Leigh. Napier Street is now Crossley Street.

Naseby Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in 1869

Nash Brass Band - Buckinghamshire

Nassington Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active from the 1850s to the 1930s. Also known as Nassington Britannia Band. A successor band (Yarwell and Nassington Britannia Band) was formed in the 1970s.

Nassington Britannia Band
See: Nassington Brass Band

NASUWT Chester-le-Street Riverside Band - Durham

National Fire Service Band - Easington, Durham
[previous name of current band] See: Easington Public Band

National Fire Service Band - Easington, Durham
See: Easington Public Band

National Fire Service Band (11 Area) - Southend, Essex
Active in 1943

National Fire Service Band (27 Area, L Division) - Eccles, Lancashire
Active from 1942. A wartime combination of players from Barton Hall Works Band and Eccles Borough Band, conductor was Dan Shepherd.

National Fire Service Band (37 Area)
See: North Kent Silver Band

National Fire Service Band (Area 14) - Portsmouth, Hampshire
[previous name of current band] See: Portsmouth City Band

National Fire Service Band (North Midland Region) - Wakefield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1942/43

National Fire Service Western (No.1) Area Band
The Band Association constitution, minutes and correspondence, 1943-1944, are held in the Glasgow City Archives
National Oil Refineries Band - Llandarcy, Glamorgan
Active in the 1920s

National Old Boys Brass Band of Scotland - Edinburgh, Midlothian
[current band] - Founded in 2009

National Reserve Band - Barnsley, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Based at the National Reserve Club, Harbourgh Hill Road, Barnsley - now closed.

National School Band - Longridge, Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Longridge Band

National Shell-Filling Factory Band - Chilwell, Nottinghamshire
Active in 1918, conductor John Turner

National Smokeless Fuels (Fishburn) Band - Durham
[previous name of current band] See: Fishburn Band

National Smokeless Fuels Band - Durham
[previous name of current band] See: Fishburn Band

National Union of Railwaymen's (Bristol) Silver Band
See: Bristol and District N.U.R. Band

Naunton Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active in 1863 to 1869, and from 1886 through to 1934. Known bandmasters were G. Harrison (1912), Frank Smith (1913), E. Williams (1923).

Navy League Boys Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
Active in 1909

Naworth Colliers' Brass Band - Midgeholme, Cumberland
Active in 1913

Nayland British Legion Band - Suffolk
Formed in the mid 1930s by some breakaway members from the Boxted Methodist Band following a contesting disagreement. Took part in the Colchester Carnival in 1936/37/38, conducted by H Taylor

Nazareth House Brass Band - Ditton, Lancashire
Active in the 1930s and 1940s

Nazebottom Temperance Prize Band - Chalrestown, near Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Founded in 1885 and active to WW1. Newspaper report from around 1910: Nazebottom Temperance Prize Band was established at Nazebottom, near Todmorden, in 1885. Matthew Trungrove and James Hodgson (now Councillor Hodgson) were its founders. They talked the matter over whilst engaged at their work as fustian cutters, and soon secured the support of a number of local musicians. It was understood from the beginning that the band was to be a temperance organisation, and this principle has been firmly adhered to. At the outset practices were held in a cottage, but so small was the room that if any instrumentalist happened to move from his place during rehearsal he ran the risk of being knocked down by the trombone player. Mr. J.E. Craven, a gentleman residing in the locality, realising the inadequacy of the cottage, kindly offered the band the use of a room over his coach-house. This was gladly accepted, and has been in use for many years. After a while, the band was able to purchase a full complement of instruments, and in their uniform of navy blue with scarlet and gold facings, the members began to feel their feet. But it was not until the autumn of 1893 that they made their first appearance on the contest field. This was at Ovenden, Halifax. Three years later, at Bamber Bridge, a prize fell to their lot. In three years they have secured seven

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first prizes, eight seconds, and five thirds out of twenty-four contests. Some little time ago a sale of work was held under the auspices of the band, the object being to raise funds for the purchase of new uniforms. Mr. Craven’s remarks on this occasion are worth quoting. They ought to take interest in anything which tended to improve and enlighten village life, said he. He did not believe that they should derive all their entertainment and pleasure from adjacent large towns, but that they should endeavour to make village life interesting and pleasant. When the band attained its majority, there was a grand reunion of past and present members in the Co-operative Hall, Todmorden. On this occasion, Mr. W. Mitchell, the bandmaster, was presented with a beautiful timepiece and a couple of bronzes; indeed, so liberally did the public subscribe, that there was a sum of from £6 to £7 over, which was at the same time handed to Mr. Mitchell in a purse. The timepiece bore the following inscription: “Purchased by public subscription, and presented to Mr. Walter Mitchell, as an appreciation of his valuable services as bandmaster to Nazebottom Temperance Brass Band for fourteen years. Presented on the occasion of the 21st anniversary of the band, held September 22nd, 1906.” Mr. Mitchell said he did not care to be described as bandmaster. He thought the terns was rather misleading, and regarded the word leader as much more suitable. He had never tried to drive or coerce his fellow bandsmen, but to lead them. He hoped that all the players would realise that the seconds and thirds were quite as essential to the making of a good band as the soloists. The mention of soloists reminds me that in speaking of some of the prizes won, I omitted to refer to several specials for solos which have been gained by members of the band. The band is ably conducted by Mr. W. Heap, the treasurer and secretary being respectively Mr W.G. Sutcliffe and Mr James Lomas. Most of the members are engaged in the cotton industry ? weavers etc.

Neath and Melyn Brass Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1930s

Neath Borough Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1900s, A.G. Harris conductor in 1904

Neath Brass Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1850s to 1880s

Neath Town Band
See: Neath Brass Band

Neatishead Brass Band - Norfolk
Active in 1863

Neckinger Mills Brass Band - Bermondsey, Surrey
See: Messrs Bevington’s Brass Band

Necton Band - Norfolk
Active in 1907

Needham Brass Band
See: Needham Market Brass Band

Needham Market Brass Band - Suffolk
Active in 1870s through to WW1. Conductor Mr Webb in 1878

Needham Market Mission Band - Suffolk
Active in the 1890s to 1910s

Needham Market Town Band - Suffolk
Active in 1950s and the 1960s. A march written for the Needham Market Band by their bandmaster Mr Daley was called Black Rod. When the band folded the music was given
to Gislingham band. They used to practice in the Tin Mission. The band lost its bass
drummer on a march through the town on one occasion. When the band wheeled right,
'Dumdiddy', a lad of short stature who was unable to see over the top of the drum. who
steered himself and his instrument by looking to the left side of the drum, continued
straight on for several yards. A breathless bandmaster finally managed to catch up with
Dumdiddy loudly banging his solitary trail along the street oblivious to the diminishing
sound of the brass instruments.

**Needingworth Brass Band** - Huntingdonshire
Active in 1863

**Neepsend Gas Works Brass Band** - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in 1893, when the members bought their own instruments at a cost of £100 and
uniforms at a further cost of £6. Conducted by W.E. Dennis, secretary was John Parker.
Still active in 1904

**Nefyn and District Band** - Caernarfonshire
Active in the 1960s

**Nefyn Brass Band** - Caernarfonshire
Active in the 1880s

**Neilston Brass Band** - Renfrewshire
Active in 1855, 1860

**Nelson Brass Band** - Lancashire
Band (1970s) - Note: In January 1957 a public meeting was held by the Town Councils
Library and Arts Committee to consider re-forming the band. After further meetings a
grant of £650.00 was made and Nelson Civic Band was born. Instruments, Music and
Uniforms were bought and scrounged and rehearsals were held in a disused chapel on
Stanley Street. On Tuesday 23 April 1957 the band played its first concert with Nelson
Civic over 60's Choir at the Civic Centre on Stanley Street. The conductor was 24 year-old
Norman Riley, the players contained bandsmen from Nelson Old and Silver bands and
players were also borrowed from other bands.

**Nelson Civic Band** - Lancashire
[Previous name of current band] See: **Nelson Brass Band**

**Nelson Old Band** - Lancashire
Formed in 1898 from the remnants of Nelson Band. It's practices were first held near the
Prince of Wales Inn and later in a room on Ann Street. In 1920 the band acquired Clifford
House and became a social club as well as a brass band. During this period the band had
many contest successes regularly competing at the famous September contest at Belle
Vue in Manchester. The Old Band, however became more of a social club than a musical
association and the band split from the club forming two new bands. Nelson Temperance Band was short-lived. The second band, Nelson Silver Prize Band, lasted until 1956.

**Nelson Prize Band**
See: *Nelson Band*

**Nelson Silver Prize Band** - Lancashire
Resulted from a split of the Nelson Old Band into Nelson Silver Prize Band and the short-lived Nelson Temperance Band. It opened a social club on Albert Street which once again led to the bands demise (as with the Nelson Old Band). In late 1956 financial problems forced the closure of the club and the folding of the Nelson Silver Prize Band, leaving Nelson once again without a band. A successor band, still active, was formed later in 1957 as the Nelson Civic Band.

**Nelson Temperance Band** - Glamorgan
Active in the 1890s to 1910s. Conductor Carl Taylor in the 1890s

**Nelson Temperance Band** - Lancashire
Short-lived, this band resulted from a split of the Nelson Old Band into Nelson Silver Prize Band and the Nelson Temperance Band.

**Nene Side Brass Band** - Northamptonshire
[previous name of current band] See: *Thrapston Town Band*

**Nenthead Brass Band** - Cumberland
Active from the 1850s to 1916.

**Nenthead Union Brass Band** - Cumberland
Active in 1861 to 1866. Conductor John Sanderson in 1866

**Neston and District Boys Band** - Cheshire
Active in the early 1950s

**Neston Brass Band** - Cheshire
Active in the 1860s. Folded prior to WW1, when its instruments were passed on to the Bootle Municipal Band.

**Neston Silver Band (1)**
See: *Neston Brass Band*

**Neston Silver Band (2)** - Cheshire
Formed after WW1. Active in the 1930s

**Nether Broughton Brass Band** - Leicestershire
Active in the 1890s to 1917, conductor Enoch Reid (Reed) in 1899

**Nether Green School Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1853

**Nether Hallam Brass Band** - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1890s to 1917, conductor Enoch Reid (Reed) in 1899

**Nether Kellet Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active in the 1890s and early 1900s

**Nether Silton Brass Band** - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in the early 1900s

**Nether Stowey Brass Band** - Somerset
Active from the mid-1860s to the late 1890s

**Nether Wallop Brass Band** - Hampshire
Active from the early 1860s to the 1900s
Nether Winchendon Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
See: Cuddington Brass Band

Netherend Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active in 1850

Netherfield B.R. Solver Band
See: Netherfield Railway Band

Netherfield L.N.E.R. Brass Band
See: Netherfield Railway Band

Netherfield Railway Band - Nottinghamshire
Founded in the 1890s by Charles Robert Rodgers (another report gives the formation as 1902). In 1950 was renamed Carlton Silver Band, then Nottingham City Transport Band in 1988. The band spawned Carlton Brass (a junior section) in 1998, which went on to become the current Carlton Brass Band. The Nottingham City Transport Band folded in 2005.

Netherfield Railwayman’s Silver Band - Nottinghamshire
[previous name of current band] See: Carlton Brass (Nottingham)

Netherfield Railwaymen’s Brass Band
See: Netherfield Railway Band

Netherton and Radcliffe Band
See: Radcliffe Colliery Band (2)

Netherton Brass Band - near Dudley, Staffordshire
Formed in 1858, still active in 1887

Netherton Brass Band - near Horbury, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1880s through to the 1930s

Netherton Brass Band - near Huddersfield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1850s to 1870s

Netherton Brass Band - Cumberland
Active in the 1930s

Netherton Brass Band - Lanarkshire
Active in the 1880s

Netherton Brass Band - Northumberland
See: Netherton Colliery Band

Netherton Colliery Band - Bedlington, Northumberland
Active between the 1870s and the late 1940s. Secretary James Patterson in 1874. Conductor M. Moore in 1907. Later known as Netherton Silver Model Band

Netherton Colliery Silver Model Band
See: Netherton Colliery Band

Netherton Saxhorn Band - Northumberland
Active in 1867, conductor James Bolam

Netherton Silver Model Band
[no information]
Netteswell Youth Brass Band - Harlow, Essex
   Active in the 1960s and 1970s. Based at Nettleswell Secondary School

Nettlebed Brass Band - Oxfordshire
   Active in 1860 to 1869

Nettlebed Temperance Brass Band - Oxfordshire
   Active in 1861, 1862

Nettlefolds Band - Smethwick, Staffordshire
   Active around 1900. Nettlefolds were a large company making screws, later were part of Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds Ltd.

Neville Brass
   Amalgamated with Davis Derby Brass Band to form Derwent Brass in 1992.

Neville's Leadworks Brass Band - Llanelli, Carmarthenshire
   Active in 1857

Nevin Brass Band - Caernarfonshire
   Active in the 1880s to the early 1900s

New Barnet Brass Band - Middlesex
   Active in the early 1900s to WW1.

New Barnet P.S.A. Band - Middlesex
   Active in the 1890s

New Barnet Town Band
   See: New Barnet Brass Band

New Basford Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
   Active in 1841

New Basford Excelsior Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
   Active in 1874, conducted by H. Watkins

New Becontree Silver Band
   [no information]

New Bilton Imperial Band - Warwickshire
   Active in 1950

New Bolingbroke Orpheus Band - Lincolnshire
   See: Stickney Orpheus Brass Band

New Bradwell Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
   Active in the 1950s

New Brancepeth Colliery Band
   See: Sleetburn Colliery Band

New British Iron Company Band - Ruabon, Denbighshire
   See: New British Iron Works Brass Band

New British Iron Works Brass Band - Ruabon, Denbighshire
   Active from 1863. Conductor Mr Johnson in 1870

New Brompton and Gillingham Boys’ Band
   See: Brompton and Gillingham Boys’ Band

New Buckenham Brass Band - Norfolk
   Active in the 1880s. Presumed to have folded prior to 1887 when the current New Buckenham Silver Band was formed.
New Buckenham Silver Band - Norfolk
  [current band] - Founded in 1887

New Cambrian Slate Quarry Brass Band - Glyn Ceiriog, Denbighshire
  Active in the 1870s. Played at Vron, near Chirk in 1877, and contested at Wrexham in 1878

New Carlton Silver Band (junior band) - Nottinghamshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Carlton Brass (Nottingham)

New Clee Temperance Brass Band - Cleethorpes, Lincolnshire
  Active in 1880

New Craighall Brass Band
  See: Newcraighall Colliery Band

New Cross Brass Band - Kent
  Active in the 1860s, conductor G. Woodhead in 1868. Still active in the late 1880s, contemporary with the New Cross Locomotive Band

New Cross Locomotive Band
  See: New Cross Railway Mission Brass Band

New Cross Railway Mission Brass Band - Kent
  Active from the 1880s to WW1. Conductor up to 1909 was Mr T. Sheen, from 1910 to 1914 was W. Harrild. Contemporary with the New Cross Brass Band.

New Cross South East and Central Railway Band
  See: New Cross Railway Mission Brass Band

New Cumnock Brass Band - Ayrshire
  Formed in 1854. Conducted by J Connell in the 1950s and 1960s. Still active in the early 1980s

New Deer Brass Band - Aberdeenshire
  Formed in 1912. Active through to the 1950s

New Delaval Brass Band - Northumberland
  Active in the 1880s, conductor Mr York in 1888

New Delaval Colliery Brass Band - Northumberland
  Active in the 1870s. In 1875 the conductor was George Hunter and secretary Charles Smith.

New Dronfield Band - Derbyshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Dronfield Band

New Ealing Brass Band - Middlesex
  Active in 1938

New England P.S.A. Band - Northamptonshire
  Active in the 1900s

New England Temperance Band - Northamptonshire
  Active in the 1890s

New Fancy Colliery Band - Parkend, Gloucestershire
  Active from the early 1880s to early 1900s

New Farnley Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1904

New Field Brass Band
  See: Newfield Brass Band

New Forest Brass Band
  See: New Forest Rangers Brass Band
New Forest Brass Band - Hampshire
[current band] - Founded in 1977 - Former names: Marchwood Brass, Vodaphone Band -
Note: It evolved from a group of like-minded people who came together informally at
lunchtimes in the Marchwood Engineering Laboratories of the CEGB. It then became an
evening class known as Marchwood Brass under the baton of Mike Swatman and began
to accumulate instruments and music. Later, under the expert tuition of that great
Hampshire man of brass, John Knight, it steadily improved. Until recently, the band
enjoyed the sponsorship from Vodafone and carried that name.

New Forest Rangers Brass Band - Lyndhurst, Hampshire
Active from 1885, conductor George Bull. Conductor Edward Bull in 1899. Still active in
1890

New Forest Schools Brass Band - Hampshire
Active in the 1980s

New Greenwich Brass Band - Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland
Active in 1842

New Haden Colliery Silver Band - Brookhouses, Staffordshire
Active from the early 1900s to 1939

New Hall Hey Mills Band - Lancashire
Active from the late 1850s to the 1900s

New Hall Lane Brass Band - Preston, Lancashire
Active in 1859 and 1867

New Hall Pitsmoor Brass Band
See: Newhall Brass Band

New Harmonic Brass Band - Leek, Staffordshire
Active in 1875

New Heath Brass Band
See: Heath Brass Band (Derbyshire)

New Hemsworth Colliery Band - Fitzwilliam, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

New Herrington Brass Band - Durham
Active in the 1880s, conductor G. Cornforth in 1883

New Herrington Colliery Band - Durham
Formed in the 1900s. Became a military style band after the First World War. Conductor
in 1953 was G. Steele

New Hirst Brass Band - Northumberland
Formed in 1901, disbanded in 1902. Conductor Thomas Floyd. A meeting was held in
March 1901 to discuss the band’s formation, Joseph Nicholson pro-tem secretary. It had
folded by September 1902 when the secretary A. Gavin answered some

New Holland Brass Band (1) - Lincolnshire
Active from 1862 to the 1870s

New Holland Brass Band (2) - Lincolnshire
See: New Holland N.U.R. Silver Band

New Holland N.U.R. Silver Band - Lincolnshire
Formed in the 1890s. Active from then until the late 1920s. Also known as New Holland
Brass Band

New Holland Temperance Band - Lincolnshire
Active from 1900, conductor A.J. Bell in 1902. Still active in 1906
New Humberstone Silver Band - Leicestershire
Active in the 1960s and 1970s. Conducted by C. Hutt in the early 1960s

New Ingleton Colliery Band - Ingleton, Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in the 1910s. Conductor Thomas Armstrong in 1919

New Lanark Brass Band - Lanarkshire
Active in the 1890s, revived in 1909

New Leicester Brass Band - Leicestershire
Active in the 1870s and 1880s

New Malton Town Band
Formed in 1887 by John Gibson, following a revolt in the local Volunteers band, when the army imposed “unacceptable restrictions” on the volunteers. Folded in the early 1900s.

New Marske Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Marske Brass Band

New Marske Silver Prize Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Marske Brass Band

New Mill Brass Band - Cornwall
There are engagements for this band between 1856 and 1860, but no mention of a conductor. The village of New Mill will be found north of Penzance and they never travelled very far for their engagements, and not at all for contests.

New Mill Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1858

New Mills Band - Derbyshire
[current band] - Founded in 1812 - Former names: New Mills Band, New Mills Old Prize Band (c. 1910), Norwest Co-op New Mills Band (1979), United Co-op New Mills Band (to 2012) - Note: Formed in 1812 as a brass and reed band. For the first century the band was conducted by a members of the Beard family, having been founded by Timothy Beard. The band’s centenary celebration concert was held in High Lea Park in 1912. The band joined up en bloc in 1914 and reformed on demobilisation in 1919. It became a Home Guard band in 1943, reverting to the original name of New Mills Old Prize Band in 1948. Sponsorship by the Co-op in 1979 secured a change of name, accommodation and musical director.

New Mills Independent Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in 1866, conductor Thomas Wyatt

New Mills Old Band - Derbyshire
See: New Mills Band

New Mills Temperance Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in 1862

New Milton and Ashley Temperance Band - Hampshire
[no information]

New Monckton Colliery Band
See: Royston New Monckton Colliery Institute Band

New North Middlesex Brass Band
See: North Middlesex Brass Band (2)

New Pitsligo Philharmonic Brass Band - Aberdeenshire
Active in 1857
New Redheugh Colliery Band
  See: Redheugh Colliery Band

New Road Brass Band - Milnsbridge, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1861

New Road Wesleyan Brass Band - Talke, Staffordshire
  Active in the 1850s

New Shildon Brass Band
  See: New Shildon Saxhorn Band

New Shildon Juvenile Temperance Band - Durham
  Active in the 1870s

New Shildon Philharmonic Band - Durham
  Active in the 1850s

New Shildon Saxhorn Band - Durham
  Active from the 1850s to the late 1880s. Conductor T. Dinsdale in 1860

New Shildon Temperance Band
  Active from the 1880s to the early 1900s

New Silksworth Brass Band - Durham
  Active in the 1920s

New Springs Brass Band - Lancashire
  Active in the mid-1880s

New Stevenson Mission Brass Band - Motherwell, Lanarkshire
  Active in 1895

New Stubbins and Rawmarsh Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1920s

New Swindon Brass Band - Wiltshire
  Active in 1858, and 1880, conductor George Heap

New Swindon Institute Brass Band - Wiltshire
  Active in 1869

New Tredegar and Tirphil Silver Band
  See: New Tredegar Brass Band

New Tredegar Brass Band - Monmouthshire
  Active from the 1850s through to the early 1950s. Known as New Tredegar Workmen's Band before WW1 and New Tredegar and Tirphil Silver Band after WW2.

New Tredegar Workmen's Band
  See: New Tredegar Brass Band

New Tupton Brass Band - Derbyshire
  See: Tupton Brass Band (2)

New Whittington Brass Band - Derbyshire
  Active in 1885 through to the early 1900s

New Whittington Primitive Methodist Brass Band - Derbyshire
  Active in 1896

New York and District Brass Band - Northumberland
  Formed in the early 1900s but folded during WW1. Bandmaster Mr Hopkins in 1904

New York Brass Band - Summerbridge, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  See: New York Mill Band
New York Mill Band - Summerbridge, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in the 1850s and folded shortly after WW1. Its last recorded engagement was in July 1919. It had an altercation with the Pateley Bridge Band in 1857 when both were playing in Pateley. As the New York Band was leaving the town, Joseph Stobbs from Pateley Band rushed into them with his instrument, whereupon there was a general “encounter” between the bandmen. The police interfered and were treated with “great barbarity”, resulting in Joseph Stobbs and William Fryer being arrested and fined £6 each.

Newark and Maplebeck Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in 1851

Newark Borough Band - Nottinghamshire
Active from the early 1890s to the 1930s. From the Newark Advertiser, May 21 1902 - “For the 29th time in its history, the Newark Football Club has promoted an athletic sports meeting on Whit Monday at Newark, and to the long series of successes another must be added. The ground was gay with streamers, and the Newark Borough Band, under Mr Carle, enlivened the assemblage with some excellent and inspiring music.”

Newark Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active from the 1840s to the 1880s

Newark British Legion Band - Nottinghamshire
Formed after WW1 and folded in the mid 1950s. A successor band, the current Newark Town Band, was formed in 1956.

Newark North-End Wesleyan Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in the 1900s

Newark Primitive Methodist Band - Nottinghamshire
See: Newark North-End Wesleyan Band

Newark Ransome Band - Nottinghamshire
See: Ransome Band

Newark Town Band - Nottinghamshire
[Current band] - Founded in 1957

Newarthill Brass Band - Lanarkshire
Active in 1860 to 1863

Newbie Engineering Works Multitubular Brass Band - Annan, Dumfriesshire
Formed in 1901, later known as Annan Town Band and disbanded in 1954. A successor Annan Town Band was formed in 1961

Newbiggin Colliery Band - Northumberland
Formed in 1913 by a local group of musicians, it was funded by a weekly subscription of a penny a week from the workmen's pay. The band was made up of miners who worked at the colliery and in many cases employment was found to attract players. The band had a proud tradition of contesting and represented the area at many national competitions. It had also been a breeding ground for players who have reached national acclaim with some of the finest bands in the country. The most famous namely Jim Shepherd who does not need any introduction to the brass band world, Jim in his youth began his banding career at Newbiggin and went on to a successful life of playing in Yorkshire with the famous Black Dyke Mills band. Others such as John Carr and his son Dennis made a name for themselves as top class conductors. During the 1940's a large number of Newbiggin Miners were transferred to the nearby Lynemouth Colliery. For a period of time the band was known as the Lynemouth Colliery Band and later the Newbiggin and
Lynemouth Colliery Band, however in 1968 Newbiggin Colliery closed where the name was dropped from it’s title renamed Lynemouth Colliery Band. Since this period the band had a variety of rehearsal premises in Newbiggin including the CO-OP Hall, Central Club and the 'HUT' in the 'Bull Field'. In 1985 Lynemouth Colliery closed and again the band changed it’s name to the Newbiggin Welfare Band. The band moved from the 'HUT' to the Newbiggin Welfare grounds, with support from Wansbeck District Council the band was able to purchase a new rehearsal room equipped with toilets, kitchen and heating and became self financing. In 1994 Greggs of Gosforth agreed to sponsor the band, this heralded another new name the 'Greggs Bakery Band'. During the 90's the band went from strength to strength rising through the ranks of the brass band world when in the year 2000 gained Championship Section status playing the test piece 'Variations on an Enigma', Greggs were only awarded 8th place out of 10 but this was considered a great achievement first time around. The band has performed at many prestigious venues such as the Princess Ballroom at the Winter Gardens Blackpool, Symphony Hall Birmingham, Royal Hall Harrogate and the Albert Hall in London. It has also appeared on TV and took part in the Lord Mayor of London’s parade. The band folded in 2009

Newbiggin-by-the-Sea Brass Band - Northumberland
- Active in the 1890s to 1912. Conductor Thomas Floyd in 1899. Probably superseded by the Newbiggin Colliery Band

Newbold Brass Band - Derbyshire
- Active in the 1850s to the 1910s

Newbold Brass Band - Leicestershire
- See: Newbold Verdon Brass Band

Newbold Moor Brass Band - Derbyshire
- Founded in 1883. Still active in the mid-1900s

Newbold Parish Church Brass Band - Derbyshire
- Active in 1906

Newbold Verdon Brass Band - Leicestershire
- Active from the 1880s to 1914

Newbottle Colliery Band - Philadelphia, Durham
- Active in the 1890s

Newbridge (Celynen) Band - Monmouthshire
- [current band] - Founded in 1952 - Former names: Celynen Collieries Band, Celynen Collieries Institute Silver Band

Newbridge Brass Band - Cornwall
- Active in the 1880s to the early 1900s. Who conducted them we do not know. No contests were attended, and their home of Newbridge can be found half-way between Penzance and St Just.

Newbridge Institute Band - Monmouthshire
- Active in 1948

Newbrough Band - Northumberland
- Active from 1862, conductor George Bell. Played at the Hexham Flower Show in September, 1864. Also active from the 1890s to 1914

Newburgh Brass Band - Fife
- Active in the 1850s, and from the 1890s to the late 1940s. Renamed Newburgh Silver Band after WW1, it was taken over as the works band by Tayside Floorcloth Co. Ltd. in
1927, being renamed Newburgh Tayside Silver Band, conductor Donald Mathieson. The company probably dropped their sponsorship prior to WW2 (alluded to in the death notice of Donald Mathieson), but was still active as Tayside Silver Band in 1948.

**Newburgh Tayside Silver Band**

See: *Newburgh Brass Band*

**Newburn Steelworks Brass Band** - Northumberland

Active in 1903, conducted by Frank Hedley

**Newbury Amateur Brass Band** - Berkshire

Active in the 1840s to 1850s. Folded some years before 1867 when a successor band was formed

**Newbury Borough Band** - Berkshire

See: *Newbury Town Band*

**Newbury Brass Band (1)** - Berkshire

See: *Newbury Amateur Brass Band*

**Newbury Brass Band (2)** - Berkshire

Founded in 1867, conductor E. Smith, initially with ten members. J. Aster became conductor in December 1867 following the resignation of E. Smith, folded soon thereafter.

**Newbury Brass Band (3)** - Berkshire

Founded in March 1869, conductor E. Smith, first public appearance on Easter Monday, at Thatcham

**Newbury Colliery Band** - Somerset

Active in 1894

**Newbury P.S.A. Brass Band** - Berkshire

Active in the 1930s. The Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Societies (or Brotherhoods) were a national effort by non-conformist churches to involve young men in social and religious activity on Sunday afternoons.

**Newbury Temperance Band** - Berkshire

Active in the 1890s to 1915

**Newbury Town Band** - Berkshire

Active from the 1890s to the late 1980s. Conductor: H. Mitchell in 1899, F.H. Higgs in 1900, Mr Eggleton in 1910

**Newbury United Temperance Band**

See: *Newbury Temperance Band*

**Newcastle and Gateshead Railway Band** - Northumberland

Formed in 1925, still active in 1947 when L.N.E.R. took over.

**Newcastle Borough Band** - Staffordshire

Active in the 1890s and 1900s, conductor George Brunt in 1892

**Newcastle Brass Band** - Nottingham, Nottinghamshire

See: *Nottingham Newcastle Brass Band*

**Newcastle Brass Band** - Northumberland

Active in the 1850s to 1870s. Conductor J.D. Belcher in 1878

**Newcastle City Police Band** - Northumberland

Formed in 1930 and still active in 1948

**Newcastle Constabulary Band** - Northumberland

Founded in December 1865, conductor T.S. Watson. Still active in the 1880s, conductor Thomas Wheatley in 1882
Newcastle Corporation Transport Band - Northumberland
  Formed 1907 as the Newcastle Tramways Band. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Still active in 1949

Newcastle East End Band - Northumberland
  Formed in the early 1900s

Newcastle Foresters’ Brass Band - Northumberland
  Formed in February 1867, meeting for their first rehearsal at the house of John Watson, Three Bulls Head, Percy Street, conductor Edward Potts.

Newcastle Free Gardeners’ Brass Band - Northumberland
  Active in 1869. Associated with the “Rose of the Tyne” lodge.

Newcastle Harmonic Brass Band - Northumberland
  Active in 1868, conducted by John Amos

Newcastle Industrial (Engineers) Band - Northumberland
  Formed in the 1900s

Newcastle Industrial Juvenile Band - Northumberland
  See: Newcastle Industrial Schools Band

Newcastle Industrial Schools Band - Northumberland
  Founded in September 1869 by G.A. Brumell, instruments costing £60. 25 members taught by J. Amers. First public performance in December 1869. Active through to the 1880s

Newcastle L.N.E.R. Band - Northumberland
  Active in the 1930s

Newcastle Locomotive Works Band - Northumberland
  See: Stephenson’s Operatic Brass Band

Newcastle Munitions Workers’ Brass Band - Northumberland
  Founded in 1917

Newcastle Naval Brass Band - Northumberland
  Active in the 1880s, conductor J.D. Belcher

Newcastle Operatic Band
  See: Newcastle Operatic Saxhorn Band

Newcastle Operatic Saxhorn Band - Northumberland
  Active from the mid-1860s into the 1870s. Conductor John Thompson in 1867. In 1872 it won first prize at a contest in Edinburgh.

Newcastle People’s Band - Northumberland
  Active in 1914

Newcastle Police Brass Band - Northumberland
  See: Newcastle Constabulary Band

Newcastle Ragged and Industrial Schools Brass Band - Northumberland
  See: Newcastle Industrial Schools Band

Newcastle Rifles Brass Band - Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire
  Active in the 1860s

Newcastle Royal Brass Band - Northumberland
  Active in 1890

Newcastle Schools Brass Band - Northumberland
  Active in the 1970s, conductor W. Wetherby

Newcastle Town Band - Staffordshire
  See: Knutton Forge Prize Band
Newcastle Tramways Band
   See: Newcastle Corporation Transport Band

Newcastle Transport Band
   See: Newcastle Corporation Transport Band

Newcastle Union Brass Band - Northumberland
   Active in 1882

Newcastle V.T.C. Brass Band - Northumberland
   Active in 1916

Newcastle Workhouse Brass Band - Northumberland
   Formed in 1878, formed among the boys in the workhouse. The instruments cost £150 for
   the 31 boys in the band. Their uniforms consisted of red tunics with yellow facings, dark
   blue trousers and caps with red facings. Active through into the 1890s, conductor J.H.
   Amers in 1879 (who also conducted the Gateshead Workhouse Brass Band that year),
   John Cowans in 1883

Newcastleton Brass Band - Roxburghshire
   Active in 1868. Also active in the early 1900s

Newcastle-under-Lyme Band
   See: Knutton Forge Brass Band

Newchapel Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in 1855 to 1867

Newchurch Brass Band (1) - near Rawtenstall, Lancashire
   Active in the 1870s and 1880s

Newchurch Brass Band (2)
   See: Newchurch-in-Pendle Brass Band

Newchurch-in-Pendle Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active from the 1870s to the 1920s

Newcraighall Colliery Band - Edinburgh, Midlothian
   Active in 1888

Newent Brass Band
   See: Newent Town Band

Newent Town Band - Gloucestershire
   Active from the 1880s to the 1950s

Newfield Brass Band - Durham
   Active in 1884

Newhall Band - Derbyshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1860 - Former names: St Johns Church Band, Newhall St
   Johns Band, Newhall Silver Prize, Newhall Town Band, Burton Constructional (Newhall)
   Band, Webb Ivory (Newhall) Band, Prominent Fluid Controls (Newhall) Band

Newhall Brass Band - Pitsmoor, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from the 1870s to the 1900s

Newhall Brass Band - Derbyshire
   See: Newhall Excelsior Brass Band

Newhall Celebration Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1890s

Newhall Excelsior Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in 1880s and the 1890s
Newhall Free Methodists Church Prize Band
See: Newhall U.M.F.C. Brass Band

Newhall Perseverance Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in 1880s and the 1890s

Newhall Secondary Modern School Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in 1950, conductor R.C. Arnold

Newhall Silver Prize Band - Derbyshire
[previous name of current band] See: Newhall Band

Newhall St Johns Band - Derbyshire
[previous name of current band] See: Newhall Band

Newhall Town Band - Derbyshire
[previous name of current band] See: Newhall Band

Newhall U.M.F.C. Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in the 1900s, conductor J. White in 1901

Newhall United Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in the early 1900s

Newhallhey Brass Band
See: New Hall Hey Mills Band

Newhallhey Mills Brass Band
See: New Hall Hey Mills Band

Newham (East Ham) Band
See: Grangewood Silver Band

Newham Brass Band
See: Grangewood Silver Band

Newhaven Brass Band - Midlothian
Founded in 1886 and a drum and fife band, converting to brass and reed in 1887 then all brass a year or so later. Active to the late 1920s. Conductor J. Whitecross in 1897, Mr Watts in 1902

Newhaven Brass Band - Sussex
Formed around 1891. Active in the 1890s to WW1. Conductor Mr Levy in 1892, G. Darling in 1907

Newick Brass Band - Sussex
Active in 1907, conductor K.E. Brooks

Newington Brass Band - near Sittingbourne, Kent
Active in 1854

Newland Concert Brass - West Lothian
[current band] - Founded in 1987 - Note: The name Newland was taken from the venue where the band's first rehearsal took place i.e. the Old Academy in Bathgate whose benefactor was John Newland

Newland Mission Brass Band - Lincoln, Lincolnshire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Newlyn Band - Cornwall
There was a Newlyn Band that carried out an engagement in 1867 - end of that story!
Then in 1900 a Newlyn Independant Band was formed and carried out a gig for the Drift Band of Hope. This band was formed and led by S Mear who, on an engagement, elicited this comment “The treble tonguing of the 'Gem Polka' by Mr Mear was rendered in a very efficient manner.” The report went on to advertise that the band was ready to accept
paying engagements - but no more is heard of them. Newlyn did, however, have a Salvation Army band for many years.

**Newlyn East Band** - Cornwall

Active in 1919, when it gained a second prize at the West of England Band Festival at Bugle.

**Newlyn Independant Band** - Cornwall

See: Newlyn Band

**Newmains and Cambusnethan Band** - Lanarkshire

Formed in 1886 with the amalgamation of Newmains Band and Cambusnethan Band. Active through to about 1900.

**Newmains and District Colliery Band** - Lanarkshire

See: Coltness Iron Works Silver Band

**Newmains Brass Band (1)** - Lanarkshire

Formed in 1845 and, up to 1886 when it amalgamated with Cambusnethan Band, it had attended 9 contests netting 6 prizes worth £30.

**Newmains Brass Band (2)** - Lanarkshire

See: Coltness Iron Works Silver Band

**Newmarket Brass Band** - Suffolk

See: Newmarket Town Band

**Newmarket Colliery Band**

See: Stanley Newmarket Colliery Band

**Newmarket Colliery Stanley Band**

See: Stanley Newmarket Colliery Band

**Newmarket Town Band** - Suffolk

Active from the 1880s. In August 1902 it entertained the King of Barotseland during his visit to Dalham. Conductor John Turner in 1890, S. Wiseman in 1904. It was active through to the late 1930s. A successor town band was formed in 1947.

**Newmarket Town Brass Band** - Suffolk

[current band] - Founded in 1947

**Newmilns and Galston Band** - Ayrshire

[current band] - Founded in 1990 - Note: Formed by the amalgamation of three Irvine Valley bands - Newmilns Burgh Band, Galston Burgh Band and Loudoun Band

**Newmilns Burgh Band** - Ayrshire

Formed in 1833 by a group of handloom weavers, and until 1990, when it amalgamated with Galston Burgh Band and Loudoun Band, to form the current Newmilns and Galston Band, it was the oldest band in Scotland still using the same name. In the 1870’s the handloom weaving trade declined. Many band members had to leave the town and, in 1878, the organisation collapsed. But in June 1880, the magistrates and town council met and agreed to reform the band. The machine lace industry had been established locally and people were returning to the town. The band played in its last Championship Contest in 1960 and, by 1965, it had again become defunct. In late 1978, three players and three Community Councillors formed a committee to rebuild the Band from scratch. The Band Hall had been demolished and the instruments and music library given away. Within four years a new Band had been formed, instruments and music bought, and promotion reached from the 4th to the 2nd Section.
Newmount Brass - Derbyshire
 [current band] - Founded in 1996 - Former names: Rolls Royce (Derby) Training Band (to 2005)

Newnham Brass Band - Northamptonshire
 Active in the 1870s and 1880s

Newnham Brass Band
 Formed in 1884, disbanded around 1905

Newnham Brass Band (1) - Gloucestershire
 Active in the 1850s

Newnham Brass Band (2) - Gloucestershire
 See: Newnham-on-Severn Town Band

Newnham Town Band
 Formed in 1909

Newnham-on-Severn Town Band - Gloucestershire
 Formed in 1872. Still active in 1937

Newport Amateur Brass Band - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
 Active in the 1830s to the 1860s. Conductor F.A. Wadham in 1864

Newport Borough Brass Band - Monmouthshire
 [current band] - Founded in 1971

Newport Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
 Active in the 1840s

Newport Brass Band - Hampshire
 Active in the 1830s

Newport Brass Band - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
 See: Newport Amateur Brass Band

Newport Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
 Active in the 1840s

Newport Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
 Active in the 1870s

Newport Brass Band (1) - Shropshire
 Active in the 1850s and 1860s

Newport Brass Band (2) - Shropshire
 Possibly formed in 1875 - in the Newport Advertiser of Saturday 25 September 1875, there was an article indicating that a “New Brass Band” would be formed in the town. If it did exist, the it must have folded prior to 1911. In June 1911 a Mr Harry Davies set up a Newport Band, which gave it’s first public appearance in the Square on Saturday 10th June 1911. A collection was made at the event which raised a total of £1 5s. The band probably folded at the outbreak of the Second World War, A successor band was formed in 1954 in conjunction with the British Legion and is still in existence today (Newport Town Band)

Newport Catholic Brass Band
 Active in 1864

Newport Civil Defence Band - Shropshire
 Active in 1956

Newport Pagnell Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
 Active in 1862
Newport Pagnell Church Institute Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
   Active in 1883

Newport Pagnell Excelsior Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
   Active from the late 1870s through to the 1930s

Newport Pagnell Instrumental Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
   Active in the 1880s, conductor Mr Wilford in 1885

Newport Pagnell Town Band - Buckinghamshire
   Active from the 1950s to around 1976. The band used to rehearse at the Bull Public House and were conducted for many years by Jack Williams. Two of the band’s bass drums are held in Newport Pagnell Museum.

Newport Pagnell Working Men's Club and Institute Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
   Active in 1876

Newport Popular Band - Monmouthshire
   See: Lysaght’s Ord Works Brass Band

Newport Rolling Mills Band - Middlesborough, Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active in 1894

Newport Schools Band - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
   Active in the 1900s

Newport Town Amateur Brass Band - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
   Formed in 1862. First public appearance in February 1863, conducted by F. Wadham.

Newport Town Band (Shropshire) - Shropshire

Newport Working Mens' Institute Brass Band - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
   Formed in 1858.

Newport, Abergavenny and Hereford Railway Company Brass Band - Hereford, Herefordshire
   Active in 1860

Newquay Band - Cornwall
   [current band] - Founded in 1919 - Former names: Newquay Town Silver Band - Note: Formed, with 15 players, for peace celebrations in the town

Newquay Brass Band - Cornwall
   Founded in 1856, with Thomas Franklin as conductor, their instruments were provided by W. Mitchell esq. Their first concert was in January 1858, playing “Les Mousquetaires” and the Salamanca march, among other pieces. The band folded prior to 1895, when an unsuccessful attempt was made to revive it. A successor band was formed in 1919 (the current Newquay Town Band)

Newquay Fort Brass Band - Cornwall
   Active in 1857

Newquay Town Silver Band - Cornwall
   [previous name of current band] See: Newquay Band

Newsham Saxhorn Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active in 1882

Newholme and Goose Eye Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1850s
Newsome Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1860s and 1870s. Conductor H. Townsend in 1860. Still active in 1879

Newsome Works Band
See: Arthur Newsome Public Works Band

Newstead Abbey Brass - Nottinghamshire
[current band] - Founded in 2001 - Former names: Newstead Youth Band (to 2008)

Newstead Brass - Nottinghamshire
[current band] - Founded in 1975 - Former names: Hucknall-Linby Miners Welfare Band (to 1988), Newstead Welfare Band

Newstead Brass Band
See: Newstead Colliery Band

Newstead Colliery Band - Nottinghamshire
Formed in 1886. Active in the 1890s to WW1, conductor Isaac Parkin.

Newstead Welfare Band - Nottinghamshire
[previous name of current band] See: Newstead Brass

Newstead Youth Band - Nottinghamshire
[previous name of current band] See: Newstead Abbey Brass

Newton Abbot and District Town Band - Devon
[current band]

Newton Abbot and District Town Band
See: Newton Abbot Town Band (2)

Newton Abbot Brass Band - Devon
Active in 1851

Newton Abbot Brotherhood Brass Band - Devon
Active in 1910 and before WW1, resuscitated thereafter in 1918.

Newton Abbot Locomotive Brass Band - Devon
Founded in January 1855 at the South Devon Locomotive Works. Still active in 1863

Newton Abbot Station Brass Band - Devon
Active in 1856

Newton Abbot Town Band (1) - Devon
Founded in 1908 through the merger of Highweek Band and Wolborough Band. Known as Teignbridge Silver Band from the late 1970s. Folded in 1985. A successor band was formed in 2003

Newton Abbot Town Band (2) - Devon
Formed in 2003, disbanded in August 2011

Newton Abbot Volunteer Band - Devon
Active in the 1890s

Newton and District Brass Band - Newton Heath, Lancashire
Active in the 1890s

Newton and Godley Brass Band
See: Godley Original Brass Band

Newton Arlosh Brass Band - Cumberland
Formed in 1858, conductor J. Fidler

Newton Aycliffe Town Band
Formed in 1950, later renamed Aycliffe Brass Band in 1984. Merged with Brancepeth Welfare Band in 1994 to form the new Aycliffe and Brancepeth Band
Newton Bank Print Works Brass Band - Hyde, Cheshire
Active in 1858. The print works were operated by Messrs Tinker, Wright and Unsworth.

Newton Brass Band - Shropshire
Active in 1861, playing at a harvest festival in Onibury

Newton Colliery Brass Band - Cambuslang, Lanarkshire
Active in the 1900s. John McIntosh (d. 1920), assisted in the training of Newton Colliery bandsmen. The colliery was Messrs Dunlop & Co’s.

Newton Colliery Brass Band - Newton on the Moor, Northumberland
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Newton Engineering Works Band - Somerset
Active in 1893

Newton Green Methodist Band - Suffolk
Active around 1934. Ted, front left in the picture, now aged 87 in 2011, recalled how the band went out carolling with the old fashioned carbide lamps which required moistening to activate the carbide powder. The band’s uniforms were cast offs from Sudbury Band. Ted’s small uniform was cut down and sewn together again by his mother with only a needle and thread as they were too poor to own a sewing machine. Ted’s uncle John (behind him in the photo, playing bass) was the band’s conductor. What’s more John made up a foot pedal so that he could play, conduct and bang a bass drum as well. Now there’s a multi-talented musician. Sadly the little boy in the photo with just the cap, and no uniform, was a very promising young cornet player who was killed in France during WW2.

Newton Heath All Saints Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1880s to 1900s. Conductor Smith Sellars in 1899-1907. Also known as All Saints Sunday School Band

Newton Heath Boys Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1940s

Newton Heath Brass Band (1)
See: Newton Heath Primitive Methodist Brass Band

Newton Heath Brass Band (2)
Probably formed after WW1, active from the 1930s through until it disbanded in 1999. Later known as Newton Heath W.M.C. and Institute Band to 1985, then British Aerospace (Manchester) Band and finally British Aerospace (Chadderton) Band.

Newton Heath L.M.S. Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1920s

Newton Heath Loco Works Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1950s

Newton Heath Primitive Methodist Brass Band
Founded in 1882 at the Newton Heath Primitive Methodist Sunday School. Later renamed Newton Heath Brass Band (before 1891), as it was found that “some people had a prejudice against Primitive Methodists”. Active through until WW1

Newton Heath Public Band
See: Newton Heath Brass Band (2)

Newton Heath Steam Shed Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1890s to 1900s

Newton Heath W.M.C. and Institute Band
See: Newton Heath Brass Band (2)
Newton Heath Wagon Works Band
See: Newton Heath Steam Shed Brass Band

Newton Moor Public Band - Newton, Hyde, Cheshire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Newton Poppleford Brass Band - Devon

Newton Regis Brass Band - Warwickshire
Formed in November 1905, still active in 1924.

Newton Stewart Brass Band - Wigtownshire
Active in 1858

Newton Tony Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active in 1858, 1862

Newton Grange and Bilston Colliery Band - Midlothian
[previous name of current band] See: Newtongrange Silver Band

Newtongrange Brass Band - Midlothian
Formed around 1880, conductor James Nelson. Had folded prior to 1892 when a successor band was formed (the current Newtongrange Band)

Newtongrange Lothian Silver Band - Midlothian
[previous name of current band] See: Newtongrange Silver Band

Newtongrange Silver Band - Midlothian
[current band] - Founded in 1892 - Former names: Newtongrange Lothian Silver Band, Newtongrange & Bilston Colliery Band, Scottish Brewers (Newtongrange) Band - Note: Temporarily disbanded 1930-32. Attached to the Lothian Coal Company before the National Coal Board took over.

Newton-le-Willows Farm School Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1900s, conductor E.N. Roff in 1908. The Liverpool Reformatory Farm School for Boys was opened at Newton-le-Willows in 1859 and rebuilt in 1867, accommodating 140 boys up to 14 years old.

Newtown Brass Band - Leicestershire
See: Newtown Linford Brass Band

Newtown Brass Band - Montgomeryshire
[previous name of current band] See: Newtown Silver Band

Newtown Brass Band - Montgomeryshire
Active in 1861

Newtown Brass Band - Shropshire
Active in 1859

Newtown Linford Brass Band - Leicestershire
Active in the 1840s to the 1860s. Conductor J. Wesley in 1859

Newtown Silver Band - Montgomeryshire
[current band] - Founded in 1880 - Former names: Newtown Brass Band

Newtyle Brass Band - Angus
Active in 1862

Niddrie Brass Band - Midlothian
Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Benjamin Sim was its conductor for the first eight months of its existence.
Niddrie Foundry Band
See: Niddrie Brass Band

Niddry Brass Band
See: Niddrie Brass Band

Nine Elms Brass Band - Surrey
Active in 1875 and 1889

Nine Elms Working Men's Club and Institute Brass Band - Surrey
Founded in 1869

Nine Mile Point Colliery Silver Band - Cwmfelinfach, Monmouthshire
Active in the 1920s and 1930s. Conductor G. Philips in 1921 (when he was presented with an engraved silver and ebonised baton from the band)

Ninfield Brass Band - Sussex
Active in the 1870s to 1915. Conductor Mr Sargent in 1907, W. Catt in 1914

No. 5 Ambulance Area (Loscoe) Band - Derbyshire
Active in 1955

Nocton and Dunston Brass Band
See: Dunston and Nocton Brass Band

Node Hill School Brass Band - Newport, Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
The first ever IOW school brass band was formed at Node Hill in 2004. Catering for the pupils aged between 9 and 13 the band draws its membership from absolute beginners and was the brain child of head teacher and former SWT Woodfalls cornet player, Mr David Morris. It proved to be a run away success and a training band was also formed, giving Node Hill over 60+ musicians benefiting from the experience of making music. Both bands were under the direction of Mrs Mary Teague, a music teacher and co-ordinator. Many of the children undertook exams and also play in other ensembles and groups. Highlights included a masterclass with Gary Cutt, CD recording, and competition and festival entries. The school closed in 2011 as part of the IoW school reorganisations.

Node Hill School Brass Band - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
[current band] - Founded in 2002

Nook Chapel Band - Cleckheaton, Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Cleckheaton Temperance Brass Band

Norah Silver Band - Wales
Active in 1952, competing the Welsh Area contest.

Norbury Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in 1860

Norfolk Brass - Norfolk
[current band] - Founded in the 1900s - Former names: Reepham Temperance Band, Reepham Town Band (to 1984), Matthews Norfolk Brass (to 2008)

Norfolk Broads Brass
See: Fleggburgh Brass

Norfolk Fellowship Brass - Norfolk
[current band] - Founded in 2002

Norfolk Wherry Brass - Norfolk
[current band] - Founded in 2004

Norham Village Band - Northumberland
[current band]
Norland Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Formed in 1877, disbanded in 1937. In July 1891, they played in a contest at Belle Vue Manchester. Records of the band (1905-1928) held in Halifax Public Library

Norland Prize Band
   See: Norland Brass Band

Norley Temperance Brass Band - Cheshire
   Active in 1869

Norman Memorial Youth Silver Band - Blackpool, Lancashire
   Active in the 1960s and early 1970s. Competed in the Junior Shield in 1962, conducted by D. Smith.

Normanby Brass Band - Lincolnshire
   Active in the 1840s and 1870s

Normanby Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active in the 1870s

Normanby Park Steelworks Brass Band - Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire
   Active in the 1920s and the 1930s. Took part in the Scunthorpe coronation celebrations of 1937.

Normanton Bradley Street Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the early 1900s - a mission/church band

Normanton Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1870s to 1890s. Re-organised in 1900, conductor Mr Whinnie

Normanton British Legion Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1874

Normanton Model Brass Band
   See: Normanton Brass Band

Normanton Station Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1890s, disbanding in 1904

Normanton Town Band
   See: Normanton Brass Band

Normanton with Newland Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1900s, possibly linked to Newland Hall near Normanton

Normid 2000 Band - Cheshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Crewe Brass

Norristhorpe Ambulance Band
   Active in 1910

North and South Shields Temperance Band
   See: Marsden Colliery Band

North Ashton Brass Band - Lancashire
   [current band] - Founded in 1880 - Former names: Downall Green Band, North Ashton Old Band

North Ashton Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1880s to 1900s

North Ashton Old Band - Lancashire
   [previous name of current band] See: North Ashton Brass Band

North Ayrshire Band - Ayrshire
   Formed in 1975 as North Ayrshire Schools Band, later North Ayrshire Youth Band, finally North Ayrshire Band, it disbanded in 2005, passing on their instruments to
Hillfoots Music for Youth and Kings Park Brass. The band led an active and fairly successful life, touring Germany and Switzerland 6 times as well as making a number of radio and television appearances. In the 1980s they won the Scottish Youth Championship 3 times, coming 4th at the Royal Albert Hall in 1981. They won the Scottish 4th Section contest at their first attempt in 1994 and were second in 2000. Members of the band won the Strathclyde schools quartet championship on no fewer than 10 occasions and the Scottish schools quartets 5 times.

**North Ayrshire Schools Band**

See: North Ayrshire Band

**North Ayrshire Youth Band**

See: North Ayrshire Band

**North Bersted Brass Band** - Sussex

Active in 1908

**North Berwick Brass Band** - East Lothian

Active in the 1870s and 1900s

**North Biddick Colliery Band** - Low Lambton, Durham

Active in the 1890s

**North Birmingham Brass Band** - Warwickshire

Active in the 1900s

**North Blyth Brass Band** - Northumberland

Active in the 1920s

**North Bradley Brass Band** - Wiltshire

Active in 1862, 1863

**North Britain Brass Band** - Rochdale, Lancashire

Active in 1863 and 1864

**North British Locomotive Company Band**

See: Glasgow Loco Works Band

**North Buckinghamshire Music Centre Band** - Buckinghamshire

Active in the 1970s

**North Cambridge Youth Brass Band** - Cambridgeshire

Active in the 1980s

**North Cave Temperance Band** - Yorkshire (East Riding)

Active in the 1900s, conductor Mr Barton in 1908

**North Central Mission Brass Band** - Hoxton, Middlesex

Active in the 1900s, based at the Wesleyan mission in Mintern Street

**North Chapel Brass Band**

See: Northchapel Brass Band

**North Cotswolds Volunteers Band**

See: Campden Town Band

**North Crawley Brass Band** - Buckinghamshire

Active from 1861 to the 1880s

**North Curry Brass Band** - Somerset

Active from the 1830s to the 1920s. Conductor in 1902 was A.W. Colley. Conductor in 1928 was W. Denman.
North Dalton Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in the 1870s to 1880s

North Downs Silver Band - Surrey
[previous name of current band] See: Epsom and Ewell Silver Band

North East Manchester Prize Band
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

North Eastern Industries Brass Band
See: South Durham Industries Brass Band

North Eastern Railway Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in 1895

North Eastern Railway Servants' Brass Band - Hartlepool,
Active in the 1880s

North Eastern Reformatory for Boys Band - Northumberland
The band was formed in 1903. The school was established in 1857 by the “Newcastle, Northumberland, and Durham Society for the Repression of Juvenile Crime, and the Reformation of Youthful Delinquents”.

North End Brass Band - Leicester, Leicestershire
See: Leicester North End Brass Band

North End Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
See: Liverpool North End Brass Band

North End Brass Band - Preston, Lancashire
Active in the late 1880s, conductor Mr Wilkes.

North Evington Brass Band - Leicestershire
Active in the 1890s

North Evington Working Men’s Club and Institute Band - Leicestershire
Active in 1928, conducted by Mr S. Brown. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s, still active in 1939.

North Frodingham Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in 1850

North Fylde Brass Band - Lancashire
[current band]

North Hackney and Clapton British Legion Band
See: North Hackney British Legion Band

North Hackney British Legion Band - Middlesex
Active in the 1920s

North Hampshire Ironworks Band - Basingstoke, Hampshire
Active in the 1900s. Attached to the Wallis and Stevens Ltd foundry in Basingstoke

North Hants Area Schools Brass Band - Hampshire
Active in the 1970s and 1980s

North Heaton Brass Band - Northumberland
Active in 1898

North Hill Brass Band - Cornwall
This band operated from about 1874 to 1889. Their bandmaster was John Gumb. In 1878 the band did not turn up for a ‘Forester’s’ procession. The promoters were somewhat miffed and stated in the local newspaper that if the band tendered for the same event on the following year, their envelope would be returned - unopened. However, the North Hill Band carried on with other engagements.
North Hyde Poor Law School Band
See: North Hyde St Mary’s Brass Band

North Hyde St Mary’s Brass Band - Middlesex
Active from 1868 to the 1900s - based at the St Mary’s Orphanage. Conductor J. Whaley in 1900, G. Dunn in 1904

North Hylton Brass Band - Durham
Active in the 1880s

North Kent Brass Band - Kent
[current band]

North Kent Silver Band
Formed in April 1940 as Bexley A.F.S. Brass Band and, in 1942, became the official National Fire Service Band for London, being known as the National Fire Service Silver Band (37 Area). Adopted the name of North Kent Silver Band in 1945.

North Kilworth Brass Band - Leicestershire
Formed in December 1895, making its first public appearance in May 1896. Still active in 1906

North Lambeth British Legion Band
Active in the 1930s

North Lancashire (Chorley) Band
See: North Lancs (Chorley) Band

North Lancs (Chorley) Band
[no information]

North Leeds Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1893 to 1896

North Leigh Brass Band - Oxfordshire
Founded in 1862 or 1863, members were local young tradesmen. Still active in 1867

North London Brass - Enfield, Middlesex
[current band] - Founded in 2010

North London Brass Band - Pentonville, Middlesex
Active in 1861, conductor Mr Charlesworth. Conductor H. Sibold in 1862

North London Excelsior Silver Band - London
Active from the early 1900s to the late 1940s

North London Glee and Chorus Brass Band - London
Active in 1859, conductor W.J. Wade

North London Railway Brass Band - London
Active in 1891.

North London Temperance Brass Band - London
Active from the 1860s to the early 1900s.

North Manchester Silver Band
Active in the 1940s and 1950s

North Manchester Subscription Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
Active in the 1900s and 1910s. Conductor E. Walshaw in 1907. Secretary T. White in 1916

North Marston Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
Active in 1890s to WW1. Conductor A. Cox in 1911

North Middlesex Brass Band (1) - Middlesex
Active in the 1860s to 1890s. Superseded by the “New” North Middlesex Brass Band around 1900
North Middlesex Brass Band (2) - Middlesex
Formed originally as Enfield Highway Band, possibly in 1902, it was renamed to (New) North Middlesex Band in 1906. Active to around 1909. A successor “North Middlesex Band” was formed in 1911

North Middlesex Brass Band (3)
See: North Middlesex Silver Band

North Middlesex Silver Band - Middlesex
Formed around 1911 at Enfield’s famous Royal Small Arms Factory. The band wore a colourful military-style uniform, and before the Second World War enjoyed success in marching competitions and band contests, including fourth place at the National Championships. Merged with the Enfield Town Silver Prize Band in 1949, retaining the North Middlesex name until 1966, when it reverted to Enfield Brass Band.

North Midlands Co-operative Band
Active in the 1980s. A youth band existed at the same time.

North Mimms Brass Band
See: North Mymms Brass Band

North Molton Brass Band - Devon
Active from 1857 to the 1880s

North Moor Brass Band - Oldham, Lancashire
Active in 1884

North Moor Methodist Brass Band - Oldham, Lancashire
Active in the 1930s

North Mundham Brass Band - Sussex
Active in 1890

North Mymms Brass Band - Hertfordshire
Active around 1900 when it played at a “Patriotic Entertainment” to celebrate the relief of Mafeking. Also at a Coronation Fete in 1902 - “music was to come from the North Mymms Brass Band which, though at first requiring payment, agreed to play without charge.” Still active in 1908, conductor R.W. Mason

North Norfolk Brass - Norfolk
Active in the 1980s

North Ormesby and Middlesbrough Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1896 through to the 1910s

North Ormesby Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Formed in 1898, still active in 1911

North Ormesby Church Institute Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1867

North Parade Brass Band - Halifax, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1870s. Obtained new uniforms in 1877. William Swingler, late conductor of Alloa Band, started his musical career playing tenor horn at the age of 16 with the North Parade Band, in 1876. He went on to conduct the Halifax Borough Band and the Halifax Rink Brass Band, before moving on to Lee Mount Band.

North Perrott Brass Band - Somerset
Active in the 1860s to 1880s

North Petherton Brass Band - Somerset
Active in the 1870s to the 1920s. Broke up during WW1 but reformed in 1919, conductor Mr Willshire
North Powys County Youth Band - Montgomeryshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1970 - Former names: Montgomeryshire County Youth Band

North Quay Working Men's Mission Band - Plymouth, Devon
   Active in 1905

North Riding Cricketers' Brass Band - Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active in from the early 1870s to the early 1880s. Conductor in 1873 was Mr Wilkinson.

North Riding of Yorkshire Schools Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active in the 1970s

North Salford Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1908

North Seaton Brass Band - Northumberland
   See: North Seaton Colliery Band (1)

North Seaton Colliery Band - Northumberland
   [previous name of current band] See: Wansbeck's Ashington Colliery Band

North Seaton Colliery Band (1) - Northumberland

North Seaton Colliery Band (2) - Northumberland
   See: Seaton Hirst Excelsior Band

North Seaton Excelsior Band - Northumberland
   Active in 1875 and 1882.

North Seaton Workmen's Prize Band - Northumberland
   See: Seaton Hirst Excelsior Band

North Shields and District Band - Northumberland
   Active around 1900 to 1914

North Shields Excelsior Band - Northumberland
   Active in the 1870s. Came second in a contest in North Shields, £5, conducted by Mr Chapman, in 1877

North Shields N.E.R. Band - Northumberland
   Active in the early 1900s

North Shields Salem Mission Band - Northumberland
   Active in the 1900s/1910s

North Shields Sons of Temperance Band - Northumberland
   Active in the 1870s and 1880s. Conductor Edward Hogarth in 1882

North Shields Temperance Band
   See: North Shields Sons of Temperance Band

North Shields Victoria Brass Band - Northumberland
   Active in 1888 and the early 1890s. Conductor Mr Greenwood

North Shore Flour and Rice Mill Company Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
   Active in the early 1880s, conductor J.B. Ridge. The company was located between Boundary Street and Sandhills on the Mersey dockside

North Shropshire Brass Band - Shropshire
   Active in 1855
North Skelton (British Steel) Band
See: North Skelton and District Band

North Skelton and District Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Formed in 1969, in 1984 they were renamed North Skelton (British Steel) Band, then subsequently British Steel Company North Skelton Band, Teesside Brass and finally British Steel Teesside Band, folding in the late 1990s. North Skelton Junior band, latterly Lanbaughur Brass, assumed the name North Skelton Band in 2008.

North Skelton Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)

North Skelton Brass Band
See: Teesside Temperance Band

North Skelton Concert Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: North Skelton Band

North Skelton Hope to Prosper Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in the 1900s through to 1915

North Skelton Junior Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: North Skelton Band

North Skelton Miners’ Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in the 1920s

North Skelton Silver Band
See: Teesside Temperance Band

North Somercotes Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active from 1864 to the 1880s

North Somerset Community Brass Band - Hewish, Somerset
[current band] - Founded in 2008

North Staffordshire Concert Band
See: Royal Doulton Band

North Staffordshire Concert Brass - Staffordshire
[previous name of current band] See: Trentham Brass Band

North Staffordshire Railway Brass Band - Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire
Active in the 1860s to 1880s. In 1867 conductor was H. Hollins. Conductor in 1881 was G. Marriott

North Staffordshire Railway Juvenile Brass Band - Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire
Active in 1869

North Staffordshire Railway Locomotive Band - Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire
See: North Staffordshire Railway Brass Band

North Street Brass Band
Active in 1906

North Tawton Amateur Brass Band - Devon
See: North Tawton Brass Band

North Tawton Brass Band - Devon
Formed around August 1861. Conductor was E. Sam Lee in 1899, John Lee in 1902. Folded during WW2.

North Tawton Silver Band - Devon
Formed after WW2 and folded in the 1970s
North Thoresby Brass Band
See: Fulstow and North Thoresby Brass Band

North Wallbottle Brass Band - Northumberland
Active in the 1910s

North Walsham Brass Band - Norfolk
Active in the 1850s

North Walsham Town Band - Norfolk
Active in the 1900s

North Ward Brass Band - Ovenden, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1868

North West Ham British Legion Band - Essex
Active in the 1920s

North Wingfield Brass Band
See: North Wingfield St Lawrence Brass Band

North Wingfield St Lawrence Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

North Wold Excelsior Brass Band - Caistor, Lincolnshire
Active in 1885

North Yorkshire Artillery Band
See: North Yorkshire Volunteer Band

North Yorkshire Iron Works Band - Stockton-on-Tees, Durham
Active in 1872, 1874

North Yorkshire Volunteer Band - Richmond, Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in the 1860s/1870s. Disbanded prior to 1875.

Northallerton and District Silver Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Northallerton Silver Band

Northallerton Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Formed in the 1900s, still active in 1936. Probably folded during or after WW2

Northallerton Borough Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1875

Northallerton Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1866, conductor J. Weldon

Northallerton Silver Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1962 - Former names: Northallerton and District Silver Band

Northallerton Temperance Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1867 to 1887. Possibly an alternate name for the current Town Band

Northallerton Town Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1913

Northallerton Town Prize Silver Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1930 and 1937

Northallerton Volunteer Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1910

Northallerton Young Men's Temperence Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1863

Northam Brass Band - Hampshire
Active in the 1880s, conductor G. Andrews
Northam Primitive Methodist Band - Hampshire
   Active in 1909

Northampton Amateur Brass Band - Northamptonshire
   Active in the 1850s to 1870s. Conductor G. Ashton in 1860.

Northampton Band of Hope Brass Band - Northamptonshire
   Active in 1864

Northampton Blue Ribbon Brass Band - Northamptonshire
   Active in 1882

Northampton Borough Silver Band - Northamptonshire
   See: Northampton N.U.R. Silver Band

Northampton Imperial Brass Band - Northamptonshire
   Formed in 1904, conductor H. Stanley Thomas, late solo cornet player of Gravesend
   Town Silver Band. Active to 1916. Played as part of the celebrations for the visit to
   Northampton of His Majesty King George V and Her Majesty Queen Mary on Tuesday
   the 23rd September 1913 - at the racecourse and at Cow Meadow, conductor was E.D.
   Jones.

Northampton Lunatic Asylum Brass Band - Northamptonshire
   Founded in 1860 from the inmates. Still active in 1867

Northampton Men's Own Band - Northamptonshire
   Active in the 1900s, conductor Ernest H. Warner in 1909

Northampton N.U.R. Silver Band - Northamptonshire
   Formed after WW1 in 1918. Renamed Northampton Borough Silver Band 1929-1940, then
   Northamptonshire Home Guard Band 1940-45, Northampton Borough Band 1945-49,
   and finally Northampton New Imperial Band, 1949-mid/late 1950s

Northampton New Imperial Band
   See: Northampton N.U.R. Silver Band

Northampton Rifles Band - Northamptonshire
   Active in the 1870s

Northampton Temperance Band - Northamptonshire
   Formed in 1881. Leader Joseph Rogers in 1885. In 1885 the band had an income of over
   £97, 32 members (13 having left during the year, but with 21 new ones joining), 133
   practices and 55 engagements undertaken. Active in 1892. Played as part of the
   celebrations for the visit to Northampton of His Majesty King George V and Her Majesty
   Queen Mary on Tuesday the 23rd September 1913 - at Cow Meadow and Calvesholme

Northampton Town Band (1) - Northamptonshire
   Formed in 1874. Active through to the early 1900s. Conductor J. Hagar in 1899, Albert
   Barker in 1902, Stanley Thomas in 1903

Northampton Town Band (2) - Northamptonshire
   Formed after WW1 around 1919 and active to the 1970s. Used to rehearse at the Fanciers
   club in Northampton and were conducted for a time by Jock Ward.

Northampton West End Brass Band - Northamptonshire
   Active in the 1880s

Northamptonshire Home Guard Band
   See: Northampton N.U.R. Silver Band

Northants (Dodderidge Memorial) Boys Brigade Brass Band - Northamptonshire
   Active in the 1930s
Northants N.U.R. Silver Band
See: Northampton N.U.R. Silver Band

Northaw Brass Band - Hertfordshire
Active in the 1890s

Northchapel Brass Band - Sussex
Active in the 1880s and early 1890s. It must have folded during the 1890s as it was reformed around 1900, conductor Mr Ridgewell in 1904. Still active in 1910.

Northenden Brass Band
See: Beswick and Company’s Northenden Brass Band

Northenden Public Subscription Band - Cheshire
Formed in 1929 as a church sponsored venture, but became independent a few years later. Later known as Northenden Silver Prize Band

Northenden Silver Band - Cheshire
[current band]

Northfield Brass Band - Worcestershire
Active from 1869 to the 1950s

Northfield Institute Band - Worcestershire
Active from the 1900s to the 1930s. Conductor A.J. Llewellyn in 1904, A.J. Ricketts in 1906

Northfield Silver Band
See: Northfield Brass Band

Northfield Subscription Band
See: Northfield Brass Band

Northfleet Brass - Kent
[current band] - Founded in 1878 - Former names: Northfleet Silver Band, Northfleet Silver Prize Band

Northfleet Silver Band - Kent
[previous name of current band] See: Northfleet Brass

Northfleet Temperance Band - Kent
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Northfleet Town Band - Kent
Active in the 1890s to WW1.

Northiam Brass Band - Sussex
Founded in 1873 by Alfred Comport. Active to the 1950s. Bandmaster John Pettitt from 1883 until his death in 1911.

Northill Brass Band - Bedfordshire
Active in 1863

Northleach Town Band - Gloucestershire
Formed c. 1890

Northlew and Ashbury Brass Band - Devon
Active in the 1920s to 1970s

Northlew Silver Band - Devon
[current band] - Founded around 1912

Northmoor Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1890s, conductor George Blackwell.

Northop Brass - Flintshire
[current band] - Founded in 2013 - Note: Formed from members of the Northop Youth Band
Northop Silver Band - Flintshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1892
Northorpe Brass Band - Lincolnshire
   Active in the 1900s
Northowram Brass Band
   See: Northowram Subscription Band
Northowram Subscription Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1870s to 1890s
Northtawton Brass Band - Devon
   See: North Tawton Band
Northumberland Heath Mission Band - Kent
   Active in the 1900s
Northumberland Police Band
   Active from the 1970s to 2005. Renamed Northumbria Police Band and later, in 2001, Gateshead Brass
Northumbria Police Band
   See: Northumberland Police Band
Northumbrian Water Ellington Colliery Band - Northumberland
North-Western Railway Brass Band
   Active in 1863
Northwich Adelaide Band
   See: Verdin Adelaide Band
Northwich Brass Band - Cheshire
   Active in the 1840s to 1860s
Northwich Verdin Adelaide Band
   See: Verdin Adelaide Band
Northwood Brass Band - Middlesex
   Active in the 1900s, conductor H. Carpenter in 1908
Norton Brass Band - Derbyshire
   See: Norton Woodseats Brass Band
Norton Brass Band - Durham
   Active in the 1850s to 1870s
Norton Brass Band - Staffordshire
   See: Norton-in-the-Moors Brass Band
Norton Brass Band - Suffolk
   Active in the 1930s
Norton Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   See: Norton-on-Derwent Brass Band
Norton Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Near Askern, the band was active in 1878
Norton Canes Brass Band
   See: Norton Canes Temperance Band
Norton Canes Primitive Methodist Band
   See: Norton Canes Temperance Band
Norton Canes Temperance Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1900s to WW1, conductor Mr Richards in 1906

Norton Fitzwarren Band - Somerset
   Active in 1922 when it performed in Wellington, Somerset - bandmaster: F.J. Cheek

Norton Woodseats Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1860s to 1880s

Norton Youth Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   [current band] - Founded in 1975

Norton-in-Hales Silver Band - Shropshire
   Active in the 1920s

Norton-in-the-Moors Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Formed in 1857. Active through to the 1910s

Norton-on-Derwent Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in 1881 when it was conducted by the founder of Malton United Band, William Turner. The band folded in 1888

Norton-on-Tees Coronation Band
   Active in 1911

Norton-sub-Hamdon Brass Band - Somerset
   Active in 1888

Norwest Co-op New Mills Band - Derbyshire
   [previous name of current band] See: New Mills Band

Norwich and East Norfolk District Foresters' Band - Norfolk
   Active in 1907, conductor R. Parkerson

Norwich Area Brass - Norfolk
   Active in the 1990s

Norwich Blind School Brass Band - Norfolk
   Active in 1860 to 1865. The Asylum and School for the Indigent Blind was founded in 1805 and was located in Magdalen Street. The performers were all blind.

Norwich Brewery Brass - Norfolk
   [previous name of current band] See: Castleton Brass

Norwich Brewery Youth Brass Band - Norfolk
   Active in the 1980s

Norwich City Brass - Norfolk
   [current band]

Norwich Foresters' Brass Band - Norfolk
   Active in 1867

Norwich Lads' Club Band - Norfolk
   Active from the 1920s to the early 1970s

Norwich Lads' Club Senior Band
   See: Norwich Lads’ Club Band

Norwich Old Veterans Band - Norfolk
   Active in the 1900s

Norwich Perserverance Brass Band - Norfolk
   Active in 1857, 1860. Conductor Charles Widdows

Norwich Silver Band - Norfolk
   Active in the 1970s
Norwich Victoria Brass Band - Norfolk
  Active in the 1900s

Norwich Volunteer Rifle Corps Band - Norfolk
  Active in the 1860s

Norwich Y.M.C.A. Brass Band - Norfolk
  Active in 1861

Norwood Brass Band - Beverley, Yorkshire (East Riding)
  Active in the 1890s

Norwood Children's Home Brass Band - Surrey
  Active in the 1920s. The home was located at Elder Road, West Norwood, originally established by the Lambeth Board of Guardians

Norwood Excelsior Brass Band - Surrey
  Active in 1891, when it played at Brockwell Park, London.

Norwood Imperial Prize Band - Surrey
  Active in 1898

Norwood Jewish Orphanage Band - Surrey
  Active in 1907. The orphanage, originally established in Mile End, set up a purpose-built building at West Norwood in 1866, housing 220 children.

Norwood Mission Brass Band - Surrey
  Active in 1910

Norwood Town Band - Surrey
  Active in 1905, conductor T. Wood

Norwood United Brass Band - Surrey
  Active in the 1860s

Nostell Colliery Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  [previous name of current band] See: Crofton Silver Band

Nottingham Albion Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
  Active in 1866. Conductor W.H. Norman in 1875

Nottingham Band of Hope Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
  Active in 1858

Nottingham Band of Hope Excelsior Brass Band
  See: Nottingham Excelsior Brass Band

Nottingham Borough Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
  Founded in 1868, conductor A.G. Brannan. Active through to the 1890s

Nottingham Borough Police Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
  Founded in January 1861, conductor Mr Carter, made its first public appearance in May 1861. Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Conductor Sergeant Harley in 1904

Nottingham Borough Temperance Band
  See: Nottingham Borough Brass Band

Nottingham Boys' Institute Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
  Active through the 1900s, conductor R. Mills in 1909

Nottingham Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
  Active in the 1850s to 1870s

Nottingham City Railway Band
  See: Netherfield Railway Band

Nottingham City Transport Band - Nottinghamshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Carlton Brass (Nottingham)
Nottingham City Transport Band
See: Netherfield Railway Band

Nottingham Cobden Brass Band
See: Cobden Brass Band

Nottingham Comrades Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in the 1920s. Competed in a brass band contest at Overseal, Leicestershire in July 1921, under conductor William Blackburn (drawn 8 of 11 bands, they were not placed)

Nottingham Comrades of the Great War Band
See: Nottingham Comrades Band

Nottingham Co-operative Silver Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in the 1930s and 1940s

Nottingham Crusaders Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active around 1910, when the conductor was J.E. Wood. Still active during WW1 in 1915

Nottingham Excelsior Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in 1885. Conductor A.A. Hindley

Nottingham Junior Saxtuba Band
See: Nottingham Juvenile Sax Tuba Band

Nottingham Juvenile Sax Tuba Band - Nottinghamshire
Active from the 1850s to the 1890s

Nottingham Juvenile Temperance Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in 1857, conductor Hugh Shimmells

Nottingham Ladies’ Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Made its first public appearance in September 1920, at the unveiling of a memorial to those 41 men killed in the Great War who resided in Garfield Road, Nottingham.

Nottingham Men’s Sunday Morning Institute Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in the 1900s, conductor Wynne Humphries in 1908

Nottingham Newcastle Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in the 1860s and 1870s

Nottingham Orphan Boys’ Home Band
See: Nottingham Boys’ Institute Brass Band

Nottingham Passenger Transport Band
See: Netherfield Railway Band

Nottingham Police Band
See: Nottingham Borough Police Band

Nottingham Ragged School Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in 1859

Nottingham Railway City Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in the 1890s to 1914

Nottingham Railway Employees Band
See: Nottingham Railway City Brass Band

Nottingham Railway Servants Band
See: Nottingham Railway City Brass Band

Nottingham Rifle Volunteers Band, 4th
See: 4th Nottingham Rifle Volunteers Band

Nottingham Road Primitive Methodists Band - Ripley, Derbyshire
Founded in 1893, conductor Joseph Buxton
Nottingham Sax Tuba Band - Nottinghamshire
See: Nottingham Temperance Sax Tuba Band

Nottingham Saxhorn Band
See: Nottingham Temperance Sax Tuba Band

Nottingham Special Constabulary Band - Nottinghamshire
Active during WW2 in the 1940s. Not to be confused with Nottingham Police Borough Band (founded in 1887, and still active) - a military band in formation.

Nottingham Temperance Juvenile Band
See: Nottingham Juvenile Sax Tuba Band

Nottingham Temperance Sax Tuba Band
Founded in 1857. Active to the 1890s. Conductor in 1860 was C.T. Hurst, W.H. Norman appointed in 1864, in 1887 was A. Hindley

Nottingham United Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in the 1880s, conductor H. Moore in 1888

Nottingham Ventil Horn Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in the 1860s

NSF (Coal Products) Band - Durham
[previous name of current band] See: Fishburn Band

NSK-RHP Band - Newark, Nottinghamshire
See: Ransome Band

NSK-RHP Ransome Band - Newark, Nottinghamshire
See: Ransome Band

Nuneaton Borough Band - Warwickshire
Active from the early 1900s. Amalgamated with Burbage Silver Band in 1989. As the band rehearsed in Hinckley it kept the name Burbage Silver Band.

Nuneaton Brass - Warwickshire
Active in the 1990s

Nuneaton Brass Band - Warwickshire
Founded in 1840. Active through to 1914. Conductor J. Mayes, leader John Shaw in 1858

Nuneaton Excelsior Band - Warwickshire
Active in the 1890s. [Newspaper report on the new Nuneaton Manor Hospital] - “Despite all the planning, the silver key had not arrived by the opening ceremony on the 20th September 1893 and Mr. James Tomkinson had to open the front door without it. After several long speeches those present were invited to have tea and look around the building. To do so they had to pass two nurses in uniform, one with a tray for donations and the other with a book in which to enter annual subscribers. When the hospital opened there was still a shortage of funds and consequently only four of the eight beds on each ward could be used. The minute book of the Management Committee details the costs of the opening ceremony, including £4 12 shillings for the Excelsior Band - a high cost when one considers that a trained nurses annual salary was £25.”

Nuneaton Independent Brass Band - Warwickshire
Active in 1869

Nuneaton L.M.S. Railway Brass Band - Warwickshire
Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Nuneaton Town Band
See: Nuneaton Borough Band
Nunhead Christian Brass Band - Surrey
   Active in the 1900s to the 1950s, conductor H. Leggett. The band was formed as part of the Nunhead Christian Mission by Frederick Thompson, who was its bandmaster for many years.

Nunnery Wood Youth Band - Worcestershire
   [previous name of current band] See: Worcester Concert Brass

Nunney United Brass Band - Somerset
   Active in 1868

Nunnington Amateur Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active in 1846 and 1856

Nunnington Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   See: Nunnington Amateur Brass Band

Nursling Brass Band - Hampshire
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Conductor C. Melmoth in 1891, L. Chiddell in 1897

Nutgrove Brass Band - St Helens, Lancashire
   Active from the 1880s to the late 1940s. It promoted a contest in 1901.

Nuthurst Brass Band - Sussex
   Played in Horsham before the 1847 election, still active in 1858, conductor Mr Coomber.

Nutley Brass Band - Sussex
   Records of the band, from 1914-1931 are held by East Sussex Record Office. The band was formed in 1911 from an amicable split in the members of the Ashdown Forest Temperance Band, and was active through to 1932 at least. The Ashdown Forest Temperance Band was also sometimes known as the Nutley Brass Band, having many of its members from the town.

Nutshalling Brass Band - Nursling, Hampshire
   Active in 1890 to 1897

Nyewood Brass Band - Sussex
   Formed in 1908, still active in 1930

Oadby Adult School Institute Band - Leicestershire
   Active in the 1900s to the 1930s

Oadby Brass Band (1) - Leicestershire
   Active in the 1850s to the 1890s. Conductor Mr Gilbert in 1866, J. Matthews in 1877. There was a “new” Oadby Brass Band in 1861

Oadby Brass Band (2) - Leicestershire
   Formed in 1906, conductor A.M. Goddard. Still active in 1914

Oadby Temperance Band - Leicestershire
   Active in 1905

Oak Alyn Brass Band - Wrexham, Denbighshire
   Active in the late 1880s and 1890s

Oak Alyn C.E.T.S. Band
   See: Oak Alyn Brass Band

Oak Alyn Temperance Band
   See: Oak Alyn Brass Band

Oakamoor Brass Band - Staffordshire
   [no information]
Oakbank Brass Band - Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire
Active in the 1880s to the 1920s. The Oakbank Industrial School was founded in 1878 on Mid Stocket Road (Aberdeen Industrial School for Boys). Bandmaster Mr Stavert in 1911, when they acquired a new set of brass instruments, of which the most delicate parts had been strengthened with wire shields! 8 Bb cornets, 2 Eb tenor horns, 2 Bb baritone horns, 2 Bb euphoniums, 2 Bb trombones, 3 Eb bombardons, 1 side drum. Conductor Mr Rowson in 1916, W.B. Denham in 1917, G.H. Hill in 1926

Oakbank Industrial School Band
See: Oakbank Brass Band

Oakdale Colliery Band - Monmouthshire
[previous name of current band] See: Oakdale Silver Band

Oakdale Silver Band - Monmouthshire
[current band] - Founded in the 1920s - Former names: Oakdale Colliery Band

Oakengates and District Band - Shropshire
See: Lilleshall Colliery Brass Band

Oakengates Brass Band - Shropshire
Active in 1856

Oakengates Town Band - Shropshire
Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Oakenshaw Brass Band - Durham
Active in the 1870s to the 1890s. Probably folded before the Oakenshaw Colliery Band formed in 1899

Oakenshaw Colliery Band - Durham
Formed in 1899, and still active in 1931

Oakham Brass Band (1) - Rutland
Formed in 1847 under the direction of Mr Read and Mr Till.

Oakham Brass Band (2) - Rutland
Formed in late 1856, under the direction of Mr Patrick, £56 being raised at a bazaar for the first eight instruments. Gave its first public performance in May 1857. Conductor Mr Brimfield in 1865, G. Dexter in 1886. Active through to 1917

Oakham Town Band - Rutland
See: Oakham Brass Band (2)

Oakland Street Wesleyan Band - Widnes, Lancashire
Active in 1891

Oakley Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
Active in the 1880s and 1890s, bandmaster C. Bunyan. Still active in the 1950s, conductor Mr. Ridge

Oakley Brass Band - Fife
Active in the 1850s and 1860s

Oakley Brass Band - Hampshire
Active in 1863

Oakley Brass Band
Took part in the Second South Yorkshire Brass Band Contest, at Nether Hall Park, Doncaster, on 25th June 1860

Oakley Quarry Brass Band
Active in 1952
Oakmead Boys School Brass Band - Bournemouth, Hampshire
   Active from the 1960s to the 1990s

Oaksey Brass Band - Wiltshire
   Active in 1909

Oakthorpe Wesleyan Brass Band - Leicestershire
   Active in the 1890s

Oates Inghams Brass Band - Halifax, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1870. Based at the Oates Inghams Dye Works.

Oates Inham’s Military Reed Band
   See: Oates Inghams Brass Band

Oatlands Parish Church Brass Band - Lanarkshire
   Active in the 1900s. Mr Gent conductor in 1904, J.N. Hunt in 1905. Became
Hutchesontown Silver Band in 1907, active through into the 1920s

Oats Royd Mills Brass Band - Midgley, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from the 1850s, disbanding in 1891. Originally the Luddenden Old Band, it
assumed the name of Oats Royd Mills in 1864 when becoming connected with the firm of
Messrs. John Murgatroyd and Sons who owned the Mills. They had a band room at the
Travellers’ Rest, Luddenden. Conductor Joseph Hartley in 1868. Presented with new
uniforms by J. Murgatroyd in 1869. In 1871, the band played at the ceremony when the
first sod was cut at Widdop Reservoir. Records of the band, from 1864-1891 are held by
West Yorkshire Archive Service, Calderdale

Ocean Brass - Southampton, Hampshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1998 - Note: Amalgamation of Solent Brass and
Southampton Central Band

Ockbrook Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in 1851, 1863

Ockenden Brass Band - Cuckfield, Sussex
   Active from the 1860s to the 1900s. The band’s original patron was Sir Walter W. Burrell,
whose house was called Ockenden. Conductor Mr Anscombe in 1867, Ambrose
Dumsday in 1871.

Ockendon Silver Band
   See: South Ockendon Silver Band

Ockham Industrial School Brass Band - Surrey
   Active in 1867

Odd Rode Brass Band (1) - Cheshire
   Active in 1856 to 1862

Odd Rode Brass Band (2) - Cheshire
   Active in 1952

Oddfellows Band - Leicester, Leicestershire
   [current band] - Founded in 1981 - Former names: Unity Brass (to 2007) - Note: The
official band of the Oddfellows

Odham’s Press Band - London
   Formed in 1937 and originally conducted by George Thompson, latterly of Callenders
Cable Works Band. Renamed The People Band (Odham’s Press) around 1957, it folded in
1961. George’s new band was only a few months old when he attended the first
rehearsal. He quickly realised that, apart from a couple of half decent players, the rest
were all learners. He later told writer Arthur R. Taylor, “It didn’t help either that they
were playing on instruments that were a load of rubbish”. But George persevered and eventually they were playing a few scales at their lunchtime rehearsal room near Ludgate Circus. Within a year the band had come on in leaps and bounds, so much so that it was entered into its first contest at a small local event in Surrey and came away with a top three placing. However, during the war years the band had to curtail its activities owing to its members being called up for active war service. After the war, the band was reformed and carried on improving all the time. In 1952, it won the London and Southern Counties Daily Herald Brass Band area contest second section and then repeated that success again the following year. Further successes followed. George Thompson, now Musical Director, had taken the band from nothing to being a championship section band. In the late 1940s, the Band was asked to perform at “The People” National Darts Teams Championship held at the Horticultural Old Hall in London. As part of the “Grand Variety” entertainment, the Odhams Press Band was one of a number of acts that performed in between darts matches. For example, at the 1951 finals the Band played popular music between 6 - 6.20 p.m., that is prior to teams taking the stage for the first two matches in the quarterfinals. The Band then continued to play throughout the evening, presumably trying to make themselves heard over and above the cacophony of sound in the hall; the general chatter of the audience and the inevitable clanking of beer bottles and glasses. In 1953, George Thompson left Odhams Band and was succeeded by his brother James and shortly afterwards the name was changed to The People Band. This had nothing to do with the Band’s success at the National Darts Teams final but more to do with publicity, an advert for ?The People? Sunday newspaper which was part of Mirror Group Newspapers. See “Whatever happened to Odhams Press Band?”, by Chris Helme - British Bandsman, 5441, 27 January 2007, pp.8-9

Odiham and Hook Silver Band
See: Hook, Odiham and District Band

Odiham Brass Band (1) - Hampshire
Active in 1847, still playing in 1870. Disbanded prior to 1889. The leader in 1863 was S. Cooper.

Odiham Brass Band (2) - Hampshire
Formed in 1889, conducted by Mr Tibble, played around the town on Boxing Day 1892. Disbanded prior to 1907.

Odiham Brass Band (3) - Hampshire
Formed in 1908, conductor D.T. Parnell, folding before or during WW1.

Odstock Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Offerton Industrial School Brass Band - Cheshire
See: Stockport Industrial School Brass Band

Offerton Saxhorn Band - Cheshire
Active in the 1870s and 1880s

Ogden's Tobacco Works Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
Active in 1893

Ogmore Town Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1900s

Ogmore Valley Silver Band - Glamorgan
[current band] - Founded in 1893
Ogmore Valley Temperance Band - Glamorgan
  Active from the 1890s to the 1940s

Oil and Colour Works Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
  See: Messrs Blundell, Spence and Co.’s Works Harmonic Brass Band

Okeford Brass Band - Dorset
  Active in 1858

Okehampton Borough Band - Devon
  Active from the 1920s to the 1950s - may have been military style instrumentation

Okehampton Brass Band - Devon
  [previous name of current band] See: Okehampton Excelsior Silver Band

Okehampton Excelsior Silver Band - Devon
  [current band] - Founded in 1828

Old 22nd Association Home Guard Band - Tunbridge Wells, Kent
  [no information]

Old Abbey Brass Band
  See: St Alban’s Abbey Brass Band

Old Alverstoke Brass Band
  Active in 1872

Old Bathgate Town Band - West Lothian
  Active in 1873

Old Boys Band, 41st
  See: 41st Old Boys Band

Old Brass Band - Northamptonshire
  Active in 1888

Old Caversham Brass Band - Berkshire
  Active in the 1900s

Old Colwyn Brass Band
  See: Colwyn Brass Band

Old Comrades Band - Brentwood, Essex
  See: Brentwood Old Comrades Band

Old Deer Brass Band - Aberdeenshire
  Active in 1866

Old Durham Brass Band - Durham
  See: Durham Old Brass Band

Old Farnley Prize Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1893

Old Fletton Victoria Prize Band - Huntingdonshire
  Founded in 1904 as Fletton Subscription Band, bandmaster J.W. Hackney, soon after
  named Fletton Victoria Band. Conductor in 1905 was H.H. Barker. The band, almost to a
  man, joined the 1st Huntingdonshire Battalion en block, in 1914, and formed the
  Huntingdonshire Cyclist Battalion Band. They were under the direction of the Fletton
  Bandmaster Sgt. Joe Hackney.

Old Hall Brass - Wigan, Lancashire
  [current band] - Founded in 1989

Old Heath Band - Essex
  Active in 1905, when the bandmaster was C. Chamberlain. The band did not survive
  WW1.
Old Hill Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in the 1900s

Old Hill Ironworks Band - Netherton, Staffordshire
Active in 1891 - belonged to Noah Hingley and Sons Ironworks, producing 18,000 tons of pig iron per annum.

Old Hucknall Brass Band
Active in the 1840s

Old Keresley and Coundon Silver Band
See: Keresley and Coundon Brass Band

Old King Street Wesleyan Brass Band
See: Bristol Central Mission Brass Band

Old Meeting School Brass Band - Kidderminster,
Active in 1858

Old Mill Subscription Band - Barnsley, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1900s

Old Moss Band - Holmfirth, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Folded a few years prior to 1908, when some of their instruments (and players) formed the basis of the Hade Edge Band

Old National Reserves Band
See: Scarborough National Reserve Brass Band

Old Nichol Street Mission Brass Band
See: Hoxton Market Christian Mission Silver Band

Old Park Band
See: Old Park Iron Works Brass Band

Old Park Iron Works Brass Band - Wednesbury, Staffordshire
Active in 1866

Old Polesworth Brass Band
See: Polesworth Old Brass Band

Old Shoreham Brass Band - Sussex
Active in the 1860s to 1867

Old Silkstone Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1861

Old Wednesfield Star Band - Staffordshire
Active in the 1870s

Old West Durham Band
Formed in 1895 by workers in the Erwin Cotton Mills

Old Whittington Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in 1863, 1864

Old Whitwell Village Band - Derbyshire
[previous name of current band] See: Whitwell Brass Band

Oldbury Brass Band - Worcestershire
Founded in early 1857, conductor Henry Bell

Oldbury Carriage Works Band - Worcestershire
Active in the 1860s, conductor Mr Goodyeare (Goodyere) in 1862. The works band from Johnson's Carriage Works. Still active in 1865

Oldbury Euphonic Brass Band - Worcestershire
See: Oldbury Euphonic Temperance Band
Oldbury Euphonic Temperance Band - Worcestershire
   Active from 1860

Oldbury Temperance Brass Band - Worcestershire
   See: Oldbury Temperance Saxhorn Band

Oldbury Temperance Saxhorn Band - Worcestershire
   Active in the early 1860s to 1869

Oldbury Town Band - Worcestershire
   Active in the 1890s to 1910s

Oldfield School Brass Band - Bath, Somerset
   Founded in 1949

Oldham A.T.C. Brass Band - Lancashire
   See: Oldham Wing Brass Band

Oldham Band (Lees) - Lancashire
   [current band] -Founded in 2004 - Note: Formed out of the ashes of Oldham Brass ?97, players from Bare Trees Community Band and Dobcross Youth Band

Oldham Blue Coat School Band - Lancashire
   Active from 1852 to the 1910s. Based at the school endowed by Thomas Henshaw. Conductor Sam Howcroft in 1904

Oldham Borough Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1880s to the 1890s

Oldham Brass 97 - Lancashire
   Formed in 1997 by the merger of Lees and Glodwick Band and the Cobden Chadwick Band. It folded in 2004, some of its remaining members going on to form the current Oldham (Lees) Band.

Oldham Brass '97 - Lancashire
   Formed in 1997 by the amalgamation of Cobden Chadwick Band and Lees and Glodwick Band and disbanded in 2004. Remaining members helped to form the new Oldham Band (Lees)

Oldham Brass Band (1) - Lancashire
   Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Oldham Brass Band (2) - Lancashire
   Active in the 1970s and 1980s

Oldham British Legion Band - Lancashire
   Formed after WW2, active from 1948 to the late 1950s.

Oldham Catholic Brass Band - Lancashire
   Founded in 1872, still active in 1883

Oldham Church Schools Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1868

Oldham Corporation Tramways Band - Lancashire
   Founded in 1907, folded in 1915

Oldham Independent Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1869

Oldham Metropolitan Youth Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1990s

Oldham Postal Brass Band - Lancashire
   Formed in 1908. Active to WW2.
Oldham Prize Band - Lancashire
   See: Oldham Brass Band

Oldham Rifles Band - Lancashire
   Instituted in 1865 as a local band and was appointed to Oldham Rifles in 1871. Active through to the late 1930s. In 1871 it became affiliated to the local volunteer regiment, which underwent various name changes over the years, which are reflected (sometimes apparently inconsistently) in the names that the band contested under. The history of the regiment name that the band was attached to is as follows: February 1860 - founded as 31st (Oldham) Lancashire Rifle Volunteers, November 1860 - became part of 7th Admin. Bn., 1880 - consolidated as 23rd corps, but changed back to 7th shortly thereafter, 1882 - new corps formed with same personnel - 22nd Lancs. RVC, 1888 - became 6th VB Manchester Regiment, 1908 - became 10th Manchesters

Oldham Road Brass Band - Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire
   Active in 1858

Oldham Road Brotherhood Band - Manchester, Lancashire
   Active in the 1930s

Oldham Road Cleansing Department Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1895

Oldham Road Congregational Brotherhood Band - Manchester, Lancashire
   See: Oldham Road Brotherhood Band

Oldham Temperance Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1890s, disbanding in 1904. Conductor Charles Lawton in 1903

Oldham Temperance Mission Band - Lancashire
   See: Oldham Temperance Band

Oldham Tramways Band - Lancashire
   See: Oldham Corporation Tramways Band

Oldham Volunteers Band - Lancashire
   See: Oldham Rifles Band

Oldham Wing Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1945 to 1950

Oldland Common Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   Active in 1868

Oldmeldrum Brass Band (1) - Aberdeenshire
   Active in the 1850s, disbanded before 1865. Conductor George Allan in 1855

Oldmeldrum Brass Band (2) - Aberdeenshire
   Formed in 1865, giving their first performance at Christmas that year. Messrs Allan and A. Steel instructed the band, of 18 members at that time. Those two were the only members of the previous Oldmeldrum Brass Band involved. Active through to the 1920s. Conductor Mr Dickinson in 1872, Alex Bower in 1891, A.B. Henderson in 1926 (when the band sergeant was James Webster). Linked to the local volunteers in the early 1900s

Oldmeldrum Volunteers Band
   See: Oldmeldrum Brass Band (2)

Oldroyd’s Brass Band
   See: Messrs M. Oldroyd’s and Sons Brass Band

Ollerton and Bevercotes Welfare Band - Nottinghamshire
   Active in the mid 1960s
Ollerton Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in 1854 and into the 1860s

Ollerton Colliery Silver Band - Nottinghamshire
Active from the 1930s to the 1950s.

Olney Brass - Buckinghamshire
[cURRENT Band] - Founded in 1974 - Former names: Stantonbury Brass - Note: The band is an ensemble which is attached to the Milton Keynes Music Centre

Olney Brass Band (1) - Buckinghamshire
Active from the early 1860s, disbanding some time before 1890. Conductor George Field in 1864, L. Field in 1874. A successor band was formed in 1892

Olney Brass Band (2) - Buckinghamshire
Formed in 1892, active through to the 1920s. Conductor James Hager in 1896. A successor band (the current Olney Brass) was formed in 1974

Olney Town Temperance Band
See: Olney Brass Band (2)

Olveston and Tockington Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active in 1865, conductor Mark Ann.

Olveston Temperance Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active in 1860

Olympia Oil Works Band - Barlby, Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in 1914, bandmaster Mr Taylor (late of York Tramways Band). The Olympia Oil & Cake Co. Ltd, near Selby, operated the largest linseed oil crushing and refining plant in Europe at the time.

Omoa Brass Band - Cleland, Lanarkshire
Active from 1861, attached to the local ironworks

Omoa Iron Works Brass Band
See: Omoa Brass Band

Onchan Silver Band - Isle of Man
[current band] - Founded in 1937

Onchan Village Brass Band - Isle of Man
Active in 1869

Ongar Comprehensive School Brass Band - Essex
Active in the 1970s

Onslow School Brass Band - Hatfield, Hertfordshire
Active in the 1970s

Onward Hall Brass Band - Ardwick, Lancashire
Active in 1913

Onward Temperance Band - Ardwick, Lancashire
See: Ardwick Onward Temperance Band

Onward Temperance Band - Cannock, Staffordshire
Active in the 1880s and 1890s. Teacher Chris Smith in 1892

Openshaw and Bradford Subscription Band - Manchester, Lancashire
Active in 1917

Openshaw Lads' Club Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
Founded 1892. Joseph Frith, who worked as a carpenter for Droylsden Council, joined the voluntary staff at the Lads' Club in 1892 when he was asked to start a brass band there. He remained as it's bandmaster until 1922. He gave up 2 evenings a week and a
Sunday afternoon for band practice. Highly successful, the band won many prizes in festivals and competitions. A Mr Tucker, born in 1902, lived in Openshaw. He started his musical career by learning to play the cornet at Openshaw Lad’s Club where he was allowed to hire a cornet for 5d a year. [However, there is also a report of Openshaw Lads’ Club Brass Band in existence in September 1890, when they played at the Manchester and District Working Lads Inter Club Sports at Old Trafford, also in 1891 when they competed at Glossop].

**Openshaw Original Band** - Manchester, Lancashire
- Active from the 1900s to the 1930s

**Openshaw Temperance Band** - Manchester, Lancashire
- Active in the 1890s to the 1900s. Conductor Mr Sedgwick in 1902

**Operative Bricklayers’ Band** - Chelsea, Middlesex
- Active in the early 1890s. Some of its members went on to form the Fulham Borough Band in 1895. The London Society of Operative Bricklayers was founded in 1848 and was an early trade union.

**Orderlies’ Brass Band (Cleansing Department)** - Manchester, Lancashire
- Active in 1897

**Ore and Clive Vale Brass Band** - Sussex
- Active in the 1900s. Conductor E. John Mepham in 1905.

**Ore St Helens Brass Band** - Sussex
- Active in the 1920s and 1930s. G. Davis secretary in 1935

**Ore United Brass Band**
- See: **Ore St Helens Brass Band**

**Ore Village Band** - Sussex
- Active in 1913. Ore was a village taken into the Borough of Hastings as the town expanded but tried to retain its identity and even today is referred to as the village by the locals.

**Original Industrial School Brass Band** - Edinburgh, Midlothian
- Active in 1890 and 1897

**Orion Airways Band** - Derbyshire
- [previous name of current band] See: **Sir Richard Arkwright’s Masson Mills Band**

**Orleton Brass Band** - Herefordshire
- Active in 1908

**Ormonde Colliery Band** - Derbyshire
- Active in 1940s

**Ormskirk Rifles Band** - Lancashire
- Active from the 1890s to WW1

**Ormskirk Town Band** - Lancashire
- Active in the 1940s. It would appear that this was a non-contesting band. It folded sometime in the mid 1990s. The band was re-formed after WW2, probably as late as about 1970. Mrs Violet Blackburn of 11 Bird-ith-hand Cottages located band’s old instruments, as she remembered them being placed in the tank of Ormskirks Victoria Water Tower for safe keeping during the war!

**Orphanage Institute Brass Band** - Liverpool, Lancashire
- Active in 1860

**Orpheus Brass Band** - Nottingham, Nottinghamshire
- Active in 1850. Bandmaster Samuel Cresswell
Orpington and Crays Brass Band - Kent
Active in 1864, 1865

Orpington and Crays British Legion Silver Band - Kent
Active from the 1920s to the 1950s

Orpington and Crays Railwaymen's Band - Kent
See: Orpington and Crays British Legion Silver Band

Orpington Silver Band - Kent
Founded in 1925, it converted to concert band format some time later, probably after WW2, and is still active as a wind band. Competed in the SCABA contest in Chichester in April 1927. Became the Orpington Silver Band (Home Guard Band) during WW2

Orpington St Joseph's Poor Law School Band - Kent
See: St Joseph's Orphanage Band

Orrell Silver Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1970s. Folded around 1993. A few of its remaining members formed Old Hall Brass in that year.

Orton Brass Band - Westmorland
Active in the 1830s to the 1890s

Orwell Brass Band - Ipswich, Suffolk

Orwell Works Brass Band - Ipswich, Suffolk
Active in 1879. Attached to Ransomes agricultural engineering works.

Osborne Brass Band - Wisbech, Cambridgeshire
See: Loyal Osborne Brass Band

Osbourne Rockingham Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Rockingham Band

Osmotherley Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1868 and the early 1900s

Osmotherley Silver Jubilee Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1977 - Note: Many of the players had never played before but were taught by Dave Nichols, a teacher from the Allertonshire School, Northallerton

Ossett and Gawthorpe Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[no information]

Ossett Borough Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in 1874. Active through to the 1960s

Ossett Teetotal Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Ossett Temperance Band

Ossett Temperance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1850s and 1860s. Conductor J. Chappell in 1860. Competed against the Ossett Victoria Band at Sunderland in 1858

Ossett Temperance Model Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Ossett Temperance Band

Ossett United Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1876

Ossett Victoria Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1850s. Competed against the Ossett Temperance Model Band at Sunderland in 1858
Oswald Place Mission Band - Ardwick, Lancashire
   [no information]

Oswaldtwistle Subscription Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1880s to the 1900s

Oswaldwistle Brass Band
   See: Oswaldtwistle Subscription Brass Band

Oswaldwistle Temperance Band
   See: 3rd Lancashire Artillery Volunteers (Oswaldtwistle) Band

Oswaldwistle Volunteers Band
   See: 3rd Lancashire Artillery Volunteers (Oswaldtwistle) Band

Oswestry Borough Band - Shropshire
   Active in 1901, conductor G.H. Jones, and from the 1920s to the early 1950s

Oswestry Borough Silver Prize Band
   See: Oswestry Borough Band

Oswestry Brass Band - Shropshire
   Founded in 1858. Emerged out of the previous drum and fife band, when Joseph Berry, treasurer, solicited subscriptions to raise money for fourteen brass instruments. They rehearsed in the theatre, kindly allowed by W.O. Gore. Still active in 1868

Oswestry Excelsior Band - Shropshire
   Formed in 1935/6, winning first prize at the Penybont contest in 1936, following third prizes at the Oakengates and Wellington contests earlier in the year. Still active in 1972

Oswestry King Oswald Band
   See: King Oswald Brass Band

Oswestry Mechanics Brass Band - Shropshire
   Active in the mid-1870s, conductor J. Evans

Oswestry Volunteer Rifle Corps Band - Shropshire
   Active in the 1860s

Othery Brass Band - Somerset
   Active in 1884, secretary P.S. Russ

Otley Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from the 1840s to the 1870s. Conductor E. Thackeray in 1860. A successor band was formed in 1973

Otley Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [current band] - Founded in 1973

Otley Engineers Volunteer Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1890s and 1900s

Otley Hawthornden Brass Band
   See: Hawthornden Brass Band

Otley R. E. Band
   See: Otley Engineers Volunteer Band

Otterbourne Brass - Hampshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1973 - Former names: Hampshire Concert Brass (to 1980), City of Winchester Brass (to 2003) - Note: Hampshire Concert Brass was formed from people who were too old to be in the Hampshire Youth Concert Band any more

Ottery Amateur Brass Band - Devon
   See: Ottery St Mary Brass Band (1)
Ottery Good Templars Band - Devon  
Active in 1916

Ottery St Mary Brass Band (1) - Devon  
Active from the 1850s to the mid-1890s. Conductor Mr Sandford in 1856. A successor band was formed in 1904

Ottery St Mary Brass Band (2) - Devon  
Founded in 1904, folding during WW1. Conductor Mr Cody in 1904, A. Berry in 1908, W. Cann in 1910, A.H. Carnell in 1914. A successor band (still active) was formed in 1920.

Ottery St Mary Silver Band - Devon  
[current band] - Founded in 1920 - Note: Formed after WW1

Ottery St Mary Town Band  
See: Ottery St Mary Brass Band (2)

Oughterside and District Brass Band - Cumberland  
[current band] - Founded in 1903

Oughtibridge and District Silver Prize Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
[previous name of current band] See: Oughtibridge Brass Band

Oughtibridge Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
[current band] - Founded in 1890 - Former names: Don Valley Brass Band, Oughtibridge and District Silver Prize Band

Oughtibridge Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
Active in the 1860s and 1870s. A successor band (still active) was formed in the 1890s.

Oulton Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
Active from the 1860s to the 1920s

Oulton Broad Band - Suffolk  
Active in the 1900s, conductor Mr Blundell in 1906

Oulton Corner Brass Band - Suffolk  
Active in 1915, believed to have been associated with the Methodist Chapel

Oulton Marlpits Band - Suffolk  
Active in the 1900s

Oundle Brass Band (1) - Northamptonshire  
Formed in late 1863, conductor Mr Vinnicombe, making their second public appearance on Christmas Eve that year.

Oundle Brass Band (2) - Northamptonshire  
Formed in 1902, conductor J. Pullan

Our Lady of Good Aid Brass Band - Motherwell, Lanarkshire  
Active after WW2 in the 1940s and 1950s

Ouseburn Wesleyan Mission Band - Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland  
Active in the 1900s. Conductor George Wraith in 1907, C. Waterhouse in 1909

Ouston “E” Pit Band - Durham  
See: Birtley Ouston Pit Colliery Band

Ouston Colliery Band - Durham  
Active in the 1900s. May have had some connection with Birtley St Joseph. There was also a Birtley and Ouston Band

Ouston District Brass Band - Durham  
Active in 1905

Ouston Institute Brass Band - Durham  
Active in 1905
Outlane Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1868 and through to WW1, disbanding in 1915. In 1903 they charged 30/- for a concert for the Outlane Cricket Club who, in 1914, refused permission for the Lindley Band to use the field for a “Sacred Concert”. Conductor A.L. Dewhirst in 1904

Outwood Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1890s

Outwood Public Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1920s

Ovenden Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1850s and 1880s through to early 1930s

Ovenden Subscription Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1880s, conductor J. Mallinson in 1882

Over and Winsford Temperance Band - Cheshire
   See: Winsford Temperance Brass Band

Over Brass Band - Cheshire
   Active from the early 1860s to the 1910s. Also known as Over Silver Band. Conductor Mr Mellor in 1869, A. Finney in 1893

Over Darwen Brass Band - Lancashire
   See: Over Darwen Church Brass Band

Over Darwen Church Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1856 to 1865

Over Darwen Rifles Band
   See: Darwen Rifle Corps Band

Overton Brass Band - Ayrshire
   Active in 1879, when it took part in a procession in August to inaugurate the Kilmarnock Burns Monument and Kay Park, accompanying the Foresters Lodge.

Overton Brass Band - Hampshire
   Active in 1861. Conductor Mr Wiltshire in 1862

Overton Chapel Band
   See: Overton Mission Band

Overton Mission Band - West Overton, Wiltshire
   Formed in the early 1900s, attached to the local Wesleyan Chapel. Amalgated with the Lockeridge Prize Band in 1934 to form Kennet Vale Silver Band. The bandmaster at that time was Fred Sprules.

Overtoun Brass Band
   See: Overtown Brass Band

Overtown Brass Band - Lanarkshire
   Active in the 1880s to 1900s

Ovington Brass Band - Northumberland

Ovington Prize Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Ovington Tynedale Band

Ovington Saxhorn Band
   See: Ovington Band
Ovington Tynedale Band - Northumberland

Founded 1980, Folded 2003. Ovington Tynedale Band was the result of a merger in the 1980's between Ovington Band and Tynedale Band. Seeing as both bands served a small rural area, a merger seemed sensible as both bands were struggling. Initially rehearsing at Ovington Bandroom, the band remained a 4th Section Band for several years. The sale of the Ovington Bandroom, at that time in disrepair, secured the band's financial future and prompted a move to Newburn Rowing Club. Here the band enjoyed moderate success, qualifying for the 4th Section National Finals on 2 occasions and securing promotion to the 3rd Section. Following the band's most successful result at the area, the long-standing MD Stuart Gray resigned. At this time several key-players also left. Combined with a long-standing lack of Cornet players, this sent the band into decline which even a move of bandroom couldn't address. After several years of struggling to find players, the band folded in early summer 2003. Several Ovington Tynedale ex-players have gone on to play and conduct at the highest level, mainly in the North East.

Ovington Tynedale Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)

[current band] - Founded in 1862 - Former names: Ovington Prize Brass Band (to 1986)

Owlerston Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)

Active in 1855 to 1869

Owlerston Temperance Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)

Active in 1865 to 1869

Owston Ferry Brass Band - Lincolnshire

Active in 1854, 1861

Owston Ferry Salvation Army Band - Lincolnshire

Active around 1900

Oxcroft Colliery Band - Derbyshire

Active in the 1900s and 1910s

Oxford Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire

Active in 1868

Oxford Cherwell Brass - Oxfordshire

[current band] - Founded in 2013

Oxford City Brass Band - Oxfordshire

Active in 1904

Oxford City Police Brass Band - Oxfordshire

Active in 1886

Oxford Concert Brass - Oxfordshire

Formed in 1972 as an offshoot of the existing Oxford bands, primarily City of Oxford Band. Active until 1992 when it merged with Kidlington Silver Band to form Kidlington Concert Brass. Also known as Halls Oxford Concert Brass. An anecdote from John Nolan, of a concert in the 1970s: “Oxford Concert Brass was attempting (successfully in the end) to gain the respect of the 'serious music' fraternity in Oxford. Problem Three of our players, one Eflat Bass and two Troms. had somehow manages to break or injure their legs and were in full plaster casts and in one case an impressive black-eye and the odd band-aid as well. Plan A was for the Band to march on to the stage smartly and with military precision from both sides of the stage and to stand and sit in the usual choreographed manner. This was to happen when the stage curtains were opened. The solution. It was decided that the smart entry would be made but that the 'cripples' would be wheeled onto the stage before the curtains were drawn. The audience seated were first
treated to an introductory adulation of the band:- “Ladies and Gentlemen. The Oxford Concert Brass”. The curtains were opened to reveal a stage empty except for three obvious casualties propped up in playing position. Somebody got the giggles at this bizarre spectacle and the audience descended into helpless mirth for several minutes during the entry of the rest of the band. Happily order was eventually restored and the concert was well received and rave reviewed in the local paper”. It maintained a presence in the championship section throughout most of the 1980's, although were classified in the the 1st section briefly when this was created in 1992 before the merger with Kidlington Silver Band. The band was known at various times under the name of its sponsors and these included Halls Brewery and Hartford Motors. The band always lacked a permanent home and rehearsals were held in Garsington and Milham Ford School. Conductors included: Jeremy Wise - 1992, Michael Pegram - 1990 - 1991, Adrian Leaper - 1984 - 1986, Cliff Edmunds - 1974 - 1979, Harold Williams - 1974 - 1981.

**Oxford Institute Brass Band** - Oxfordshire
Active in 1891, conductor R. Taylor. Still active in 1895

**Oxford Place Band** - Doncaster, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed around 1898, based on the Methodist Church in the town centre, and originally conducted by W.H. Tuxworth. Still active in 1907

**Oxford Post Office Band** - Oxfordshire
Active in the 1900s

**Oxford Rifle Band, 5th**
See: *5th Oxford Rifle Band*

**Oxford Road Brass Band** - Manchester, Lancashire
Active in 1869

**Oxford Street Wesleyan Mission Brass Band** - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in 1881, still active in 1891. Possibly folded in 1892, as an advertisement appeared, stating “For Sale - the whole of the instruments, late of the Oxford Street Brass Band, separate or otherwise, terms: cash. Apply W. Cragg, 10 Swann-street, Hull”.

**Oxford Templars Brass Band** - Oxfordshire
[current band] - Former names: City of Oxford Silver Training Band

**Oxford University Brass Band** - Oxfordshire
[current band]

**Oxford University Press Brass Band** - Oxfordshire
Active in 1853. Formed from the men who worked at the press. Still active in 1884

**Oxford University Rifle Corps Band** - Oxfordshire
Conductor G. Adams in 1860.

Active in 1858. In 1859 it played at the opening of the Stratford-upon-Avon Railway, and it lost its leader, Richard Debney (23), playing at his funeral. Still active in 1865. Also known as the Worcester Railway Brass Band

**Oxfordshire and District Youth Brass Band** - Oxfordshire
Active in the 1980s and 1990s

**Oxted and District Silver Band** - Surrey
[previous name of current band] See: *Oxted Band*

**Oxted Band** - Surrey
[current band] - Founded in 1901 - Former names: Oxted and District Prize Band, Oxted and District Silver Prize Band,
Oxton Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in 1860. The band occasionally acted as the band for the 2nd Cheshire (Oxton) Volunteers. Conductor was M.A. Johns and instructor, Mr Sorge.

Oxton Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in the 1880s

P Division Police Brass Band - Peckham, Surrey
Active in 1868. See also B, D, E, G, H, K, L, N, S and T Division Police Brass Bands

Packmoor Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Padbury Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
Active in 1864. Conductor Mr Showler in 1882

Paddington Borough Brass Band
See: G.W.R. and Paddington Borough Silver Band

Paddock Wood Brass Band - Kent
Founded in the mid-1890s. Active to the 1950s. Conductor in 1898 was W. Potter. Known as Paddock Wood Silver Band from the late 1920s onward.

Paddock Wood Silver Band
See: Paddock Wood Brass Band

Padeswood Brass Band - Flintshire
Active in 1865

Padgate Brass - Lancashire
[current band]

Padgate Cottage Homes Band - Lancashire
See: Warrington Workhouse Brass Band

Padgate Silver Band - Warrington, Lancashire
[no information]

Padgate Silver Youth Band - Warrington, Lancashire
Formed in 1976 by Peter Haywood, for children 8 to 16 years. It probably disbanded in the early 2000s. During its early years it was fortunate to do two 30 minute performances at the Parr Hall, Warrington as part of concerts given by The Central Band of the Royal Air Force and by Grimethorpe Band. It also played for the new Intercity 125 Service at York and Darlington stations (and on the train itself at 125mph!)

Padiham Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1851

Padiham Britannia Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1865 to 1868

Padiham Catholic Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1879

Padiham Public Band - Lancashire
Fundraising to raise a band took place in 1890, so it was probably formed in late 1890 or early 1891. It folded in 1893, the uniforms being sold to a Blackburn band, and the instruments were handed over to the local Volunteers, under Captain Bear (the F Company, 2nd Volunteer Battalion East Lancashire Regiment), for £150.

Padiham Rifles Band - Lancashire
See: 84th Lancashire Rifle Volunteers Padiham

Padiham Teetotal Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1853
**Padiham Volunteers Band** - Lancashire

See: *84th Lancashire Rifle Volunteers Padiham*

**Padstow Amateur Brass Band**

Active in 1875

**Padstow Temperance Band**

Active in 1871

**Padstow Town Band (1)** - Cornwall

Active in 1907 - presumably folded before or during WW1

**Padstow Town Band (2)** - Cornwall

Formed after WW1 from members of the previous Artillery Volunteers Band, they carried on until 1939. Their first title was 'Padstow Comrades of the War Brass and Reed Band', changing in 1921 to 'Padstow British Legion Band.' In 1923 their conductor was S M Ravenhill, an organist, and in 1932 Edgar Tonkin was the bandmaster. He had conducted the old Volunteer band for a good period of time. They were formed in time for the 1919 Peace Celebrations, and for quite a while were raising funds to purchase new instruments and uniforms, an ambition that was finally realized in 1932. The band re-emerged in the 1950’s, but throughout their history they never attended a Cornish contest.

**Painswick Brass Band** - Gloucestershire

Probably originally formed in the 1830s but disbanded in the 1880s, to reform around 1898. A local WI report in 1957 states “the band was formed with instruments purchased by a former Vicar, Mr Seddon. A start was made practicing hymns in a hut in the recreation ground, the idea being to induce people who did not go to Church to take an interest in this music, in which later, they might join with better advantage in Church. This Band has been given up of recent years to the regret of many inhabitatants.” The assumption here is that the band disbanded around 1955. In May 1899 Church Parade of members of Stroud Working Mens Benefit Soc and others, headed by the band. July 1899 the Band played where people went along “to listen to the band” followed by dancing. Band congratulated on their progress “since their formation under the conductorship of Mr Kimberley.......” 19 May 1900 the Band headed procession through village to mark Relief of Mafeking. Also in May headed the procession to celebrate the Queens Birthday. Jul 1900 Procession upon receipt of news of occupation of Pretoria by British troops. Jul 1900 - two day Bazaar and Fete, events supported by Painswick String and Brass Bands. Aug 1900 Played at Tea Party for members of Primitive Methodist Sunday School. Feb 1901 - the Band celebrated their first appearance in their new uniforms at a ‘fun’ football match. A note at this time reports: “The Band had existed in Painswick for over 50 years under the direction of Mr Benjamin Clissold but when he emigrated the Band broke up”. In 1935, for the Jubilee, Painswick Silver Band headed the procession through village streets to the recreation ground. Coronation Celebrations - Carnival Day - Painswick Silver Band led procession to recreation ground - and later in the day led a large crowd to 'The Beacon' (a local high spot) for a mighty bonfire.

**Painswick Silver Band**

See: *Painswick Brass Band*

**Paisley Artisans’ Brass Band** - Renfrewshire

Active in 1859 and the 1860s. Agreed to become the band of the Paisley Rifle Volunteers in 1863
Paisley Artizans' Brass Band - Renfrewshire
   See: Paisley Artisans' Brass Band

Paisley Brass Band - Renfrewshire
   Active from the 1840s to the late 1860s. Leader for about 20 years was Robert Ewing.

Paisley Industrial School Band - Renfrewshire
   Formed in 1874. The school was located in Albion Street.

Paisley Silver Band
   See: Paisley Youth Silver Band

Paisley Total Abstinence Band - Renfrewshire
   Active in 1855

Paisley Town Band - Renfrewshire
   Active in the 1900s to 1914

Paisley Youth Silver Band - Renfrewshire
   Active from the early 1980s and early 1990s, rapidly rising through the ranks in competing, becoming Paisley Silver Band in 1988.

Palace Fleet Brass Band - Dewsbury, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the late 1870s

Palmer's Naval Band
   See: Palmer’s Works Band

Palmer's Shipyard Band
   [no information]

Palmer's Works Band - Jarrow, Durham
   Active from the early 1900s. Associated with the Palmer's Shipbuilding and Iron Co. (Hebburn and Jarrow on Tyne). Changed its name to Jervis Brass Band when the Palmer’s shipyard closed. Probably folded in the 1950s or 1960s.

Pangbourne and District Silver Band - Berkshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1962

Pangbourne Silver Prize Band
   Founded in 1893 as a fife and drum band, converted to brass around 1905. Disbanded in 1939. Successor band was formed in 1962.

Panteg Battery Band - Monmouthshire
   Active in the 1900s. Conductor Thomas Berry in 1904

Papworth Settlement Band - Cambridgeshire
   Active in the 1950s

Paragon Brass Band - Leintwardine, Herefordshire
   Active in 1869, conductor Mr Gough

Parbold Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1890

Parbold Old Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1902, 1909

Parbold Rechabite Brass Band - Lancashire
   The band led a procession from Bispham School in 1897 to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. It comprised the Managers, the Trustees, Staff, Parents, children, and two gaily decorated wagonettes containing little children. Entertainments included: Tea, Punch and Judy, Sports, and at the end bronze medals and bars were presented to each child by the Governors as a memento.
Parc and Dare Band - Glamorgan
[current band] - Founded in 1893 - Former names: Cwmparc Temperance Drum and Fife Band, Cwmparc Silver Band, Briths Fuels (Parc & Dare) Band, Parc & Dare Workmen’s Silver Band

Parc and Dare Workmen's Silver Band - Glamorgan
[previous name of current band] See: Parc & Dare Band

Parham Brass Band - Suffolk
Active in 1854, 1860

Park Brass Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Leeds Royal Park Brass Band

Park Bridge Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1850s and 1860s. Obtained new uniforms in 1887

Park Estate Brass Band - Hollinwood, Lancashire
Active in the early 1890s

Park Hall Band - Maddiston, Stirlingshire
Active in 1882

Park High School Band - Colne, Lancashire
Active in the 1970s and 1980s

Park High School Band - Stanmore, Middlesex
Active in the 1970s to 1990s

Park Lane British School Brass Band - Prestwich, Lancashire
See: Park Lane School Brass Band

Park Lane School Brass Band - Prestwich, Lancashire
Active from the 1850s, bandmaster William Jones. The school was opened in 1848, built by R.N. Philips, owner of Philip’s Park, and regularly entertained guests at the Park. It played at Philips' appointment as High Sheriff of Lancashire in 1856 and the opening of Agecroft Bridge in 1862. Still active in 1869

Park Lane Station Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
Active in 1860. This was formed by workers at the Park Lane Goods Station, conductor Mr Cruse, the station-master. It was a band formed on temperance principles.

Park Mines Brass Band - Dalton, Westmorland
Active in the 1870s

Park Place Brass Band - Blackburn, Lancashire
Active in 1854

Park Street Children's Home Band
See: Hull Orphan Sailors Childrens Brass Band

Park Street Mission Band - Gloucester, Gloucestershire
Active from the early 1880s to the late 1940s

Park Street Orphan Home Brass Band
See: Sailors’ Orphans Boys Brass Band

Parkend Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active from 1862 in the 1860s, also the 1900s. Conductor T. Brown in 1901, Frank Brown in 1903, H. Griffiths in 1909, Frank Brown in 1921. Still active in 1926

Parkend Silver Band - Gloucestershire
[current band] - Founded in 1895 - Note: Disbanded in 1967 but reformed in 1973
Parkend Silver Band - Gloucestershire
   Formed in 1893 or 1895 from the existing pipe and fife band of New Fancy colliery, disbanded in 1967. Successor band formed in 1973

Parker's Brewery Band - Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire
   Active after WW2 in the 1940s and 1950s.

Parkfield Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   Active in 1868

Parkfield Colliery Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
   Active in 1863

Parkfield Parish Brass Band - Middleton, Lancashire
   Active in the late 1930s

Parkgate Alexandra Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1873

Parkgate Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from the 1860s to the early 1880s

Parkgate Excelsior Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from 1904 to the 1910s. There is a report of it disbanding in 1907, so it must have been revived quite quickly.

Parkgate Iron Company Band
   See: Parkgate Works Brass Band

Parkgate Temperance Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1887 to 1903

Parkgate Victoria Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1909

Parkgate Works Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1871, based at the Parkgate Iron Company

Parkhead Forge Silver Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
   Formed in 1918 by workers at William Beardmore and Co., Glasgow. It flourished for several years before going into decline only to rise again in the 1940s gaining the Scottish Championship title. Principal cornet in 1938 was William Summerhill. The remaining players merged with those of the Bonnybridge and District Band to form Cumbernauld Silver Band in 1970.

Parkinson's Gas Meters Brass Band - Clerkenwell, Middlesex
   Active in 1865, conductor Mr Foxall. Still active in 1866. This was the works band of W. Parkinson & Co. who were the major gas equiment manufacturers in that time (went on to become Parkinson-Cowan)

Parkneuk Brass Band - Fife
   Active in 1897

Parkstone Brass Band
   See: Parkstone Town Band

Parkstone Town Band - Dorset
   Active in the 1890s and early 1900s. Merged with Branksome Brass Band c.1908 to form Branksome and Parkstone Band. Bandmaster in 1902 was Alfred Watts, Mr Fish in 1906

Parr Band (St Helens) - Lancashire
   [current band] - Founded in 1936 - Former names: Parr Church (Young Men's) Brass Band, Parr Public Band - Note: Other related local bands: Parr Temperance Band, Parr St Peters Brass Band
Parr Church (Young Men's) Brass Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Parr Band (St Helens)

Parr Church Young Men's Brass Band - Lancashire
In 1927/28 - the Parr Boys Brigade Bugle Band changed to Brass complete with valve Trombones and Sousaphone under the direction of Mr Chas Fradley (Snr). After two years due to the poaching of players etc. it became dormant. However in 1930 Parr St Peters Band being unavailable for the Patronal Festival (they had booked a job in Ashton) the Boys Brigade players were rounded up and the band was resurrected by the Curate Mr Warburton and Mr T Wall (Snr), who was a committee man for Parr St Peters Prize Band. This band (Parr St Peters) was unconnected to the church in spite of bearing its name but had the use of rehearsal rooms in return for certain performances. Most former band members of the Boys Brigade were now in the Young Mens Bible Class and at the behest of the curate the Band continued its life as Parr Church (Y.M.) Brass Band with no connection whatsoever with Parr St Peters Prize Band. Mr T Wall was asked to become secretary of the Church Band and left the committee of the Prize Band. The Band rehearsals were held at Brookfield Mission, then an old house called ?Electro House?, in Boardmans Lane. Mr Chas Fradley was unable to continue conducting and eventually Mr Tom Cunliffe (Stm) was appointed. His place was later taken by Mr Geo Langley with Mr Peter Pennington as assistant. All this was done under the auspices and goodwill of the Vicar, Mr T S Gent, and Curate, Mr Warburton. In 1936 there was a change of clergy at Parr St Peters, the new vicar Mr A V Diamond deciding in conjunction with the church council that the former Boys Brigade Band be told to forego its name and become Brookfield Mission Band. The members said they belonged to Parr and would retain that even if deprived of church facilities and rehearsal rooms etc? On the next Friday evening the band played up to the church and handed the instruments in to the Vicar's care in the vicarage. The players eventually obtained further instruments and set up the new Parr Public Brass Band that year, which continues to this day.

Parr Public Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Parr Band (St Helens)

Parr St Peter's Brass Band - Lancashire
Active from the 1890s to 1930 at least. Conductor Chris Smith in 1899

Parr Temperance Band - Lancashire
Active from the 1880s to the late 1950s. Conductor W. Appleton in 1899

Paracombe and Lynton Brass Band - Devon
Active in the 1840s and 1850s

Paracombe Brass Band - Devon
Active in 1895, 1911, 1921 (conducted by W.H. Chapple)

Parrett Iron Works Brass Band - Martock, Somerset
Active in 1863. Conductor Mr Loaring in 1865. The works were owned by the West of England Engineering and Coker Canvas Company, producing horizontal, high pressure and condensing engines for mining companies traction engines, threshing machines, water wheels, corn mills, flax and spinning machinery, power looms and iron and wooden wheels. Still active in 1867

Parson Drove Silver Band - Cambridgeshire
Active from the 1930s to the early 1960s

Partick Brass Band - Lanarkshire
Active in 1863
Partick Gospel Brass Band - Lanarkshire
  Active in the 1890s

Partick Instrumental Band - Lanarkshire
  See: Partick Brass Band

Partington Public Band - Cheshire
  Active in the 1930s

Partington Silver Prize Band - Cheshire
  Active in 1896 and the 1900s

Partington Steel and Iron Company Works Brass Band - Cheshire
  Formed shortly after 1910, bandmaster J. Higham, conductor J. Jennings. Active in the
  1920s

Partridge Green Brass Band - Sussex
  Active in 1900

Passmores School Brass Band - Harlow, Essex
  Active in the 1970s

Patcham Parish Band - Sussex
  [previous name of current band] See: Patcham Silver Band

Patcham Parish Church Band - Sussex
  [previous name of current band] See: Patcham Silver Band

Patcham Parish Church Voluntary Aid Corps Silver Band - Sussex
  [previous name of current band] See: Patcham Silver Band

Patcham Silver Band - Sussex
  [current band] - Founded in 1946 - Former names: Patcham Parish Church Voluntary Aid
  Corps Silver Band (to 1964), Patcham Parish Band (to 1966), Patcham Parish Church
  Band (to 1992)

Patchogue Plymouth Amoco Band
  See: Crookhall Colliery Band

Pateley Bridge Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Formed in the early 1850s, still active in the 1900s. Conductor Mr Flint in 1891, William
  Horner in 1906.

Pateley Bridge Oddfellows Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1856

Patent Axle and Tyre Works Band
  See: Lloyd and Foster’s Axle and Tyre Works Saxhorn Band

Pathhead and Dunnikier Public Band - Fife
  See: Pathhead Brass Band

Pathhead Brass Band - Fife
  Founded in 1875, active to the 1910s, known as Pathhead Public Band from the early
  1900s, then Pathhead and Dunnikier Public Band from 1908. Conductor Andrew Grieve
  in 1875.

Pathhead Public Band - Fife
  See: Pathhead Brass Band

Patricroft Brass Band - Lancashire
  Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Conductor Mr Hart in 1899, J. Williams in 1900

Patricroft Christ Church Brass Band - Lancashire
  See: Christ Church (Patricroft) Brass Band
**Patrington Brass Band (1)** - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in 1845, leader James Dalton, folded before 1857 when a successor band was formed.

**Patrington Brass Band (2)** - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Formed in January 1857, Mr Brown being music master. Leader W. Jackson in 1860. Still active in the late 1870s

**Patterdale Brass Band** - Westmorland
   Active in 1861 to 1868

**Pattishall Brass Band** - Northamptonshire
   Active in 1866, 1867

**Paul Brass Band** - Cornwall
   This band lasted for about 65 years, acting from c.1870 to the mid 1930's. They do appear to have been a popular band carrying out the usual village type engagements of the times. There is recorded a conductor named C. Aitken in 1914 and later, in 1933, was S. Carne. Another band that did not enter for contests.

**Paull Brass Band** - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in 1861, conductor Mr Barrett. Still active in 1864

**Paulton Brass Band**
   See: *Paulton Silver Band*

**Paulton Brotherhood Brass Band** - Somerset
   Active in 1910

**Paulton Silver Band** - Somerset
   Active from the 1890s to the late 1960s. Competed in the 1962 West of England Regional Championships (2nd Section), conducted by E.S. Brown

**Pavilion Brass** - Barking, Essex
   [current band] - Founded in 1990

**Paxman Standard Ironworks Band**
   See: *Davey Paxman Standard Ironworks Band*

**Paxman's Foundry Band**
   See: *Davey Paxman Standard Ironworks Band*

**Payhembury Brass Band** - Devon
   Active in 1901

**PCA Skipton Band**
   See: *Skipton Brass Band*

**Peacock's Gorton Band**
   See: *Gorton Foundry Band*

**Peak Dale Colliery Band** - Derbyshire
   Active in 1912, 1913

**Peak Dale Public Band** - Derbyshire
   Active from the early 1900s to the 1980s

**Peak Dale Silver Band** - Derbyshire
   See: *Peak Dale Public Band*

**Peak Forest Brass Band** - Derbyshire
   Active in 1872 to 1890

**Peakirk and Glinton Brass Band** - Northamptonshire
   See: *Peakirk cum Glinton Brass Band*
Peakirk Brass Band - Northamptonshire
  See: Peakirk cum Glinton Brass Band

Peakirk cum Glinton Brass Band - Northamptonshire
  Active in the 1880s and 1890s. Conductor Mr Smith in 1887, George Samuel Perkins in 1888

Pearson Family Brass Band - Bishopwearmouth, Durham
  Active in 1864. Consisted of Mr Pearson, his three daughters and Master Pearson

Pearsons Pottery Chesterfield Band
  See: Chesterfield Brass Band

Pease Street Mission Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
  Founded around 1904, conductor A. Piercey. Still active in 1908

Pease West Colliery Band - Crook, Durham
  Formed in 1898 at Jobs Hill Colliery. Name taken from one of the colliery owners, Mr Joseph Pease. Still active in the mid 1920s. Conductor J. Mudd in 1899

Peasedown Silver Band - Somerset
  Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Peasenhall Brass Band - Suffolk
  Active in 1862, conductor H. Smyth. Originally founded as the works band for Messrs Smyth & Sons, drill manufacturers. In 1907 it played at Leiston Flower Show. The Cooke and Garnett families are mentioned in records. There is a rumour that the instruments were stored in the attic of the Bell hotel in Saxmundham.

Pease's West Silver Prize Band
  See: Pease West Colliery Band

Peasley Cross Brass Band
  See: Holy Trinity Brass Band (Parr)

Peasmarsh Brass Band (1) - Sussex
  Active in 1864

Peasmarsh Brass Band (2) - Sussex
  Active from 1900 to the 1950s. Conductor G. Ashdown in 1911. Notes from Tylden Reed: “Rehearsed in the Sunday school next to the local post office. Their larger instruments were layed out on tables at the back of the hall and I would blow into the mouthpieces and get the occasional note out of them before Sunday School started! As a small boy I used to listen to them in the evenings when I should have been in bed asleep! They were to feature in the film made in the forties called 'The Loves of Joanna Godden' starring Googy Withers, John McCullam, Chips Raferty and others made on Romney Marsh in Kent, however the band along with my Dad (Vic Reed) ended up on the cutting room floor! The film can still be seen on TV occasionally. The band gets a mention on a poster in a shop window! I cycled 3 Miles to Rye to play in that band as I had school friends there and never played in the band that got me interested in banding in the first place! I think the band closed in the 1960s.”

Peckett's Brass Band - Scarborough, Yorkshire (North Riding)
  Conducted by A.J. Peckett in 1858

Peckham and Dulwich Radical Club Brass Band - Surrey
  Active in 1887

Peckham Brass Band - Kent
  See: East Peckham Brass Band
Peckham Rye Sunday Band - East Dulwich, Surrey
  Active in 1895 to 1901, conductor F.H. Gay in 1900

Peckham Rye Tabernacle Band - East Dulwich, Surrey
  Active around 1910

Pecy Main Brass Band - Northumberland
  Active in the 1860s

Peebles Brass Band - Peeblesshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Peebles Burgh Silver Band

Peebles Burgh Silver Band - Peeblesshire
  [current band] - Founded in 1834 - Former names: Peebles Brass Band, 1st Peeblesshire Rifle Volunteer Band (1872-1888), Peebles Town Band (to 1895), Peebles Silver Band (to c. 1950)

Peebles Silver Band - Peeblesshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Peebles Burgh Silver Band

Peebles Town Band - Peeblesshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Peebles Burgh Silver Band

Peel Band - Isle of Man
  Active in 1885

Peel Brass Band - Little Hulton, Lancashire
  Active in 1869, conductor Mr Astle

Peel Institute Brass Band - Finsbury, Middlesex
  Active in the 1900s to 1920s. Conductor J.F. Beeson in 1905. Merged with London Silver Band to form Finsbury Borough Band / Peel's Silver Band

Peel Park Brass Band - Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1855

Peel's Silver Band - Finsbury, Middlesex
  Active in the 1930s. Also known as Finsbury Borough Band

Peers' Brass Band - Sandbach, Cheshire
  See: Messrs Peers' Brass Band

Pegswood Brass
  See: Pegswood Colliery Band

Pegswood Colliery Band - Morpeth, Northumberland
  Formed in the 1890s. Later known as Pegswood Brass. Folded in 2000.

Pelaw Colliery Band
  See: Wardley Colliery Brass Band

Pelaw Main North Eastern Railway Band - Durham
  Active in 1907

Pellon Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1860

Pellon Subscription Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Founded in 1890

Pelsall Benevolent Saxhorn Band - Staffordshire
  Active in 1868, conductor Jacob Cooper

Pelsall Brass Band - Staffordshire
  Active from the early 1860s to the 1890s

Pelsall Havelock Temperance Band - Staffordshire
  Active in the 1860s
Pelsall Saxhorn Band - Staffordshire
  See: Pelsall Brass Band

Pelsall Victoria Brass Band - Staffordshire
  Active in the 1890s

Pelton Colliery Band - Durham
  Formed in the 1880s, still active in the mid-1970s. Also known as Pelton Institute Band, Pelton Fell Workmen’s Band. Conductor A. Hogg in 1883

Pelton Fell Colliery Band
  See: Pelton Colliery Band

Pelton Fell St Andrew’s Band
  See: Chester-le-Street St Andrews Brass Band

Pelton Fell Workmen’s Band
  See: Pelton Colliery Band

Pelton Institute Band
  See: Pelton Colliery Band

Pemberton Amateur Band - Lancashire
  Active in the 1880s

Pemberton Old Wigan Band - Lancashire
  [current band] - Founded in 1883 - Former names: Blue Jackets Band, Wigan Rifles Band (to 1891)

Pemberton Temperance Brass Band - Lancashire
  Active in 1906, 1909 and 1920

Pemberton Total Abstinence Brass Band
  See: Pemberton Temperance Brass Band

Pembroke Borough Silver Band - Pembrokeshire
  [current band] - Founded in the 1950s - Former names: Pembroke Silver Band

Pembroke Dock Total Abstinence Band - Pembrokeshire
  Active in the 1900s

Pembroke Road Brass Band - Shirehampton, Gloucestershire
  Active in the 1890s

Pembroke Silver Band - Pembrokeshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Pembroke Borough Silver Band

Pembrokeleigh Brass Band - Pembrokeshire
  [current band] - Founded in 2000

Pen yr Orsedd Band - Caernarfonshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Nantlle Vale Royal Silver Band

Penallta Colliery Band - Hengoed, Glamorgan
  Active in the 1920s and 1930s. Still active in 1991 when the the Pennallta mine closed.

Penarth Brass Band - Glamorgan
  Active in the 1870s and 1880s

Penarth Post Office Band - Glamorgan
  Active in 1912

Pen-bont Rhydybeddau Band - Cardiganshire
  Active in the 1870s

Penclawdd Brass Band - Glamorgan
  [current band] - Founded in 1973
Penclawdd Silver Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1920s. A successor band was formed in 1973

Pencoed Brass Band - Glamorgan
[previous name of current band] See: Pencoed Concert Brass

Pencoed Concert Brass - Glamorgan
[current band] - Founded in 1902 - Former names: Pencoed Brass Band, Pencoed Public Brass Band, Pencoed Silver Band

Pencoed Public Brass Band - Glamorgan
[previous name of current band] See: Pencoed Concert Brass

Pencoed Silver Band - Glamorgan
[previous name of current band] See: Pencoed Concert Brass

Pendon Indepant Band - Cornwall
Active from the early 1900s to the 1930s. Conductor J.H. Ellis in 1903-1911, James Williams in 1935

Pendine Silver Band - Cornwall
[current band] - Founded in 1892

Pendennis Brass - Falmouth, Cornwall
[current band] - Founded in 1980

Pendle Forest Brass Band - Newchurch in Pendle, Lancashire
Active from the early 1900s to the late 1920s

Pendlebury and Clifton Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1870s to 1900s. In 1882 it entered the contest held at Irwell Bank, Kearsley, playing “Strike the Lyre” and a set of quadrilles.

Pendlebury Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Pendlebury High School Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1970s

Pendlebury St John's Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1880s and 1890s

Pendleton Brass Band
See: Pendleton Old Prize Band

Pendleton Co-operative Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1910s, folding in 1916

Pendleton Excelsior Brass Band - Lancashire
Founded February 1879, active in the 1880s

Pendleton Old Prize Band - Lancashire
Established 1878 as the British Workman's Brass Band. Survived a rough time around 1889: Won the Lancashire Association Challenge Cup in 1895 and entered 10 contests in 1899, winning 10 prizes. In 1903 they competed in the Crystal Palace contest in October winning Daily Telegraph Fifty Guineas Challenge Cup, £25 in money and a handsome certificate. The cup was presented at a grand miscellaneous concert at Pendleton Town Hall later in the month. Played in Victoria Park, Stretford on 13th July 1905 as part of the celebrations for the Royal Visit of King Edward VII. Took part in a St George’s Day procession in Pendleton on 23rd April 1910. In June 1922, conducted by Mr O Pheasey it took part in a musical festival in aid of Salford Royal Hospital, which attracted some 30,000 people to the Castle Irwell Racecourse. Still active in 1939
**Pendleton Primitives Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active in 1905

**Pendleton Public Band** - Lancashire
Active in the 1900s to 1930s. In June 1922, conducted by Mr B Powell, it took part in a musical festival in aid of Salford Royal Hospital, which attracted some 30,000 people to the Castle Irwell Racecourse.

**Pendleton Ragged School Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active in 1904, 1908. The school was established in 1858, moving to new premises in 1907 (where it was known as Windsor Institute and Pendleton Ragged School).

**Pendleton St George’s Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active in the 1880s to 1900s

**Penge and Beckenham Co-operative Society Band** - Kent
Founded in 1904. Still active in 1910

**Penge Brass Band** - Kent
Active in 1869 and the 1890s

**Pengover Teetotal Brass Band** - Cornwall
These carried on for a short time, roughly 1864 to 1867, during which time some local engagements were fulfilled. No conductors or contests can be found.

**Penicuik Silver Band** - Midlothian
[Current band] - Founded in 1835 - Note: Original reed band (1835) converted to brass around 1847.

**Peninsular and Oriental Company’s School Brass Band** - Southampton, Hampshire
Active in 1865. The school was located in Paget Street. Still active in 1867, conductor R.W. Cane

**Penistone Steel Works Band**
See: *Yorkshire Steel and Iron Works Band*

**Penistone Yorkshire Steel and Iron Works Band**
See: *Yorkshire Steel and Iron Works Band*

**Penketh Tannery Band** - Lancashire
Active in the 1900s to the late 1930s. Conductor J.H. Harper in 1902

**Penmaenmawr Brass Band** - Caernarfonshire
Founded in the 1850s, active to the 1870s. A successor band was formed in 1894

**Penmaenmawr Silver Prize Band**
See: *Penmaenmawr Town Band*

**Penmaenmawr Town Band** - Caernarfonshire
Formed in 1894. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. At one time it practiced in Hewn Hall, later renamed as the Masonic Hall in 1960, which was originally presented by C.H Darbishire to the young men of the town as a social centre. Later known as Penmaenmawr Silver Prize Band, it was still active in the 1950s.

**Pennine Brass** - Huddersfield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Founded in March 1999, with the band’s first performance being given on the 8th of May 1999. The band performed 32 times in that first year, culminating in being crowned Northern Open Champions (Section B) in November 1999 at their first major competition. In a short but steep rise through the sections they appeared five times at the Yorkshire Area Championship contest between 2002 and 2008, were First Section National title winners in 2007, won the top section Pontins title in 2006, the French Open title in 2001, Senior Trophy in 2003 and appeared four times at the Grand Shield between...

**Pennington Brass Band** - Hampshire
Active in the 1900s, conductor Charles Hyde

**Penn's Factory Brass Band** - Deptford, Kent
See: *Messrs Penn and Sons’ Brass Band*

**Penparau Brass Band** - Cardiganshire
Active in 1867

**Penparke Brass Band** - Cardiganshire
See: *Penparau Brass Band*

**Penponds Brass Band** - Cornwall
First appeared in 1857 but cash was quickly found to enable them to re-emerge under the new title “Penponds Sax Tuba Band”. One does wonder what happened because nothing more is heard of them after 1858. Not surprising that there is no information on a conductor.

**Penponds Sax Tuba Band** - Cornwall
See: *Penponds Brass Band*

**Penrhiw and Maritime Colliery Band**
See: *Penrhiw Brass Band*

**Penrhiw Brass Band** - Pen-y-rihwiw, Glamorgan
Active in the 1890s to 1910s

**Penrhiw Colliery Band**
See: *Penrhiw Brass Band*

**Penrhiweiber Brass Band** - Glamorgan
Active in the 1890s and early 1900s

**Penrhiwfer Brass Band** - Glamorgan
Active in the 1880s, conductor Mr Norton in 1883

**Penrhyn Brass Band (1)** - Bethesda, Caernarvonshire
See: *Penrhyn Quarries Brass Band*

**Penrhyn Brass Band (2)** - Caernarfonshire
Active in the 1920s

**Penrhyn Quarries Brass Band** - Bethesda, Caernarvonshire
Active in the 1850s to the 1890s. Also known as Royal Penrhyn Brass Band. This band, with others, played on the Caernarvon Square when the Prince of Wales performed the ceremony of opening the waterworks and the fountain in 1868. The instruments were the property of Lord Penrhyn, but the drum belonged to the band members. When the quarrymen held their first Labour Festival (gwyl Lafur) in Caernarvon, all the bands (eight of them) came to town to support it. The relationship between the owners and the Quarrymen’s Union at the time was rather strained and Lord Penrhyn refused the men permission to take the instruments to the big meeting. The quarrymen, however, were not discouraged, and they took the drum alone and proudly marched behind it through the streets of the town. Conductor Mr Martin in 1891

**Penrhyn Royal Brass Band**
See: *Penrhyn Quarries Brass Band*

**Penrhyndeudraeth Brass Band** - Merioneth
Active in 1869, also in the 1900s to early 1950s
Penrhyn-side Brass Band - Caernarfonshire
Active from the 1890s to the late 1940s

Penrith A Division N.F.S. (National Fire Service) Silver Band - Cumberland
[previous name of current band] See: Penrith Town Band

Penrith Brass Band
See: Penrith Subscription Band

Penrith British Legion Band - Cumberland
[previous name of current band] See: Penrith Town Band

Penrith Harmonic Brass Band - Cumberland
Active in 1840 and 1845

Penrith Sons of Temperance Oak Lodge Band - Cumberland
Formed in April 1894. Amalgamated with Penrith Subscription Band in 1938 to form
Penrith Temperance Band (later becoming the current Penrith Town Band)

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Penrith Temperance Band - Cumberland
[previous name of current band] See: Penrith Town Band

Penrith Town Band - Cumberland
[current band] - Founded in 1938 - Former names: Penrith Temperance Band, Penrith A
Division N.F.S. (National Fire Service) Silver Band (1943), Penrith British Legion Band
(1946-1963) - Note: Formed by the amalgamation of the Penrith Subscription Band and
the Penrith Sons of Temperance Oak Lodge Band

Penryn Brass Band - Cornwall
First known as the Penryn Independent Band so that they would not be mistaken for the
Penryn Volunteer Band in existence at the same time. How much of these two band were
in fact one group of men under two titles is not know, but it is difficult to see how
Penryn's population of those days would be able to support two bands. Penryn is located
next door to Falmouth, and my first reference to the Penryn Independent band is in 1869
when they played at the Penryn Regatta. They seem to have disbanded soon after this.
There is a further report in 1875 which refers to “the recently inaugurated Town Band.”
There follows a period when, as usual, newspaper reporters cannot decide on a title for
this Band (perhaps they should have asked!!), and where coming up with Independent
Band, Town Band, Brass Band, or even Penryn Band. There is evidence that the Town
Band continued up to the mid 1930's. Newspapers seemed very reticent at naming a
conductor (where the band that bad?) with the exception of a C Burton who was in
charge from about 1911 to the band's demise. I have no record of Cornish contested
attended. Conductor J. Greenslade in 1888

Penryn Concert Brass
See: Penryn School Brass Band

Penryn Independent Band
See: Penryn Brass Band

Penryn School Brass Band - Cornwall
Active in the 1980s, conductor H. Barnes. Also known as Penryn Concert Brass

Penryn Volunteers Brass Band - Cornwall
Active in the 1880s
**Pensax Brass Band** - Worcestershire  
Founded around August 1864. Conductor Mr Perkins in 1865. Still active in 1869  

**Pensax Saxhorn Band** - Worcestershire  
See: Pensax Brass Band  

**Pensford and Publow Brass Band** - Somerset  
Active in 1925  

**Pensford Brass Band** - Somerset  
Active in 1864  

**Pensford Village Brass Band** - Somerset  
Active in 1932  

**Penshaw Colliery Band**  
Formed in the 1890s  

**Penhurst Brass Band** - Kent  
Active in 1853 and 1859  

**Pensilva Brass Band** - Cornwall  
Pensilva, a village just up from Liskeard, had their band in action from 1865 to 1872. Their first instructor was a Mr Satchwill, who was succeeded by Mr Viol. As seen, this band was not in operation very long but according to press reports of the time, they were not at all bad in both music chosen and their ability to play it. Later on, during the local 1919 Peace celebrations, a Pensilva Salvation Army Band was engaged.  

**Pensnett Saxhorn Band** - Staffordshire  
Active in 1862  

**Pensnett Temperance Brass Band** - Staffordshire  
Active in 1865  

**Penston and Tranent Brass Band** - East Lothian  
See: Tranent Brass Band  

**Penston Brass Band** - East Lothian  
[current band] - Founded in 1842  

**Pentland Brass** - Midlothian  
[current band] - Founded in 2003  

**Pentre Brass Band** - Glamorgan  
Active in 1934  

**Pentre Rifles Band** - Glamorgan  
See: Pentre Volunteers Band  

**Pentre Volunteers Band** - Glamorgan  
Active from the 1880s to the 1900s  

**Pentrefoelas Brass Band** - Denbighshire  
Active in 1868  

**Pentrevoelas Brass Band** - Denbighshire  
See: Pentrefoelas Brass Band  

**Pentyrch Brass Band** - Glamorgan  
Active in the 1870s to the 1890s. Conductor Leonard Davis in 1875, O. Prichard in 1891  

**Penwithick Silver Band** - Cornwall  
Penwithick Band was formed soon after World War 1 from some of the many bandsmen living in the St Austell area who had played in brass bands before the war, some of whom had been with the old Volunteer Bands that had disbanded on the outbreak of hostilities. And as not all civilian bands had reformed in 1918/1919, there was now a
surplice of spare musicians who dearly wanted to make music again. Once started, they must have been a popular outfit as they were, almost from day one, a very busy band. A lot of these appearances were taken up with events like Sunday school processions and their tea treats; processions for the various Friendly Societies (Rechabites, Oddfellows, and the like); raising funds for the local hospitals; sports days (including their own!), and inevitably the Flora Dance - and there were lots of them. Again almost from day one they indulged in that favourite pastime of brass bands - the contest. This is where bands go to beat the living daylights out of other bands, by fair means (or foul). Of the 39 pieces of music that they performed at Cornish contests they were unplaced 19 times, 12 resulted in 3rd prizes, 2nd prizes totalled 4 and no doubt they took considerable pride in achieving 4firsts. Considering that they were only a village band whose close neighbours were the St Dennis Band, who in those days happily poached all the best players from around the area, the Penwithick Band history of contest successes can sit comfortably with them. Most bands, like old soldiers, fade away rather than die suddenly. Penwithick was another of these. For the players in the last couple of years of its life, it must have been a sad period to go through despite those who stay to the bitter end in the hope that fortunes will improve. They finally closed shop in the mid 1950’s. In their time they enriched this band world in Cornwall.

Penybont Brass Band - Denbighshire
  Active in 1866

Penybont Iron Works Brass Band - Pentre, Denbighshire
  Active in 1887, conductor James Cooper

Penycae Blue Ribbon Brass Band - Denbighshire
  Founded in 1884. Active through to the early 1900s. Conductor Thomas Jones in 1887

Penycae Brass Band - Denbighshire
  Active in 1858, 1860

Pen-y-cae Brass Band - Denbighshire
  See: Penycae Brass Band

Pen-y-Cefn Brass Band - Denbighshire
  Active in 1854

Penyffordd Brass Band
  Active in 1887 when it played during the Jubilee celebrations with the Congregationalists, under the baton of Sergeant William Griffiths.

Penyffridd Brass Band - Caernarfonshire
  Active in 1909

Pen-y-Garn Brass Band - Monmouthshire
  Active in 1854

Penygraig Brass Band - Glamorgan
  Active in the 1870s and 1880s

Penygroes Silver Band - Carmarthenshire
  Active from the 1880s to WW2. Later known as Emlyn Colliery Brass Band,

Penyrorsedd Brass Band - Caernarfonshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Nantlle Vale Royal Silver Band

Penzance Amateur Band - Cornwall
  See: Penzance Brass Band
Penzance Brass Band (1) - Cornwall
  Active in the 1850s, and in 1860, when they had recently joined the First Cornwall Volunteer Rifles as supernumeraries. Things may have been a bit tight in 1870 as it was reported: “We appeal to visitors at Penzance to supply themselves with a few coppers occasionally, in order that they may relieve the Penzance Band; for an entertainment of some sort of music is promised during the summer months, if only sufficient coppers can be obtained.” The current Penzance Silver Band was formed in 1887 as Penzance Independent Band (to differentiate it from this volunteer-linked band)

Penzance Brass Band (2) - Cornwall
  Founded in 1905, conductor James Maddern, folded in 1916

Penzance Hungarian Band - Cornwall
  Active in the 1880s

Penzance Independent Band - Cornwall
  [previous name of current band] See: Penzance Silver Band

Penzance Juvenile Band - Cornwall
  Active in 1853

Penzance One and All Brass Band - Cornwall
  Formed in November 1897, Harry Angwin was bandmaster.

Penzance Rifles Band - Cornwall
  Active in the 1860s to the 1880s. Known as 1st Duke of Cornwall’s Rifles Band

Penzance Silver Band - Cornwall
  [current band] - Founded in 1887 - Former names: Penzance Independent Band

People Band, The - London
  See: Odham’s Press Band

People’s Bethel Mission Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
  Active in 1887. Mission located in Callowhill Street

People’s Hall Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
  Active in the 1900s and 1910s

People’s Mission Band - Cambridge, Cambridgeshire
  Active in 1928.

People’s Mission Church Band - Bath, Somerset
  Active in 1927-66

People’s Mission Silver Band - South Shields, Durham
  [current band] - Founded in 1899

People’s Tabernacle Brass Band - Southwick, Durham
  See: Southwick People’s Tabernacle Brass Band

Peopleton Brass Band - Worcestershire
  Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Conductor F. Stephens

Peppard Brass Band - Rotherfield Peppard, Oxfordshire
  Founded around 1903, active to 1938

Percy House School Band - Isleworth,
  Active in 1907

Percy Main Brass Band - Northumberland
  Active in 1862

Percy Main N.E.R. Band - Northumberland
  Percy Main North Eastern Railway Band was formed in 1901, with a connection to the Percy Main Colliery, still active in 1914
Percy Street Mission Band - South Shields, Durham
   Active in 1904

Perfection Soap Works Band
   See: Crosfields Perfection Soap Works Band

Perkins and Bellamy's Ironworks Band - Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire
   Active in the 1880s. The ironworks, in Broad Street, closed in 1900

Perran Brass Band - Cornwall
   From 1869 to 1872 they were busy with demonstrations and processions. There is a long
   silence until they reappear in 1901 for a kiddies tea treat. During the summer season of
   1870 they played two evening a week in Perranporth, each concert lasting about two
   hours. They must have been 1) crazy to take on such a commitment, or 2) good enough
   to handle this amount of work, or 3) they really needed the extra few pennies they could
   get from collections. Whatever, I wonder how many village bands of today would dare
   accept such a commitment?

Perran Foundry Brass Band - Cornwall
   Active in 1878

Perranarworthal Brass Band (1) - Cornwall
   Active in the 1870s, folded prior to a successor/revival band forming in 1883

Perranarworthal Brass Band (2) - Cornwall
   Founded in 1883, leader (cornet) C. Davey. Conductor T. Andrew in 1900 at
   Perranarworthal Horticultural Show. Still active in 1905. Possibly the same band as
   Perranwell Brass Band, as they were adjoining villages with the same conductor.

Perranporth Brass Band - Cornwall
   Active from the early 1880s to 1900. Conductor E. Veale in 1886, William Veale in 1891.
   Folded around 1907

Perranporth Town Band - Cornwall
   Active from the 1930s to the mid-1950s. Conductor in 1931 was Harry Robbins, in 1954, J.
   Eustace.

Perranporth Volunteers Brass Band - Cornwall
   Active in the early 1900s

Perranwell Brass Band - Cornwall
   Active in the late 1890s and early 1900s, conductor T. Andrew. Secretary W.J. Evans in
   1903. Still active in 1928. Possibly the same band as Perranarworthal Brass Band (2), as
   they were adjoining villages with the same conductor.

Perranwell Rechabite Brass Band - Cornwall
   Active in 1899

Perranzabuloe Brass Band - Cornwall
   Active in 1868, 1869

Perry Street Works Band - Tatworth, Somerset
   Active from the early 1900s through to 1914. Conductor Mr Davey in 1914. The works
   were a water-powered forge mill, driven by a large waterwheel

Perscoran Brass Band - Worcestershire
   Formed in 1983, disbanded in 2003. Founded and conducted by Gordon Hartley-Bennett
   throughout, it was a youth brass band, its members all came from or had attended
   schools in Worcestershire during that time. A junior group, called Pre-Perscoran Brass,
   conducted by Martin Yates, ran from 1987.
Perseverance Temperance Band - Stoke Newington, Middlesex
    Founded around 1896, conductor H.L. Young in 1900

Pershore Amateur Brass Band - Worcestershire
    Active from the 1850s to the 1880s

Pershore Brass Band - Worcestershire
    See: Pershore Amateur Brass Band

Pershore Co-operative Brass Band - Worcestershire
    Active in 1864

Pershore Foresters' Brass Band - Worcestershire
    Active in the 1860s, conductor G. Styles in 1866-69, G. Squires (sic) in 1875

Pershore Rifles Band - Worcestershire
    Active in 1860

Perth Caledonian Brass Band - Perthshire
    Founded in 1862

Perth Corporation Band - Perthshire
    See: City of Perth Corporation Band

Perth Masonic Band - Perthshire
    See: Perth Silver Band

Perth Silver Band - Perthshire
    [current band] - Founded in 1972

Perth Silver Band - Perthshire
    Formed in 1861 (or 1856) as Perth Masonic Band, later known as Perth Trades Silver Band. Conductor Mr Finney in 1909. Following the death of the musical director, John L. Hamilton in 1958, the band stopped playing due to a lack of support. The band instruments were presented to the local Education Department. A successor band was formed in 1972.

Perth Trades Silver Band - Perthshire
    See: Perth Silver Band

Perthshire Brass - Perthshire

Perthyfelin Brass Band - Dinas-Mawddwy, Merioneth
    Active in 1865 to 1868

Peter Hawke Garages Lindley Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
    [previous name of current band] See: Lindley Band

Peterborough Amateur Brass Band - Northamptonshire
    Active in 1840 and the 1860s

Peterborough Borough Silver Band - Northamptonshire
    Active from the 1890s to the 1910s

Peterborough City Band - Northamptonshire
    Active from the late 1940s to the late 1960s

Peterborough Cobden Street Band - Northamptonshire
    See: Cobden Street Primitive Methodists Band

Peterborough Excelsior Band - Northamptonshire
    Active from the 1890s to the 1910s. Conductor Mr Gooding in 1890, T. Alderman in 1892

Peterborough Great Northern Railway Locomotive Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Peterborough Locomotive Brass Band - Northamptonshire
See: Peterborough Great Northern Railway Locomotive Brass Band

Peterborough Rifles Band - Northamptonshire
Active in the 1860s

Peterborough Saxhorn Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in 1857

Peterborough St Mark's Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in the 1890s to 1900s. Conductor R. Stokes in 1897

Peterborough St Mary's Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in the 1900s, conductor Robert Stokes

Peterborough Temperance Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in the 1890s

Peterborough Town Band - Northamptonshire
See: Peterborough Borough Silver Band

Peterhead Brass Band - Aberdeenshire
See: Peterhead Public Band

Peterhead Instrumental Band - Aberdeenshire
See: Peterhead Public Band

Peterhead Public Band - Aberdeenshire
Formed in 1850 as Peterhead Instrumental Band, conductor William Currie. Active to the 1910s

Peterlee Town Band - Durham
[previous name of current band] See: GT Group Peterlee Band

Petersfield Borough Band - Hampshire
See: Victoria Brass Band (Petersfield)

Petersfield Brass Band - Hampshire
See: Victoria Brass Band (Petersfield)

Petersfield Victoria Band - Hampshire
See: Victoria Brass Band (Petersfield)

Petrockstowe Band - Devon
Active in 1887 when it celebrated Queen Victoria’s Golden Jubilee. In this account as remembered by Samuel Bonifant in 1935, aged 84 years. “At the time of Queen Victoria’s golden jubilee Samuel Bonifant was living at Woodhouse part of Little Marland, he was a member of the committee and master of ceremonies on the day. At this time Petrockstow had a population of 440. All the parishioners were given luncheon and tea in the school room consisting of roast and boiled beef, pickles, bread, mineral water for Teetotallers and children. 1,000 bottles of mineral water were available for the event. Each man was allowed 1 quart of beer in the afternoon, while women and children had mineral water. All invalids in the evening were sent a good plate of beef, a loaf of bread, cake, ~lb tea and a quart of beer. The next day any left over food was distributed to the poor. Sam recalls the day it started early at 5.00am Mr William Trace climbed to the top of the church tower and played God Save the Queen on Sam’s Violin with in 1935 Sam still had. At 8.00am the bell ringers started ringing the peals, which went on throughout the day. At 10.00am a majority of the parishioners formed outside the school with the Reverend Field and Sam and with the Petrockstow Band leading marched to the rectory and back to the church for a short service preached by the Reverend Field. At midday lunch was served in the school room with the band playing outside. After lunch at 2.00pm a
procession formed with band to the field opposite the Barn on Town Farm, Mr John Brookes farmed the farm, on the field sports and dancing took place. There was a break at 4.30pm for Tea in the school room. The tables were presided over by Mrs Field, Mrs Brookes (mother of Mr John Brookes) also Mrs Bussell, Mrs Leonard, Mrs Pike, Mrs Squance, Mrs Bonifant Mrs Sanders and others. Mrs Brookes presented the children with mugs. After Tea they returned to the field for more sports and dancing until 9.00pm when the fireworks and bonfire were to take place. Lord Clinton Lord Lieutenant of the County donated the bonfire and fireworks. The order had been given that no bonfire was to be lit until the Lord Lieut gave the signal by sending up three rockets in succession, red, white and blue in the most conspicuous parts near the mansion and his Lordship chose Petrockstow. It was a grand sight, which was seen from a long way off, after the rockets had gone many bonfires were lit. The day ended with the band playing God Save Queen, everyone had enjoyed themselves and the day had been well organised.”

Pettaugh Brass Band - Suffolk
    Formed in the 1930s as part of the “Better Britain Brigade” boys movement. Girls were allowed to join the band in 1951, though only two did (Beryl Dixey and Maureen Ball)

Pettres Works Military Band - Somerset
    See: Yeovil Corporation Band

Petworth Brass Band - Sussex
    Formed in 1861, active through to the 1930s. Conductor Alfred Willmer in 1865. Re-organised in 1899, conductor Mr Tiplady. Conductor Thomas Stevens in 1907. A successor (wind/concert) band was formed in 1947

Petworth Town Band - Sussex
    See: Petworth Brass Band

Pevensey and West St Leonards Junior Band - Sussex
    Active in the late 1960s

Pevensey Silver Band - Sussex
    Active in the 1960s. Merged with Hastings Borough Band in 1968 to form Sussex Brass

Pewsey Brass Band - Wiltshire
    Active from 1853 to the 1900s. Conductor Mr Stiles in 1883

PHG Lindley Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
    [previous name of current band] See: Lindley Band

Philadelphia Colliery Band - Washington, Durham
    Active in the 1930s to 1950s

Philadelphia German Brass Band - Durham
    [current band] - Founded in 1938

Philanthropic Brass Band - Redhill, Surrey
    See: Philanthropic Society’s Farm School Band

Philanthropic Society’s Farm School Band - Redhill, Surrey
    Active from the 1850s to the late 1900s, conductor M.G. Herbert in 1900. The school was founded in 1849, with most of its pupils being committed by the magistrates. The school was classed as a reformatory. Farm work was the principal occupation, although carpentry, tailoring and other trades were also taught. Two brass bands and one reed band were formed by the last quarter of the nineteenth century. Dr Wallis, in 1857, holding a doctorate in music, organised a select number of farm school boys into a 'brass military band of music'. His terms of instruction being moderate, and the ‘advantages worth the outlay’, the committee approved the sum of 50 guineas for the purchase of
musical instruments. During 1859, Mr Holman, a drill and bandmaster, was appointed on a salary of £50 per annum, 'with lodging and firing'. The band became a catalyst to teach boys to respond to orders with alacrity, and the performances of the band gave a positive image of the establishment. The formation of the band attracted donations of more instruments. Some boys less suited to field labour excelled in the band and went on to join the army as 'band boys'. In 1889 the bandmaster was ordered to 'use the band at every reasonable occasion'. In 1890 the bandmaster was N. Mallinder, assistant bandmaster W.G. Hearne.

**Philips and Co. Brass Band** - Tean, Staffordshire  
See: Messrs. Philips and Co. Brass Band

**Phoenix Brass** - Froxfield, Wiltshire  
[current band] - Founded in 1993

**Phoenix Brass (Crewkerne)** - Somerset  
[current band] - Founded in 1995

**Phoenix Brass Band** - Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding)  
See: Phoenix Foundry Brass Band

**Phoenix Brass Band** - Small Heath, Warwickshire  
Active in 1869 and the early 1870s. A professional band associated with Capewell's Grand Compound Velocipede Railway at the Sydenham Hotel. In 1869 it was located at Barns's Royal St Helena Pleasure Gardens in Balsall Heath

**Phoenix Foundry Brass Band** - Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding)  
Active in 1856

**Phoenix Gas Company Brass Band** - Vauxhall, Surrey  
Active in 1865

**Phoenix Social Service Band**  
See: Steel, Peech and Tozer Phoenix Works Band

**Phoenix West Midlands Brass** - Rowley, Staffordshire  
[current band] - Founded in 2000

**Phoenix Works Brass Band** - Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding)  
See: Phoenix Foundry Brass Band

**Phoenix Works Brass Band** - Rotherham, Yorkshire (West Riding)  
See: Steel, Peech and Tozer Phoenix Works Band

**Pica Brass Band** - Cumberland  
Active in the 1890s - took part in the Distington Hospital Sunday parade in June 1895. A report of its formation is thus: “A public meeting was held at the Quarry, Pica, on Thursday evening, for the purpose of discussing the suggestion to re-organise the brass band at that place. There was a large number present. Mr John Roper, who was unanimously elected chairman, urged them to work in harmony. Mr James Frew moved that the brass band for Pica be re-organised. This was seconded by Mr William Watson and agreed to unanimously. Mr A. Harlin, secretary to the old band, was appointed secretary pro tem. The following gave their names as intending members: - Messrs G. Frew, James Frew, J. Patterson, Wm. Watson, G. Tweddle, J. Gatherer, Tom Bell, W. Hutchinson, G. Stewart, I. Lamb, J. Robinson, J. Kirkpatrick, F. Metherell, W. Metherell, D. Rafferty, Jos. Gatherer, W. Brydon, D. Ellison, C. M. McLean, and J Roper. Mr Harlin moved that the instruments, lamps, music stand, and music books, belonging to the late band be called in. This was agreed to, and the chairman and Mr Harlin were appointed to recieve them by Tuesday. On the question of funds being introduced, it was suggested
that they follow the example of the Lowca Brass Band and ask the Colliery Company to
keep off a weekly subscription from those agreeable. The chairman approved the
suggestion, but, of course, he said, a public meeting would have to be called to sanction
the proposal.”

**Pickering Brass Band (1)** - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1852 to 1867

**Pickering Brass Band (2)** - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Formed in the 1890s, folded some time before 1936, when a successor band was formed

**Pickering Town Band (1)**
See: **Pickering Brass Band (2)**

**Pickering Town Band (2)** - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Formed on 17 May 1936. Folded in the 1950s

**Pickford’s Brass Band** - Park Village, London
Active in 1859, conductor W. Keighley. This was the brass band belonging to Pickford &
Co.

**Pickup Bank Band**
See: **Hoddlesden and Pickup Bank Band**

**Pickup Bank Subscription Prize Band**
See: **Hoddlesden and Pickup Bank Band**

**Piddington and Hackleton Brass Band**
See: **Hackleton Brass Band**

**Piddington Brass Band** - Northamptonshire
Active in 1883, leader Alwyne Howes

**Piddletrenthide Brass Band** - Dorset
Active in the 1880s, bandmaster C.W. Groves in 1883

**Pilkington Recreation Club Brass Band** - St Helens, Lancashire
Active in the 1950s

**Pilley Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1867

**Pilling Brass Band** - Lancashire
Formed in 1875 and folded some time after 1935 (when the junior section of the band
split off to form the current Pilling Jubilee Silver Band). Conductor William Godfrey in
1878, W.R. Bimson in 1881

**Pilling Jubilee Silver Band** - Lancashire
[current band] - Founded in 1935 - Note: Formed by the Junior section of the then Pilling
Brass Band splitting off.

**Pillowell Brass Band** - Gloucestershire
[previous name of current band] See: **Pillowell Silver Band**

**Pillowell Silver Band** - Gloucestershire
[current band] - Founded in 1889 - Former names: Pillowell Brass Band, Pillowell Prize
Band

**Pilsley Brass Band** - Derbyshire
Active in the 1840s, and also in the 1870s to 1890s

**Pinchbeck West Brass Band** - Lincolnshire
Active in the 1890s to 1914. Bandmaster G. Abrams in 1898, W. Rouse secretary in 1911
Pinner Brass Band - Middlesex
Active from 1882 to 1939. It played at a garden party given by Mrs. A. B. Marshall, a well known cook and cookery writer on 15th June 1895 at her house “The Towers” in Pinner. For further details see “Pinner Brass Band” at www.ibew.co.uk

Pinxton Ambulance Band
See: Pinxton Colliery Band

Pinxton and Selston Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in 1859

Pinxton Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active from the 1870s to the 1900s

Pinxton Colliery Band - Derbyshire
Active in the 1890s and early 1900s. Conductor R. France in 1902

Pioneer Rechabite Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
Active in 1894

Pitroddie Brass Band - Perthshire
Active in 1864 to 1869. Conductor Mr Stevenson in 1866

Pitsea Band - Essex
Active in 1904, conductor Mr Lawson

Pitsford Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in 1866

Pitsmoor Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1842, and from the early 1880s, the band folding around 1937.

Pittenweem Brass Band - Fife
Active in 1861

Pittington Brass - Durham
[current band] - Founded in 1992

Pittington Brass Band - Durham
Active in the 1860s - had some form of patronage from Lord Londonderry (Viscount Seaham)

Pitton Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active in 1899

Pitt's Brass Band - London (City)
See: Messrs Pitt and Co. Brass Band

Plaid Row Gospel Mission Brass Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1891

Plas Brass Band - Plas Coch, Denbighshire
Active in the early 1900s, conductor Thomas Moore

Plas Madoc Brass Band - Denbighshire
Active in the 1850s to 1866

Plashet Industrial School Band - Essex
See: Upton Park Poor Law School Band

Plashetts Brass Band - Northumberland
Active in 1865, conductor F. Armstrong. The village of Plashetts and its associated coal mine now lie under Kielder Water.

Plasmadoc Brass Band - Denbighshire
See: Plas Madoc Brass Band
Plas-Marl Brass Band - Glamorgan
  Active in the 1890s

Plasterers' Band - Sussex
  See: Brighton Operative Plasterers Brass Band

Plastow Green Brass Band - Hampshire
  Active in 1902 to 1915. Conductor W. Cooke in 1907

Plastow Green Temperance Band
  See: Plastow Green Brass Band

Platt Bridge Brass Band - Lancashire
  Competed in a contest in Leigh in 1884, active through to the 1910s. A report from the Wigan Observer And District Advertiser, Wednesday, September 3, 1890, states: On Wednesday afternoon last the remains of William Forster were interred at Abram Church. The deceased, who was 41 years of age, was checkweighman at the Low Hall Collieries. He had been a hard worker for the Miners’ Union, and was much esteemed by that body of men. He had also been a member of the Platt Bridge Brass Band for over 20 years. The weather was fine and the streets were crowded with spectators. The procession was as follows:- Twenty pit brow girls; 150 miners; band committee; Platt Bridge Brass Band (assisted by a few friends from the Wigan Volunteer Band), playing “Dead March in Saul;” deceased, with instrument on coffin; mourners and relatives. At the commencement of the service Mr. C. D. Mortimer with his usual ability played Guilmant’s “Funeral March,” and at the close the “Dead March in Saul.” After the burial service in the churchyard, the band played very sweetly at the grave side, “It is well with my soul.” Another report, from 1895, notes the band at a festival: “The first Lower Ince and Spring View Rose Queen Festival was held under the auspices of St Mary’s Church in June 1895. It was organised by Maggie Briggs and Edna Harrison. About 500 children dressed in historical costumes, and accompanied by the Platt Bridge Brass Band, left St Mary’s School and paraded through the streets of Lower Ince and Spring View, which were lined with hundreds of spectators. The Rose Queen was Miss F Briggs, in a dress of white silk with a train of flowered shot silk trimmed with white silk ribbon and swansdown. The parade ended in a field in the grounds of Westwood House, where there was dancing around the maypole and the Rose Queen was crowned by the vicars wife, Mrs Taylor. Each of the children was given a bun and an orange.”

Platt Brothers Moston Colliery Band
  See: Platt’s Moston Colliery Band

Platting Public Band - Rochdale, Lancashire
  Active in the 1880s

Platt’s Moston Colliery Band - Moston, Lancashire
  Active in the 1930s and 1940s

Plean Brass Band - Stirlingshire
  Active in the 1910s

Plean Colliery Band - Stirlingshire
  Active in 1928, conducted by Charles Wright

Plean Colliery Band
  See: East Plean Colliery Band

Pleasley and Pleasley Works Band - Derbyshire
  Active from 1888. Conductor William Slaney in 1902. Still active in 1911, conductor F. Pearson. Contemporary with the Pleasley Colliery Band (which is still active)
Pleasley Brass Band (1) - Derbyshire
Active in 1860

Pleasley Brass Band (2) - Derbyshire
Active in 1950

Pleasley Colliery Welfare Band - Derbyshire
[previous name of current band] See: Pleasley Welfare Band

Pleasley Vale Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in the 1890s

Pleasley Welfare Band - Derbyshire
[current band] - Founded in 1883 - Former names: Pleasley Colliery Welfare Band - Note: Another source quotes the band’s formation as 1897, it competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s and the Spondon Contest of 1926

Pleck Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in 1859

Plessey Works Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
Active in the 1960s and 1970s

Plymouth Abercanaid Brass Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1890s to 1910s

Plymouth Band of the Royal British Legion Crownhill - Devon
[previous name of current band] See: Soundhouse Brass

Plymouth Brass - Devon
Formed in the 1980s. Merged with Tavistock Town Band in the late 1980s to form Tavistock Brass

Plymouth City Mission Band - Devon
[previous name of current band] See: Soundhouse Brass

Plymouth City Mission Brass Band - Devon
Active in 1929

Plymouth Colliery Brass Band - Troedyrhiw, Glamorgan
Founded in 1892, active to the 1910s. Conductor Ford D. Jones in 1907

Plymouth Corporation Tramways Band - Devon
See: Plymouth Transport Brass Band

Plymouth Silver Band - Devon
[previous name of current band] See: Soundhouse Brass

Plymouth Transport Brass Band - Devon
Active in the 1920s

Plymouth Workmen's Band - Troedyrhiw, Glamorgan
See: Plymouth Colliery Brass Band

PMG Heart of England Band
See: Heart of England Band

Pocklington Blue Ribbon Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in the 1880s

Pocklington Boys Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in the early 1900s

Pocklington Brass Band (1) - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in 1850, folding some time before 1861

Pocklington Brass Band (2) - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Founded in 1862, still active in 1864
Pocklington Coronation Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active from the early 1900s to WW2. Conductor H. Lamb in 1902, H.U. Buttle in 1920. President in 1939 was Major P.M. Stewart of Burnby Hall.

POEU Brass Band
See: Stockport Telephone Band

Pogmoor and Cawthorne Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Cawthorne Brass Band

Pogmoor Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Merged with the Cawthorne Brass Band in 1984 to form Pogmoor and Cawthorne Band.

Point of Ayr (EIMCO) Band - Ffynnongroyw, Flintshire
[previous name of current band] See: Point of Ayr Silver Band

Point of Ayr (Talacre Beach Caravan Park) Band - Ffynnongroyw, Flintshire
[previous name of current band] See: Point of Ayr Silver Band

Point of Ayr Colliery Band - Ffynnongroyw, Flintshire
[previous name of current band] See: Point of Ayr Silver Band

Point of Ayr Colliery Band - Talacre, Flintshire
The band was formed in 1967 after the closure of the Llay Main Colliery. The instruments were transported to Point of Ayr, where local people formed a band. During the 1970s, the band rose up through the sections winning many first prizes at prestigious contests. In 1981 Championship status was attained (the equivalent of football’s Premier League), and at the first attempt, the band qualified for the National Finals at the Royal Albert Hall, London. Point of Ayr retained its Championship status up to the year 2000. The band folded in 2010. The band was variously also known as: Point of Ayr Colliery (EIMCO) Band, Point of Ayr Colliery (Powergen) Band, and Talacre Beach Caravan Park Band.

Point of Ayr Silver Band - Ffynnongroyw, Flintshire
[current band] - Founded in 1965 - Former names: Point of Ayr Colliery Band, Point of Ayr (EIMCO) Band - Note: Possibly also known at one time as Point of Ayr (Talacre Beach Caravan Park) Band

Polden Hill and Ashcott Brass Band
See: Ashcott Brass Band

Polden Hill Brass Band - Somerset
Active in 1868. Disbanded in 1904, then re-organised in 1905 by H. Farrow.

Polesworth Brass Band
See: Polesworth Old Brass Band

Polesworth Excelsior Brass Band - Warwickshire
Active from the 1880s to 1919

Polesworth Old Brass Band - Warwickshire
Active from the 1850s to the 1920s

Pollokshaws Brass Band - Renfrewshire
Welcomed the Prince of Wales to Pollokshaws in August 1859. Competed in a contest at the Gilmorehill Gardens, Glasgow in August 1863, and led the procession at the annual Weavers’ Society meeting at Pollokshaws in August 1873. Active through the 1900s to the 1920s. Revived in 1904, conductor J.L. Galbraith

Pollokshaws Burgh Band
See: Pollokshaws Brass Band
**Polmont Brass Band** - Stirlingshire
Active in 1867, 1868

**Polton Mills Band** - Loanhead, Midlothian
Active from the 1890s. Conductor John Brown in 1897. Won the Scottish Championship title in 1904 and disbanded at the start of WW1.

**Polypipe (Rossington) Band**
See: Rossington Colliery Band

**Polysteel Band** - Gloucestershire
[previous name of current band] See: Flowers Band

**Pomfret Victoria Brass Band** - Pontefract, Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Pontefract Victoria Brass Band

**Ponden Band** - Haworth, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1854, founded by John Heaton of Ponden, who owned the cotton mill and the corn mill. The band had the job of playing at a celebration in Haworth at the conclusion of the Crimean war. The band moved to Dry Clough (just north of Pickles Hill) later in the 1850s for the convenience of some of the members. This “Dry Clough Band” then split up by the end of the 1850s, some members going to the Springhead Band, others to the Lumbfoot Band.

**Ponden Mill Band**
See: Ponden Band

**Ponders End Brass Band** - Enfield, Middlesex
Active in the 1860s and 1870s, conductor Henry Orme.

**Ponders End Congregational Mission Band**
See: Ponders End Mission Band

**Ponders End Mission Band** - Enfield, Middlesex
Active in the early 1900s, conductor Mr Burch in 1904

**Ponders End Silver Band** - Enfield, Middlesex
Active in the 1920s and 1930s

**Ponsanooth Brass Band** - Cornwall
Active in the 1870s to the 1900s. Conductor J.H. Bishop in 1888. In 1889 the Honorary Secretaries were Henry G. Halse and William J. Trebilcock, the Treasurer was Charles W. Boot.

**Pontardawe Brass Band** - Glamorgan
Active in the 1890s to 1914 at least (when it tried to buy the old Carmarthen Town Band instruments). Reformed in 1919, bandmaster Russell Davies

**Pontardulais Town Band** - Glamorgan
[current band] - Founded in the 1900s

**Pont-Clydach Brass Band** - Brecknockshire
Active in 1855

**Pontefract Borough Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1870s to 1890s. J. Dobson conductor in 1884

**Pontefract Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1840s to 1860s. Conductor Mr Deacon in 1864

**Pontefract Victoria Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1900s to 1914

**Pontlottyn Brass Band** - Glamorgan
Active in the 1880s to 1900s
Pontlottyn McLaren Silver Band
   See: McLaren’s Workmen’s Silver Band

Pontlottyn Rechabite Band - Glamorgan
   Active in the early 1890s

Pontlottyn Workmen’s Band - Glamorgan
   Active in 1905

Pontop Brass Band - Durham
   Active in 1862. Conductor Henry Palmer in 1864, Thomas Walker in 1865. Possibly linked to Pontop Hall, near Dipton, or one of the Pontop collieries. Still active in 1867

Ponthrydyfen and District Temperance Band - Glamorgan
   Active in 1939

Ponthrydyfen Brass Band - Glamorgan
   Active in the 1930s and 1940s

Pont-rhyd-y-groes Brass Band - Cardiganshire
   Active in the 1870s

Pontshonnorton Silver Band - Glamorgan
   Active in the 1940s and 1950s

Pontyates Brass Band - Carmarthenshire
   Active in the 1900s to 1915

Pontyberem Brass Band - Carmarthenshire
   Active in the 1890s to 1910s, and the 1940s to 1950s

Pontyberem St John’s Brass Band - Carmarthenshire
   Active in the 1890s

Pontyberem United Band
   See: Pontyberem Brass Band

Pontyclun and District Band - Glamorgan
   Active from the 1930s to the early 1950s

Pontyclun Brass Band - Glamorgan
   Active in the early 1900s

Pontyclun Silver Band - Glamorgan
   In 1914 Mr Godfrey Clark presented a Silver Cup for competition in the Silver Band contest which was won by the Pontyclun Silver Band. When the people left the sports field on this occasion they were greeted with a placard “War declared on Germany”. The band regularly practised in a wooden hut at the end of School Street called the Ping Pong Hall. The village supported a Brass Band also.

Pontycymer Excelsior Band - Glamorgan
   Active in 1890s and 1900s

Pontycymer Town Band - Glamorgan
   Active in the 1900s to 1950s

Pontymister Brass Band - Monmouthshire
   Active in the 1860s and the 1900s

Pontymoel Brass Band - Monmouthshire
   Active in 1853

Pontypool Brass - Monmouthshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1967

Pontypool Brass Band - Monmouthshire
   Active in the 1850s
Pontypool Catholic Temperance Band
   See: Pontypool Temperance Band

Pontypool Temperance Band - Monmouthshire
   Active in the 1890s to the 1910s. Conductor Mr Ryan in 1899

Pontypool Town and District Band
   See: Pontypool Town Band

Pontypool Town Band - Monmouthshire
   Active in the 1920s

Pontypridd Brass Band - Glamorgan
   Active in the 1880s

Pontypridd St John Ambulance Band - Glamorgan
   Active in the 1930s and 1940s

Pontypridd Temperance Band - Glamorgan
   Founded in 1899

Pontypridd Town Band - Glamorgan
   Active in the 1890s to 1930s. Possibly converting to brass and reed in 1908

Pontypridd Transport Band - Glamorgan
   Active in the 1930s

Pool Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1857

Poole Borough Band - Dorset
   [current band] - Founded in 1946 - Note: Originally formed in the mid 1800s as a brass and reed band (recorded as appearing on Brownsea island in Poole harbour in 1849). It reformed as all-brass in 1946 under conductor Clifford Clark. Within six weeks of this transformation they appeared in the grading section in Southampton at the Wessex Brass Band contest and were immediately promoted to the Champion Section. Their first appearance in the championship section which was only six weeks after their spectacular win in the grading section earned them a third prize on the then difficult test piece ?Kenilworth? by Arthur Bliss. On their return to Poole at 10.30 pm the band formed up to do a victory march from the railway station down the High Street to their bandroom in ?Prosperous Street? situated over the Bulls Head Public House.

Poole Brass Band - Dorset
   Active in 1850. Conductor Mr Kinsman in 1860, Mr Joiner in 1869. Still active in 1869

Poole Grammar School Band - Dorset
   Active in the 1970s and 1980s

Poole Town Band - Dorset
   Active from the 1880s to the 1920s. Conducted by E.M. Shane in 1883, E.L. Green in 1928. A successor band was formed in 1946

Poole Volunteers Band - Dorset
   Active in the 1900s, conductor H.S. Shane in 1901

Poolmouth Brass Band - Brynteg, Denbighshire
   Active in 1858 to 1864

Poolsbrook Miners Welfare Band
   See: Poolsbrook Wesleyan Brass Band

Poolsbrook Wesleyan Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Formed in 1908, secretary and treasurer, George W. Thompson. Active in the 1920s and 1930s. In the 1930s it threw off the allegiance to the Wesleyan church and became a
village band. In the late 1930s it became the Staveley Company's Ireland Colliery Ambulance Band. See also: Ireland Colliery Band

**Poor Orphan Boys Band** - Strangeways, Lancashire
Active in the 1900s. The Manchester and Salford Boys and Girls Refuges and Homes, established in 1870, had their Central Refuge and Workshops in Francis Street. This also accommodated 120 boys from whence the band was formed.

**Pope and Pearson Colliery Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Altofts and Normanton Brass Band

**Poplar and Berger Mission Band**
See: Poplar and Bromley Tabernacle Band

**Poplar and Bromley Crusaders Band**
See: Berger Hall Brass Band

**Poplar and Bromley Tabernacle Band** - Middlesex
Active from the 1910s to the 1960s. Based at the Poplar and Bromley Tabernacle Baptist Church, which after 1958 became the Poplar and Berger Baptist Tabernacle Church.

**Poplar Training Schools Band**
See: Forest Gate Industrial School Brass Band

**Porkellis Brass Band** - Cornwall
Active in 1863 to 1869

**Porritt and Witham’s Brass Band**
See: Messrs Porritt and Witham’s Brass Band

**Port Carlisle Brass Band** - Cumberland
Active in 1865

**Port Clarence Brass Band** - Durham
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

**Port Ellen Brass Band** - Argyllshire
Active in the 1900s

**Port Glasgow Brass Band** - Lanarkshire
See: St John’s Port Glasgow Band

**Port Glasgow Catholic Young Men’s Brass Band** - Lanarkshire
Active in 1865, conductor Mr Hutton

**Port Glasgow Old Boys Union Brass Band** - Lanarkshire
Active in 1913

**Port of Hull Society’s East Coast Mission and Sailor’s Orphan Home and School Band**
See: Sailors’ Orphans Brass Band

**Port Penrhyn Brass Band** - Caernarfonshire
Active from the 1870s to 1914

**Port Sunlight Brass Band** - Cheshire
Active in 1891 through 1914, conductor W. Seddon in 1895. Possibly did not survive WW1. A successor band was formed in 1973

**Port Sunlight Lyceum Brass** - Cheshire
[current band] - Founded in 1973 - Former names: Port Sunlight Old Boys Association, Tarmac Lyceum Brass Band - Note: The Band owes its origins to the Drum and Bugle Band of the First Port Sunlight Company of the Boy’s Brigade. A brass band was formed in 1973 and ultimately its development resulted in the administration of the band being separated from the Brigade to be administered under its own right but with a close liaison with the Company
Port Sunlight Old Boys Association - Cheshire
[previous name of current band] See: Port Sunlight Lyceum Brass

Port Sunlight Royal British Legion Band - Cheshire
Active from the 1970s to the early 1990s. (Possibly the same as the current Port Sunlight Lyceum Brass)

Port Talbot and District Workmen’s Prize Band
See: Port Talbot Workmen’s Prize Band

Port Talbot and Taibach Brass Band - Glamorgan
Active in 1909

Port Talbot Temperance Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1910s.

Port Talbot Tin and Iron Works Brass Band - Glamorgan
Active in 1864

Port Talbot Town Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1930s

Port Talbot Workmen’s Prize Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1920s and 1930s. Played at the ceremonial opening of Port Talbot Memorial Park on the 27th June 1925 at 3p.m.

Portchester Brass Band - Hampshire
Active in 1863 to 1865

Portdinorwic Brass Band - Caernarfonshire
Active in 1865 to 1872

Porth and Cymmer Silver Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1900s

Porth Brass Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1880s and 1890s. Conductor John Brown in 1899

Porth Town Band
See: Porth Brass Band

Porthaethwy Menai Bridge Band - Anglesey
[current band] - Founded in the 1890s - Former names: Menai Bridge Brass Band

Porthcawl Silver Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1950s

Porthleven Town Band - Cornwall
[current band] - Founded in 1875

Porthmadog Brass Band
See: Porthmadog Volunteer Band

Porthmadog Town Band - Caernarfonshire
Active in the 1900s to 1930s

Porthmadog Volunteer Band - Caernarfonshire
Active from the 1860s to the 1900s

Porthywaen Silver Band - Oswestry, Shropshire
[current band] - Founded in 1934

Portico Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
Active in 1894

Portishead Brass Band - Somerset
Active from 1865 to the 1890s. A successor band was formed in 1968.
Portishead Town Band - Somerset
  [current band] - Founded in 1968 - Former names: Central Electricity Generating Board Band, Electricity Club Band, Clarence House Brass (mid 1980s)

Portland Brass Band - Dorset
  Active in the early 1860s to 1865

Portland Prison Officers Band - Dorset
  Active in the 1880s

Portland Social Centre Band
  See: Portland Town Band

Portland Town and Social Centre Band
  See: Portland Town Band

Portland Town Band - Dorset
  Active from the 1890s to the 1960s. Secretary J. Shaw in 1899. Also known as Portland Social Centre Band.

Portland Volunteer Artillery Band - Dorset
  Active in the 1880s

Portland Wesleyan Brass Band - Dorset
  Active in 1864

Portloe and District Brass Band - Cornwall
  Active in the 1930s

Portmadoc Brass Band
  See: Porthmadog Volunteer Band

Portobello Brass Band - Midlothian
  Active from the 1880s to the 1900s. Conductor J.P. Broadhurst in 1882

Portobello Ex-Members B.B. Band - Midlothian
  Active in 1928, conducted by Thomas Williamson.

Portsea Island Union School Brass Band - Hampshire
  Founded in 1866. Conductor Mr Haywood in 1867. Active in 1876 and 1897 (bandmaster Squire Graham). This was a band of the Union School of the Portsea Island Workhouse.

Portslade Excelsior Band - Sussex
  Active around 1900, conductor A. Barnard

Portslade Industrial School Band - Sussex
  Active in the 1890s. Half-time schooling from the age of 12 was combined with a full band practice for an hour each morning.

Portslade Town Band - Sussex
  Active in the 1900s and 1910s

Portsmouth Auxiliary Fire Service Band - Hampshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Portsmouth City Band

Portsmouth Blue Jackets Band
  See: Royal Navy Portsmouth Barracks Band

Portsmouth Brass Band - Hampshire
  Active in the 1860s and 1880s. Conductor H. Simmons in 1860.

Portsmouth Citadel Band - Hampshire
  [current band] - Founded in 1880
Portsmouth City Band - Hampshire
[current band] - Founded in 1939 - Former names: Portsmouth Auxiliary Fire Service Band, National Fire Service Band (Area 14), Portsmouth City Fire Brigade Band (1951 to 1965)

Portsmouth City Fire Brigade Band - Hampshire
[previous name of current band] See: Portsmouth City Band

Portsmouth Excelsior Brass Band - Hampshire
Active in 1901

Portsmouth Foresters' Brass Band - Hampshire
Active in 1865, conductor H. Alley (also conducted the associated juvenile band)

Portsmouth Juvenile Foresters' Brass Band - Hampshire
Active in 1865, conductor H. Alley. Still active in 1867

Portsmouth Police Band - Hampshire
Active in the 1900s

Portsmouth Saxhorn Band
See: Portsmouth Brass Band

Portsmouth Town Band - Hampshire
Formed by Councillor Merritt in 1896, gave its first performance in March 1897 to raise money for the “Tiny Tim” Cot at Guy’s, conductor Mr Madden. The band was still active in 1904 when it presented £50 to various local charities - the bandmaster at this time was R. Close.

Portsmouth Wesleyan Brass Band - Hampshire
Active in 1897

Portsmouth Youth Concert Band - Hampshire
Active in the 1970s

Portsoy Brass Band - Banffshire
Active in the 1880s to the 1900s. Conductor Mr Taylor in 1887

Possil Park Brass Band
See: Possilpark Brass Band

Possilpark Brass Band - Lanarkshire
Active from the early 1900s to the late 1930s. Conducted by W. Curtis in 1928

Possilpark Public Band
See: Possilpark Brass Band

Post Office Engineering Union Brass Band
See: Stockport Telephone Band

Post Office Grand Band - Marylebone, Middlesex
See: Post Office Western District Brass Band

Post Office Western District Brass Band - Marylebone, Middlesex
Founded in 1867, a large band, conducted by M. Vimeaux

Potters Bar Town Band - Middlesex
Formed in the 1850s and then disbanded in 1895. A successor band was formed in 1948

Potters Bar Town Band - Middlesex
[current band] - Founded in 1948

Potter’s Cross Brass Band - Kinver, Staffordshire
Active in 1863

Potters Wood Kingswood Hill Bristol Silver Band
See: Kingswood and District Band
Potterspury Brass Band

See: Potterspury Excelsior Band

Potterspury Excelsior Band - Northamptonshire

The village band was in existence from the late 1860s. Conductor George Meakins in 1877. In 1904 it entered a contest organised by the Gentlemen of Dunstable. The band travelled to the contest on a horse-drawn cart and won the first prize - a silver plated cup. The contest was never held again, so the band held the cup which is now kept with the church plate for safe keeping. Between the wars, in the summer, the band would give regular Sunday evening concerts on the green by the cross-road on Watling Street, opposite the Anchor pub. Band practice was held in the Cock club room (now the restaurant). A popular story of the time related how, arriving late for practice one night, one of the bandsmen was so impressed with the sound of his colleagues playing that he went into the practice room and said, 'That sounds great - come outside and listen'. Whereupon they all put down their instruments and went outside! The band ceased to play during the Second World War but started again in 1946. By 1953, with Reg Atkins as conductor, the band was very active, playing at numerous village fetes in the area and leading church parades for Remembrance Sunday services, when they would march four abreast via Sanders Lane, Blackwell End, Watling Street, High Street and Church Lane (with no parked cars in the way!). Another old village tale recalled that when Pury band marched by the pigs were sat on the wall to listen. (This tale was well known in all the surrounding villages!) The Coronation parade through the village in 1953 was led by Syd Holloway pushing a model of 'The Pig on the Wall'. There was of course much rivalry between Pury and Yardley bands and Pury used to say that one Christmas when Yardley Band went round playing carols they played outside one 'house' where the collectors could not find the door. They walked round it several times before they realised it was a hay rick! [Note: similar stories are told of Stinchcombe Band and Woodchurch Bands].

As the number of bandsmen from the village dwindled, more and more had to be transported to practice from the surrounding area. By 1961 it became beyond the financial means of the band to continue to transport the players to practice and the band had to close down. Some of the bandsmen went on to play with Wolverton Band and the remains of the band's funds were paid over to the Parish Council for the general benefit of the village.

Pottery Brass Band - Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding)

See: Middlesbrough Pottery Amateur Brass Band

Pottery Instrumental Brass Band - Bo’ness, West Lothian

See: Bo’ness Pottery Brass Band

Potton Brass Band - Bedfordshire

Formed in 1890, through the instigation of the local vicar, the bandmaster was J. Brown and the instruments were estimated to cost £40. It played its first concert on Easter Monday 1891. Conductor Mr Storr in 1900. Still active in 1920, when the conductor was G. Bartle.

Poulton Silver Band - Lancashire

[previous name of current band] See: Poulton-le-Fylde Brass Band

Poulton-le-Fylde Brass Band - Lancashire

Founded on the 25th September 1874, but little is known about its early activities, except what can be gleaned from old photographs. The early photographs show the band was small in number, and only some members are in uniform, so it would appear that funds
were probably meagre. However, it did perform at local functions as can be seen from photographs showing the band marching in processions. It is to their credit that these early members kept the band together, and it appears from documentation discovered, that the band was still operational prior to World War Two, under their conductor Mr N Hodgson. Around 1903 it amalgamated with the Thornton Subscription Band. During World War Two, the band functioned as “The Home Guard Band” under the musical direction of Mr Ernest Seed, but it was disbanded shortly after the War. A successor band was formed in the early 1950s.

**Poulton-le-Fylde Brass Band** - Lancashire  
[current band] - Founded in 1874 - Former names: Poulton Silver Band

**Powder Cotton Works Band** - Kent  
Disbanded in the 1930s

**Powell’s Tillery Colliery Band**  
See: Tillery Collieries Band

**Powerfuel Hatfield Colliery Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
[previous name of current band] See: Hatfield Colliery Band

**Poyning Brass Band** - Sussex  
Active in the early 1900s

**Poynton Brass Band** - Cheshire  
[previous name of current band] See: VBS Poynton Brass Band

**Poynton Youth Band** - Cheshire  
[current band] - Founded in 1982

**Pratt’s Brass Band** - Brighouse, Yorkshire (West Riding)  
Active in 1865

**Pratt’s Royal Brass Band** - Colchester, Essex  
Active in 1854

**Prees Brass Band** - Shropshire  
Active from the 1880s. Conductor Mr Huxley in 1887. Folded in the 1930's. Prees is between Wem and Whitchurch. The instruments were sold to pay for the funeral of Tom Moore and were sold to Mr Denny and shipped to his band in Devon. Coincidentally his son ended up running the Shropshire Schools Brass band in the 1980’s, 50 years after his dad took the instruments from Shropshire to Devon.

**Preesall Brass Band** - Lancashire  
Active in the 1920s and 1930s

**Preesall Temperance Band** - Lancashire  
Active in the 1890s

**Premier Brass** - Stamford, Lincolnshire  
[previous name of current band] See: Stamford Brass

**Prescot Brass Band (1)** - Lancashire  
Active in 1859

**Prescot Brass Band (2)** - Lancashire  
See: Prescot Parish Church Band

**Prescot Cables Band** - Lancashire  
Formed 1890. “Cousins” to the famous Callenders Cable Works Band. When the latter disbanded in 1961 the Prescot Cables Band received their redundant uniforms. Still active in the late 1980s
Prescot Parish Church Band - Lancashire  
Active in the 1900s to 1930s and also the 1950s to 1970s

Prescot Victoria Brass Band - Lancashire  
Active in the early 1860s

Pressed Steel Company Limited Works Band - Cowley, Oxfordshire  
Formed in January 1941 as a military band for the Pressed Steel Company Home Guard. Reformed as a brass band in December 1944. Achieved the Championship Section in 1947. Based at the Pressed Steel Works in Cowley, the present-day location of the Mini factory, this band ran into difficulties during the period of the three-day week in early 1974. The remaining players joined the City of Oxford Band, who were themselves at that time somewhat depleted following the successive splittings-off of Oxford Concert Brass in 1972 and Kennington (Oxford) in 1973. The band’s library came into the possession of the Wantage Band.

Pressed Steel Cowley Band  
See: Pressed Steel Company Limited Works Band

Pressed Steel Fisher Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire  
[previous name of current band] See: City of Birmingham Brass Band

Pressed Steel Fisher Llanelli Band  
See: Llanelli and District Silver Band

Presteigne Amateur Brass Band - Radnorshire  
Active from 1844. Conductor Mr Blackmore in 1863

Presteigne Town Band - Radnorshire  
Active in 1907 and 1937

Preston Borough Brass Band - Lancashire  
Active in 1877

Preston Britannia Brass Band - Lancashire  
Active in 1861, conductor Thomas Marginson, also in 1867, 1877

Preston Brook and Aston Band  
See: Preston Brook and District Prize Band

Preston Brook and District Prize Band - Cheshire  
Active in the early 1900s through to the 1920s. Conductor A.C. Withenshaw in 1904. Also known as Preston Brook & Aston Band. Shortly after WW1 the band took part in the Runcorn Festival which was held to raise funds for the hospital. The band was also active in 1969, competing in the NW Area contest (4th section).

Preston Brook Silver Band - Cheshire  
[current band]

Preston City Boys Excelsior Band - Lancashire  
Active in the 1930s

Preston Clarion Band - Lancashire  
Active around 1911

Preston Corporation Tramways Band - Lancashire  
Active in the early 1900s

Preston Electric Works Band  
See: Electric Tramway and Tramway Carriage Brass Band

Preston Excelsior Brass Band - Lancashire  
Active in 1872, and from the early 1900s up until the 1970s
**Preston Foresters’ Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active in the 1880s. Conductor T.T. Jackson in 1881

**Preston Gentlemen’s Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active in 1862, conductor John Richardson

**Preston Harmonic Brass Band** - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in 1880

**Preston Model Brass Band** - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in 1882, conductor R. Kemp

**Preston National School Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active in 1846

**Preston Polytechnic Band** - Lancashire
Active in the 1980s

**Preston Silver Band** - Lancashire
Active in the 1950s

**Preston St David’s Band** - Lancashire
Active from the 1930s to 1950s

**Preston St Joseph’s Band** - Lancashire
See: *St Joseph’s Brass Band (Preston)*

**Preston St Wilfrid’s Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active in 1865, 1872

**Preston Temperance Band** - Lancashire
Formed in 1874 and disbanded in 1907. A contemporary report states: “It having been decided for various reasons to bring the 32 year career of the Preston Temperance Brass Band to a close, the members on Wednesday met at the White Horse Restaurant for supper afterwards transacting some important business. Mr R Sanders presided, and on the motion of Mr H Parkinson, seconded by Mr Wm Ogden, a resolution was passed agreeing that the band should no longer exist as at present constituted. A handsome marble clock was then presented to the conductor, Mr H Parkinson, the silver plate on the front bearing the inscription “Presented to Mr H Parkinson by the members of the Preston Temperance Brass Band on the occasion of his retirement, as a token of their respect for his faithful services as bandmaster during the past 30 years.” In making the presentation the Chairman recalled the interesting fact that the band was formed in August 1874 and had been entirely self-supporting. They had occupied one practice room for 30 years and a proof of their efficiency was that they had played for one Preston church on 25 successive Whit Monday mornings, and for another one 23 Whit Monday afternoons. Best wishes were expressed for Mr Parkinson’s future welfare, and in his reply the conductor was much affected by the tributes paid to him.”

**Preston Town Band** - Lancashire
Active from the 1890s until the mid 1960s, latterly rehearsing in an old gymnasium on Saul St. in Preston and conducted by Tom Mitchell who then went on to found Preston Youth Band around the same time.

**Preston United Independent Harmonic Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active in August 1836, when it played at the regatta at the Bridge Inn

**Preston Victoria Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active in 1877

**Preston Youth Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active in the 1960s and 1970s
Prestongrange Brass Band - Prestonpans, East Lothian
    Active in the 1890s

Prestongrange Colliery Band - Prestonpans, East Lothian
    Active in the 1920s

Prestongrange Welfare Band
    See: Prestongrange Colliery Band

Prestonlinks Colliery Band - Prestonpans, East Lothian
    See: Monktonhall Colliery Silver Band

Prestonpans and District Silver Band
    See: Monktonhall Colliery Silver Band

Prestonpans Brass Band - East Lothian
    Formed in the 1880s. Benjamin Sim was its conductor for the first two years of its
    existence

Prestwich Borough Band - Lancashire
    Formed around 1945. Folded in 1992. 4 remaining members joined Radcliffe Band,
    bringing with them music and instruments, which was then renamed the Radcliffe and
    Prestwich Band for a few years.

Prestwich Brass Band (1) - Lancashire
    Active in 1867

Prestwich Brass Band (2) - Lancashire
    See: Prestwich Public Brass Band

Prestwich Brass Band (3) - Lancashire
    Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Prestwich Cleansing Department Band - Lancashire
    Active in the 1900s

Prestwich Public Brass Band - Lancashire
    Founded in 1884, conductor B. Livsey. Bought instruments from the disbanded Rochdale
    Borough Band. Mr Peatfield conductor in 1908.

Prestwich School Brass Band - Lancashire
    Active in the 1880s, conductor W.H. Kelly in 1883

Price's Candle Company Brass Band - Battersea, Surrey
    Active in 1891, conductor T. J. McMullen. The company was founded in 1830, mainly
    based in London with two factories there. The main works were at Battersea.

Price's Candle Company Brass Band - Bromborough Pool, Cheshire
    Active in 1856 to 1897. Conductor Abel Jones in 1856, C. Hull in 1860. The company was
    founded in 1830, mainly based in London. A factory was established at Bromborough
    Pool to be near the palm oil imports at Liverpool.

Pricky Mair Band
    See: Shettleston Brass Band

Pride of Axe Brass Band
    See: Axminster Town Band

Pride of Everton Band - Everton, Lancashire
    Active in 1884

Pride of Lewisham Brass Band - Kent
    Active in 1896. Associated with the local “Sons of Phoenix” lodge (the Pride of
    Lewisham)
Pride of the East Brass Band - Stepney, Middlesex
   Founded in 1882, conductor T. Grimaldi
Pride of the Valley Brass Band - Tongwynlais, Glamorgan
   Active in 1877
Pride Valley Brass - Durham
   [previous name of current band] See: RMT Silksworth Band
Pride Valley Brass
   See: Lord Londonderry’s Volunteer Temperance Band
Priest Lindley Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Lindley Band
Primitive Methodist Band of Hope Brass Band - South Bank, Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active in 1894, conductor Mr Almond
Primitive Methodist Mission Gospel Band - Llwynypia, Glamorgan
   See: Llwynypia Sherwood Mission Band
Primo Windows Band
   See: Grimsby Brass Band
Primrose Brass Band - Clitheroe, Lancashire
   Active in the 1880s, conductor Mr Rippon in 1889
Primrose Brass Band - Ketton, Rutland
   See: Ketton Brass Band
Prince of Wales Brass Band - Gawthorpe, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1867
Prince of Wales Brass Band - Horbury, Yorkshire (West Riding), ## 6 ##, Active in 1868, ## 7 ##,
   Horbury Prince of Wales Brass Band
Prince of Wales Brass Band - Masbrough, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Sheffield Prince of Wales Brass Band
Prince of Wales Brass Band - Worcestershire
   Active in 1867
Prince of Wales Brass Band - Staffordshire
   See: Wednesfield Prince of Wales Temperance Band
Princes End Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s, and also in the 1920s
Princes End Temperance Band - Staffordshire
   See: Prince’s End Brass Band
Princes Street Mission Brass Band - Paddock, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1893
Prince-Smith and Stells Silver Band - Keighley, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1950s and early 1960s. Prince-Smith and Stells were worsted machine
   manufacturers, while Prince-Smith produced over 1.1 million bayonets during WW2.
Princess of Wales’s Own Hussars Band - Ripon, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1867
Princess Royal Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   Active in 1903
Princess Royal Colliery Band - Gloucestershire
   [previous name of current band] See: Bream Silver Band
Princess Street Mission Brass Band - Huddersfield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1894 and 1896
Princetown Brass Band - Devon
  Active in 1862

Priors Marston Wesleyan Mission Brass Band - Warwickshire
  Active in 1892

Priory Foundry Band
  See: Steel and Garland Priory Foundry Band

Priory Works Brass Band - Dartford, Kent
  Active in 1867. The band consisted of workers from J.G. Hepburn & Co., which was a tannery works and leather manufacturer. Still active in 1869

Prittlewell Brass Band - Essex
  Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Prominent Fluid Controls (Newhall) Band - Derbyshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Newhall Band

Prospect Primitive Methodist Mission Band - Sunderland, Durham
  Founded in 1908, conductor Edward P. Bullock

Prospect Silver Band - Swindon, Wiltshire
  Formed in 1908 by a Mr Bullock at the age of 17 years. Organisation passed to his brother to run on his death in 1948. By the 1950's the band was renamed Swindon Town Silver Band. Still active in 1962. The band master from 1948 to 1962 was Bill People.

Prospect Wesleyan Mission Brass Band - West Bowling, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1884

Protheroe’s Cwmcoch Band
  See: Protheroe’s Silver Band

Protheroe’s Silver Band - Carmarthenshire
  Active in the 1900s. Also known as Protheroe's Cwmcoch Band

Providence Congregational Church Brass Band - Uxbridge, Middlesex
  Formed as a drum and fife band in the 1880's, and in 1898 it became a full brass band. It seems to have ceased on the outbreak of war in 1914. The conductor in the later years was Dave Roberts. Also known as Uxbridge Artisans Brass Band and Uxbridge Providence Brass Band

Prudential Sandye Band
  See: Sandye Silver Band

Prudhoe Brass Band - Northumberland
  Active in 1864

Prudhoe Colliery Band - Northumberland
  Formed in the 1900s and did not survive beyond 1914

Prudhoe Temperance Band - Northumberland
  Active in 1894

Pryce-Jones Ltd. Brass Band - Newtown, Montgomeryshire
  Active in the 1880 and 1890s, disbanding in 1905, instruments being sold to Newtown Band. Conductor John Morris in 1884. Pryce-Jones, a draper, established his “Royal Welsh Warehouse” selling Welsh flannel and other goods by mail order - becoming Britain's first large scale mail order business.

Pucklechurch Amateur Brass Band - Somerset
  Active in the 1850s and 1860s. Henry Ford (d. 1861, aged 22) was a drummer in the band
Puddletown Brass Band - Dorset
  Active in the 1880s to the 1920s. Conductor Mr Gover in 1884, Mr Lucas in 1891, A. Drake in 1921, Mr Honeywood in 1928

Pudsey Borough Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1900s to 1930s

Pudsey Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1850s to 1900s (possible overlap with Pudsey Borough Band). Conductor J. Rawcliffe in 1860

Pudsey Fartown Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Founded in 1876

Pudsey Union Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1856

Pudsey United Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1861, conductor R. Burgess

Pudsey West End Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1850s

Pulborough Brass Band - Sussex
  Active in 1851

Pullars Brass Band - Perth, Perthshire
  Formed in 1881 as a works band for the local family-run dyeing and drycleaning organisation.

Pulloxhill Band - Bedfordshire
  Active in 1904

Purbrook Industrial School Band - Hampshire
  Active in 1894, and the early 1900s

Purton Brass Band - Gloucestershire
  Active in 1853, conductor Mr Greenaway, and in the 1870s

Purton Congregational Brass Band - Wiltshire
  Active in the early 1900s

Purton United Temperance Band - Wiltshire
  Active in 1909, conductor R. Davis

Putney Brass Band
  Active in 1885 when it took part in the United Phoenix and Temperance Societies’ first annual Temperance Friendly Societies’ demonstration in Lambeth on 31st May, together with Wandsworth Brass Band.

Pwllheli Brass Band (1) - Caernarfonshire
  Active from 1853 to the 1890s

Pwllheli Brass Band (2) - Caernarfonshire
  Formed on 10th November 1905. Also active in 1949

Quainton Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
  Active in 1853 to 1869

Quaker House Colliery Band - Wigan, Lancashire
  See: Standish Band

Quaker House Colliery Band - Lancashire
  [previous name of current band] See: Standish Band
Quaker Sutherland Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Unite the Union Brass Band

Quarndon Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in 1887

Quarrier’s City Lads Brass Band - Quarriers Village, Renfewshire
   Active in the 1920s, conductor D. McKellar, based at the Orphan Homes of Scotland, a
   self-contained village set up in the 1870s.

Quarrington Hill Temperance Band - Durham
   Formed in the 1890s, probably folded in the 1920s. Conductor W.W. Young in 1899

Quarry Bank Silver Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1960s and 1970s

Quarry Bank Temperance Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1900s, conductor A. Cormack in 1904

Quarter Brass Band - Lanarkshire
   Active in 1892 when it presented a box to Mrs Blair. Conductor A. Bell in 1900

Quarter Colliery Band - Lanarkshire
   Active in the 1880s to 1900s. Conductor George Cornforth in 1908

Quebec and Hamsteels Band - Durham
   Active in 1905

Queen Street Brass Band - Bolton, Lancashire
   Active in 1905, conductor J. Ashworth

Queen Street Brass Band - Hulme, Lancashire
   Active in 1887

Queen Street Mission Band - Bolton, Lancashire
   See: Bolton Temperance Band

Queen Street Temperance Band - Paddock Wood, Kent
   Active in the 1900s

Queen Victoria Seamen's Rest Brass Band
   [no information]

Queenborough Cement Works Band - Kent
   Active in 1902

Queen's Hall Mission Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Founded in 1904, conductor Tom Norman. Active to the 1930s

Queen's Island Brass Band
   See: Harland and Wolff Brass Band

Queen's Own Hussars Band - Worcester, Worcestershire
   Active in the 1900s

Queen's Park Brass Band - Harpurhey, Lancashire
   Active in the 1880s

Queen's Park Congregational Church Brass Band
   See: Queen’s Park Brass Band

Queen's Road Methodist Brass Band - Hurst, Lancashire
   Active in the 1930s

Queensbury Band
   See: Queensbury Music Centre Band
Queensbury Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Formed in the 1840s as the Queenshead Brass Band (the name of the village until it was renamed Queensbury in 1863). Active to around 1870

Queensbury Music Centre Band
   Active from the late 1960s to the late 1980s

Queensferry and Forth Bridge Brass Band
   Active in 1885

Queensferry Brass Band
   Active in 1896 following an attempt to resuscitate it. Still active in 1905

Queensferry Community Brass - West Lothian
   [current band] - Founded in the mid 1970s - Former names: Queensferry High School Band (to early 1990s), Queensferry Youth Band (to 2004)

Queensferry High School Band - West Lothian
   [previous name of current band] See: Queensferry Community Brass

Queensferry Youth Band - West Lothian
   [previous name of current band] See: Queensferry Community Brass

Queenshead Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Queensbury Brass Band

Quinton Brass Band - Worcestershire
   Active in 1889

Quorn and Sileby Band - Leicestershire
   Active before 1880.

Quorn Brass Band - Leicestershire
   See: Quorndon Brass Band

Quorndon Brass Band - Leicestershire
   Active in 1869

R Division Police Brass Band - Woolwich, Kent
   See: Woolwich Police Brass Band

R. Johnson and Nephew Works Band
   See: Richard Johnson and Nephew Ltd Band

R.A. Lister’s Silver Band
   See: Stinchcombe Silver Band

R.A.F. Association Band
   See: Royal Air Force Association Band

R.A.F. Kinloss Voluntary Brass Band - Morayshire
   Active in the 1970s to 1990s

R.A.F. Madley Silver Band
   Active in 1945

R.A.O.B. Brass Band - Barry, Glamorgan
   Founded around 1892, disbanded in 1897

R.A.O.B. Brass Band - Carlisle, Cumberland
   See: Carlisle Buffalo’s Brass Band

R.A.O.B. Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in 1904

R.A.O.B. Brass Band - Swindon, Wiltshire
   Active in the 1920s and 1930s
R.A.S.C. 150th Northumberland Transport Band
   Active in 1965
R.J.B Brass - Harworth, Nottinghamshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Harworth Brass
R.N.A.S. Yeovilton Band
   See: Royal Navy Air Station Yeovilton Band
R.O.F.S.A. (Chorley) Band
   See: Royal Ordnance Factory Social Association Band
Raans County Secondary School Brass Band - Amersham, Buckinghamshire
   Active in the 1960s
Radcliffe and Pilkington Leisure Hour Band
   See: Radcliffe and Pilkington Public Brass Band
Radcliffe and Pilkington Public Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active from the 1870s to 1899. Conductor Robert Jackson in 1885. A successor band (Radcliffe Brass Band) was formed in 1913
Radcliffe and Prestwich Band - Lancashire
   [previous name of current band] See: Radcliffe Brass Band
Radcliffe Borough Band - Lancashire
   [previous name of current band] See: Radcliffe Brass Band
Radcliffe Brass Band - Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottinghamshire
   Active in 1857
Radcliffe Brass Band (1) - Lancashire
   Active in 1862, conductor T. Kirkman
Radcliffe Brass Band (2) - Lancashire
   [current band] - Founded in 1913 - Former names: Radcliffe Brass Band, Radcliffe Prize Band, Radcliffe Borough Band (1935), McKiernan Group Heating Band (197?), East Lancs Paper Group Band (to 1988), Radcliffe Band, Radcliffe & Prestwich Band (1992-2000) - Note: Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. In 1937 the band walked away with the top trophy in their section in the National Championships held in London. They won the 50 guinea shield to keep for 12 months, ten guineas in cash, various instruments and sheet music. The test piece at Alexandra Palace was “Ballads of the 20th century.” In the same competition held the previous year at the Crystal Palace, the band had been disqualified as they had arrived too late, but they still went on to play and were the last band to play at the Crystal Palace before it burned down later that night. The conductor in 1937 was Mr Riley. Still active in 1979, by which time they were called the East Lancs Paper Group Band, when they were being conducted by Malcolm Brownbill and were in the top section. In 1988 the band was in the 3rd section with Darole Barry as conductor when it reverted to its old name of the Radcliffe Band
Radcliffe Close Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1859, when it had a “fraternising meeting” with members of the Besses o’ th’ Barn Band at Radcliffe. Still active in 1864
Radcliffe Close No. 2 Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1860, conductor William Jones
Radcliffe Colliery Band (1) - Northumberland
   Active in 1877, conductor James Bailer, secretary Robert Wood. A successor band was formed in 1893
Radcliffe Colliery Band (2) - Northumberland
  Formed in 1893, later known as Radcliffe Colliery Band, and then Radcliffe Netherton Band. Merged with Amble Town Band in the 1930s to form Amble and Radcliffe Colliery Band. A member at one time was Edward Thirtle, who started his playing career in the North Seaton Band and went on later to be bandmaster of the Broomhill and Chevington Collieries Band. A selection of his family and band photographs have been lodged with the Woodhorn Colliery museum in Ashington, Northumberland. Bandmaster of Radcliffe Colliery Band at one time was William Oswald Pearson, who worked at Hauxley Colliery.

Radcliffe Excelsior Band - Lancashire
  Active in the 1930s and 1940s

Radcliffe Foresters' Brass Band - Lancashire
  Active in 1861, conductor Mr Kirkman

Radcliffe Good Templars Band - Lancashire
  Active in the 1870s. Bandmaster William Wood in 1877

Radcliffe Netherton Band - Northumberland
  See: Radcliffe Colliery Band (2)

Radcliffe Old Band - Lancashire
  Active in the 1880s to 1920s

Radcliffe Public Band - Lancashire
  Active in the 1880s to 1910s

Radcliffe Temperance Band - Lancashire
  Active in the 1880s

Radcliffe-on-Trent Temperance Band - Nottinghamshire
  Active in the 1880s and 1900s. Bandmaster T. Barratt in 1880

Radford Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
  Active in 1852

Radford Excelsior Band - Nottinghamshire
  Active in 1889

Radford Free Church Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
  See: Radford United Methodist Brass Band

Radford Primitive Methodist Band - Nottinghamshire
  See: Radford United Methodist Brass Band

Radford Temperance Band - Nottinghamshire
  See: Radford United Methodist Brass Band

Radford United Methodist Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
  Active in the 1880s and 1890s

Radlett Brass Band - Hertfordshire
  Founded in 1908, conductor J.H. Fletcher. Still active in 1938

Radley Brass Band - Oxfordshire
  Active in 1894 when it played at a May Day celebration at Wick Hall, Radley. Still active in 1900 when it played at the Appleford Flower Show in August.

Radnor Street Schools Mission Brass Band - London
  Active between 1883 and 1904

Radstock Amateur Brass Band - Somerset
  Active in 1910
Radstock Brass Band
   See: Radstock Town Band

Radstock Coal and Wagon Works Brass Band - Somerset
   Active in 1883, bandmaster Mr. Clark.

Radstock Silver Prize Band - Somerset
   Active from the mid-1920s, still active in 1947, folded before 1980.

Radstock Town Band - Somerset
   Active in the 1880s to WW1, conductor Mr. Clark in 1886, George Gould in 1887-1911

Radyr and Morganstown (Melingriffith) Band - Glamorgan
   [previous name of current band] See: City of Cardiff (Melingriffith) Brass Band

RAF St Athan Voluntary Band - Glamorgan
   [current band] - Founded in 1938

Ragley Band
   See: Ragley Sunday School Band

Ragley Sunday School Band
   The old Ragley Band, formed in 1848, was broken up in 1850. Resuscitated in 1851 by Mr
   Briggs of Darwen, but again fell by the wayside. Then Messrs. Chadwick Brothers,
   sewing cotton manufacturers, came to the rescue and provided all expenses and funded
   new instruments in 1882. Started contesting in 1887 and in that first year attended 5
   contests winning 4 prizes, value £50

Railway Associated City Brass Band - Nottingham, Nottinghamshire
   Active in 1906 and 1910 when it played at the Lenton Flower Show.

Railway Foundry Band - Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Bradford Railway Foundry Band

Railway Foundry Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Leeds Railway Foundry Band

Railway Iron Works and Victoria Foundry Saxhorn Band - Litchurch, Derbyshire
   See: Cotton Lane Brass Band

Railway Servants' Brass Band - Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland
   Active in 1896

Railway Servants' Brass Band - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1889

Railway Street Adult School Brass Band - Colne, Lancashire
   Active in 1866

Rainford Silver Band - Lancashire
   [current band] - Founded in 1976

Rainham Band - Essex
   Active in the 1900s, conductor Mr Layzell

Rainham Working Men’s Club Band - Essex
   Active from the mid-1930s to the late 1940s

Rainhill Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1858

Rainow Brass Band - Cheshire
   Active the 1860s and also in the early 1900s
Rainton Brass Band
See: West Rainton Brass Band

Rame Cross Brass Band - Cornwall
Active in the 1920s and 1930s, folded around 1938 or 1939. The closing proceeds of the Band were dedicated to the upkeep of the War Memorial of Edgcumb Methodist Church. The Band had its own “Band room” for practice, now a house.

Rampton Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in the 1850s

Rampton Wesleyan Temperance Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in the 1900s

Ramsbottom and District Brass Band - Lancashire
Active from the 1960s to the 1980s

Ramsbottom Baptist Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1890s

Ramsbottom Brass Band - Lancashire
Active from the early 1860s to the 1930s. Conductor Robert Rutherford in 1885

Ramsbottom Old Brass Band
See: Ramsbottom Brass Band

Ramsbottom Rifles Band - Lancashire
Active from the 1860s to the 1930s

Ramsbury Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active in 1852 to 1869. A successor band was formed in 1900

Ramsbury Methodist Band - Wiltshire
[previous name of current band] See: Ramsbury Silver Band

Ramsbury Primitive Methodist Band - Wiltshire
[previous name of current band] See: Ramsbury Silver Band

Ramsbury Silver Band - Wiltshire
[current band] - Founded in 1900 - Former names: Ramsbury Primitive Methodist Band, Ramsbury Methodist Band (to 1970s)

Ramsden Brass Band - Oxfordshire
Active from the early 1860s to WW1. Conductor Mr Wilkins in 1869. In the minutes of the Ramsden Vestry and Parochial Church Council for 1913 they record agreement that there should be a Garden Fete to raise money for the Church. “The Ramsden Band was asked to provide the music”. At the following meeting it was agreed that the “Ramsden Band should be paid 30/- for their services with their playing commencing at 4.30 pm and that they should provide their own refreshments”! In earlier years there were allegedly two bands in Ramsden - from a pamphlet 'RAMSDEN - The Story of a Wychwood Village' [The Witney Press 1961] D.A.Allport, referring to Club Feasts which took place at Whitsun every year, says “There were stalls and a band playing - there were two bands in Ramsden then - and dancing in the street. Ramsden Feast was held in October and was similar”

Ramsey Brass Band - Huntingdonshire
Active in the 1870s to 1960s. Conductor J. Ball in 1881, Mr Martin in 1884, L. Parker in 1897, T. Greenwood in 1939

Ramsey Brass Band - Isle of Man
Active in 1869
Ramsey Town Band - Huntingdonshire
   See: Ramsey Brass Band

Ramsey Town Band - Isle of Man
   [current band] - Founded in 1981

Ramsey Town Band - Isle of Man
   Founded in 1884, conductor Joseph Cannell. Active to the 1900s. A successor band was formed in 1981

Ramsgate Amateur Brass Band - Kent
   Active in 1850s and 1860s. Conductor Mr Hurst in 1861

Ramsgate Brass Band - Kent
   Active in the 1960s, conductor J. L. Brockman

Ramsgate Endeavour Brass Band - Kent
   Active in the 1900s, conductor A. Franklin in 1904

Ramsgate Schools Brass Band - Kent
   Active in the 1960s

Ramsnest Rangers and North Chapel Brass Band - Ramsnest Common, Surrey
   Active in 1907, 1909

Ramsnest Rangers Band
   See: Ramsnest Rangers and North Chapel Brass Band

Rank Taylor Hobson Band - Leicester, Leicestershire
   Active in the 1980s, conducted by Henry Shipley

Ransome and Marles Band - Newark, Nottinghamshire
   See: Ransome Band

Ransome Band - Newark, Nottinghamshire
   The Band was formed on the 1st November 1937 as the works band of Ransome and Marles, a well-known bearings manufacturer in Newark. In 1970 the band changed its name to the RHP Works Band. In 1980 the company was no longer able to continue its financial support, but fortunately the band was able to secure support firstly from Browns Musical of Lincoln and then Airquick (Newark) Ltd. This lasted through the 80’s until the early 90’s. However 1991 was traumatic in that Airquick (Newark) Ltd was unable to continue with its valuable support. The decline in funds mirrored the Band’s rapid decline and it was a struggle to maintain a band at all. At one point there were only 9 stalwart members remaining. In 1992 the heartbreaking decision was made to dissolve the Band and let the traditional Ransome name lapse. News of the Band’s imminent demise found its way into the local press which raised a package of support which enabled the Band to continue its championship and concert activity for the next few years. In 1994 major sponsorship was received from NSK-RHP (UK) Ltd, who ironically were successors to the original Ransome and Marles. The band ceased contesting in 2008 and folded around 2013.

Ransome Hoffmann Pollard Works Band
   See: Ransome Band

Raploch Brass Band - Lanarkshire
   Active in the 1880s to 1900s, conductor James Hutchens in 1885

Ratby Co-operative Brass Band - Leicestershire
   [current band] - Founded in 1906

Ratcliffe College Brass Band - Ratcliffe on the Wreake, Leicestershire
   Active in 1861
Rathmell Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1859, 1868

Ratho Blue Ribbon Brass Band - Midlothian
   Active from the 1890s to the 1920s

Ratho Brass Band
   See: Ratho Blue Ribbon Brass Band

Raughton Head Brass Band - Cumberland
   Active in 1866, secretary James Wilson

Raunds Secondary Modern School Band - Northamptonshire
   Active in the 1960s

Raunds Temperance Band - Northamptonshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1886

Raunds Temperance Society Brass Band - Northamptonshire
   Active in 1868

Raunds Town Brass Band - Northamptonshire
   Active in the 1860s. Conductor William Noble, leader Owen Smith in 1860.

Ravengill Brass Band - Settle, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1869

Ravenhead Brass Band (1) - Lancashire
   Active in the 1850s to 1859

Ravenhead Brass Band (2) - Lancashire
   Founded around 1882 and active into the the 1900s. Conductor Stephen Goulding in 1888

Ravenhead St John's Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1890s

Ravensthorpe Subscription Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from the 1890s to 1960s. In April 1904 a car driven by a London gentleman name Wendell Holmes, ran into the Ravensthorpe Band in Dewsbury. Ten of the musicians were knocked down, four being rather seriously injured, whilst several instruments were smashed. This was their first march out with a newly-plated instruments.

Ravenstonedale Temperance Band - Westmorland
   Founded in 1857 or 1858

Ravensworth Brass Band
   See: Ravensworth Colliery Band

Ravensworth Colliery Band - Kibblesworth, Durham
   Formed in the 1890s. Disbanded in the 1960s

Rawdon Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from the 1870s to the 1950s

Rawlings’ Brass Band - Marylebone, Middlesex
   See: Messrs Rawlings’ Brass Band

Rawmarsh and Parkgate Youth Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1960 and early 1970s

Rawmarsh Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from the early 1860s to the late 1960s. Conductor W. Roebuck in 1878. Wound up in the courts as of 23rd December 1970

Rawson’s Brass Band - Leicester, Leicestershire
   See: Messrs Rawson and Co.’s Brass Band
Rawtenstall Borough Band
See: Rawtenstall Brass Band

Rawtenstall Brass Band - Lancashire
Active from the late 1860s to the 1900s. Bandmaster Henry Tattersall in the early 1880s

Rawtenstall Temperance Band - Lancashire
Founded in 1888, conductor James Uttley. Active into the 1900s

Rawyards Silver Band - Lanarkshire
Active in the 1960s. Conducted by R Connell in 1964

Rayleigh and District Silver Band - Essex
[previous name of current band] See: Rayleigh Brass

Rayleigh Brass - Essex

Rayleigh Mission Band - Essex
[previous name of current band] See: Rayleigh Brass

Rayleigh Silver Band - Essex
[previous name of current band] See: Rayleigh Brass

Rayleigh Town Band - Essex
[previous name of current band] See: Rayleigh Brass

Read and Simonstone Band (1) - Lancashire
Active in the 1890s to the 1910s. J.R. West secretary and R. Belshaw treasurer in 1905.

Read and Simonstone Band (2) - Lancashire
Formed in 1920. Active through the 1920s. Conductor J. Watts in 1920

Read Brass Band - Padiham, Lancashire
Active in the 1900s and 1910s

Reading Amateur Brass Band - Berkshire
Founded in late 1855 or early 1856. Active in 1857

Reading and Wokingham District School Brass Band - Wargrave, Berkshire
Active in 1894 through to the early 1900s. Conductor L.P. Connor in 1900. The Reading & Wokingham District School for pauper children was established at Wargrave in the early 1850s. The school closed in the early 1900s.

Reading Borough Band - Berkshire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Reading Excelsior Band - Berkshire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Reading Foundry Brass Band - Berkshire
Active in 1860 (Great Western Railway Foundry, Caversham Road). Still active in 1875

Reading Mechanics' Brass Band - Berkshire
Active in the 1870s to 1900s. Conductor C. Rose in 1900

Reading N.U.R. Band - Berkshire
Active in 1921

Reading Philanthropic Brass Band - Berkshire
Active in 1858, conductor S. Nicholls

Reading Primitive Methodist Band - Berkshire
Active in the 1900s, conductor J. Kimber in 1907
Reading Spring Gardens Brass Band - Berkshire
[current band] - Founded in 1899 - Former names: Spring Gardens Wesleyan Band, Spring Gardens (Reading) Band

Reading Teetotal Brass Band - Berkshire
Active in the mid 1840s.

Reading Temperance Prize Band - Berkshire
Founded in 1852. Won the Crystal Palace Challenge Cup and the Southern Counties Shield in 1901. Conductor was T.B. Wicks when it played at the Forbury Gardens during the period of the Royal Agricultural Show on 6th-10th July 1926. At that time they were winners of 43 first prizes and four gold medals and winners of the Southern Counties Band Association Championship for 6 years in succession and Winners again in 1924 and 1925. Still active in 1938. James Henry Lowe played for them during the 1920s and 1930s. Competed in Reed/Military Band sections in some contests.

Reading Wesleyan Band - Berkshire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Reading Working Men's Club Brass Band - Berkshire
Active in 1856

Reaps Moor Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in 1867

Reapsmoor Club Band - Fawfieldhead, Staffordshire
The club was established at the Butcher's Arms in 1835. The band was active in 1862, playing at the club's annual feast in June

Rechabites Brass Band
See: Hoyland Town Silver Prize Band

Red Bank Ragged School Brass Band - Strangeways, Lancashire
Active in 1869, with 35 members receiving instruction every Wednesday evening

Red Bank Temperance Brass Band - Strangeways, Lancashire
Active in 1869

Red Lumb Brass Band - Lancashire
Founded around 1897, still active in 1905

Red Rose Lancaster Band
Formed in the mid-2000s by the merger Red Rose Youth Band in Lancaster with the failing City of Lancaster (Storey's) Band. Only lasted a few years, with some members subsequently breaking away to form the current Lancaster City Brass.

Red Rose Lancaster Brass Band - Lancashire
[current band] - Founded in 1996 - Former names: Red Rose Youth Band

Red Rose Youth Band - Lancaster, Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Red Rose Lancaster Brass Band

Red Street Brass Band - Talke, Staffordshire
Active in the 1930s

Red, White and Blue Ribbon Army Brass Band
See: Bristol Red, White and Blue Ribbon Brass Band

Redbridge (Southampton) Concert Band - Hampshire
Active in the 1970s

Redbridge Brass - Essex
by John Ridgeon and Howard Wallace - the band was previously the top band (of four) in the Redbridge Music School.

Redbridge Brass Band - Essex
[previous name of current band] See: Redbridge Brass

Redbridge Brass Ensemble - Essex
[previous name of current band] See: Redbridge Brass

Redcar Ironworks Band
See: Redcar Steelworks Band

Redcar Rolling Mills Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Formed in the 1890s and folded in 1905. Its instruments were sold to Cockerton Band for £250.

Redcar Steelworks Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Formed in the 1900s and still active in the 1920s

Reddish Band - Lancashire
[current band] - Founded in 1991 - Former names: Reddish Prize Band (to 1996), Reddish Prize Gorton Silver Band, Reddish Prize Band (to 2011), Reddish Safestore Band (to 2012) - Note: Merged with remainder of the disbanded Gorton Silver Band

Reddish Brass Band
See: Reddish Prize Band

Reddish Church Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1896

Reddish Prize Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Reddish Band

Reddish Prize Band - Lancashire
Formed in 1897 and folded in the 1960s. A successor band was formed in 1991

Reddish Prize Gorton Silver Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Reddish Band

Reddish Safestore Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Reddish Band

Redditch and Bromsgrove New Town Band - Worcestershire
Active in the 1970s

Redditch Brass Band - Worcestershire
Active in the 1850s to the 1870s. Conductor Mr Wedgbury in 1864

Redditch Holyoake Brass Band - Worcestershire
Active in the 1920s

Redditch Subscription Band - Worcestershire
Active in 1909

Redditch Town Band - Worcestershire
Active from the 1880s. Conductor Philip Spencer in 1885-1897. Still active in 1918

Redditch Victoria Brass Band - Worcestershire
Active in the 1880s to 1900s

Redgate Boys Silver Band - St Helens, Lancashire
Formed in 1949 by Mr Leo Murphy for boys between the ages of 12-21(ish). Active throughout the south Lancashire / Cheshire area, the band often entered International Music Festivals in Holland and Germany in the 1960's and 1970's and appeared on 'Opportunity Knocks' in 1967(?). Still playing in 1994, two years after Leo Murphy died. Their last official appearance was at the funeral of Leo Murphy December 1992, when
past members joined up with existing members to play together one last time in his memory.

**Redheugh Colliery Band** - Gateshead, Durham
Formed in the 1880s, but folded in the late 1920s. Conductor John Martin in 1909

**Redhill Brass Band** - Surrey
Active in the 1900s. Amalgamated with Redhill Town Band in 1919

**Redhill Farm School Brass Band** - Surrey
See: *Philanthropic Society’s Farm School Band*

**Redhill Men’s Own Band** - Surrey
Founded prior to 1905. Active in the 1900s and 1910s. Conductor Walter Bashford in 1907-1916. Still active in 1916

**Redhill Reformatory School Brass Band** - Surrey
See: *Philanthropic Society’s Farm School Band*

**Redhill Town Band** - Surrey
The Redhill Town Band was formed in 1879 and was formerly called the Holmesdale Band, being then a brass and reed band. Mr F. Day was the secretary and he was actively associated with it when it achieved a high reputation by no means confined to East Surrey. It was largely due to his energy and enthusiasm that the Southern Counties Band Association was formed, and in 1895 he became its Secretary and held that office through many prosperous years. In 1919 the two local bands amalgamated namely Redhill Town Band and the Redhill Brass Band and it was then called Redhill Town Military Band. In 1925 the band attended the Royal Tunbridge Wells Band Contest under Mr. C. J. Wyatt, securing two 1st prizes and four medals. In June in 1927 it changed into a pure brass band under Mr. H. Summers, with Mr. W. H. Day as Secretary. Later. Mr. G. H. Byford took over the conductorship and upon his death he was succeeded by Mr. R. H. C. Young in the 1930s and 1940s. Still active in the 1950s

**Redland Brass Band** - Bristol, Gloucestershire
Founded in 1861, rehearsing at St John's Schoolroom, Durdham Down on Monday evenings, 8 to 10. In 1864 they took part in the processions celebrating the official opening of the Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol. Still active in 1868

**Redland Park Brass Band** - Bristol, Gloucestershire
Active from 1891, conductor S. Rootham. Still active in 1902

**Redlynch Brass Band** - Wiltshire
Active in 1861

**Redmire Brass Band** - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1858 to 1869

**Rednock School Brass Band** - Dursley, Gloucestershire
Active in the 1980s

**Redruth Brass Band** - Cornwall
[previous name of current band] See: *Redruth Town Band*

**Redruth Town Band** - Cornwall
[current band] - Founded in 1850 - Former names: Redruth Town Mission Band (to 1890)
- Note: The band seems to be between 114 and 166 years old and decided to officially celebrate its 150th birthday in 2000 as the letterheads have had “formed in 1850” on them for as many years as any of the current members can remember, but a book written by former member Monty Pearce and former President Denzil Richards states that in February 1890 the band of the Redruth Town Mission situated in King Street Plain-an-
gwary was disbanded. At a subsequent meeting at Mr Wills' Temperance house in Clinton Road the members reformed as the “Town Band”. Although the first actual reference in the local press to a Redruth Band is made in 1838, when reference is made to “The Redruth Amateur Band” which played at various venues and functions. And in 1839 the band played at the first exhibition for the season of the Royal Cornwall Horticultural Society. The band survived both world wars dispite losing both players and the band room!

Redruth Town Mission Band - Cornwall  
[previous name of current band] See: Redruth Town Band

Redruth Town Mission Brass Band - Cornwall  
Active in 1888

Reepham Temperance Band - Norfolk  
[previous name of current band] See: Norfolk Brass

Reepham Town Band - Norfolk  
[previous name of current band] See: Norfolk Brass

Reepham Town Band - Norfolk  
Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Reeth Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)  
[current band] - Founded in 1968

Reeth Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)  
Founded around 1865. Active to the 1930s. Became linked to the local volunteer force in 1873 for a period. Conductor Thomas Gill in 1884. A successor band was formed in 1968

Reeth Friendly United Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)  
Active in 1868. Possibly the same as Reeth Teetotal Brass Band

Reeth Saxhorn Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)  
See: Reeth Brass Band

Reeth Teetotal Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)  
Active in 1862

Reeth Volunteer Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)  
See: Reeth Brass Band

Reg Vardy (Ever Ready) Band - Stanley, Durham  
[previous name of current band] See: Reg Vardy Band

Reg Vardy Band - Stanley, Durham  
[current band] - Founded in 1910 - Former names: Craghead Colliery Band (to 1968), Every Ready GB Band, Berec Ever Ready Band, Ever Ready Band (to 2004), Reg Vardy (Ever Ready) Band

Regent Brass - Willesden, Middlesex  
[current band] - Founded in 1985

Regent Hall Methodist Band - Salford, Lancashire  
Active in the 1950s and 1960s

Regents Park Road Home Band  
See: Camden Boys Home Band

Reid Memorial Silver Band  
See: Reid Memorial Band

Reid Silver Band  
See: Reid Memorial Band
Reigate Borough Band
   See: Borough of Reigate Band

Reigate Brass Band - Surrey
   Active in the 1850s to 1859

Reigate Priory Band - Surrey
   Active from 1904 to 1911. Conductor A. Carden in 1905, M.G. Herbert in 1910

Reigate Silver Band
   See: Reigate Town Silver Band

Reigate Town Silver Band - Surrey
   Active from the 1900s to the 1930s. They performed on Saturday nights in Market Square, by the Old Town Hall. Their rehearsals were held in one of the caves off Tunnel Road. Competed in the SCABA contest in Chichester in April 1927. Originally formed as a brass/reed band they converted to all brass in 1906

Renfrew and Dumbarton Artillery Volunteers Band, 1st - Renfrewshire
   See: 1st Renfrew and Dumbarton Artillery Volunteers Band

Renfrew Burgh Band - Renfrewshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1911 - Note: Formed in 1911, supported by the town council through the common good fund. One of the earliest conducters was Mr. J Peckham, appointed in 1920. During his leadership the band entered and won many contests, with the band being promoted to the top section

Renfrew Schools Brass Band - Renfrewshire
   Active in the 1980s

Renishaw and Oxcroft Collieries Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Renishaw United and Oxcroft Collieries Band
   See: Renishaw and Oxcroft Collieries Band

Renton Brass Band - Dunbartonshire
   Active from the early 1880s until it folded around 1952. Donald McGregor conductor in 1905. The hall that they practiced in was in Back Street and was pulled down for new housing, The uniform was brown with a yellow stripe on the trouser and jacket. They used to play at Boghead Park before the Dumbarton football games,

Renton Instrumental Band
   See: Renton Brass Band

Renwick Brass Band - Cumberland
   Active from 1864 to the 1890s

Resdev Market Rasen Band - Lincolnshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1966 - Former names: Market Rasen Town Band, Market Rasen Band (to 2002), Market Rasen RPC Band (to 2012) - Note: Previous Market Rasen Town Band existed from the 1880s until disbanding at start of WW2

Resolven Brass Band - Glamorgan
   Active from the 1920s to the late 1940s

Reston Brass Band - Berwickshire
   Active in 1882

Retford Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
   Active from the 1840s to the 1890s. Conductor F. Saxby in 1869

Retford Volunteer Band - Nottinghamshire
   Active in the 1890s
Retford Wesleyan Temperance Band - Nottinghamshire
  Active in the 1900s
Revesby Brass Band - Lincolnshire
  Active in 1861
Revo Electric Works Band
  See: Revo Works Brass Band
Revo Works Brass Band - Dudley, Staffordshire
  Formed in 1880 as Tipton St Martins Band, later known as Dudley Port Prize Band and Dudley Port Excelsior Band (active in 1897). Bandmaster J. Roberts in 1907. Became associated with the Revo Works and took their title in 1928. The band’s first broadcast, in 1929, was of two hours in length - a record at that time. Still active into the late 1950s.
Rhayader Brass Band - Radnorshire
  Active in the 1880s
Rheryn Berem Band
  See: Rhosynberem Band
Rhewl Mostyn Brass Band - Flintshire
  Active in 1878
Rhiwderin Brass Band - Monmouthshire
  Active in the 1890s to 1900s
Rhiwlas Brass Band - Caernarfonshire
  Active in the 1870s and 1880s
Rhodes Bleach Works Band - Lancashire
  Active in the 1890s and 1900s - linked to the Bleach and Dye Works at Rhodes, near Middleton.
Rhodian Brass - Chesterfield, Derbyshire
  Formed in 1979 by former members of the William Rhodes School Band as a contesting brass band. Rose to the Championship Section before folding around 2000.
Rhondda Tramways Silver Band
  Active in the 1920s
Rhondda Valley Brass Band - Glamorgan
  Active in the 1890s
Rhos and District Silver Band - Denbighshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Wrexham Brass (Glyndwr)
Rhos Brass Band - Denbighshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Wrexham Brass (Glyndwr)
Rhos Brass Band - Denbighshire
  Founded in 1884. Also known as Rhosllannerchrugog Brass Band. Amalgamated with Rhos Excelsior Band in 1905 to form Rhos Revival Band (forerunner of the current Wrexham Brass)
Rhos Excelsior Brass Band - Denbighshire
  Founded in 1904, conductor Charles Bennett. Amalgamated with Rhos Brass Band in 1905 to form Rhos Revival Band (forerunner of the current Wrexham Brass)
Rhos Prize Silver Band - Denbighshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Wrexham Brass (Glyndwr)
Rhosduddu and Acton Brass Band - Wrexham, Denbighshire
  Active in the 1910s
Rhosddu and Gresford Brass Band - Wrexham, Denbighshire
Active in 1915

Rhosesmor Voel Gaer Band
See: Voel Gaer Brass Band

Rhosgadfan Brass Band - Caernarfonshire
Formed in the early 1900s. Later, this band became known as the Moeltryfan Silver Prize Band. During the years following the first world war the noted musician Maw Cadfan (popularly known as Dolo) took charge of the band, and in a very short time the quarrymen of Rhosgadfan had a band of which they could he justly proud. Apart from being a keen bandsman, Alaw Cadfan was also a composer, a fine accompanist, and choir conductor. At the time of the depression in the early 1930s most of the men of Rhosgadfan were unemployed, but that did not prevent the villagers from building a Village Hall on a plot of land between Rhosgadfan and Penyffridd, mainly through voluntary labour. These were the band’s best years; the gloom of poverty could not diminish the men's enthusiasm. They had plenty of time to practise during the day and there was no difficulty in getting a full rehearsal almost every night of the week. The hall would be full of keen supporters listening intelligently to the strains of ‘Recollections of Verdi’, 'Dawn of Spring' or 'Happy Memories'.

Rhosllannerchrugog Brass Band
See: Rhos Brass Band

Rhosrobin Brass Band
See: Rhosrobin Institute Brass Band

Rhosrobin Institute Brass Band - Denbighshire
Active in the 1890s - joined the Gresford Volunteers Company en bloc in 1895, conductor R.J. Dodd, but remained as Rhosrobin Institute Brass Band. Conductor S. Lloyd in 1899.

Rhostyllen Brass Band - Denbighshire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Rhosynberem Band - Carmarthenshire
Active in the 1910s. Also recorded as Rheryn Berem Band

RHP Works Band - Newark, Nottinghamshire
See: Ransome Band

Rhymney Brass Band - Merioneth
Active in 1869

Rhyl Silver Band - Flintshire
[current band] - Founded in 1877 - Former names: Rhyl Town Band, 3rd Volunteers Royal Welsh Fusiliers Band (1890 to early 1900s)

Rhyl St John Ambulance Band - Flintshire
Active in the 1950s

Rhyl Town Band - Flintshire
[previous name of current band] See: Rhyl Silver Band

Rhymney Brass Band - Monmouthshire
Active from the 1870s to WW1. Conductor S. Radcliffe in 1908

Rhymney Railway Brass Band - Monmouthshire
Active in 1862, conductor James Garrett
Rhymney Silver Band - Monmouthshire
   Active from the 1950s to the 1980s. Conducted by Richard Nash in 1969. Probably renamed as the Hymac Rhymney Band, which went on to win the Welsh Regional Championships (3rd Section) in 1976. A youth band also existed in this period.

Rhymney Workmen's Institute (Hymac Works) Band
   See: Rhymney Silver Band

Rhynie Brass Band - Aberdeenshire
   Active in 1853, conductor Mr Ingram

Ribblesdale Brass Band - Gisburn, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1838 and re-established in 1853. Still active in 1869

Ribchester Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1862

Ribchester Old Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1900s

Ribchester St Wilfred's Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1864. Took part in the Whitsuntide processions in Preston in 1872. Still active in 1904

Ribchester Subscription Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Riccarton Burgh Band - Ayrshire
   Active in 1908

Richard Johnson and Nephew Iron Works Band - Bradford, Lancashire
   Active from the 1920s to the late 1940s

Richardshaw Lane Brass Band - Stanningley, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Formed as Stanningley Primitive Methodist Band in the early 1880s, renamed Richardshaw Lane Brass Band in 1886. Conductor J.A. Riley in 1899. Still active in 1903

Richmond Amateur Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active in 1858 and into the 1860s. Merged with the North Yorkshire Volunteer Band

Richmond Band - Surrey
   See: West London Silver Band

Richmond Borough Band
   See: Richmond Corporation Brass Band

Richmond Corporation Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active from the 1870s to the 1900s. Mr Kerry bandmaster in 1899

Richmond Hill Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
   Active in 1877 and the 1880s

Richmond on Thames Schools Brass Band - Surrey
   Active in the late 1960s to 1980s

Richmond Road Mission Brass Band - Hackney, Middlesex
   Founded in 1906, conductor E. Powell. Linked to the Richmond Road Wesleyan Chapel

Richmond Silver Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active in the 1900s, also the late 1940s and early 1950s

Richmond Workingman's Amateur Brass Band - Surrey
   Active in 1857

Ricklinghall Brass Band - Suffolk
   Active from the 1870s until 1950 when the remaining members joined the Gislingham Band.
**Rickmansworth Brass Band** - Hertfordshire  
Active in 1875

**Rickmansworth Town Band** - Hertfordshire  
Active in the 1890s to the 1900s

**Riddings Band** - Derbyshire  
The village is famous for its two windmills (no longer standing) named Sarah and James after the children of the man who built them. The band was formed in 1970 and rose all the way to the Championship section. It folded in 2007.

**Riddings Brass Band**  
See: **Riddings United Brass Band**

**Riddings Prize Band**  
See: **Riddings United Brass Band**

**Riddings Silver Band**  
See: **Riddings, Somercotes and Leabrooks Silver Band**

**Riddings United Brass Band** - Derbyshire  
Founded in 1899, bandmaster G. Davidson. Active to the 1930s. Conductor J. Woodcock in 1903

**Riddings, Somercotes and Leabrooks Silver Band** - Derbyshire  
Active from the early 1950s to the mid-1960s

**Riddlesden Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
Active in 1864

**Ridgeway Brass Band** - near Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)  
Founded in 1888, some seventy pounds was spent on the instruments and equipment and the Church School was their headquarters. Mr John Keeton was the first conductor, followed by his son-in-law, John Taylor, and then finally by Charles E. Fisher, when the band subsequently folded from lack of recruits.

**Rifle Volunteers Royal Scots Band, 4th**  
See: **4th Rifle Volunteers Royal Scots Band**

**Rigid Containers Group Band** - Northamptonshire  
[previous name of current band] See: **Virtuosi GUS Band**

**Rigside Brass Band (1)** - Lanarkshire  
Active in 1863, 1864

**Rigside Brass Band (2)** - Lanarkshire  
See: **Douglas Colliery Band**

**Rigton Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
Active in 1851, performing at Kirkby Overblow. Probably the North Rigton Brass Band (though it could possibly be East Rigton)

**Rilla Mill Brass Band** - Cornwall  
Active in 1866

**Rillington and Scampston Brass Band**  
See: **Rillington Brass Band**

**Rillington Brass Band** - Yorkshire (East Riding)  
Active in 1847, also from the mid-1880s through to the late 1920s. Cornet players W.H. Spaven and A. Calam in 1893. Still active in 1929.

**Ringland Brass Band** - Norfolk  
Active in the 1920s. Merged with Horsham St Faith Brass Band to form Drayton Band in 1937.
Ringley Church School Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1873, when they headed a procession in June of 1873 to celebrate a Royal visit to Bolton. Still active in 1883, conductor Thomas Seddon.

Ringmer School Brass Band - Sussex
Active in the 1970s

Ringstead Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active from the 1850s to the 1900s. Known as Ringstead Temperance Band in the 1850s and 1860s. Conductor John Knowles in 1860, Fairey Mayes in 1878, J.K. Skinner in 1888

Ringstead Temperance Band - Northamptonshire
See: Ringstead Brass Band

Ringwood and Burley Band - Hampshire
[current band] - Formed in 1970 through the merger of Ringwood Band with the Burley Band

Ringwood Brass Band (1) - Hampshire
Active in the 1850s

Ringwood Brass Band (2) - Hampshire
See: Ringwood Town Band

Ringwood Town Band - Hampshire
Formed in 1887. Merged with Burley Silver Band in 1970 to form Ringwood and Burley Band.

Ripe Brass Band (1) - Sussex
Founded in 1887, conductor Mr Cuthbert. Disbanded in 1888

Ripe Brass Band (2) - Sussex
Formed some time after 1888. Active in 1905

Ripley and Butterley Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in 1869, conductor Mr Sipson

Ripley Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1860, performing at the ceremony to cut the first sod for the new Nidd Valley Railway.

Ripley Hospital Boys Band - Lancaster, Lancashire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Bandmaster Mr Whitehead in 1909. The Ripley Hospital Orphanage was opened in 1864 in Springfield Park as a legacy from the estate of Thomas Ripley, coffee and tea importer

Ripley Primitive Methodist Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Ripley Town Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in the 1890s

Ripley United Band - Derbyshire
Active from the 1890s to the 1950s. Took part in the 44th Annual Temperance procession on Whit Monday in 1915. Starting from Somercotes, a sea of banners, flags and gaily decorated floats proceeded through Leabrooks and Riddings, gathering strength as it marched, and parading the village of Ironville before winding its way up to the Jessop Monument in Codnor Park. Won the Crystal Palace Shield in 1922 and 1923. By then they had won 17 firsts, 11 seconds, 3 thirds and 20 special prizes. Under the name of Ripley United Silver Prize Band (conductor W.J. Saint) it entered the Spondon contest in 1926. Winners of the 'Daily Sketch' Cup and Junior Championships, 3rd Section, at the Crystal Palace on 27th September 1930.
Ripley United Silver Prize Band
   See: Ripley United Band

Ripon City Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [current band] - Founded in 1860 - Former names: Ripon City Prize Band, Ripon City Silver Band, City of Ripon Band

Ripon City Silver Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Ripon City Band

Ripon Excelsior Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1868

Ripon Temperance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1868

Rippingdale Brass Band - Lincolnshire
   Active in the 1900s

Rippin's Brass Band - Boston, Lincolnshire
   Active in 1890, conductor Mr Rippin

Rippin's Juvenile Brass Band - Lincolnshire
   See: Boston Juvenile Brass Band

Ripponden Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1860s to 1880s

Ripponden Carriers Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1856. Merged with Hudderfield Brass in 2006 to form Huddersfield and Ripponden Brass

Ripponden Motors Band
   See: Ripponden Carriers Brass Band

Ripponden Ryburn Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1868

Ripponden Victoria Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1860s

Ripponden Village Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1890/1990

Ripton Brass Band - Huntingdonshire
   Founded in 1864

Risca North Colliery Band - Monmouthshire
   Formed in 1871, with William Palmer as bandmaster. The colliery itself was only opened that year and continued to produce coal until 1963. Some of its members went on to found the Crosskeys Prize Band in 1902

Risca Town Military Band - Monmouthshire
   Active in the 1880s to 1914. Some of its members went on to found the Crosskeys Prize Band in 1902

Rise Carr Rolling Mills Band - Darlington, Durham
   Active in the 1890s. Conductor W.S. Crowther in 1899. Disbanded in 1905. Its silver-plated instruments were purchased by the Cockerton Brass Band, which then renamed itself the Cockerton Silver Band.

Riseley and Raunds Brass Band - Bedfordshire
   Active in 1867

Riseley Brass Band - Bedfordshire
   Active in 1860, 1863, 1910
Rishton Public Band

See: Rishton Subscription Band

Rishton Subscription Band - Lancashire

Active from the 1870s to the 1930s. Lancashire Quarter Sessions - Preston, Midsummer 1904 - “Notice and grounds of appeal of Walter Albert Duckworth, weaver, and Secretary of Rishton Brass Band Institute, and Joshua Duckworth, steward, against order that the club be struck off the register of clubs following complaint of John Smith McKeand of Church, superintendent of police” Then, “Order of the Court of Summary Jurisdiction that Rishton Brass Band Institute be struck off the register of clubs for habitually contravening the rules”

Rishworth and Ryburn Valley Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)

Founded in 1869. Active to the 1920s. Known as Rishworth Brass Band until the 1890s

Rishworth Brass Band

See: Rishworth and Ryburn Valley Brass Band

Rishworth Subscription Band

See: Rishworth and Ryburn Valley Brass Band

Rising Star Lifeboat Crew Brass Band - Lancashire

[previous name of current band] See: Barrow Steelworks Band

Rising Sun Colliery Band - Wallsend, Northumberland

See: WallSEND Colliery Band

Rising Sun Temperance Brass Band - Barrow-In-Furness, Lancashire

Active in 1886, conductor W. Bennett

Rist’s Cable Works Band - Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire

Active in the 1950s to mid-1960s. In 1952 they organised their own slow melody contest. Conducted by William Skelton in the 1960s.

Rist’s Wires and Cables Band

See: Rist’s Cable Works Band

Rivenhall Excelsior Brass Band - Essex

Active in 1890, conductor I. Brook

Riverside Brass

See: South Side Brass

Riviera Concert Brass - Torquay, Devon

[current band] - Founded in 2005 - Note: Formed by some of the members of the former Band of the Devon & Cornwall Constabulary

Rivington and Adlington Brass Band - Lancashire

[current band] - Founded in 1864

RMT Easington Colliery Band - Durham

[previous name of current band] See: Easington Colliery Band

RMT Silksworth Band - Durham


RMT Silksworth Band

See: Lord Londonderry’s Volunteer Temperance Band

RNAS Yeovilton Band

See: Royal Navy Air Station Yeovilton Band
RNR (Clyde Division) Brass Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
Active in the 1900s to the 1950s

RNR (Tay Division) Brass Band - Tayport, Fife
Active from the 1910s to WW2, and the from the 1960s to the 1980s. Won the 4th Section National Championships in 1973. Known as Dundee RNVR Band in its early years.

Road Amateur Brass Band - Somerset
See: Rode Brass Band

Road and Beckington Brass Band - Somerset
See: Rode and Beckington Brass Band

Roade Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in 1863 when it took part in a summer festival in July in the village. Also in 1875. There may also have been a band around 1937 connected to the local manufacturer - “Pianoforte Supplies Ltd”

Roade Secondary School Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in the 1970s

Roadwater Brass Band - Somerset
Formed in 1878 and were still active in 1933. Mark Bodenham recounts, “my great-grandad, Tom Ridler, was the bandmaster and I have a few pictures of the band including one with my grandad, Reg Ridler, with his father and 7 brothers!” In 1933, The father, Mr. T. Ridler, who was in his 69th year, was the conductor. The youngest member was 12, and was a cornet player, like his father. The other playing members of the family were T. Ridler, jun., solo cornet; R. Ridler, second cornet; B. Ridler, baritone; W. Ridler, euphonium; C. Ridler, bombardon; and S. Ridler, drums. All were taught by their father. Bandmaster Ridler, as a young man, joined the once famous Bridgtown Brass Band, of whom he became conductor. He played also in Dulverton and Bampton Bands, and was a founder of Roadwater Band.

Roath Wesleyan Brass Band - Glamorgan
Active in 1893, conductor J. Matthews

Roberts Bakery Band - Cheshire
[current band] - Former names: Middlewich Town Band (to 1980)

Robertsbridge Brass Band - Sussex
Active in the 1890s through to the 1920s

Robin Hood Brass Band - Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire
Active in the 1890s

Robin Hood Brass Band - Chester, Cheshire
Active in the 1870s to 1880s

Robin Hood Brass Band - Cinderford, Gloucestershire
Active in mid-1850s

Robin Hood Brass Band - Cuddington,
See: Cuddington Brass Band

Robin Hood Brass Band - Lambley,
See: Lambley Robin Hood Brass Band

Robin Hood Brass Band - Nottingham, Nottinghamshire
See: Robin Hood Rifles Band

Robin Hood Brass Band - Wakefield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
[no information]
Robin Hood Rifles Band - Nottingham, Nottinghamshire
   Active in the 1870s to 1900s. Conductor A.S. Redgate in 1888

Rocester Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active from the 1850s to the 1950s

Rocester Saxhorn Band
   See: Rocester Brass Band

Rochdale Amateur Brass Band (1) - Lancashire
   See: Rochdale Rifles Band

Rochdale Amateur Brass Band (2) - Lancashire
   Instituted in 1879, still active in 1888. It promoted a band contest every year from 1881 to 1887

Rochdale and District Brass Band - Lancashire
   Founded in 1903, with players selected from other local bands, conductor Joseph Thompson

Rochdale Band - Lancashire
   Formed in the 1950s as Rochdale Borough Youth Brass Band, became Rochdale Band in 1964, then Rochdale Wilsons Band 1979-1985, reverting to Rochdale Band until 1995 when taking the name Rochdale Dunphy Combustion Band, shortly before disbanding. A successor Rochdale Borough Youth Band was formed in the mid-1990s

Rochdale Borough Band - Lancashire
   Founded in 1840 as a brass and reed band, converting to all brass in 1876, conductor John T. Holt. When it disbanded in 1884 its instruments were sold to the Prestwich Public Brass Band

Rochdale Borough Corporation Temperance Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1861

Rochdale Borough Youth Band - Lancashire
   [current band] - Founded in 1994 - Former names: Rochdale Intermediate Brass Band

Rochdale Borough Youth Brass Band
   See: Rochdale Band

Rochdale British Legion Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1940 and 1950s

Rochdale Cadets Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1930s

Rochdale Druids Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1860, 1862

Rochdale Dunphy Combustion Band
   See: Rochdale Band

Rochdale Harmonic Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1856, conductor Frederick Stock

Rochdale Healey Hall Band - Lancashire
   See: Healey Hall Brass Band

Rochdale Intermediate Brass Band - Lancashire
   [previous name of current band] See: Rochdale Borough Youth Band

Rochdale Metropolitan Youth Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1970s and 1980s

Rochdale Old Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1880s to WW1
Rochdale Platting Public Band
   See: Platting Public Band

Rochdale Police Band - Lancashire
   Founded in 1882, conductor Mr Dawson. Still active in 1914

Rochdale Postal Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1900s, conductor G.F. Wilde in 1904

Rochdale Public Brass Band - Lancashire
   Originally formed as Platting Public Band in the 1870s. Became Rochdale Public Band around 1888. Active to the 1930s. Conductor Thomas Hamer in 1881, John Holt in 1885

Rochdale Rifles Band - Lancashire
   Formed as the 24th Lancashire Rifle Volunteers Band in the 1850s. Became Rochdale Amateur Brass Band in 1864, secretary Ernest Cheetham. Still active into the early 1870s. Disbanded some time before 1879 when a successor band was formed.

Rochdale Scout Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1918

Rochdale Temperance Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1862 to 1867

Rochdale Wilsons Band
   See: Rochdale Band

Roche Brass - Cornwall
   [current band] - Founded in 2012

Rochester and Strood Temperance Band - Kent
   Active in the 1900s, conductor Mr Green in 1903, bandmaster Mr Arthrell

Rochester Brass Band - Kent
   Active in the 1880s

Rochester City Band
   See: Hobourn Aero Works Band

Rock Brass Band - Wellington, Shropshire
   Active in the 1890s

Rockcliffe Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1860

Rockingham Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [current band] - Founded in 1850 - Former names: Wharncliffe Silkstone Colliery Band (to 1905), Rockingham Colliery Band (to mid-1920s), Wharncliffe Silkstone Colliery Band (to late 1960s), Osbourne Rockingham Band, W Harrison Transport (Rockingham) Band

Rockingham Colliery Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Rockingham Band

Rockland and District Brass Band - Norfolk
   Active in the 1930s

Rodbourne Cheyney Brass Band - Wiltshire
   Active in the late 1900s

Rode and Beckington Brass Band - Somerset
   Active in 1862

Rode Brass Band - Cheshire
   See: Odd Rode Brass Band

Rode Brass Band - Somerset
   Active from 1860 to the 1890s
Rode Hall Silver Band - Cheshire  
[current band] - Founded in 1880 - Note: Originally founded in 1837 as a Drum & Fife Band. One of its duties was to lead Parishioners from the Rode Heath to Astbury Church - some distance away. The current Band are not sure if this was on a regular basis or just special occasions. The Band changed to Brass in 1880 under the aegis of Randle Wilbraham of Rode Hall. In 1900 the Band paraded through the village to celebrate the relief of Mafeking and again at the end of the Boer War in 1902. Henry Pierpoint (1846-1925) was conductor Rode Hall Band 1880-1920 and co-founder in 1880.

Rode Heath Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in the 1880s

Roding Valley Band - Essex
Active in 1907

Rodley Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active in 1864

Roe Green Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1868

Roffey Mission Band - Sussex
[no information]

Rogerstone Band - Monmouthshire
[current band] - Founded in 1948 - Note: Initially formed as a wind band but soon converted wholly to brass

Rogerstone Institute Band - Monmouthshire
Active in the 1900s

Roke and Benson Brass Band - Oxfordshire
[current band] - Founded in 1887 - Former names: Roke Temperance Band (1887), Roke & District Brass Band - Note: Formed as drum and fife band in 1882 - changed to brass in 1887.

Roke and District Brass Band - Oxfordshire
[previous name of current band] See: Roke & Benson Brass Band

Roke Temperance Band - Oxfordshire
[previous name of current band] See: Roke & Benson Brass Band

Rolfe's Brass Band - Islington, Middlesex
See: Messrs Rolfe & Harris’ Brass Band

Rolleston Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in the 1880s

Rolls Royce (Crewe Division) Band - Cheshire
Active in the 1940s

Rolls Royce (Derby) Band - Derbyshire
[current band] - Founded in 1935

Rolls Royce (Derby) Training Band - Derbyshire
[previous name of current band] See: Newmount Brass

Rolls Royce (Northern Factories) Band - Barnoldswick, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Had a brief but successful existence during the 1950’s and 60’s competing at Belle Vue on numerous occasions (Senior Trophy).

Rolls-Royce (Coventry) Band - Warwickshire
[previous name of current band] See: Jaguar Land Rover Band
Rolvenden Brass Band - Kent
  Active in 1911

Romaldkirk Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
  Active in 1856 to 1869

Romford Borough Band
  See: Romford Town Band

Romford Brewery Brass Band (1) - Essex
  Active in 1861. Consisting of young workmen from the Star Brewery (Ind Coope). Still active in 1864 (16 members). Presumed to have folded shortly thereafter, prior to 1867

Romford Brewery Brass Band (2) - Essex
  Established in early 1867, with 23 performers, by J. Davies, conducted by Mr Phemister. Still active in 1869

Romford Silver Prize Band - Essex
  Active in 1928, and in 1935, when it provided a wreath to the funeral of James Hawkins, founder of Romford Town Band.

Romford Town Band - Essex
  Active from the 1880s to the 1980s. Founded by James Henry Hawkins (1856-1935) and Councillor Poole. Hawkins was the Bandleader for many years. From the Police Review Newspaper, 19 Nov 1909: “Essex Constable appointed Bandmaster.- The Romford Town Band Committee have appointed PC Dawkins, of the Essex Constabulary, to be their bandmaster. PC Dawkins is already conductor of the Romford Orchestral Society, a large flourishing body.” He had a musical training at Kneller Hall, the Military College of Music, and retired from the Army with the rank of band corporal. He saw service in Egypt, and was the holder of the Khedive Star with bar and the Queen's Silver Medal. He was in the battles of El Teb and Tammaai. Altogether he was thirteen years with the Hussars. On leaving the Army he joined the Essex Constabulary, and in 30 years' service was stationed at Southend, Collier Row, Harold Wood, and Romford, where he was divisional clerk for 15 1/2 years. In 1915 he retired on pension. He was passionately fond of music, and with the late Mr. W. Poole, J.P., inaugurated the Romford Town Band. For 25 years he was bandmaster, and was succeeded by his son, Mr. H. C. Dawkins”

Romiley and Bredbury Brass Band
  See: Bredbury and Romiley Brass Band

Romiley Brass Band
  See: Bredbury and Romiley Brass Band

Romsey Brass Band - Hampshire
  Active in 1858

Romsey Town Band - Hampshire
  Active in the early 1900s, bandmaster E. Tuck

Roneo Alcatel Band
  See: Hanwell Band

Roneo Vickers Band
  See: Hanwell Band

Rooden Lane Brass Band - Prestwich, Lancashire
  Active in the 1880s to 1900s

Rookhope Brass Band - Durham
  Active from the 1830s to the 1900s
Rookhope Saxhorn Band  
See: Rookhope Brass Band

Rookhope Wesleyan Brass Band - Durham  
Active in the 1870s - contemporary with the Rookhope Brass Band

Roose Brass Band - Lancashire  
Active in the early 1900s

Rootes Royal Band - Goudhurst?, Kent  
In existence before and after 1887. Legend has it that they gained their “Royal” title by coming first in a band competition in 1872, in front of Prince Alfred, the first Duke of Edinburgh. The mainstay of this particular band was William Rootes and five of his sons, although there were other non-family members.

Ropley Brass Band - Hampshire  
Active in the 1900s

Ropsley Brass Band - Lincolnshire  
Active in 1859

Roscoe Band - Liverpool, Lancashire  
Active in the 1880s

Roscroggan Brass Band - Cornwall  
Active in the 1870s

Rose Hill and Gilsland Union Brass Band - Northumberland  
Active in 1860, consisting of 14 members, practising at the Rose Hill Hotel, Gilsland. Treasurer and secretary, John Smith

Rose Hill Brass Band - Bolton, Lancashire  
Active in 1859, conductor Robert English. Still active in 1866

Rose Hill Brass Band - Wellington?, Shropshire  
Active in the 1890s

Rose of England Brass Band - Gorton, Lancashire  
Active in 1869, conductor Allen Blackshaw. Probably linked to a local lodge of the United Free Gardeners

Rosedale Abbey Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)  
Active in 1888

Rosedale Abbey Temperance Band  
See: Rosedale Abbey Brass Band

Rosedale Blue Ribbon Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)  
Active in the 1880s to 1900s

Rosedale Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)  
Active in 1853, 1865, 1886 and 1900

Rosedale Temperance Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)  
See: Rosedale Blue Ribbon Brass Band

Rosehill Band of the Salvation Army Assurance Society - Reading, Berkshire  
Formed September 1939.

Rosewell Brass Band - Midlothian  
Active in the 1860s to 1880s

Rosherville Brass Band - Kent  
Active in 1851 to 1868. Possibly linked to the Rosherville Gardens “amusements” in the late 1860s
Ross Brass Band - Herefordshire
   See: Ross-on-Wye Town Band (1)

Ross Town Band - Herefordshire
   See: Ross-on-Wye Town Band (2)

Rossett Brass Band - Denbighshire
   Active in the 1890s. Conductor William Reed in 1895

Rossett Church Brass Band - Denbighshire
   Founded in 1882, conductor C.A. Stephenson. Conductor E. Woolrich in 1887.

Rossington Colliery Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Records of the band from 1922-1931 are held by the Lincolnshire Archives. Known as Rossington Colliery Welfare Silver Prize Band in 1959, and later known as Polypipe (Rossington) Band. Also known as: Rossington Colliery (Perry's) Band, Rossington Colliery (Plas Vent) Band, Rossington Colliery (Pozament) Band, and Rossington Main Colliery Band. The band folded around 2000.

Rossington Main Colliery Welfare Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Rossington Colliery Band

Rosslyn Hill Brass Band - Hampstead, Middlesex
   Founded as early as 1866, played on summer Saturday evenings on Hampstead Heath in the 1880s/90s. Conductor George Sawyer in 1891. Originally known as Rosslyn Hill Working Men's Association Band

Rosslyn Hill Working Men's Association Band - Hampstead, Middlesex
   See: Rosslyn Hill Brass Band

Ross-on-Wye Town Band - Herefordshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1985 - Note: A former Ross Band folded in 1973. We are not a contesting Band because the demands of high level competition can put a strain on players and their families. We enjoy playing and entertaining people which brings its own rewards. As well as playing at local fetes etc. we have played for the Lords Lieutenant of Hereford and Gloucester and Sir John Harvey Jones, who was our President for some years. We have participated in the making of a promotional video for Sainsbury's Supermarkets. The Band has also travelled to Betzdorf, Germany and Conde, France with the Ross Twinning Associations

Ross-on-Wye Town Band (1) - Herefordshire
   Formed in the 1850s, it played at the opening of Ross Railway Station in 1855. It probably folded during the Great War.

Ross-on-Wye Town Band (2) - Herefordshire
   Formed in 1924 by Benson Dare the Town Crier - every shilling he earned “crying” he put into the band fund. Conductor G. Prickett and secretary J.J. Preedy in 1931. There was a break in 1940 for the duration of the war and the band folded in 1973. A successor band was formed in 1985.

Rosyth Dockyard Brass Band - Fife
   Founded in 1917. Active into the 1920s

Rosyth Garden City and Dockyard Subscription Band - Fife
   See: Rosyth Dockyard Brass Band

Rother Vale Brass Band - Treeton, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Rotherdale Brass Band

Rother Valley Youth Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1970s
Rotherfield Brass Band - Sussex
Formed in 1839 with “respectable young men of the area”. Still active in 1888

Rotherham and Masbrough Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1870s and the 1910s

Rotherham and Masbrough Prince of Wales Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1869

Rotherham Blue Ribbon Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Rotherham Borough Band

Rotherham Borough Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
The band was established in 1884 as Rotherham Blue Ribbon Band, a temperance band, bandmaster Joseph Cunningham. The first contest entered into was at Totley Gardens in 1887, where the band received plenty of applause, but no prize. In the early part of 1889, Mr. Fenton Renshaw was engaged as professional conductor, and almost immediately the band entered upon a fresh and decisive era in its history. Totley was again visited in 1890, this time under different conditions, carrying off second prize. The high standard of the band was well maintained up to 1896, indeed some of the best performances were accomplished in the course of the season. The most conspicuous were at Carlisle, when they divided the first and second with the famous Black Dyke, and at the Manchester July contest, when they were awarded premier honours. Altogether, 15 prizes were won, which included 11 firsts, two seconds, one third, one fourth, also three medals, a trombone, a cornet, and the Buxton Challenge Cup, value 50 guineas. The band was still active in the 1930s

Rotherham Borough Temperance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Rotherham Borough Band

Rotherham Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1865, conductor Mr Poulter. Still active in 1867

Rotherham Gospel Mission Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1890s, disbanding in 1897

Rotherham Locomotive Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1868

Rotherham Main Colliery Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Canklow Brass Band

Rotherham Temperance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Founded in 1882. In 1897 won the quickstep march contest held in Doncaster, as part of the Agricultural Show at the Racecourse, on 30 June 1898 (yielding the test piece and own choice contests to Besses and Black Dyke Bands)

Rotherham Town Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)

Rotherham Town Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1989 - Amalgamation of Whiston Brass Band and Rotherham Town Band

Rotherham Volunteers Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1880s

Rotherhithe Men’s Own Band - Surrey
Active in the 1900s and 1910s. Conductor Tom Morgan in 1908
Rothervale Brass Band - Treeton, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Possibly linked to the Rother Vale group of collieries.
Bandmaster H. Fieldsend in 1895. Secretary W.H. Littlewood in 1903

Rothes Brass Band - Morayshire
Active in 1861. New set of instruments in 1864, when their instructor was Mr Johnston.
Still active in 1867

Rothesay Amateur Brass Band - Buteshire
Active in the 1870s

Rothwell Albion Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in 1864. In 1888 it received a new set of instruments from Silvani and Smith, London, costing £170. [6 Bb cornets, 1 Eb cornet, 3 tenor horns, two baritones, 1 euphonium (4-valve), 2 tenor trombones, 1 bass trombone, 2 Eb bombardons, 1 double-B monster]. Still active until the late 1950s.

Rothwell Band
See: Rothwell Temperance Band

Rothwell Chapel Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in the 1860s

Rothwell Church Brass Band
See: Rothwell Chapel Brass Band

Rothwell Congregational Mission Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in 1894

Rothwell Haigh Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1870s and 1880s

Rothwell Mission Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in 1890

Rothwell Model Band
See: Rothwell Old Band

Rothwell Old Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the 1850s. Originally Rothwell Model Band until 1881, it was still active until the late 1960s. Secretary Thomas Bennett in 1885

Rothwell Rifles Band - Northamptonshire
Active in the 1900s

Rothwell Saxhorn Band - Northamptonshire
Active in the 1860s

Rothwell Temperance B Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Rothwell Temperance Band

Rothwell Temperance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)

Rothwell Temperance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in 1881, became Wallace Arnold Rothwell Band in 1991, before reverting to Rothwell Band, then merging with DUT Yorkshire Imperial Band in 1999 to form DUT Yorkshire Imperial Rothwell Band. (A new Rothwell Temperance Band arose out of the Rothwell Temperance 'B' Band, taking the name in 1991)

Rothwell Temperance Junior Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Rothwell Temperance Band
Rothwell Town Brass Band - Northamptonshire
   Founded in 1886, conductor J.T. Butlin. Active to the 1900s

Rough Lea Colliery Band - Hunwick, Durham
   Formed in the 1890s and still active in the 1920s

Roughdale’s Brass Band
   See: Roughdale’s Fire Clay Company Brass Band

Roughdale’s Fire Clay Company Brass Band - St Helens, Lancashire
   Active in the 1880s and 1890s. Conductor George Beesley in 1881

Roundwood Park School Brass Band - Harpenden, Hertfordshire
   Active in the 1960s

Rover Band
   See: Morris Motors Band

Rowlands Gill Band - Durham
   Probably associated with the Lilley Drift mine at this village. Formed in the 1900s. Still active in 1907

Rowledge Brass Band - Surrey
   Active in the early 1900s

Rowntree Mackintosh Band - York, Yorkshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Shepherd Building Group Brass Band

Rowntree Works Band - York, Yorkshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Shepherd Building Group Brass Band

Rowntree’s Band - York, Yorkshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Shepherd Building Group Brass Band

Rowntree’s Cocoa Works Band - York, Yorkshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Shepherd Building Group Brass Band

Rowsham Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
   Active in the 1900s to 1920s. A successor band was formed in 1999, active in the local community playing at fetes, garden parties and the like.

Roxton Brass Band - Bedfordshire
   [no information]

Royal Air Force Association Band - Sale, Cheshire
   Active in the 1980s

Royal Albert Asylum Brass Band - Lancaster, Lancashire
   Active from the 1870s to the 1900s. Conductor C. Godfrey Jones in 1876, with 20 instrumentalists, when it gave a concert including “Der Freischutz” . Conductor B. Vere in 1887. The hospital opened in 1870 and in 1884 the hospital was renamed as the “Royal Albert Asylum for the Care, Education and Training of Idiots, Imbeciles and Weak-Minded children and Young Persons of the Northern Counties”. The band was still active in 1910.

Royal Albert Brass Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
   Active in the 1860s to 1867

Royal Albert Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
   Active in 1846

Royal Albert Orphan Asylum Brass Band - Camberley, Surrey
   Active in the 1870s and 1900s, conductor W.A. Allen in 1903. The orphanage was opened in 1864 in an unfinished mansion, Collingwood Court, in 200 acres near Bagshot. In 1876
the band performed at a dinner with the Lord Mayor of London at which £2,500 is raised for the school (£200,000 at current value).

**Royal Alexandra Brass Band**

See: *Wivenhoe Alexandra Brass Band*

**Royal Alhambra Brass Band** - London

A professional brass band which served the various entertainments at the Alhambra Palace, London in the 1850s and 1860s

**Royal and Ancient Order of Buffalos Brass Band**

See: *R.A.O.B. Brass Band*

**Royal Artillery Amateur Brass Band** - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)

Active in 1858

**Royal Artillery Association Brass Band** - Bournemouth, Hampshire

See: *Bournemouth Royal Artillery Association Band*

**Royal Artillery Association Brass Band** - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)

Active in the 1940s and 1950s

**Royal Asylum for the Blind Brass Band** - Glasgow, Lanarkshire

Active in the 1850s and 1860s, and 1902/1908, based at 100 Castle Street, Glasgow. Conductor Robert Scott in 1863. Still active in 1928-1934, conducted by Thomas Scott. In the 1850s the band consisted of 14 players from the male adult workers at the asylum

**Royal Blind Asylum Brass Band** - Glasgow, Lanarkshire

Active at various times between the early 1880s and the 1960s, with several gaps. Disbanded in 1889, reformed in 1895, bandmaster Thomas Bowie. Conductor Walter Gilroy in 1906. Active in the 1940s/1950s. Probably folded in the 1960s.

**Royal Blind Asylum Brass Band** - Glasgow, Lanarkshire

See: *Royal Asylum for the Blind Brass Band*

**Royal Boston Harmonic Band**

See: *Boston Harmonic Brass Band*

**Royal British Legion (Lincolnshire) Band** - Lincolnshire

[previous name of current band] See: *Spalding Brass*

**Royal British Legion (Spalding) Band** - Lincolnshire

[previous name of current band] See: *Spalding Brass*

**Royal British Legion Victory Brass Band** - Portsmouth, Hampshire

[current band] - Founded in 1980

**Royal Buckley Town Band** - Flintshire

[current band] - Founded in 1820 - Former names: Buckley Brass Band (to 1890). Conductor William Griffiths in 1863

**Royal Conwy Brass Band**

See: *Conwy Brass Band*

**Royal Denbigh Volunteer Band**

See: *Denbigh Guard Brass Band*

**Royal Deptford Brass Band** - Kent

See: *Deptford Brass Band*

**Royal Doulton Band**

Formerly known as the North Staffordshire Concert Band (to 1973), it disbanded in 1995

**Royal Doulton Brass Band** - Staffordshire

[previous name of current band] See: *Trentham Brass Band*
Royal Earlswood Hospital Brass Band - Redhill, Surrey
Active in 1864. A list exists of members of the brass band in 1885 (surnames and instruments) with a note that they are to be paid £2 per annum in addition to their ordinary wages. Also known as the Royal Earlswood Hospital Patient's Band

Royal Eastern Counties Asylum Band
See: Band of the Royal Eastern Counties Asylum

Royal Engineers (Chorlton-cum-Hardy) Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1930s

Royal Engineers (Llanelli) Band - Carmarthenshire
Active in the 1910s

Royal Engineers 42nd Division T.A. Band - Manchester, Lancashire
Active in the 1950s and 1960s

Royal Engineers 43rd Wessex Division T.A. Band - Bath, Somerset
Active in the 1960s

Royal Excelsior Brass Band - Windsor,
Active in 1874, conducted by J. Pike

Royal Flying Corps Aircraft Park Band - Ascot, Berkshire
Active in 1917

Royal Fusiliers (1st Cadet Battalion)
See: 1st Cadet Battalion Royal Fusiliers [City of London Regiment] Band

Royal Gardens Brass Band - North Woolwich, Essex
Active in 1868. A professional band based at the Royal Gardens, North Woolwich

Royal George Brass Band - Greenfield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the 1870s to the 1910s

Royal Gloucestershire Hussars (T.A.) Band - Gloucester, Gloucestershire
Active from the early 1960s. Disbanded in 1968, and after negotiation with the M.O.D. the instruments were purchased and most of the former R.G.H. bandsmen, together with other local players, formed the City of Gloucester Band.

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors Band - Berkshire
[previous name of current band] See: Watership Brass

Royal Leamington Good Samaritan Brass Band - Warwickshire
A temperance band active in 1869, secretary J. Robbins

Royal Leamington Spa Brass Band
See: Leamington Royal Spa Brass Band

Royal Leamington Spa Mechanics Band
See: Leamington Mechanics Band

Royal Leamington Spa Silver Band - Warwickshire
[previous name of current band] See: Royal Spa Brass

Royal Leamington Spa Silver Band - Warwickshire
Formed around the end of 1954, when the Kenilworth Town Band folded and some of its players set up this band. Around 1957 the remaining members of Cubbington Silver Band amalgamated with the band, together with some members from the Bishops Itchington Imperial Band. It went into decline from 1960 and ceased as a band in 1972. A successor band was formed a year later.

Royal Leamington Spa Victory Band - Warwickshire
Founded in 1919, bandmaster G.H. Reid
Royal Naval Association Brass Band - Ramsgate, Kent
   Active in the 1990s
Royal Naval Reserves (Loco Works) Band
   See: RNR (Clyde Division) Brass Band
Royal Naval Volunteer Band (Bristol Division)
   [no information]
Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
   See: RNR (Clyde Division) Brass Band
Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Band - Tayport, Fife
   See: RNR (Tay Division) Brass Band
Royal Navy Air Station Yeovilton Band - Somerset
   Active in the 1960s
Royal Navy Portsmouth Barracks Band - Hampshire
   Active in the 1920s to late 1940s. Also known as the Portsmouth Blue Jackets Band
Royal Navy Torpedo Factory Band - Newark, Nottinghamshire
   Active in 1917
Royal Oak School Brass Band
   Active in 1981 when it competed in the Midlands Area 4th Section contest.
Royal Oakeley Silver Band - Merioneth
   [current band] - Founded in 1864 - Former names: Gwaenydd Brass Band, Gwaenydd Silver Band
Royal Ordnance Factory Social Association (Chorley, Lancashire) Band
   Competed in the First Annual Brass Band Contest organised by Wigan Borough Prize Band in 1943 (conducted by W. Haydock). Still active in 1945.
Royal Park Brass Band
   See: Leeds Royal Park Band
Royal Pavilions Brass Band - North Woolwich, Essex
   Active in 1858. This was a professional band associated with the Royal Pavilion Gardens, conductor J. Stevens
Royal Penrhyn Brass Band
   See: Penrhyn Quarries Brass Band
Royal Sherwood Foresters' Militia Band - Newark, Nottinghamshire
   Active in the 1860s
Royal Signals Regiment T.A. Band - Chatham, Kent
   Active in the 1960s
Royal Small Arms Institute Band - Enfield Lock, Middlesex
   Active in the 1900s
Royal Spa Band
   See: Royal Leamington Spa Silver Band
Royal Spa Brass - Warwickshire
Royal Spa Brass Band
   See: Leamington Royal Spa Brass Band
Royal Stainland Brass Band
   See: Stainland Brass Band
Royal Sutton Brass Band - Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire
  Active in the early 1900s to 1934. Conductor T. Downs in 1907

Royal Thame Brass Band - Oxfordshire
  See: Thame Brass Band (1)

Royal Tunbridge Wells and District Federation Band
  Active in 1930

Royal Vaynol Brass Band - Caernarfonshire
  See: Llanrug Royal Brass Band

Royal Victoria Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
  Active in 1859

Royal Victoria Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
  Active in 1897

Royal Wear Yacht Club Brass Band - Sunderland, Durham
  Active in the 1850s and 1860s. In 1859 it was disqualified from the band contest at Felton for having some professional members.

Royal Welsh Warehouse Band
  See: Pryce-Jones Ltd. Band

Royal West Mendip Brass Band
  See: West Mendip Brass Band

Royal Westmorland Brass Band - Westmorland
  Active in 1861

Royal Wiltshire Militia Brass Band - Wiltshire
  Active in the 1870s

Royal Windsor Castle Brass Band
  A travelling “menagerie” band which was active in the 1850s. Edmonds' Royal Windsor Castle Menagerie toured the country.

Royal Witney Brass Band - Oxfordshire
  See: Witney Brass Band (2)

Royal Wootton Bassett Brass Band - Wiltshire
  [current band] - Founded in 1980 - Former names: Wootton Bassett Brass Band

Royal Yacht Club Band
  See: Royal Wear Yacht Club Brass Band

Royds Hall Brass Band - Huddersfield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1856, 1858

Roydshall Brass Band - Huddersfield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  See: Royds Hall Brass Band

Royston Amateur Brass Band - Hertfordshire
  Active in 1863 to 1867. Conductor Frederick C. Carver in 1863.

Royston Brass Band - Hertfordshire
  Active in 1906

Royston Colliery Prize Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1900s

Royston Drift Mine Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the late 1970s to early 1980s

Royston Military Band - Hertfordshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Royston Town Band
Royston New Monckton Colliery Institute Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in 1945 and active to the mid-1960s. It competed in the Senior Trophy in 1962, conducted by J Armstrong.

Royston Subscription Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Founded around 1904. Active to 1939

Royston Teetotal Band - Hertfordshire
[previous name of current band] See: Royston Town Band

Royston Town Band - Hertfordshire
[current band] - Founded in 1865 - Former names: Royston Volunteer Band, Royston Teetotal Band, Royston Military Band

Royston Volunteer Band - Hertfordshire
[previous name of current band] See: Royston Town Band

Royston Brass Band - Lancashire
Active from 1860 to the early 1890s

Royston Literary Institute Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1860

Royston Public Band - Lancashire
Active from the mid-1890s to the 1930s. Conductor J.H. Reed in 1904, J. Ogden in 1908

Ruabon Brass Band - Denbighshire
Founded in 1885, bandmaster John Cooper. Conductor John Griffith in 1900. Active to the 1930s.

Ruabon Volunteer Band - Denbighshire
Active in 1894

Ruan Minor Brass Band
See: Grade and Ruan Minor Brass Band

Ruardean Village Band - Gloucestershire
Formed around 1900, reformed in 1945 after the War and disbanded 1959-60. Band and choir contests were held in the village from before 1910 until the late 1970s.

Ruddington Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active from the mid-1860s to the 1890s

Ruddington Silver Band - Nottinghamshire
Formed after WW1 in the early 1920s. Active to the 1950s

Ruddington Temperance Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in 1869

Rudgwick Brass Band - Sussex
Formed in 1861, set up by Rev Thurlow of Baynards. The whole band enlisted in the Great War. Re-established after WW1 by G C Barker of Gaskyns. Met in a band room behind Willow Cottage, Church St. John, William, Harold, and Charlie Tate were successive bandmasters. Competed in the SCABA contest in Chichester in April 1927. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. It folded in the late 1940s

Rudgwick Silver Band
See: Rudgwick Brass Band

Rudland and Fadmoor Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1895 when a band member, Frank Teasdale, was summoned for assaulting the landlord of the inn at Fadmoor. Also active in 1904
**Rufford Brass Band** - Lancashire

Active in the 1860s until the early 1950s. Known as Rufford Temperance Band in its early years. Conductor George Ellis in 1862. At the turn of the 20th century the band rehearsed in the Hesketh Arms, which probably explains the loss of the ‘Temperance’ part of their name! Photographs show the band leading such events as the village Summer Gala (1910) and the Annual Rufford Tea Party (1930s). In 1911 the Bandmaster was James Southworth, in 1919 it was Tom Salthouse and at its demise it was Harry Draper.

**Rufford Brass Band** - Nottinghamshire

Active in 1859, 1862

**Rufford Colliery Band** - Rainworth, Nottinghamshire

[no information]

**Rufford Temperance Band**

See: *Rufford Brass Band*

**Rugby Brass Band**

See: *Rugby Town Band*

**Rugby Imperial Band** - Warwickshire

Founded in 1908, conductor Mr Stebbing

**Rugby Mission Band**

See: *Rugby Primitive Methodist Brass Band*

**Rugby Primitive Methodist Brass Band** - Warwickshire

Formed in 1884, active into the 1910s. Mr Ethell conductor in 1909

**Rugby Steam Sheds Brass Band** - Warwickshire


**Rugby Temperance Brass Band** - Warwickshire

Active in 1895

**Rugby Town Band** - Warwickshire

Active from the 1840s. Was entered in the Overseal Brass Band Contest in 1921, under conductor Roscoe Walters, but withdrew without playing. Played at the Rugby Police Charity Sports Day, Clifton Road, Rugby, on 17th September 1921. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Still active in the late 1950s.

**Rugby Wesleyan Mission Band**

See: *Rugby Primitive Methodist Brass Band*

**Rugeley Brass Band** - Staffordshire

Active in the 1850s to the 1930s

**Rugeley Comrades Band** - Staffordshire

Formed after the end of WW1. Later became the Rugeley Progressive Working Men’s Club Band, active in the 1930s.

**Rugeley Mission Brass Band** - Staffordshire

Active throughout the 1890s

**Rugeley Power Station Brass Band** - Staffordshire

[current band] - Founded in 1981

**Rugeley Progressive Working Men’s Club Band**

See: *Rugeley Comrades Band*

**Rugeley Town Band**

See: *Rugeley Brass Band*
Rugeley Volunteers Band - Staffordshire
   Active from the 1880s to the 1900s - contemporary with the Rugeley Town Band

Runcorn Amateur Brass Band - Cheshire
   Active in 1906

Runcorn Brass Band - Cheshire
   Active from the 1850s to the 1870s

Runcorn Harmonic Brass Band - Cheshire
   Active in the 1860s and 1890s

Runcorn Pioneer Brass Band - Cheshire
   Formed shortly after WW1. Active through to the 1960s

Runcorn Silver Band - Cheshire
   Active in the 1930s, contemporary with the Runcorn Pioneer Band

Runcorn St Edward's Brass Band - Cheshire
   Active in the 1900s and 1910s. Conductor Thomas Hynes, secretary P. Smith in 1902

Runcorn Town and District Band - Cheshire
   Active in 1893 when it promoted a contest in the town.

Runcorn Volunteers Band - Cheshire
   Active from the 1880s to the 1900s

Runcorn Waterworks Band - Cheshire
   Active in the 1900s

Runnymede Brass - Surrey
   Originally a breakaway group from Egham Band in the 70's, they achieved some successes with David Baker then David Lancaster at the helm, reaching the top three in the first section London Area Contest in 1995. The band broke up in 1999, and the brief emergence of Thames Brass from the ashes was also, sadly, short lived.

Ruscombe and Whiteshill Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   Active in the 1900s to the 1930s. Conductor Tom Richards in 1906, G. Smith in 1928

Ruscombe Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   See: Ruscombe and Whiteshill Brass Band

Rush Green Band - Essex
   Active in the 1900s

Rushall and Charlton Silver Band - Wiltshire
   Active from the late 1940s, disbanded some time after the 1960s

Rushall Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in 1860

Rushall Temperance Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1860s

Rushbury Brass Band - Shropshire
   Active in 1908

Rushden Brass Band - Northamptonshire
   Founded in 1863 by C. Litchfield jun. Teacher Alfred Beeby in 1864

Rushden Mission Band - Northamptonshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1898 - Former names: Rushden Wesleyan Mission Band - Note: Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. The band also used to broadcast during that period. Major conductors during 70s included Ernie Denton and Bill Scholes. Both were better known for their links with the band around the corner (literally) Rushden Temperance (now 'Windmill')
Rushden National School Brass Band - Northamptonshire
   Active in the 1870s to 1890s

Rushden Rifle Band - Northamptonshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Rushden Town Band

Rushden Rifles Band
   See: Rushden Town Band

Rushden Temperance Silver Band - Northamptonshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Rushden Windmill Band

Rushden Town Band - Northamptonshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1899 - Former names: Rushden Volunteer Band (1899), Rushden Rifle Band, Rushden Town Silver Prize Band

Rushden Town Band - Northamptonshire

Rushden Town Band - Northamptonshire
   Formed in the 1890s as Rushden Rifles Band, becoming Rushden Town Band in the 1920s. Active through to around 1970. A successor band was formed in 1979 from the Rushden Windmill 'B' Band.

Rushden Volunteer Band - Northamptonshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Rushden Town Band

Rushden Wesleyan Mission Band - Northamptonshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Rushden Mission Band

Rushden Windmill 'B' Band - Northamptonshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Rushden Town Band

Rushden Windmill Band - Northamptonshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1875 - Former names: Rushden Temperance Silver Band (to 1975)

Rushden Working Men's Club Band - Northamptonshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Rushden Town Band

Rushen Silver Band - Isle of Man
   [current band] - Founded in 1937 - Former names: Surby Band (to 1949)

Ruskington Brass Band - Lincolnshire
   Founded in 1903. Conductor Ellerby Cox in 1905. Still active in 1927

Ruskington Temperance Brass Band - Lincolnshire
   Active in 1858

Russell and Sons Crown Tube Works Band
   See: Crown Tube Works Brass Band

Rustington Silver Band - Sussex
   Founded in 1903, conductor A. Denyer. Still active in 1924

Ruston and Hornsby Band - Grantham, Lincolnshire
   Active from the 1890s to the late 1990s or early 2000s. Ruston and Hornsby Ltd. were engine builders and boilermakers, formed by the merger of Hornsby's works in Grantham with the Lincoln based Rustons. Originally formed as Hornsby Temperance Band, Ruston Engineers Silver Band, then Ruston Bucyrus Band from the 1970s to 1993 when it became the Lincolnshire Fire Brigade Band.

Ruston Bucyrus Band - Grantham, Lincolnshire
   See: Ruston and Hornsby Band
Ruston Engineers Silver Band - Grantham, Lincolnshire
   See: Ruston and Hornsby Band

Ruston Silver Band - Grantham, Lincolnshire
   See: Ruston and Hornsby Band

Ruswarp Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active in 1863

Rutherglen Brass Band - Lanarkshire
   Active from the mid-1860s to the 1880s.

Rutherglen Burgh Band - Lanarkshire
   Founded in 1900, conductor Henry Fortin. Active to the 1930s. John Keith was a member during that period.

Rutherglen Congregational Band - Lanarkshire
   Active in the early 1900s, bandmaster Mr Adamson

Rutherglen Evangelistic Institute Band - Lanarkshire
   Active in the 1900s

Rutherglen Excelsior Temperance Band - Lanarkshire
   Active from the 1900s to the 1920s

Rutherglen I.N.F. Band
   See: Rutherglen Irish National Foresters Band

Rutherglen Irish National Foresters Band - Lanarkshire
   Active in the 1900s

Ruthin Borough Band
   See: Ruthin Town Band

Ruthin Brass Band - Denbighshire
   See: Ruthin Town Band

Ruthin Town Band - Denbighshire
   [current band] - Founded in September 2008

Ruthin Town Band - Denbighshire
   Active from the 1850s, and folded around 1958. The band was officially disbanded by the Ruthin Town Council in 1962 when it was resolved that all instruments etc., be donated to the Brynhyfryd School, Ruthin for the benefit/use of its pupils. A successor band was formed in 2008.

Rutland Mills Brass Band - Wakefield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Founded in 1874, active through to at least 1910. Conductor Mr Soothill in 1909

Rutland Police Band - Rutland
   Active in the 1940s and 1950s

Rutland Terrace Iron Works Band - Stamford, Lincolnshire
   Active in the late 1850s, conductor Robert Smith

Ruyton Brass Band - Ruyton-XI-Towns, Shropshire
   Active in 1853. Conductor Mr Blagg in 1860. Still active in 1864

Ryburn and Blackburn Valley Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1980s, based near Barkisland.

Ryburn Brass Band
   See: Ryburn and Blackburn Valley Band

Ryde A.T.C. Band - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
Competed in the 2nd Annual Open Brass Band Festival at the Wesley Central Hall, Portsmouth (organised by the Portsmouth City Fire Brigade Prize Band), on Saturday 16th September 1950.

**Ryde Amateur Brass Band** - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
Active 1833, still active in the 1850s, but was overshadowed by the new Town Band towards 1860.

**Ryde Borough Band** - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
[previous name of current band] See: *Vectis Brass*

**Ryde Concert Band** - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
[previous name of current band] See: *Vectis Brass*

**Ryde Literary Institute Brass Band** - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
Active in 1854

**Ryde Rifles Band** - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
Active in the 1900s

**Ryde Town Brass Band** - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
Founded in 1858. Active to the late 1920s. Conductor R.A. Cooke 1893-1924

**Ryde Youth Concert Brass Band** - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
Active in the 1980s

**Rye Brass Band** - Sussex
See: *Rye Town Band (1)*

**Rye Harmonic Society Brass Band** - Sussex
See: *Rye Town Band (1)*

**Rye Hill Mission Band** - Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland
Active in the 1900s, based at the People's Hall Methodist Mission. It bought the instruments from the defunct Dunston Colliery Band in 1906

**Rye Town Band (1)** - Sussex
Founded in 1857, the original members being taught by Mr Brignell. Active to the mid-1890s. A successor band was formed in 1903

**Rye Town Band (2)** - Sussex
Active from 1903 to the late 1950s. Took part in the Royal Tunbridge Wells and District Band Federation 27th Annual Band Festival (4th Section), 14th May 1955, gaining 1st place and £10 and the Wimshurst Challenge Cup. Playing “The Chieftain” by J.A. Greenwood and adjudicated by Harry Mortimer

**Ryecroft Brass Band** - Walsall, Staffordshire
Active in 1895

**Ryecroft Sunday School Brass Band** - Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire
Active in the 1900s

**Ryh ill and Havercroft Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1970s, probably a successor band to the Ryhill Silver Band

**Ryhill Silver Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the 1910s to the early 1960s. Competed in the Junior Cup in 1962, conducted by F.T. Smith.

**Ryhope and District Brass Band** - Durham
Active from the mid-1860s to WW1. Conductor J. Curry in 1869, J. Granville in 1899, J. Lewis in 1913

**Ryhope Brass Band**
See: *Ryhope & District Brass Band*
Ryhope Colliery Band (1) - Durham
Active in 1867 (conductor John Curry), 1883 and 1898, but probably folded before or during WW1. Bandmaster Richard Blackburn in 1882. George William Carlton, 27, miner, a member of the band, was killed while walking along the Hartlepool railway line at Ryhope in 1879. His musical instrument was found a hundred yards further up the line.

Ryhope Colliery Band (2) - Durham
Formed in 1921. In the 1980s changed its name for a period to Echo Ryhope Colliery Band with sponsorship from the Sunderland Echo newspaper. It had folded by 2000.

Ryhope Operatic Brass Band - Durham
Active in 1877, conductor R. Blackburn. Still active in 1898

Ryhope South Bottle Works Band - Durham
Active in 1871

Ryhope Temperance Institute Brass Band - Durham
Active in 1904, 1906

Rylands Memorial Club Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
Active in 1894, 1907

Rylstone Band - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
See: Shanklin Town Band

Ryton Brass Band - Warwickshire
Active in 1862

S Division Police Brass Band - Hampstead, Middlesex
Active in 1863. See also B, D, E, G, H, K, L, N, P and T Division Police Brass Bands.
Conductor Mr Keighley in 1866

S.H. and W.R. Wallsend Shipyard Brass Band
See: Wallsend Shipyard Brass Band

S.J. Clayes' Works Brass Band - Long Eaton, Derbyshire
See: Manor House Works Brass Band

S.W.T. Woodfalls Silver Band - Wiltshire
[previous name of current band] See: South West Trains Woodfalls Band

Sabden Brass Band (1) - Lancashire
Active from the 1850s to the 1880s. A successor band was formed in 1899. Conductor George Moore, solo cornet George Farrow in the 1870/80s

Sabden Brass Band (2) - Lancashire

Sabden Brass Band (3) - Lancashire
Formed in 1929, conductor Jacob Birtwell. Active into the 1930s. Conductor T. Titterington in 1935. Folded some time during WW2. In 1943 the parish council and trustees agreed to put the instruments into storage and to call in the music, uniforms and other property of the band.

Sabden Public Band
See: Sabden Brass Band

Sabrina Brass Band - Shropshire
[previous name of current band] See: Shrewsbury Brass Band

Sacriston Colliery Band - Durham
[previous name of current band] See: Craghead Colliery Band
Sacriston Colliery Band - Durham
Formed before 1900 and active up to 1939. Probably folded thenabouts. A successor band was formed in 1967

Sacriston Institute Band
See: Sacriston Colliery Band

Sacriston St John's Brass Band - Durham
Active in the 1920s

Sacriston Town Band
See: Sacriston Colliery Band

Saddleworth and Haybottoms Band
See: Saddleworth Brass Band

Saddleworth Brass Band (1) - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the 1850s to the 1900s

Saddleworth Brass Band (2) - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Founded in 1915, consisting of players from the various bands in the area, conductor Charles Anderson

Saddleworth Rifles Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1870s

Saffron Walden Brass Band - Essex
Active in the mid-1840s through to 1869. Conductor Mr Large in 1858

Saffron Walden Excelsior Band - Essex
Active in 1880, formed by Fred Pitstow, the first bandmaster, who was succeeded by his brother Ernest Pitstow. The band was active through to WW1. W.J. Auger was a member of the band at the time of his death, falling off a ladder, in 1913.

Saffron Walden Town Band - Essex
[current band] - Note: A Saffron Walden Brass Band played for the town's proclamation of King Edward VII in 1901, and for the Rev Latimer Neville's jubilee as rector of Heydon? he was also Master of Magdalene College at the time

Saffron Walden Town Band - Essex
Active from the late 1870s to 1939. Conducted by F. Pitstow in 1906. It was contemporary with the Excelsior Band - both appearing at a massed bands concert in 1915

Sailors' and Firemen's Poplar Brass Band - London
Active in 1890

Sailors' Orphans Boys Band - Newland, Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in the 1880s and 1890s. Conductor J. Mason in 1884. The band was composed of children from the Port of Hull Society’s Sailors' Orphans' Homes, a forerunner of the Newland Orphan Homes which was in existence in the 1920s. Today the Sailors Families Society seems to be the descendant of those earlier Orphans societies.

Salcombe Brass Band - Devon
Active in 1896

Sale and Ashton Youth Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in the early 1960s

Sale and Ashton-on-Mersey British Legion Band - Cheshire
Active in the late 1940s

Sale Brass - Cheshire
[current band] - Founded in 1933 - Former names: Stretford Temperance Band, Stretford Borough Band, Sale Concert Band (1971), Sale Brass Band
Sale Brass Band - Cheshire
[previous name of current band] See: Sale Brass

Sale Brass Band - Cheshire
Active from the 1870s to the 1910s. Bandmaster Mr Hinchliffe in 1907. A successor band (Stretford Band) took the name Sale Brass Band in the early 1970s.

Sale Concert Band - Cheshire
[previous name of current band] See: Sale Brass

Sale Moor Brass Band - Sale, Cheshire
Active in 1861

Sale St Anne's Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in the 1890s

Sale Village Band
See: Sale Brass Band

Salem Chapel Silver Band
Active in the 1930s

Salem Mission Band - North Shields, Northumberland
See: North Shields Salem Mission Band

Salem Mission Band - Sunderland, Durham
See: Sunderland Salem Mission Band

Salesbury Brass Band - Blackburn, Lancashire
Active in 1887

Salford Air Raid Wardens Corps Band - Lancashire
Active during WW2.

Salford and District (Temperance) Silver Band - Lancashire
Formed on 18th March 1909.

Salford Borough Band - Lancashire
Active from the 1850s to the 1900s

Salford Brass Band - Bedfordshire
Active in 1887 to WW1

Salford Brass Band - Lancashire
Active from the 1840s to the 1880s

Salford Central ATC Band - Lancashire
Active in 1944

Salford Corporation Employees Band - Lancashire
Active in the early 1900s, conductor J. Fraser in 1903

Salford Cottage Homes Band - Lancashire
On a picture of the band (probably from the early 1900s) are the lines: “Here at the Homes, there is a band. And the way they play is something grand; There's many a band, that I can tell, Older and bigger, don't play so well.”

Salford Docks Mission Band - Lancashire
Founded in 1909. Active through to the 1920s. In 1914 the band was playing in Taylorson Street when a member of the band emptied the carbide from one of the street lamps down a street grid, and directly afterwards a youth dropped a match down, causing an explosion. William Waters (44) and Arthur Elliott (15), two members of the band, were hit by flying pieces of stone, but after treatment at the hospital they were able to go home.
Salford Excelsior Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1891

Salford Iron Works Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1870s to the late 1900s. Supported by Messrs. Mather and Platt’s Ironworks in Salford. Conducted by James Holgate in 1884.

Salford Police Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1903 when it played at the first municipal concert in the Teneriffe Street Hall, Salford. The audience was estimated at over 1,000 and many were unable to get in.

Salford Post Office Brass Band
   See: Salford Postmen’s Brass Band

Salford Postmen’s Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the early 1880s and 1900s

Salford Public Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1890s

Salford Public Silver Band
   See: Salford Silver Band

Salford Royal Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1866

Salford Silver Band - Lancashire
   Founded in 1908, conductor Tom Perrin. Active in 1910, when it “relieved the tedium” by playing for the crowds awaiting the return, at Salford Station, of two Salford Rugby Union players from a tour of Australia and New Zealand. Also active in the 1960s and 1970s

Salford St Luke’s Band
   See: St Luke’s Brotherhood Brass Band

Salford Tramway Employees Band - Lancashire
   Active in the early 1900s, conductor Mr Butler in 1904. Still active in 1908

Salford Union Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active from 1881 to the 1900s

Salford Workhouse Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active from the late 1870s to the early 1890s. Conductor Mr Allen in 1891

Salisbury Brass Band - Wiltshire
   Active in the 1860s and 1870s

Salisbury City Silver Band - Wiltshire
   Formed 1934. Conductor J.C. Dyson in 1938. Active through to the mid-1960s

Salisbury Town Band - Wiltshire
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Conductor W. Collins in 1894. William E. Glen bandmaster at some time prior to 1905.

Salopian Brass - Shrewsbury, Shropshire
   [current band]

Salt Union Brass Band - Weston Point, Cheshire
   Active in the 1890s

Salt Union Ltd. (Winsford Works) Band - Cheshire
   Active in the 1930s and 1940s

Saltaire Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Formed in 1855 by Titus Salt for his employees at the Saltaire Mill, its first conductor was Joseph Paley whose son, John, became a legendary cornet player, playing with bands as
diverse as Black Dyke, situated on the other side of Bradford and Patrick Gilmore’s Band in America. Leader W. Turner in 1860. It was also conducted in 1860 by Richard Smith who launched the Champion Brass Band Journal in 1857 and then his music publishing business R Smith and Co. in 1878. A number of local contests were attended up to 1869, bringing in a few prizes. The band then appeared in the Belle Vue September contests of 1872-1974 conducted by John Gladney, gaining a 2nd prize in 1872 and a 5th in 1874. After this it assumed the status of an ordinary village band, though the mills still owned the instruments. Brass Band News reported in March 1894: “Many old contestors will learn with regret that the once famous Saltaire Brass Band is no more, the instruments and all properties having been called in by the Company. So passes away the remains of one of the best bands Yorkshire ever produced.”

**Saltaire Mills Band**
See: Salts Silver Band

**Saltaire Subscription Band**
See: Salts Silver Band

**Saltash Brass Band** - Cornwall
Founded in 1868, instruments costing £60

**Saltash Town Band (1)** - Cornwall
Formed in 1919 at the Working Men’s Club in Saltash. The band was active until the outbreak of the Second World War. Unfortunately, all the band’s instruments and equipment were placed on a barge moored in the River Tamar and were lost during a bombing raid. Thereafter the band folded. A successor band was formed in 1975.

**Saltash Town Band (2)** - Cornwall
[current band] - Founded in 1975

**Saltash Working Men’s Club Brass Band**
See: Saltash Town Band

**Saltburn Brass Band** - Saltburn-by-the-Sea, Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active from the late 1860s. Conductor F. Groenings in 1870. Bandmaster William Parsons in 1886.

**Saltcoats Burgh Band** - Ayrshire

**Saltley Carriage Works Brass Band** - Warwickshire
Active in 1867

**Saltley Gasworks Brass Band** - Warwickshire
Active in 1900

**Saltley Metropolitan Works Brass Band** - Warwickshire
Active in the 1910s to the late 1920s. Possibly a successor or continuation of the Saltley Carriage Works Brass Band

**Saltley Railway Band** - Warwickshire
Active in the 1900s

**Saltley Reformatory School Brass Band** - Warwickshire
Founded in 1894
Saltley Works Brass Band - Warwickshire
See: Saltley Carriage Works Brass Band

Saltney Brass Band - Flintshire
Active in 1860. Conductor Mr Williams in 1862. Still active in 1864

Saltney Ferry Brass Band - Flintshire
Active in the 1910s

Saltney Oil Works Band
See: Dee Oil Works Band

Salton Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1851 and 1857

Salts (Saltaire) Band
See: Salts Silver Band

Salts Silver Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in 1932, by Herbert Bowdin Hawley (MD of Hammonds Sauce Works Company, at Shipley). It competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Brass Band News reported in March 1932: “Salts Silver, under the tuition of Mr H B Hawley, are making remarkable progress. This is a newly-formed band of 24 enthusiastic performers who mean business. Their practice-room is in the Royal Caf., Saltaire, kindly provided rent-free by Messrs. Salts of Saltaire. Mr Hawley has gradually built up this combination to his own liking, and is taking them to their first contest at Pudsey on March 25th. Mr Hawley is a local organist and composer, and will not be satisfied with his band until it sounds like his organ. A prize at Pudsey is their determination.” The band became a member of the Harrogate and District Brass Band Association, of which Mr Hawley was an official. It was at one of the Association’s contests, held in Saltaire in May 1934, that the new band achieved its first win. The band played in the first section, which had an entry of 12 bands, so this was quite an achievement for a two-year-old band. It regularly changed its name, appearing not only as Salts Silver, but also as Saltaire Mills, Saltaire Subscription and Salts (Saltaire). It was offered a broadcast engagement by the BBC in November 1936, when Frank Haigh, a noted Bradford cornet player was playing principal cornet. In 1937 Salts Band provided music for the visit to Shipley of the King and Queen and by now its conductor, 'H B', was proving to be something of a composer, with a number of published marches to his name. In the latter part of 1940 Mr Hawley engaged Noel Thorpe as professional conductor, and in 1945 Harry Grace, a successful Bradford brass band conductor succeeded Noel Thorpe. Early in 1946 HB Hawley decided to form a new junior band. For a short time the juniors and the older band existed side by side, but without Mr Hawley’s drive, interest at Salts waned and the band completed its last engagement in July 1946. Several of its members joined the new group, which also acquired the old band’s music library and some instruments. This junior band was to become the Hammonds Sauce Works Band

Sam Smiths Old Brewery Band
See: Sherburn-in-Elmet Band

Samuelson’s Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
See: Messrs Samuelson and Co. Brass Band

Sandbach Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in 1864

Sandbach Harmonic Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in 1855 to 1859
Sandbach Volunteers Band - Cheshire
Active in the early 1900s. Formed by William Bagnall, also known as Bagnall's Band, or "Baggies Band".

Sanders Independence Band - Long Buckby, Northamptonshire
Formed around 1875. Conductor W.C. Wills in 1877, A.E. Wills in 1887, W.C. Wills in 1893. Sponsored by William Sanders who ran a shoe factory in the village and used the band for promotional events. However it seems to have been initially based on the Independent Chapel (Congregational) hence the name. Sanders eventually built some assembly rooms for the band to use. These still stand. The band accepted some reed instrumentalists, but reverted back to full brass. In the mid-1890s, due to Sanders no longer being able to guarantee the financial support, the band became the Long Buckby Town Band. Considerable rivalry existed between the Town Band and the Temperance Band. There is a very nice account of a fight between the two bands at an event in Silverstone. In 1940 it merged with Long Buckby Temperance Band to form the Long Buckby Home Guard Band.

Sandford Brass Band - Devon
Active in 1861 to 1866

Sandgate Town Band - Kent
Active in the early 1900s

Sandhurst Silver Band - Berkshire
[current band] - Founded in 1908

Sandiacre Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Sandiacre Ivanhoe Band
See: Sandiacre Brass Band

Sandiacre Town Band
See: Sandiacre Brass Band

Sandleheath Band - Hampshire
[current band] - Founded in 1980 - Former names: Sandleheath Methodist Band - Note: Formed by Don Marlow

Sandleheath Methodist Band - Hampshire
[previous name of current band] See: Sandleheath Band

Sandleheath Youth Band - Hampshire
Formed in January 1975

Sandling Brass Band - Kent
Active in 1862

Sandown Brass Band - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
Active in the 1890s to 1920s

Sandwell Brass Band - Staffordshire
[previous name of current band] See: Black Country Brass

Sandwich Tonic Sol Fa Brass Band - Kent
Active in 1867, 1868

Sandy Brass Band (1) - Bedfordshire
Active from the early 1860s to the mid-1890s. Conductor Mr Green in 1867
Sandy Brass Band (2) - Bedfordshire
Disbanded in 1935.

Sandy Lane Brass Band - Stalybridge, Cheshire
Active in 1861, rehearsing in the Floating Light public house in Bridge Street

Sandy Town Band
See: Sandy Brass Band (2)

Sandy Vale Brass Band - Dukinfield, Cheshire
Active in the 1850s and 1860s

Sandycroft Foundry Brass Band - Flintshire
Active in 1872, conductor A. Rogers

Sandye Place School Band
See: Sandye Silver Band

Sandye Silver Band - Sandy, Bedfordshire
The origins of the Band go back to 10 March 1962, when a quartet of musicians at Sandye Place School played for morning assembly under the direction of the music teacher, Peter Kneale. Within a year this grew into Sandye Place School Band, consisting of pupils and teachers. In 1966, when several members of the Band left school, Peter Kneale formed the Sandye Place School Band. In October 1967 the first committee was formed to run the band and in July of the following year the name was changed to Sandye Silver Band. In July 1969 the Band left the further education system and became a fully independent self-supporting organisation. Also in 1969 the Band affiliated to the London and Home Counties Brass Band Association so that band contests could be entered. In 1971, after only two years of competition, the Band qualified for the finals of the National Brass Band Championship (Fourth Section), and finished in eleventh position. On two occasions, in 1968 and 1975, the Band won the Brass Band Class at the Bedfordshire Music Festival. During the early 1970s the Band performed many engagements, both at nearby and distant venues. In 1973 the founder Peter Kneale left and was succeeded by Duncan Wells of Dunstable, a player with Hendon Band. The number of players declined, and with them the number of engagements, but the 1980 season proved to be the busiest to date. In the previous April the Band moved from its birthplace at Sandye Place School to the new Sandy Upper School where rehearsal facilities were more convenient. During the 1980s the Band enjoyed continued success, and was known in its later stages as Prudential Sandye Band, but following the loss of number of key members in 1989 the decision was made to suspend activities and put all equipment and assets into storage. The Band Trustees continued to meet, however, but at the seventh annual general meeting, in March 1997, it was decided that there was no realistic chance of the Band reforming and that the remaining assets should be sold and the Band dissolved. At the final AGM, on 16 March 1998, it was reported that the sale of the instruments and music had raised £3,065. At the same meeting it was decided to lodge the Band’s records with the Bedfordshire and Luton Archives and Record Service.

Sanger’s Wax Works Brass Band
A professional brass band belonging to the travelling wax works. Active in 1865

Sankey’s Castle Works Band - Hadley, Shropshire
Active in the early 1930s, linked to Joseph Sankey and Son Ltd, (metal and ironworks) in Hadley. Disbanded in 1961. A former member recalled: “Brought up in a brass banding
family, the name Sankey’s in my early years meant, The Band! In times before T.V. the Sankey’s radio broadcasts were a big attraction often coming from the works canteen in Hadley, just down the road from Oakengates. Sounding Brass and Voices, Music While You Work, Marching and Waltzing, and Midland Bandstand were all popular B.B.C. radio programs in the 1940’s and 50’s. Many contest successes came the bands way, competing in the highest championship sections with conductor Cyril Yorath at the helm. A star quartette of players Ted Baldwin, Ben Thornton on cornets, Gal Mills on horn and Walter Imeson on euphonium were all magnificent instrumentalists and soloists. When I joined the band as a young 16 year old, Sankey’s were still at the top, competing at Belle Vue in the British Open, the Midland Area and other competitions. Mr Yorath had moved on, and Capt. Thomas Francis was Musical Director. He would greet people by saying 'shake the hand that has shaken the hand of the King of England and the President of the United States of America.' The Captain was ex Royal Marines Chatham, and a warm hearted gentleman. Whilst continuing to perform at concerts and contests, it came as a shock to be told by the Sankey Works Directors in March 1961, that the company no longer needed a brass band. The final march played at the band’s last works Monday lunchtime concert was Colonel Bogey. The bandsmen knew why! Years of top class music making, concerts and Championship Banding thus ended.”

Sanquhar and District Silver Band - Dumfriesshire
   [current band]
Sanquhar Brass Band - Dumfriesshire
   Active in 1854 to 1866
Sanvey Gate Mission Band - Leicester, Leicestershire
   Active in the late 1880s
Saracen Brass - Penryn, Cornwall
   Formed by former pupils of Penryn School to continue playing after leaving school. Active in the 1980s and folded in the late 1980s.
Sarnian Brass Band - Isle of Guernsey
   Active in 1869, 1870
Sauchie and District Brass Band - Clackmannanshire
   Active from the early 1890s to the 1930s
Sauchie Brass Band
   See: Sauchie and District Brass Band
Saul Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   Active in 1861 to 1865
Saville Green Wesleyan Mission Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the early 1900s
Sawbridgeworth Brass Band - Hertfordshire
   Active from 1865 to the 1930s
Sawley Brotherhood Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1910s and 1920s
Sawley Excelsior Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1920s and 1930s
Sawston Brass Band - Cambridgeshire
   Active from 1863 to WW1. Conductor Alfred Start in 1899. Looking remarkably smart in their new uniforms, welcomed returning soldiers from the Boer War at Linton in July
1901, and headed their village Friendly Society parade in July 1902. Possibly a
continuation of the Messrs Towgood and Evans’ Brass Band

**Sawtry Brass Band** - Huntingdonshire
Active between the 1880s and the 1930s

**Sawtry Temperance Band** - Huntingdonshire
Active in the 1890s.

**Saxilby Brass Band** - Lincolnshire
Active in 1868, 1869

**Saxmundham Brass Band** - Suffolk
Active in 1858, 1866 and 1898, conductor O.A. Wright

**Saxon Street Brass Band** - Lincoln, Lincolnshire
Active in the 1890s

**Saxthorpe and Corpusty Band**
See: *Saxthorpe and Corpusty Band*

**Saxthorpe Village Band**
See: *Saxthorpe and Corpusty Band*

**Sayers Common Band** - Sussex
Active in the 1900s

**Scalford Brass Band** - Leicestershire
Active in the 1900s

**Scammonden Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1855. The village no longer exists - it now lies under the Scammonden
Reservoir which was created in the 1960s. Also known as Dean Head Brass Band (an
alternative name for the village)

**Scampston Brass Band** - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in the 1890s

**Scapegoat Hill Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Founded in 1854 and still active in 1979, though it probably folded in the following year
(1980). That year saw the birth of Vintage Brass - a band originally consisting of members
of the Scapegoat Hill Band. Competed in the Junior Shield in 1962, conducted by F.
Gledhill. At one time the band had attended a musical competition and was successful in
gaining first prize. Celebrations followed and the band returned home to the village. Not
wanting to disturb the residents, they removed their boots and tip-toed along. However,
they continued to play their instruments at full blast! In an Huddersfield Examiner
article of 11 June 1938, the legend is similarly described by James Walton, with the added
detail that the band was playing ‘See the Conquering Hero Comes’ as they tip-toed.

**Scapegoat Hill Fire Brigade Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1900s

**Scarborough Artillery Volunteers Band** - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

**Scarborough Borough Band**
See: *Falsgrave Temperance Band*

**Scarborough Mechanics Saxhorn Band** - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in the 1860s. Conductor A.J. Beckett, leader W. Bradley in 1860

**Scarborough National Reserve Brass Band** - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in the 1920s and 1930s
Scarborough Operatic Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in the 1850s and 1860s

Scarborough Postmen’s Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Founded in 1887, conductor W.E. Cammish

Scarborough Rifle Volunteers Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active from the 1860s to the 1900s

Scarborough Silver Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in the 1930s

Scarborough Temperance Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in the 1850s to 1890s

Scarborough Town Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in the 1960s to early 1980s

Scarcliffe Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in the early 1900s

Scarlettwell Street Wesleyan Mission Brass Band - Northampton, Northamptonshire
Founded in December 1887

Scarr’s Shipyard Band
See: Hessle Royal British Legion Band

Scholes Albion Brass Band
See: Scholes Brass Band

Scholes Brass Band - near Cleckheaton, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1860s. Conductor Samuel Bentley in 1860.

Scholes Brass Band - near Greasbrough, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the 1850s to the 1870s

Scholes Temperance Band - near Cleckheaton, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1880s

Schreiber Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
Active in the late 1970s and early 1980s, conducted by Peter Lockett

Scissett Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1850s. Also in the 1900s

Scissett Youth Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1978

Scole Brass Band - Norfolk
Active in 1882

Scorton Brass Band - Lancashire
See: Scorton Union Brass Band

Scorton Union Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1867 to 1869

Scotswood and District Band - Northumberland
Active in the 1890s, conductor Thomas Woods in 1894

Scotswood Methodist Church Temperance Band
See: Scotswood Temperance Band

Scotswood Shipyard Brass Band - Northumberland
Active in 1883. In 1916 it was renamed the Munition Workers Band, under the baton of H. Bell (ex bandmaster of Dinnington Colliery

Scotswood Temperance Band - Northumberland
Active in 1896 and still playing in 1933
Scotswood United Methodist Brass Band  
See: Scotswood Temperance Band

Scotswood Workmen's Band  
See: Scotswood Shipyard Brass Band

Scott and Limb's Brass Band - Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire  
Active in 1860. In 1864 it combined with the Denman's Head Band. At the time of the merger the players included: B Scott (conductor of Scott and Limb's), Jas. Handley, E. Dennis, S Cauldwell, H. Oscroft, E. Handley, S. Hall, W. Green, A. Caunt J. Naylor (well-known as “Spring”), W. Bryan, G. Scott S. Oldham, J. Searson, E. Limb, and Jos. Dennis (conductor of Denman's Head).

Scott Street Chapel Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)  
Founded in 1901, conductor T. Norman

Scotter Brass Band - Lincolnshire  
Scotter Brass Band was started by Charles Hill in the early 1900s. Bandmaster Mr Harsley in 1907. Membership slowly declined until the it was disbanded sometime after the year 2000. Briefly sponsored in the late 1980s and early 1990s by the Merrick building firm.

Scotter Silver Band  
See: Scotter Brass Band

Scottish Brewers (Newtongrange) Band - Midlothian  
[previous name of current band] See: Newtongrange Silver Band

Scottish Co-op Band - Lanarkshire  
[previous name of current band] See: Co-operative Funeralcare Band

Scottish CWS Band - Lanarkshire  
[previous name of current band] See: Co-operative Funeralcare Band

Scottish Dyes Band - Grangemouth, Stirlingshire  
Band linked to the Scottish Dyes company, set up in 1919 by James Morton. In 1928 the company’s assets were acquired by the British Dyestuffs Corporation, which became the Duestuffs Division of I.C.I. The band was later known as I.C.I. Recreational Band

Scottish Gas Board Band - Bellshill, Lanarkshire  
Active from the 1940s through to the 1990s. Rename Milnwood Concert Brass c. 1981, and then Bellshill and District Band c.1991

Scott's Operatic Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
Active in the early 1860s

Scremerston Brass Band - Northumberland  
Active from 1860 to the 1950s. Conductor R. Balmer in 1862

Scunthorpe Borough British Legion Band - Lincolnshire  
Active from the 1920s to the 1980s

Scunthorpe Brass Band  
See: Scunthorpe Subscription Brass Band

Scunthorpe Christian Temperance Band - Lincolnshire  
Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Conductor Robert Castle in 1903

Scunthorpe District Total Abstinence Brass Band  
See: Scunthorpe Christian Temperance Band

Scunthorpe Rifles Brass Band - Lincolnshire  
Active in the 1880s to 1890s

Scunthorpe Royal British Legion Band  
See: Scunthorpe Borough British Legion Band
Scunthorpe Subscription Brass Band - Lincolnshire
   Active in the 1880s to the 1920s. Conductor E. Theaker in 1903, J.H. Markham in 1904
Scunthorpe Temperance Band - Lincolnshire
   Founded in 1896, conductor J. Brown. Conductor George Hawkins in 1899, bandmaster
   Dan Leeman in 1907
Scunthorpe Total Abstinence Band
   See: Scunthorpe Temperance Band
Scunthorpe Town Band - Lincolnshire
   Active in the 1880s and 1890s
Scunthorpe Volunteers Band
   See: Scunthorpe Rifles Brass Band
Sea View and St Helen's Brass Band - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
   See: St Helen's Brass Band
Seacombe Victoria Brass Band - Cheshire
   Founded in 1903, bandmaster T. Buckle
Seaford and Newhaven Brass Band - Sussex
   Active in the 1880s
Seaford Brass Band - Sussex
   Active in the 1890s and the 1900s
Seaford British Legion Band - Sussex
   Active in the late 1940s and early 1950s
Seaford Silver Band - Sussex
   [current band] - Founded in 1922
Seaford Silver Band - Sussex
   Active in the 1960s
Seaford British Legion Band - Sussex
   Active in the late 1940s and early 1950s
Seasforth Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1861, 1862
Seaham Bottle Works Band
   See: Seaham Harbour Bottle Works Band
Seaham Brass Band - Durham
   Active in 1854
Seaham Colliery Band
   Active in 1880
Seaham Ex-Sailors and Soldiers Band - Durham
   Active in 1882
Seaham Harbour Bottle Works Band - Durham
   Formed in 1866. Active through to the 1910s. Conductor George Steele in 1879. Based at
   John Candlish's Bottle Works. Also known as Londonderry Bottle Works Band
Seaham Harbour Catholic Brass Band - Durham
   Founded in 1899. Active in the 1900s. Bandmaster Luke Walby Wright in 1907
Seaham Harbour Town Band - Durham
   Active from the 1860s to the 1920s
Seaham Philharmonic Brass
   See: Seaham Town Band
Seaham Town Band - Durham
   Formed in 1985, changed name to Seaham Philharmonic Brass in 1989. It twice qualified
   for the National Finals before folding in 2004
Seaham Victoria Band - Durham
Active in 1853

Seaham Volunteer Band - Durham
Active in 1906

Seamen's Bethel Silver Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
Active in 1948

Seamer Brass Band - near Scarborough, Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1865 to 1869

Seaton Brass Band
See: Seaton Silver Band

Seaton Burn Brass Band - Northumberland
See: Seaton Burn Colliery Band

Seaton Burn Colliery Band - Northumberland
Formed in January 1867, conductor T.S. Watson. Played for the cutting of the sod at a new colliery at Dinnington in August 1867. Still active in 1874

Seaton Burn Saxhorn Band - Northumberland
See: Seaton Burn Colliery Band

Seaton Delaval Brass Band - Northumberland
Active from the 1850s to the 1910s. Conductor George Scott in 1865, Mr Smith in 1867, J. Mason in 1869/1884, J.R. Shotten in 1894

Seaton Delaval Colliery Band - Northumberland
Formed in the 1890s and folded in the 1950s

Seaton Delaval Saxhorn Band
See: Seaton Delaval Brass Band

Seaton Delaval Temperance Brass Band - Northumberland
Active in 1859, conductor Mr Wood

Seaton Hirst Excelsior Band - Ashington, Northumberland

Seaton Silver Band - Cumberland
Active from the 1890s to the 1950s. In April 1930 it held a “sacred quartette contest” for band members. “The test piece was The Evening Prayer, and each quartette was under the conductorship of Mr. Wm. J. Smith. The judging was by popular card vote, the result of which was: 1. John Donnelly, jnr. (flugel), Donald Coulthard (repiano), Wm. Banton (baritone), 101 points. 2. W. Bell’s B. Quartette, 92 points. No one was successful in the competition for placing the first five, but Messrs, Harry Donnelly and Wm. Osborne returned the best cards, and the prize was divided between them”.

Seaton Sluice Bottle Works Brass Band - Northumberland
See: Hartley Bottle Works Brass Band

Seaton Sluice Brass Band - Northumberland
Active in the 1850s and 1860s - possibly linked to the bottle works in the town.
Conductor Mr Grey in 1864

Seaton Subscription Brass Band - Devon
Active in 1867

Seaton Town Band - Devon
Formed in the 1890s. Conductor T. Dixon in 1899. Bandmaster in 1926 was T. Rodgers
Seavington Brass Band - Somerset
Active in 1869 to 1872

Seavington St Michael Brass Band - Somerset
See: Seavington Brass Band

Sedbergh Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the 1840s to the 1870s. There may have been a gap with it reforming in the 1890s. In the early 1900s there was 2 years fund raising to buy uniforms. They played at functions around the district. It is possible that it developed from the Sedbergh Volunteers, the Militia, as there is an overlap of men in both groups, but that could be coincidence in a small town. There was a picture and some information printed in The Westmorland Gazette March 12 1955.

Sedburgh Town Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1999

Sedgley Village Brass and Reed Band - Staffordshire
Active around 1920

Sedlescombe Band - Sussex
Active in 1914

Seghill Brass Band
See: Seghill Saxhorn Band

Seghill Colliery Band - Northumberland
Active in the 1890s. Amalgamated with Beamish Colliery Band around 1907.

Seghill Saxhorn Band - Northumberland
Active from the 1870s to the 1920s. Later known as Seghill Brass Band

Seghill Temperance Band - Northumberland
Formed in 1911, conductor J. Boutland. Active in 1915

Selby Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1840 to 1867

Selby Model Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Selby Rifle Volunteers Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1880s to 1900s. Performed at the Eastrington Show in 1897. Bandmaster T. Clarkson in 1902

Selby Shipyards Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1924, when on 20th December the County Chief Constable's Office, East Riding of Yorkshire, granted the Band permission to play and make collections in the surrounding villages.

Selby Subscription Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Founded in 1905

Selby Town Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Selkirk Brass Band (1) - Selkirkshire
Active in 1861. Folded prior to a successor band forming in 1864

Selkirk Brass Band (2) - Selkirkshire
Formed in late 1864, conductor Mr Amers. Treasurer Basil Henderson in 1866. William Inglis called for subscriptions in 1868 to replace some ageing instruments. Presumed to have folded in the early 1880s.
Selkirk Brass Band (3) - Selkirkshire
Formed in May 1883 and commenced contesting in 1887, during which first year of competition entered three contests and won three prizes. Folded prior to 1897 when the current Selkirk Silver Band (then named Selkirk Silver Jubilee Band) was formed.

Selkirk Royal Burgh Silver Band - Selkirkshire
[previous name of current band] See: Selkirk Silver Band

Selkirk Silver Band - Selkirkshire
[current band] - Founded in 1897 - Former names: Selkirk Silver Jubilee Band - Note: The band’s full title is Selkirk Royal Burgh

Selkirk Silver Jubilee Band - Selkirkshire
[previous name of current band] See: Selkirk Silver Band

Selkirk Town Band
See: Selkirk Brass Band (2)

Sellers College Brass
See: Sellers International Brass Band

Sellers Engineering Band
See: Sellers International Brass Band

Sellers International Brass Band - Huddersfield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Founded in January of 1986, at one point the band was led by Philip McCain. Its original name was Huddersfield Tecol Band and in November of 1987, just one year after its formation, the band’s name was changed to Sellers College Brass. It was again changed to The Sellers Engineering Band and finally Sellers International Band, a name which lasted and was passed on to the junior band, the Sellers International Youth Band, in 1998. Unfortunately, in 2007, the band folded, largely due to the loss of sponsorship. Sponsorship was lost because of a failed attempt to win the Yorkshire Area Brass Band Contest and as a result, mismanagement claims were made and internal conflict and chaos ensued.

Selly Oak Brass Band - Worcestershire
Active in the 1870s

Selly Oak Victoria Brass Band - Worcestershire
Active in the early 1900s through to 1916, bandmaster Mr White in 1906

Selston and Codnor Park Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in 1854

Selston Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in the 1850s through to the 1890s

Selston Excelsior Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in 1881

Selston Imperial Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in 1904, 1908

Selston Silver Prize Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in the early 1900s

Selston United Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in the early 1900s

Semer Union Workhouse Brass Band - Suffolk
Active in 1852. The band consisted of 10 boys
Senghenydd Brass Band - Glamorgan
Founded around 1890. Active in the 1900s through to 1913, conductor Jim Woodhead up to 1906. On 14 October 1913 an explosion ripped through the mine workings at Senghenydd Colliery. The disaster claimed the lives of 439 miners and one rescuer. Included in the fatalities were 14 of the 24 members of the Senghenydd Colliery Band, which had competed at the Crystal Palace only a few weeks before. One of its competitor bands, Cambridge Town Band, organised a fund raising concert in November to aid the miners’ relief fund. The colliery was also known as Universal Colliery

Senghenydd Colliery Band
See: Senghenydd Brass Band

Settle Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from 1850. During its time it has been a Town Band, a Temperance Band and a militia band. At some point, Langcliffe Band amalgamated with the Settle musicians. The band amalgamated with the Giggleswick Band in 1952 to form the Giggleswick and Settle Band.

Settle Temperance Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Settle Brass Band

Seven Sisters Brass Band - Glamorgan
Active from the 1890s to the late 1950s. Known as Seven Sister Temperance Band in its early years

Seven Sisters Temperance Band
See: Seven Sisters Brass Band

Sevenoaks Temperance Band - Kent
Founded in 1905 by R. Wells, who was also the bandmaster, folding in 1911. Founded . The band’s president, Dr R. J. Dick, objected strongly to the variations of the so-called Welsh National Anthem “Ar Hyd y Nos” at an annual concert, his outburst causing the piece never to be played again by the band. The band’s professional conductor was G. Dimmock.

Sevenoaks Town Band - Kent
Active from the 1890s to the 1950s. Conductor T. Hollans in 1891

Severalls Institution Band - Essex
Formed by patients and staff at the Severalls Hospital in Colchester, a large psychiatric hospital. It was active prior to WW1 and was still active after WW2, in 1946. Took part in the Colchester Carnival in 1934, conducted by Charles Hammond.

Severn Sub-Marine Mining Volunteers Band - Cardiff, Glamorgan
Active in 1888, conducted by A. Robinson

Severn Tunnel Band - Caldicot, Monmouthshire
[current band] - Founded in 1923 - Note: Original members worked for the GWR at the nearby station and engine sheds.

Seworgan Brass Band - Cornwall
Active in the 1870s and 1880s

Seybormen Temperance Band
Active in 1892 when it gained third prize in the Neath Eisteddfod brass band contest.

Sguborwen Temperance Band
See: Aberdare Town Band

Shaddongate Wesleyan Mission Brass Band - Carlisle, Cumberland
Active in 1886, conductor D. Glaister
Shadsworth Brass Band - Lancashire
  Active in 1855
Shadwell Industrial School Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1887
Shaftesbury Brass Band - Dorset
  Active in 1866
Shaftesbury Comrades Band - Dorset
  Formed after WW1, in 1919, and active through to the early 1930s
Shaftesbury Crusade Silver Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
  Possibly active in the early 1900s and 1920s. Active in the 1960/70s. They were
  Championship Section in the late 1970s and came in the top 4 in the National Finals. By
  the end of the 70s the band had lost a lot of players to Sun Life and Soundwell the two
  main top section bands in Bristol at that time. The band folded in early 1980s.
Shaftesbury Hall Band
  See: London City Mission Band
Shaftesbury Private Brass Band - Dorset
  Active in the 1870s, secretary John Hansford in 1873
Shaftesbury Schools Band - Bisley, Surrey
  Active in the 1900s to 1920s
Shaftesbury Street Wesleyan Mission Band - Newport, Monmouthshire
  Active in the 1900s, conductor J.W. Kilburn in 1902, bandmaster Mr Edwards in 1906
Shaftesbury Town Brass Band - Dorset
  [previous name of current band] See: Shaftesbury Town Silver Band
Shaftesbury Town Silver Band - Dorset
  [current band] - Formed in 1898 as Shaftesbury Town Brass Band
Shaftesbury Training Ship Band - Grays, Essex
  See: Training Ship Shaftesbury Band
Shakespearian Brass Band - Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire
  See: Stratford-upon-Avon Brass Band
Shaldon Brass Band - Devon
  Founded in 1905, conductor Mr Pocock
Shaldon Temperance Band - Devon
  On 22 June 1848: “Shaldon Regatta took place on the 15th inst, when flags of all colours
  were hoisted the whole length of the Strand facing the water, and also on the vessels and
  boats in the harbour, having a pretty appearance. The Shaldon Temperance Band was in
  attendance.” Still active in 1885, conductor W. Pedrick
Shalford Brass Band - Surrey
  Active in the 1880s to the 1900s
Shank House Brass Band - Cramlington, Northumberland
  See: Shankhouse Colliery Band
Shankhouse Colliery Band - Cramlington, Northumberland
  Active from the 1850s to 1870s. Conductor Mr Potts in 1862, R. Gillies in 1865
Shanklin Brass Band - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
  Active from the early 1860s to the 1880s
Shanklin Town Band - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
  Formed before 1895, and also known as the Rylstone Band at one point, it disbanded in
  the 1930s. Conductor Mr Sterenight in 1900, F.H. Taylor bandmaster in 1906
Shanklin Town Brass Band - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
  [current band] - Founded in 1993

Shap Brass Band - Westmorland
  Founded in 1883

Shap Silver Band - Westmorland
  Active in the 1930s, probably did not survive WW2.

Shapcott and Sons Brass Band - Devon
  Formed in the late 1840s or 1850s. Consisting of John Shapcott and his family.

Shardlow Brass Band - Derbyshire
  Founded in 1898. Active through to the 1930s. Conductor G. Whiting in 1930. Samuel Barratt was the band’s treasurer from 1898 to 1929.

Shardlow United Brass Band - Derbyshire
  Active in the 1930s

Sharlston Brass Band (1)
  See: Sharlston Old Brass Band

Sharlston Brass Band (2)
  See: Sharlston Colliery Band

Sharlston Colliery (Mobil) Band
  See: Sharlston Colliery Band

Sharlston Colliery Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1980s. Merged with Yorkshire Evening Post Band, but then disbanded in 2002

Sharlston Old Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1880s and 1890s

Sharnbrook Brass Band (1) - Bedfordshire
  Founded in 1862, conductor Mr Deane. Conductor C. Cooke in 1867. A successor band was formed in 1904

Sharnbrook Brass Band (2) - Bedfordshire
  Was “reformed” in 1904. Took part in the Coronation parade in 1911. Records of the band, from 1903-1935, are held by Bedfordshire and Luton Archives and Record Service

Sharnford Brass Band - Leicestershire
  Active in the 1880s

Sharnford Silver Band - Leicestershire
  Active in the 1950s and 1960s

Sharpness and District Prize Band
  Sharpness Temperance Band was formed before 1900. It had its problems - the bandmen, many of whom were port workers at the local docks, used to practise at the Sharpness Union Church. They liked the odd tipple or two and an old minute book disclosed that this was classed as breaking temperance, and many of the band members were asked to leave the band; soon membership became nearly nonexistent - more of the bandmen were to be found at the pub instead of at the rehearsals! An extraordinary meeting was called and it was decided that the Band’s name needed to be changed, and it was renamed the Sharpness and District Prize Band. The start of World War I saw the Band disperse with many of the players playing in military bands, but after the War they reunited and became even stronger; a big attraction was a man named Jack Portlock He was the Band’s drummer and was known for the way he used to throw his batons when he marched; this earned him the name “Gentleman Jack”. This band finally gave way to...
another band under the baton of Matt Francis and then Fred Smith. Many of the existing players stayed, including Cliff Priday on solo cornet and the masterly euphonium player George Short. The band was enjoying local success when the outbreak of World War II saw the group disband. The instruments and the band room were sold and £600 was invested in War Bonds until a new band could be formed. After the war, many attempts were made to reform the band, but they were all doomed to failure. A new Sharpness Band was eventually formed in 1970

**Sharpness and District Silver Band** - Gloucestershire
[cURRENT BAND] - Founded in 1970

**Sharpness Temperance Band**
See: *Sharpness and District Prize Band*

**Sharrow Grange Brass Band** - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1930s to the 1950s. Consisted of blind players. Conductor J.H. Argyle in 1939

**Shaw and Royton Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active in the 1980s

**Shaw Band** - Lancashire
[cURRENT BAND] - Founded in 1871

**Shaw Church Brass Band** - Lancashire
Founded in 1868 - held its first public performance in October that year. Connected to the Shaw Church Schools

**Shaw Field Brass Band** - near Slaithwaite, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1858 to 1868

**Shaw Mills Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in 1885 with some of the members of the disbanded Burnt Yates Old Band. Folded in 1900.

**Shaw Side Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active in 1873

**Shaw Social Club Brass Band** - Newbury, Berkshire
Active in the 1970s and 1980s

**Shaw Youth Band** - Lancashire
[cURRENT BAND]

**Shawbury Industrial School Band** - Shustoke, Warwickshire
Active in the early 1900s to 1911. Used to march through the country lanes and into Fillongley village to Church on a Sunday. The Shustoke Industrial School opened in 1868, later changing its name to Shawbury Industrial School.

**Shawbury Juvenile Band**
See: *Shawbury Industrial School Band*

**Shawclough and Spotland Band** - Lancashire
Founded in 1905, bandmaster P. Flood. Conductor Fred Wilcock in 1914. New instruments bought in 1911, costing £400, president S. Turner at that time. Active through to the 1930s

**Shawclough Brass Band**
See: *Shawclough and Spotland Band*

**Shawfield Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: *Shaw Field Brass Band*
Shawford and Twyford Brass Band - Hampshire
Active in 1907

Shaw's Excelsior Brass Band - Horncastle?, Lincolnshire
Report from August 1888: “Horncastle Horse Fair - On Monday evening Shaw's Excelsior Brass Band played in the Bull Ring, and the Rifle Corps Band under Robert Nicholson gave a promenade concert; there was dancing in Major Armstrong's grounds in South Street (later Hamerton Gardens).”

Sheaf Works Prize Band - Lincoln, Lincolnshire
Active from the 1890s to the 1920s. Associated with Ruston, Proctor & Co. factory which produced locomotives and steam shovels.

Sheen and Longnor Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in 1867

Sheen Brass Band - Staffordshire
Formed in 1850 or earlier, still active in the 1890s. However a “new” brass band in new uniforms performed in 1856. Bandmaster Mr Woolley from 1850 to 1893. Played at the Sheen celebrations for Queen Victoria's Jubilee of 1887

Sheepbridge and Whittington Brass Band - Whittington Moor, Derbyshire
Founded in 1882 as Whittington Moor Brass Band, conductor Thomas Cooper. Active through to the 1900s. Conductor George Brown in 1901. Also known as Whittington Moor Brass Band

Sheepbridge and Whittington Moor Brass Band - Derbyshire
[no information]

Sheepbridge Coal and Iron Works Band - Whittington Moor, Derbyshire
See: Sheepbridge Works Band

Sheepbridge Works Brass Band - Whittington Moor, Derbyshire
Active from the mid-1860s to the 1950s

Sheepridge and Deighton Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Deighton and Sheepridge Brass Band

Sheepridge and Hasland Prize Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Chesterfield and Hasland Brass Band

Sheepscar Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Sheepscar Leather Works Brass Band

Sheepscar Leather Works Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1858. Conductor T. Williams in 1860.

Sheepscar Spanish Leather Works Sax Horn Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Sheepscar Leather Works Brass Band

Sheepscombe Brass Band
Formed around 1900

Sheepshed Brass Band
See: Sheepshed Brass Band

Sheffield Artillery Volunteers Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1850s and 1860s

Sheffield Borough Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1855, leader Mr Wigfall, and the 1880s. Conductor John Joseph William Jubb in 1883

Sheffield City Police Band
See: Sheffield Police Band
Sheffield Corporation Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1936

Sheffield Corporation Health Department Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from the early 1900s to the 1930s. First public performance in 1906, conductor W.T. Beswick. Conductor W.H. Hudson in 1912

Sheffield Corporation Tramways and Motors Band
   See: Sheffield Transport Brass Band

Sheffield Corporation Transport Brass Band
   See: Sheffield Transport Brass Band

Sheffield Corporation Waterworks Band
   See: Sheffield Waterworks Brass Band

Sheffield Excelsior Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1875

Sheffield Health Department Band
   See: Sheffield Corporation Health Department Band

Sheffield Imperial Brass Band
   See: Sheffield Temperance Band

Sheffield L.M.S. Railway Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1948

Sheffield Midland Railway Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1903 and 1906

Sheffield Order of Druids Band
   See: Druids Brass Band

Sheffield Police Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Formed in 1864 (obtained its instruments in January that year), instructor Herr Stradiot, disbanded in the 1930s. Fred Parkinson bandmaster in 1905-1912. Conductor A.W. Lamb in 1906

Sheffield Prince of Wales Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the late 1870s to 1890s, based at Masbrough.

Sheffield Recreation Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Unite the Union Brass Band

Sheffield Recreation Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1890s and the 1900s. Also in the 1960s. Bandmaster W.T. Bestwick in 1895, Arnold Bagshaw in 1904, D.C. Bargery in 1905, H. Kelly in 1916

Sheffield St Margaret's Band
   See: St Margaret's Church Brass Band

Sheffield Temperance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from the 1880s to the 1900s. Conductor J.P. Davison in 1893, T.P. Dawson in 1896, W. Hanson in 1900. Renamed Sheffield Imperial Band in 1907. Conductor J.P. Davison in 1912. Still active in 1919

Sheffield Tramways Brass Band
   See: Sheffield Transport Brass Band

Sheffield Transport Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from the 1900s to the 1960s. Also known as Sheffield Tramways Band, Sheffield Corporation Transport/Tramways Band. Conductor J. Lundy in 1912

Sheffield Victoria Hall Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1930s
**Sheffield Victoria Station Brass Band**  
See: *Mexborough Plant Band*

**Sheffield Waterworks Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
Active in the early 1900s to WW1. Conductor T. Williamson in 1902

**Shefford and Clifton Brass Band** - Bedfordshire  
Active in 1867

**Shefford Brass Band** - Bedfordshire  
Active from the 1870s to the 1930s. A successor band was formed in 1951. Conductor E. Cheshire in 1906, C.C. Harwood in 1907

**Shefford Town Band (1)**  
See: *Shefford Brass Band*

**Shefford Town Band (2)** - Bedfordshire  
Formed in December 1951, conductor W.H. Adams. Still active in the mid-1950s

**Shefford and Ratcliffe Brass Band** - Nottinghamshire  
Active in 1867

**Shelley Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
Active from the 1850 to the early 1900s. New instruments in 1869. Willie Kaye, b. 1867 Newsome, Huddersfield, was a cornet player and bandmaster for Shelley Brass Band in the 1890's.

**Shelley United Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
Active in 1869

**Shelton Brass Band** - Staffordshire  
Active in the 1850s

**Shelton Colliery Brass Band** - Staffordshire  
Active in 1854

**Shenfield Band** - Essex  
Active in 1908

**Shenley and Loughton Brass Band** - Buckinghamshire  
Active in 1887

**Shenley Fields Cottage Homes Band** - Birmingham, Warwickshire  
Active in 1915 - but it lost its whole bass section due to enlistment.

**Shenstone Excelsior Brass Band** - Staffordshire  
Active in 1906

**Shenstone Victoria Brass Band** - Staffordshire  
Active in 1896

**Shepcott Family Band**  
Active in 1851. A travelling musical act consisting of brass band and saxhorns

**Shepherd Building Group Brass Band** - York, Yorkshire  
[current band] - Founded in 1903 - Former names: York Cocoa Works Band, Rowntree's Cocoa Works Band, Rowntree Works Band, Rowntree Mackintosh Band, Rowntrees Band (to 2004) - Note: Formed from former members of the Groves Wesleyan Mission Band

**Shepherd's Bush Silver Band** - Middlesex  
Active in the 1930s

**Shepley Brass Band (1)** - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
Active in 1864
Shepley Brass Band (2) - Yorkshire (West Riding)
The earliest record of the band is 1893 at a concert in St Paul's National School, where the best tickets were priced at 2 shillings. The band was then known as Shepley United Brass Band implying that the band had merged at some point with another band - it, or its predecessor, may have been in existence in 1872 when an brass band contest took place in the village. The band promoted its own brass band contest in 1896. In 1898 there was another concert at St Paul's National School, this time featuring a number of local artistes and including John Paley as Solo Cornet. He had been a member of the Gilmore Champion Military Band of The World based in St Louis, USA and Principal Cornet with Black Dyke closer to home. The 'humourist' in the concert was Walter Matthews, who played trombone in the band. There is little photographic evidence of the band, however Elijah Moorhouse, a blacksmith who lived on The Knowle, was photographed around 1900 standing alongside a magnificent bass drum with the legend 'Shepley United Brass Band'. A couple of photographs show Shepley Band members at the annual School Feast at Shepley Marsh in 1909 and the centre of the village (The Bridge) in 1911. The band folded in 1926.

Shepley Brass Band (3) - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in 1977 and converted to a concert (brass/wind) band in 1995.

Shepley Flax Mills Brass Band - Audenshaw, Lancashire
Active in 1866. The Shepley Mills were operated by Crawford Rogerson & Co.

Shepley United Brass Band
See: Shepley Brass Band (2)

Sheppey Boys Silver Prize Band - Isle of Sheppey, Kent
Active from the 1920s to the early 1950s

Sheppey Silver Band - Isle of Sheppey, Kent
Active from the early 1950s. Possibly a continuation of the Sheppey Boys Silver Band. Took part in the Royal Tunbridge Wells and District Band Federation 27th Annual Band Festival (3rd Section), 14th May 1955, gaining 2nd place and £5, playing “Overture: Lustspiel” by Keler Bela, adjudicated by Harry Mortimer. At one time the bandmaster was Mr. Noakes (of the garage family; having as a showroom and workshops the old music hall next to the Crown Pub).

Shepreth Brass Band - Cambridgeshire
Formed in 1923 by Stephen Buller, a local nurseryman. Its first engagement was the opening and dedication of the War Memorial at Meldreth. The band, which consisted of all local people and practised in the school, was particularly busy at harvest-time when they would be performing around the farms in the area and at thanksgiving services. Disbanded prior to the Second World War. An earlier band began in the 1880's as a military-style band with woodwind as well as brass. This band may have been the direct forerunner of Shepreth Brass Band.

Shepshed Brass Band (1) - Leicestershire
Active in the 1850s to the 1880s

Shepshed Brass Band (2)
See: Shepshed Town Band

Shepshed Garibaldi Brass Band - Leicestershire
See: Shepshed Brass Band (1)
Shepshed Town Band - Leicestershire
   Active from the 1890s to the 1930s. Conductor C. Kirby in 1893, G. Elliott in 1897, E. Hales in 1900.

Shepton Mallet Brass Band
   See: Shepton Mallet Town Band

Shepton Mallet Excelsior Band - Somerset
   Active in the 1920s to the mid-1930s. Bandmaster was Mr. H. Rowsell in 1924

Shepton Mallet Mechanics Institute Brass Band - Somerset
   Active in 1867

Shepton Mallet Town Band - Somerset
   Active from the early 1860s to the 1980s

Shepton Mallet Union Brass Band - Somerset
   Active in 1861, a boys brass band from the union workhouse, aged 6 to 14.

Shepton Mallet Union Juvenile Brass Band - Somerset
   See: Shepton Mallet Union Brass Band

Shepton Montague Brass Band - Somerset
   Active in 1868

Sherborne Excelsior Brass Band - Dorset
   Active in the 1880s and 1890s

Sherborne Town Band - Dorset
   Active from the 1880s to the mid-1920s. Secretary W.J. Newport in 1882. Conductor S. Beaton in 1906. A successor band was formed in 1961

Sherborne Town Band - Dorset
   [current band] - Founded in 1961

Sherburn and District Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in the 1990s. Renamed the Buckrose Brass Band, folded in late 2010.

Sherburn Brass Band - Durham
   Active in 1850

Sherburn Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in the late 1880s through 1910. Bandmaster in 1905, W. Pinkney

Sherburn Hill Colliery Band - Durham
   Formed in the 1890s, folded in the 1960s

Sherburn Old Boys Band
   See: Sherburn-in-Elmet Band

Sherburn-in-Elmet Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Formed in the late 1940s or early 1950s, known as Sherburn Old Boys Band. National Service saw it's demise at the end of the 1950s. It was revived by Frank Fenton, Eric North, Charlie Lund, Eric Irwin and others in the late 1960s. It was always a very friendly band and, despite being a bit of a beer and baccy outfit, did well in local concerts. Fresh blood came in from the high school band thanks to Graham Walker ex Copper Works. Their conductor in the 1970s was Bob Thomas, who took up the baton at the age of 21. The band had its own bus at one time, driven and maintained by the bandsmen. Unofficial concerts were performed at the east coast resorts and a collection was taken for diesel and ale! In the 1970’s the band obtained smart dark green uniforms - the ones from the 60s seemed to have been designed by committee, as everything clashed. They were described by one bandsman as “being something worn by a rear-admiral in the Ruritanian Navy” . the band gained sponsorship from Sam Smith’s
Brewery and were renamed Sam Smiths Old Brewery Band around 1981. The band folded in the late 1980s.

**Sherburn-in-Elmet High School Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the late 1970s to the late 1980s

**Sheringham Brass Band** - Norfolk
Active in the 1900s

**Sheringham Temperance Band** - Norfolk
Formed in 1923. Merged with Cromer Boys Band in 1956 to form Cromer and Sheringham Silver Band. Conductor F. Wallwork in the 1930s

**Sheringham Temperance Junior Band**
See: *Sheringham Youth Centre Brass Band*

**Sheringham Youth Centre Brass Band** - Norfolk
Active in the late 1940s. Also known as Sheringham Temperance Junior Band

**Sherington Brass Band** - Buckinghamshire
Active in 1860

**Sherston Brass Band** - Wiltshire
Active in 1863

**Sherwood Forest Brass** - Mansfield, Nottinghamshire
[current band] - Founded in 2000 - Former names: Thoresby Colliery Youth Brass Band

**Sherwood Foresters’ Brass Band**
See: *Royal Sherwood Foresters’ Militia Band*

**Sherwood Harmonic Brass Band**
See: *Sutton in Ashfield Old Harmonic Brass Band*

**Sherwood Primitive Methodist Mission Band**
See: *Llwynypia Sherwood Mission Band*

**Sherwood Rangers Band** - Newark, Nottinghamshire
Active in the 1850s and 1860s. Conductor W. Chatterton in 1864. The Worksop Journal reported that on Whit Monday 1856, when three Friendly Societies formed a procession, three Bands took part. After the procession to the Parish Church and Divine Service, they dined at various hostelries. The Old Abbey Club dined at the Corn Exchange where Mr Marshall of the Greyhound Inn catered for 240 persons. The Mosbro' Band attended and played appropriate airs after each toast. The Golden Ball Friendly Society dined in their large room.... and the Sherwood Rangers Band contributed to the pleasure of the day. The Wheat Sheaf Club dined at the club room of the Wheat Sheaf Inn, and the Sutton Brass Band very much delighted the Society with their performances.

**Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry (TA) Band** - Newark, Nottinghamshire
Active in the mid-1960s

**Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry Band**
See: *Sherwood Rangers Band*

**Shettleston Brass Band** - Lanarkshire
Active from 1863. Around 1872 Shettleston had a first class Brass Band. It was called “Pricky Mair Band“. It was composed of Lawsons, Cunninghams, Allans, McBride, Dick, Carey, etc. “Dandy Allan”, as he was styled, was a handsome man over 6 ft, wore a Glengarry bonnet and the ribbons hanging down his shoulder with a staff he looked like a Drum Major, and he followed the Band everywhere. The band were in great demand at that period for excursions, etc. but it took a day and a half for an excursion. They had to leave at 5 a.m. in the morning, play in Bridgeton, through Glasgow Green to the
Broomielaw and return about 11 or 12 at night. No conveyance of any kind then. On the first day of the year 1900 and the new Century, the Shettleston Band arranged a march through the town and the Bells struck 12, the Band marched through the Main Street, etc. (from the reminiscences of Dan McAleer - October 1930). In 1879 it took part in a procession in August to inaugurate the Kilmarnock Burns Monument and Kay Park, accompanying the Foresters Lodge. Conductor Mr Fortin in 1892

**Shettleston Public Temperance Band**
See: *Shettleston Brass Band*

**Sheviock Prize Band** - Cornwall
Active in 1913 - it folded about the end of the first war when the vicar who inspired it and trained it left the parish.

**Shieldhill Public Band**
See: *Shieldhill Silver Band*

**Shieldhill Silver Band** - Stirlingshire
Formed in the 1880s and still active in the 1950s. Conductor Walter Heaps in 1895, John Wotherspoon in 1896. Walter Heaps was the principal cornet player in 1901.

**Shields Garibaldi Band**
See: *South Shields Garibaldi Band*

**Shifnal Brass Band** - Shropshire
Active in 1938

**Shifnal Coronation Band** - Shropshire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

**Shifnal Prince of Wales Band** - Shropshire
Active in the 1860s

**Shifnal Volunteers Brass Band** - Shropshire
Active in the 1890s

**Shildon British Railways Band** - Durham
Formed in 1937. Later it became Shildon LNER Works Band and then Shildon British Railways Band. In 1937 the President of the band was W. Wells Hood D.S.O., and the Musical Director was T. Collinson B.B.C.M. During 1937 it won 10 first prizes, 6 challenge cups and 11 medals. A report in 1848 noted that a Shildon Works Band was “supplying music at a social function which included influential people such as Timothy Hackworth and Henry Pease.” The band had folded by the early 1980s when the Shildon Works was closed.

**Shildon Community Band** - Durham
See: *South Durham Industries Brass Band*

**Shildon Juvenile Band** - Durham
See: *New Shildon Juvenile Temperance Band*

**Shildon L.N.E.R. Works Silver Band** - Durham
See: *Shildon British Railways Band*

**Shildon LNER Works Band** - Durham
See: *Shildon British Railways Band*
Shildon Saxhorn Band (1) - Durham
   See: New Shildon Saxhorn Band
Shildon Saxhorn Band (2) - Durham
   See: Shildon Town Band
Shildon Silver Band - Durham
   See: Shildon Town Band
Shildon Temperance Band - Durham
   See: Shildon Town Band
Shildon Town Band - Durham
   [current band] - Founded in 1937
Shildon Town Band - Durham
   Formed in 1890s as Shildon Saxhorn Band. When a debt of the band was paid off it changed its name to Shildon Wesleyan Band, Shildon Temperance Band, then Shildon Silver Band. Renamed as Shildon Town Band in 1937. Folded in the late 1990s. Also known as Shildon Town (Suntravel) Band in the mid-1980s
Shildon Town Suntravel Band - Durham
   See: Shildon Town Band
Shildon Wesleyan Band - Durham
   See: Shildon Town Band
Shildon Works Brass Band (1) - Durham
   Active in 1866
Shildon Works Brass Band (2) - Durham
   See: Shildon British Railways Band
Shilton Brass Band - Oxfordshire
   Active in the 1890s
Shincliffe Brass Band - Durham
   Active in 1862
Shiney Row and District Silver Prize Band - Durham
   Active from the 1890s through to the 1930s. Conductor George How in 1894
Shiney Row Brass Band
   See: Shiney Row and District Silver Prize Band
Shiney Row Temperance Band
   See: Shiney Row and District Silver Prize Band
Shinfield and Three Mile Cross Brass Band - Berkshire
   Active in the 1930s
Shinfield Brass Band - Berkshire
   Active in the 1880s, conductor Mr Wheeler in 1885, T. Wicks in 1904. Still active in 1899
Shipley Brass Band (1) - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from the 1850s to the early 1860s
Shipley Brass Band (2) - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Formed around 1866, active through to WW1. Secretary George Lake in 1874. Bandmaster Marshall Roberts in 1902
Shipley Canal Ironworks Brass Band
   See: Canal Ironworks Band
Shipley Colliery Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1920s and 1930s
Shipley Gospel Mission Band
See: Shipley Temperance Band

Shipley Temperance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1890s, conductor Sam Simpson in 1891. Also known as Shipley Gospel Mission Band

Shipston Town Band - Warwickshire
[current band] - Founded in 1912 - Note: Shipston Band was formed in 1912 as the result of a bet between Mr. Charles Holman and Mr. Frank Parsons. Mr. Holman, a former military band master, bet Mr. Parsons that he could train a band within six weeks fit enough to march through the streets of Shipston. Six weeks to the day the band duly marched, finishing in the square and pausing at each corner to play a waltz- It was reported that by the time the band returned to the square only two players were still playing, namely Charles Holman and the bass drum, but Charles Holman was adjudged to have won his bet and the band has been in existence ever since.

Shipston-on-Stour Brass Band
Active in 1914

Shipton Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active in the late 19th and early 20th centuries

Shipton Brass Band - Oxfordshire
See: Shipton under Wychwood Brass Band

Shipton under Wychwood Brass Band - Oxfordshire
Active in 1855

Shire Oak School Brass Band - Walsall, Staffordshire
Active from the mid-1970s to the mid-1980s

Shirebrook Adult School Band - Derbyshire
[previous name of current band] See: Shirebrook Miners’ Welfare Unison Band

Shirebrook Miners’ Welfare Brass Band - Derbyshire
[previous name of current band] See: Shirebrook Miners’ Welfare Unison Band

Shirebrook Miners’ Welfare Unison Band - Derbyshire
[current band] - Founded in 1903 - Former names: Shirebrook Adult School Band (to WW1), Shirebrook Silver Prize Band (to 1949), Shirebrook Miners’ Welfare Brass Band - Note: Shirebrook Silver Prize Band (Mansfield) was active in the 1950s

Shirebrook Silver Prize Band - Derbyshire
[previous name of current band] See: Shirebrook Miners’ Welfare Unison Band

Shirehampton and Avonmouth Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active from the late 1890s to the 1930s. Obtained new instruments in 1902 and became a public subscription band in 1904.

Shirehampton and Avonmouth Labour Band
See: Shirehampton and Avonmouth Brass Band

Shiremoor Brass Band - Northumberland
Active in 1894 to WW1. Conductor Thomas Petrie in 1902, George Hopkins in 1909. Also Known as Shiremoor Institute Band

Shiremoor Institute Band
See: Shiremoor Brass Band

Shireoaks Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active from the 1860s to the 1910s. Conductor Mr Martin in 1868, Mr Beadmore in 1893. Still active in 1911
Shireoaks Colliery Band - Nottinghamshire
  Active from the 1900s to the 1950s. Ernest Tuttle appointed conductor in October 1949

Shirland and Higham Silver Band - Derbyshire
  Formed in the 1880s, active through to 1939. Conductor W. Lambert in 1891

Shirland Brass Band
  See: Shirland and Higham Silver Band

Shirland Colliery Band - Derbyshire
  Founded in 1881, conductor Isaac Booth

Shirland Miners Welfare Silver Band - Derbyshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Shirland Welfare Band

Shirland Welfare Band - Derbyshire
  [current band] - Founded in 1998 - Former names: Shirland Miners Welfare Silver Band

Shirley Amateur Brass Band - Hampshire
  Active from the early 1860s to the 1890s. Conductor Mr Barnes in 1869, G. Butt in 1885

Shirley Band - Warwickshire
  [current band] - Founded in 1919 - Former names: Shirley Town Band, Shirley Silver Band

Shirley Brass Band - Derbyshire
  Active in the 1880s

Shirley Brass Band - Hampshire
  See: Shirley Amateur Brass Band

Shirley Brass Band - Surrey
  Active in the 1880s and 1890s. Bandmaster was George Pound in 1895, rehearsing in the Sandrock Hotel in Upper Shirley Road.

Shirley Schools Brass Band - Surrey
  Active from the early 1900s to the 1930s. Conductor J. Machell in 1904. In 1903, the St Olave Union erected a large children’s cottage home “village” at Wickham Road, Shirley, also known as Shirley Schools. There were 38 children’s cottages, making Shirley one of the largest cottage homes sites ever erected. Some children stayed there for just a few weeks, some for up to fifteen years. Conductor L. Evans-Parr in 1926. Also known as St Olave’s Poor Law School Band

Shirley Silver Band - Warwickshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Shirley Band

Shirley Town Band - Warwickshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Shirley Band

Shirley Victoria Brass Band - Surrey
  See: Croydon and Shirley Victoria Brass Band

Shoeburyness Boys Band - Essex
  Active in 1922

Shoeburyness Brass Band - Essex
  Active in the 1880s

Shoeburyness R.A. School of Gunnery Band - Essex
  Active in the 1880s to the 1900s

Shoeburyness Railway Silver Band - Essex
  Formed after WW1 in 1919 and active through to 1939

Shoeburyness School of Gunnery Band
  See: Shoeburyness R.A. School of Gunnery Band
Shoeburyness Silver Band
 See: Shoeburyness Railway Silver Band

Shore Road Station Brass Band - Birkenhead, Cheshire
 Active in the 1890s to the 1930s. Conductor J. Harper in 1901

Shoreditch Borough Silver Band - Middlesex
 Active from the 1900s to the 1930s

Shoreditch Borough United Band
 See: Shoreditch Borough Silver Band

Shoreditch Industrial School Brass Band - Essex
 Active in 1860 through to 1900. Conductor Mr Phemister, bandmaster Mr Skipsey in 1860. The school was taken over from the Shoreditch Board of Guardians in 1877, becoming the Brentwood District school, and was based on the north side of Brentwood Hill. In 1885 the Brentwood School District was dissolved, the Hackney Union taking it over. The band was still active in 1900, conductor G.W. Doughty. In 1898 a report on the school included: “There is an excellent and well-taught band - 34 boys are in the 1st band, and 28 in the 2nd. During the year 1897, 16 outside engagements were successfully carried out by it. The practising band-room is of insufficient size, but the neighbouring gymnasium is, when available, used in its stead.”

Shoreditch Parochial Schools Boys Brass Band - Essex
 See: Shoreditch Industrial School Brass Band

Shoreditch Wesleyan Mission Brass Band - Middlesex
 Active in the 1900s

Shoreham Brass Band - Sussex
 Active in the 1880s to 1920s. Conductor Mr Feltham in 1885, H. Ashdown in 1898, Joseph H. Booker in 1902-1929. Still active in 1929. Also known as Shoreham United Brass Band

Shoreham United Brass Band
 See: Shoreham Brass Band

Short Heath Brass Band - Staffordshire
 Active from the 1890s to WW1. Conductor H. Fisher in 1894, A. Tew in 1911

Short Heath Havelock Band
 See: Short Heath Brass Band

Short’s Works Brass Band - Rochester, Kent
 Based at the Short Brothers aircraft factory for a short period after WW2. Presumed to have folded when Short Brothers moved their main based from Kent to Belfast in 1948.

Shotley Brass Band - Suffolk
 Active in 1919

Shotton Colliery Band (1) - Durham
 Formed around 1902, probably disbanded at/during WW1

Shotton Colliery Band (2) - Durham
 Founded in 1920, disbanded in 1972. Also known as Shotton Model Silver Band. Competed in the Junior Cup in 1962, conducted by W. F. Buckley.

Shotton Colliery Band (3) - Durham
 Reformed in 1981 and disbanded around 1995

Shotton Model Silver Band
 See: Shotton Colliery Band (2)

Shotton Subscription Band - Durham
 Active in the 1910s
**Shotton Temperance Band** - Durham
  Active in the 1910s

**Shotts Brass Band** - Lanarkshire
  See: **Shotts Foundry Band**

**Shotts Foundry Band** - Lanarkshire
  Active from the 1860s to the 1950s. Conductor Mr Gilchrist in 1867, J. Somerville in 1900, J. Radcliffe in 1907, William L. Smith in 1933

**Shotts Iron Works Silver Band**
  See: **Shotts Foundry Band**

**Shotts RC Band** - Lanarkshire
  [previous name of current band] See: **Shotts St Patrick’s Brass Band**

**Shotts Roman Catholic Band** - Lanarkshire
  [previous name of current band] See: **Shotts St Patrick’s Brass Band**

**Shotts St Patrick’s Brass Band** - Lanarkshire
  [current band] - Founded in 1878 - Former names: also known as Shotts RC Band

**Showell and Sons Brass Band** - Worcestershire
  Active in the mid-1880s. The company were brass founders, producing architectural brassware and art metal work, based at the Stirchley Brass Foundry, Charlotte Road, Stirchley.

**Shrewsbury Amateur Promenade Band** - Shropshire
  Active in the 1870s

**Shrewsbury and Hereford Railway Company Brass Band** - Shropshire
  See: **Shrewsbury Railway Works Brass Band**

**Shrewsbury Brass Band** - Shropshire
  [current band] - Founded in 1980 - Former names: Sabrina Brass Band (to 2012) - Note: Originally formed in the mid 1970s as an instrumental teachers quintet, developed into full brass band in 1980

**Shrewsbury Brass Band (1)** - Shropshire
  Active in the 1850s to 1870s. Conductor John Carey in 1859, Mr Tanswell in 1861-1871

**Shrewsbury Brass Band (2)** - Shropshire
  Founded around 1905. A successor band was formed in 1980

**Shrewsbury Oddfellows Brass Band** - Shropshire
  Founded in 1859, bandmaster Edward Mitchell, secretary J. Griffiths. Still active in 1869

**Shrewsbury Promenade Brass Band** - Shropshire
  See: **Shrewsbury Amateur Promenade Band**

**Shrewsbury Railway Works Brass Band** - Shropshire
  Active in 1858

**Shrewton Silver Band** - Wiltshire
  [current band] - Founded in 1831 - Note: 1831 - First evidence in print of the forerunner of the Shrewton Silver Band, 1856 - William Kilford and Henry Scott, conductors of the Shrewton Band. 1895 - Frederick Smith, conductor, 1909 - Frank Kilford, conductor, 1911 - Shrewton Band earned £5 for the Coronation celebrations at Shrewton, 1922 - purchased new uniforms - 1934 - raised £4 10s from a Sunday Concert for the Gresford Colliery Disaster Fund

**Shropshire (Wellington) Volunteer Band** - Shropshire
  [no information]
Shroton Institution Brass Band - Dorset
See: Iwerne Minster Brass Band

Shroton Musical Institution Brass Band - Dorset
See: Iwerne Minster Brass Band

Shustoke Industrial School Band
See: Shawbury Industrial School Band

Shut End Brass Band - Pensnett, Staffordshire
Active from the early 1880s to the 1900s. Conductor Mr Proudler in 1885. Possibly linked to the brickworks in the village

Shutford Brass Band - Oxfordshire
Active from 1861 to the 1910s

Shuttlewood Brass Band - Derbyshire
Founded in 1909, conductor Mr Dodsworth

Sibford Band - Warwickshire
Active around 1900

Sible Hedingham Brass Band - Essex
Active in the 1880s to the early 1900s

Sibold's North London Brass Band - Middlesex
Active in the 1860s

Sibsey Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in the 1880s to the 1900s

Sidcup Homes Band
See: Greenwich and Deptford Union Cottage Homes Band

Sidcup Schools Brass Band
See: Greenwich and Deptford Union Cottage Homes Band

Sidmouth Brass Band - Devon
Active in 1853. A successor band was formed in 1862

Sidmouth Excelsior Brass Band - Devon
Active in 1899

Sidmouth Town Band - Devon
[current band] - Founded in 1862, conductor Mr Pinney. Fell apart in disarray in 1864 only to re-organise as a subscription band later in that year. Found itself in “great pecuniary difficulties” in 1867

Sigglesthorne and Seaton United Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Formed in December 1862. Conductor Mr Hockney in 1864. Active into the late 1870s. President was H.S. Constable.

Sigglesthorne Brass Band
See: Sigglesthorne and Seaton United Brass Band

Silchester and District Temperance Band - Hampshire
Formed in 1890. Active into the 1920s and 1930s. Won the Holbrook Cup in 1921. Conductor Albert Ford in 1893

Silchester Brass Band - Hampshire
Active in the 1850s and 1860s

Silchester School Band - Hampshire
[current band] - Founded in 1987

Silchester Silver Band
See: Silchester and District Temperance Band
Silchester Temperance Band
See: Silchester and District Temperance Band

Sileby Adult School Brass Band - Leicestershire
Won a contest at Humberstone Hall in 1902

Sileby and Mountsorrel Brass Band - Leicestershire
Active in 1866, conductor William Smith

Sileby Brass Band
See: Sileby Town Band

Sileby Imperial Band - Leicestershire
Active in 1910 - having been formed after the Sileby Temperance Band folded. It took part in a procession for the Adult School's 3rd Annual Parade together with the Sileby Town Band in July 1910. In 1925 they won the Leicester Mail Challenge Cup under their conductor, Billy Iliffe, and changed their name to Sileby Imperial Silver Band. The band folded at the outbreak of the Second World War.

Sileby Temperance Band - Leicestershire
Formed in 1888 by the Primitive Methodist Chapel. Still active in 1906. Conductor Mr Freer in 1895

Sileby Town Band - Leicestershire
Active in 1866. Folded in 1967. Contemporary with the Sileby Temperance Band in the 1890s and 1900s. A complimentary benefit concert was given by the band in 1911 on behalf of Mr “Tricker” Preston who had played with the band for 30 years. Before that he had been a member of the Quorn and Sileby Band. In 1937 the band won two first prizes in the Leicestershire Brass Band Association contest under their conductor, Mr C Anderson, winning the Hawkes Challenge Cup and the Boosey Challenge Shield.

Silford Temperance Band - Devon
Active in the 1900s

Silk Brass - Macclesfield, Cheshire
[current band] - Founded in 1997

Silk Mill Brass Band - Westhoughton, Lancashire
See: Chadwick’s Mill Brass Band

Silksworth Colliery Band - Durham
[previous name of current band] See: RMT Silksworth Band

Silksworth Colliery Band (1) - Durham
Active in 1877

Silksworth Colliery Band (2)
See: Lord Londonderry’s Volunteer Temperance Band

Silksworth Model Band
See: Lord Londonderry’s Volunteer Temperance Band

Silksworth Temperance Band
See: Lord Londonderry’s Volunteer Temperance Band

Silksworth Volunteer Band
See: Lord Londonderry’s Volunteer Temperance Band

Silloth Artillery Brass Band - Cumberland
Active in 1895, when Joseph Wilkinson was appointed Bandmaster
Silloth Brass Band - Cumberland
Active in the 1860s, conductor Mr Bull in 1866, Mr Madill in 1882, Mr Gouge in 1886, Mr Rosenblade in 1887. The band’s instruments, stored in the luggage room at Silloth Station, were destroyed in a fire there in July 1887. Still active in 1908.

Silloth Town Band - Cumberland
See: Silloth Brass Band

Silsden and Addingham Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1865

Silsden Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Founded in the 1840s. Also known as 16th West Yorks Rifles Band for a period when it was associated with the local volunteer brigade. A successor band was formed in 1990

Silsden Town Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
current band - Founded in 1990

Silton Brass Band - Dorset
Formed in September 1870, bandmaster J. Skivington. Still active in 1888, conductor C. Matthews

Silton Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in the 1880s to 1900s

Silver Wing Band - Heathrow, Middlesex
[previous name of current band] See: British Airways Band

Silverdale Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active from the 1850s. Herr Winzer conductor in 1858, F. Mountford in 1863, Mr Hilton in 1870

Silverdale Silver Band - Staffordshire
See: Silverdale Town Band

Silverdale St Luke's Band - Staffordshire
See: Silverdale Town Band

Silverdale Temperance Band - Staffordshire
Active in the 1880s to 1889

Silverdale Town Band - Staffordshire
Formed as Silverdale St Luke's Band in the 1880s. Renamed Silverdale Town Band around 1890. Conductor G. Turner through the 1890s. Active to the 1920s

Silverhill Colliery Band - Skegby, Nottinghamshire
Active around 1900. One member at that time was George Hawksley.

Silverstone Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Silverton Rechabite Brass Band - Devon
Active in 1903

Silverton Temperance Band - Devon
[no information]

Silverton Town Band - Devon
[no information]

Silverwood Colliery Band - Thrybergh, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in May 1909. Folded in the late 1960s

Simon Langton Brass - Canterbury, Kent
[current band] - Founded in 2011
Simply Brass - Stowmarket, Suffolk
[current band] - Founded in 2014

Sinclairstown Instrumental Brass Band - Fife
Active in 1855

Singer's Apollo Brass Band - Coventry, Warwickshire
Founded in 1884, based at George Singer's bicycle factory in the town. Conductor George Rose. In 1888 the band performed at a 'monster cycle meeting', where the 15 musicians were mounted on the 'Victoria' war cycle, also with a steerer and a big drum. In 1889 the band performed on tricycles. Conductor Walter Sidwell in 1891. Still active in 1902

Single Hill Silver Prize Band - Somerset
Active from the early 1900s to 1939. In 1917 it took part in the following celebration: “On Wednesday evening there was a large gathering of inhabitants of Shoscombe, Wellow and the district including several miners employed at the Braysdown Colliery who met to show their appreciation of the heroic conduct of a Wellow man named Herbert Golledge, a miner employed at Braysdown Colliery, who upon a recent occasion performed a daring deed while at work in the colliery, and rendered very timely and valuable aid to the under manager Mr George Weeks, who had met with a serious accident while riding in the cage in the shaft of the colliery. The gathering took place in the Shoscombe Church Schools, which had kindly been placed at the disposal of the promoters by the vicar of Wellow, the Rev L.G.G. Horton and the managers. In honour of the occasion the Single Hill Silver Prize Band, under Mr George Montague’s conductorship turned out and in addition to rendering suitable music in the open air before and after the proceedings played two selections in a highly creditable manner in the school-room, where a glee party, under Mr James Maggs, also gave a couple of glee’s.”

Singlehill Brass Band
See: Single Hill Silver Prize Band

Sipson Baptist Band - Middlesex
Active in the 1906, conductor A.J. Sopp

Sir George Elliot's Brass Band
See: Aberaman Original Silver Band

Sir John Johnstone's Private Brass Band - Hackness, Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1867. J.V.B. Johnstone, MP, residing at Hackness Hall, had a brass band formed of a number of his estate’s tenants.

Sir Richard Arkwright's Masson Mills Band - Derbyshire
[current band] - Founded in 1979 - Former names: South East Derbyshire Music Centre Band, Orion Airways Band, Britannia Airways Band, Thorntons Brass (to 2008)

Sir Wilfrid Martineau School Brass Band - Tile Cross, Warwickshire
Active in the 1970s

Sir William Angus, Sanderson and Company Motor Works Band - Birtley, Northumberland
Founded in 1919, bandmaster James Neill. The Angus-Sanderson automobile was manufactured from 1919 to 1927. As production moved from Birtley to Hendon in 1921, the band probably did not survive the move.

Sirdar (Wakefield) Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1970s and 1980s.

Sirocco Lodge Brass Band
See: Sirocco Silver Band
Sissinghurst Brass Band - Kent
Active in 1865

Sissons Brothers and Company Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
Founded in 1909, bandmaster Mr Southcoat. Active in the 1910s. Sissons manufactured varnish, paint and colours. A bandroom was constructed at the factory in 1911.

Sittingbourne and Milton Temperance Band - Kent
Active in the early 1900s

Sittingbourne and Murston Band - Kent
Active in the 1900s. In 1908 it had about “thirty capable musicians” and it rehearsed at the New Inn, Murston. Bandmaster, F. Hinkley; Sub-Bandmaster, S. Bills.

Sittingbourne Brass Band - Kent
Active in the 1850s and 1860s

Sitwell Street Mission Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
Formed around 1889. Active through to WW1. Was “in need of new instruments” in 1909, conductor George H. Hawkins.

Six Bells Brass Band - Monmouthshire
Active in 1867

Six Ways Mission Band - Smethwick, Staffordshire
Active around 1900.

Sixpenny Handley Brass Band - Dorset
Active from the early 1900s to the 1950s at least. Conductor in 1909 was John Fox. In 1949 it was D.D. Judd.

Skaife’s Brass Band - Pickering, Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active from the 1880s to the 1900s, disbanding in 1904

Skegby Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in 1858

Skegness (Hawkins Electrical) Band - Lincolnshire
[previous name of current band] See: Skegness Silver Band

Skegness Boy’s Brigade Band - Lincolnshire
Formed in 1908 under the direction of J. Hudson but had to disband on the outbreak of hostilities in 1914, since most of the men were territorials. A new Skegness Town Band was formed in 1928 (later Skegness Excelsior, then Skegness Silver Band).

Skegness Excelsior Silver Band - Lincolnshire
[previous name of current band] See: Skegness Silver Band

Skegness Silver Band - Lincolnshire
[current band] - Founded in 1928 - Former names: Skegness Town Band, Skegness Excelsior Silver Band, Skegness (Hawkins Electrical) Band

Skegness Town Band - Lincolnshire
[previous name of current band] See: Skegness Silver Band

Skelmanthorpe Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1843 - Former names: Skelmanthorpe Prize Silver Band, Skelmanthorpe Band, Innovate Skelmanthorpe Band (to 2007)

Skelmanthorpe Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Skelmanthorpe Band

Skelmersdale County Secondary School Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the early 1960s
Skelmersdale Prize Band - Lancashire
  [current band] - Founded in 1878 - Former names: Skelmersdale Temperance Band

Skelmersdale Temperance Band - Lancashire
  [previous name of current band] See: Skelmersdale Prize Band

Skelton Brass Band
  See: Skelton Old Band

Skelton Hope to Prosper Band
  See: North Skelton Hope to Prosper Band

Skelton Lower Edge Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
  Active in the 1870s

Skelton Old Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
  Active between the 1860s and 1920s. Also known as Skelton Volunteer Band. Conductor Tom Hunter in 1906

Skelton United Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
  Active in the 1870s

Skelton Volunteer Band
  See: Skelton Old Band

Skelton-in-Cleveland Brass Band
  See: Skelton Old Band

Skenfrith Brass Band - Monmouthshire
  Active in 1860

Skewen Brass Band - Glamorgan
  Active from the 1890s to the 1950s. Originally a drum and fife band, it had converted to all brass by around 1900. Conductor H. Wiltshire in 1905, John Richards in 1908

Skidby Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
  Active in 1860, when each of the members was present with a suit of clothes of uniform shape by Mr Barkworth of Cottingham Castle. Still active in 1868

Skinflats Brass Band - Stirlingshire
  Active from the 1870s to WW1. Conductor Alexander Bell from the late 1890s.

Skinningrove and Loftus Mines Band
  See: Skinningrove Miners’ Brass Band

Skinningrove Brass Band
  See: Skinningrove Miners’ Brass Band

Skinningrove Iron and Steel Works Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
  Formed in the 1890s. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Folded around WW2

Skinningrove Miners’ Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
  Active from the 1870s to the late 1940s. Bandmaster Mr Layman in 1906

Skipton Blue Ribbon Army Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1880s

Skipton Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Formed around 1870 as Jack Guy’s Skipton Mission Band, later named Skipton Prize Band in 1919, it disbanded in 2002. Also known as Skipton Town Band, Skipton Properties Band and PCA Skipton Brass Band. A successor band, Skipton Brass, was formed a few years later.

Skipton Mission Band
  See: Skipton Brass Band
Skipton Old Band  
See: Skipton Brass Band

Skipton Properties Band  
See: Skipton Brass Band

Skipton Town Band  
See: Skipton Brass Band

Slade’s Family Brass Band - Trowbridge, Wiltshire  
Active in 1867

Sladesbridge Band - Cornwall  
[no information]

Slaidburn Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
Active in 1864. A successor band was formed in 1898

Slaidburn Silver Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
[current band] - Founded in 1898

Slaithwaite Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
[current band] - Founded in 1892 - Former names: Upper Slaithwaite Brass & Reed Band, Upper Slaithwaite Prize Band (around 1905)

Slaithwaite Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
Active from the early 1850s to the late 1880s. A successor band was formed in 1892.

Slaithwaite Union Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
Active from the late 1850s to the early 1880s. Obtained new uniforms in April 1869, costing £70, consisting of white coat with red facings, blue trousers with white stripe outside, cap to match and white belt.

Slaithwaite Victoria Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
Active in the 1850s

Slamannan Brass Band - Stirlingshire  
Active from the late 1870s to around 1900. Conductor James Lilly in 1893

Slapton Brass Band - Buckinghamshire  
Active in 1859 to 1865

Slater’s New Haden (Colliery) Band  
See: New Haden Colliery Silver Band

Slater’s Silver Band  
See: New Haden Colliery Silver Band

Sleaford Albion Brass Band - Lincolnshire  
Active in 1885

Sleaford and District Brass Band - Lincolnshire  
Formed by the amalgamation of Sleaford Town Band and Heckington Band, probably in the late 1940s? Active in the 1950s to the early 1970s. Some members of the band went on to form Sleaford Vintage Brass.

Sleaford Brass Band - Lincolnshire  
Active from the mid-1840s to the mid-1880s.

Sleaford Excelsior Brass Band - Lincolnshire  
Active in the 1880s to WW1. Conductor W.W. Clarke in 1904, H. Jeffrey in 1911. Folded when the war dispersed its members. Also known as Sleaford Town Band until the “formal” Sleaford Town Band was founded around 1903.

Sleaford Temperance Brass Band - Lincolnshire  
Formed in 1859.
Sleaford Town Band - Lincolnshire
   Formed in 1903, conductor E. King, it was active through to the late 1930s, becoming the
Sleaford Homeguard Band during WW2, and amalgamating with the Heckington Band
after the war to form Sleaford and District Band.

Sleetburn Colliery Band - Willington, Durham
   Formed in 1891 as brass and reed band, converting to all brass by 1894. Later known as
Sleetburn Model Band, New Brancepeth Colliery Band. Active through to the 1950s

Sleetburn Model Band
   See: Sleetburn Colliery Band

Slindon Brass Band - near Chichester, Sussex
   Active around 1870

Slip End Adult School Brass Band - Bedfordshire
   Active in 1909

Slough and Chalvey Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
   Formed in 1887 under the direction of J. Hammond. In 1896 it played a promenade
   concert at the Dolphin Ground in Slough on July 15th. Still active in 1899. Also known as
   Chalvey Brass Band

Slough and Stoke Band - Buckinghamshire
   Active in the 1900s

Slough Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
   Active in the 1850s and 1860s

Slough Town Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
   Active from the early 1900s into the 1950s. Bandmaster W.G. Fidler in 1905

Smallbridge Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1861 to 1867

Smalley Common Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1900s

Smallthorne Amateur Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Founded in September 1867, conductor Mr Davies

Smallthorne Excelsior Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1930s, bandmaster was Edwin Meadows Dixon. It practiced in a hut in
   Bradeley Lane (now Chell Heath Road) on the edge of Camp Fields. Its members would
   have been drawn from the local mines and ironworks.

Smallthorne Public Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the late 1930s

Smedley’s Works Brass Band - Derbyshire
   See: Lea Mills Brass Band

Smethwick Brass Band - Staffordshire
   See: Smethwick Foresters Brass Band

Smethwick Foresters Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in 1866 and the 1870s

Smethwick Uplands Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1960s

Smethwick Volunteers Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1860s and 1870s. Also known as the band of the 2nd King’s Own
   Staffordshire Militia
Smirthwaite Brass Band
See: Smirthwaite Temperance Band

Smirthwaite Street Brass Band
See: Smirthwaite Temperance Band

Smirthwaite Temperance Band - Burnley, Lancashire
Active in the 1890s to 1900s. A new bandmaster was being sought in 1904. Linked to the Blue Ribbon Union.

Smith and Ashby Foundry Band - Stamford, Lincolnshire
Robert Smith was a talented musician. He encouraged an interest in music among a number of his workmen and organised them into a brass band. They first performed at the showroom's opening concert and by December 1855 they were thought proficient enough to give their first public concert (although there is a report of them playing at the “Capture of Sebastopol” celebrations in the town in September 1855). The firm provided the instruments and uniforms, at a total cost of £200, but the band members had to undertake to purchase them from their weekly wages. It was serious commitment for men who probably not well paid. Throughout the following years the Foundry Band, as it came to be called, became a popular ingredient of the Stamford social scene. Regular concerts were given and the band took part in the celebrations to mark the end of the Crimea War. Smith's Works Band still active in 1923.

Smith Brothers Brass Band - Accrington, Lancashire
Active in 1854

Smith Brothers Brass Band - Hyson Green, Nottinghamshire
Active in 1866. Smith Brothers & Co. manufactured brass fittings for locomotive engines

Smith’s Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Yorkshire Evening Post Band

Smith's Band - Stamford, Lincolnshire
See: Smith and Ashby Foundry Band

Smith's Dock Brass Band
See: Wallsend Shipyard Brass Band

Smith's Family Brass Band - Accrington, Lancashire
Active in 1852

Smith’s Hull Druidical Operatic Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
See: Hull Druids’ Brass Band

Smith’s Model Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Yorkshire Evening Post Band

Smith’s Operatic Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
See: Hull Druids’ Brass Band

Smith’s Works Band
See: Smith and Ashby Foundry Band

Smithstone Band - Dunbartonshire
[previous name of current band] See: Croy Silver Band

Smithstone Brass Band - Kilsyth, Stirlingshire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Smyllum School Band - Lanark, Lanarkshire
A band formed at the Smyllum Orphanage School in the 1940s/50s. The band was still active in the early 1960s, and the school probably closed in the 1980s.
Snainton Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active in 1853

Snedshill Iron Company Brass Band - Shropshire
   Active in 1859

Snibston and Desford Colliery (NWDLC) Band - Leicestershire
   See: South Leicester and Desford 'B' Miners Welfare Band

Snibston and Desford Colliery Band - Leicestershire
   See: South Leicester and Desford 'B' Miners Welfare Band

Snibston and Desford Colliery Band - Leicestershire
   Conductor J.A. Smith in 1868

Snibston Colliery Band - Leicestershire
   [previous name of current band] See: Snibston & Desford Colliery Band

Snibston Colliery Band - Leicestershire
   See: William Davis Construction Group Band

Snibston Colliery Silver Prize Band - Leicestershire
   See: William Davis Construction Group Band

Snitterfield Band - Warwickshire

Snodland Brass Band - Kent
   Active in the 1890s to 1920. Conductor Mr Allehin in 1907

Snowdown Colliery Welfare Band - Kent
   [current band] - Founded in 1929 - Note: First engagement 29th June 1929

Snowshill Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   Active in 1859, 1862

Sodbury Quarry Works Brass Band - Chipping Sodbury, Gloucestershire
   Active in the 1920s

Soham Amateur Brass Band - Cambridgeshire
   See: Soham Brass Band

Soham Brass Band - Cambridgeshire
   Formed by 1853 - it gave outdoor gala concerts, still attended by up to 1,500 people up to the 1880s. Conductor W. Whitham in 1864, Mr Feather in 1867

Soham Comrades Band - Cambridgeshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1921 - Former names: Amalgamation of Soham Excelsior Prize Band and Soham Town Band

Soham Excelsior Band - Cambridgeshire
   Formed 1910, conductors H. Liddle and John C. Connor. Amalgamated with Soham Town Band in 1920 to form Soham Comrades Band.

Soham Town Band - Cambridgeshire
   Formed 1890, conductor F. Moody. Amalgamated with Soham Excelsior Band in 1920 to form Soham Comrades Band.
Soho Iron Works Brass Band - Bolton, Lancashire
Bolton Free Press 23rd August 1845. - “John Hick’s Esq, Band. The admirable full brass band of individuals employed in the Soho Iron Works, in this town, belonging to John Hicks have been on a pleasure trip to Liverpool, Bangor and North Wales. The band excited much attention in consequence of their unique and elegant uniform, which consists of a rich full braided coat, black trousers, with two-inch gold lace down the sides and blue cap with gold band. They played several airs through the principle Streets of Bolton last Saturday in full dress; and their appearance and performance called for general admiration of the public”. The band continued to have annual dinners through the 1850's, but no references to the band later than the 1870's have been found.

Soho Street Ragged Schools Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
Active in 1856 to 1869. The school was established in 1849

Solent Brass
See: Southampton Air Training Corps Band

Solent Concert Band - Hampshire
Formed in 1969 as Southsea Junior Band, by Wesley Garner, Noel Horner and Ron Moore, with the aim of recruiting young musicians, eager to learn the 'Art' of brass banding. By 1974 it was renamed as Solent Youth Concert Band. As the band grew in numbers, it became necessary to form a second band, which became the Solent Concert Band. Both bands continued to thrive, competing and entertaining throughout the years. Solent Concert Band was a registered 2nd section band, regularly competing in the West of England Regional Brass Band Championships. It reached the Championship Section and twice made it to the finals at the Royal Albert Hall around 1980/81. It merged with Gosport Silver Band in 2011 to form Gosport Solent Brass.

Solihull Brass Band - Warwickshire
Active from the 1860s to the early 1900s

Solihull Town Band
See: Solihull Brass Band

Solihull Youth Brass Band - Warwickshire
Active in the late 1970s

Solway Silver Band
See: Maryport Solway Silver Band

Somercotes and Selston United Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in the 1930s, conductor Griffin Burnham, secretary L. Brocklehurst in 1933

Somercotes Brass Band (1) - Derbyshire
Active from the 1860s to the 1890s. The professional conductor was James Addison, from Nottingham and the resident conductor was George Simpson, of Sleetmoor, Somercotes, a gifted bass trombone player.

Somercotes Brass Band (2) - Derbyshire
Active in the 1960s

Somerton Brass Band - Somerton, Somerset
Active in 1864 to 1868

Somerset Park Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in 1863 - linked to Sir C. Shakerley’s own rifle corps

Somers Road Primitive Methodist Brass Band - Portsmouth, Hampshire
Active in 1901
**Somers Town Blind Class Brass Band** - Middlesex
   Active in 1869

**Somerset and Dorset Railway Brass Band** - Bath, Somerset
   Active in the 1880s through to early 1900s. Somerset and Dorset Joint Railway Company. Conductor J.W. Wood in 1902

**Somerset Central Brass Band** - Somerset
   See: Central Somerset Brass Band

**Somerset Central Railway Brass Band** - Highbridge, Somerset
   Active in 1858. The line ran from Highbridge to Glastonbury and construction commenced in 1851.

**Somerset County Youth Brass Band** - Somerset
   Active in the 1990s

**Somerset Industrial School Brass Band** - Bath, Somerset
   Active in 1886 through to 1920. The school was founded in 1832, its aim being to “to reclaim abandoned boys, and to rescue those whose unhappy circumstances would inevitably lead them to crime and profligacy”. It was located in Lower Bristol Road, Bath. Conductor G. Sharp in 1902, Mr Godden in 1913. Still active in 1919

**Somersham Town Band** - Huntingdonshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1981 - Note: Earlier band existed from 1919 to 1961

**Somersham Town Band** - Huntingdonshire
   Formed in 1919 but folded in 1962. A successor band was formed in 1981

**Somerton and Keinton Brass Band** - Somerset
   Active in the mid-1870s

**Somerton Brass Band (1)** - Somerset
   Active from the early 1840s into the 1850s. Folded before 1860. A successor band was formed in 1863

**Somerton Brass Band (2)** - Somerset
   Formed in 1863 by Mr Gunning. Active through to the 1950s. Conductor Mr Lewes in 1879, J. Bishop in 1882, Mr Lewis in 1886, Mr Trippick in 1889, T.E. Carey in 1892-1910. The band folded during WW1, but restarted by 1920, and similarly folded in 1939 and restarting in 1947, conductor C. Pattemore.

**Somerton British Legion Band** - Somerset
   Active in the 1920s and 1930s

**Somerton Town Band**
   See: Somerton Amateur Brass Band

**Sompting Brass Band** - Sussex
   Active from 1890 to the late 1900s. Conductor Mr Kennard in 1907

**Sonning Brass Band** - Berkshire
   Formed around 1895. Active through to WW2. Conducted by C. Rose in 1905, R. Lambden in 1938

**Sonning Silver Band**
   See: Sonning Brass Band

**Sons of Rechab Northern Brass Band** - Gateshead, Durham
   Active in 1863

**Sons of Temperance Silver Band** - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
   Active in the early 1900s
Soughton Brass Band - Flintshire
   Founded in 1892, conductor James Griffiths in 1896. Still active in 1903

Souldern Brass Band - Oxfordshire
   Active in the 1880s and 1890s

Soundhouse Brass - Devon
   [current band] - Founded in 1928 - Former names: Plymouth City Mission Band,

Soundwell Brass Band (1) - Gloucestershire
   Active in the 1880s

Soundwell Brass Band (2) - Gloucestershire
   Active in the 1970s and early 1980s. Also known as Swanbrook Soundwell Band and
   Swanbrook Transport Band

South Anston Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1905

South Bank Band - Durham
   [current band] - Founded in the 1900s - Former names: South Bank Old Band

South Bank Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active from the 1870s to the early 1990s. Also known as South Bank Old Band, and South
   Bank Town Band.

South Bank Catholic Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Founded in 1885, conductor Mr. Mellor.

South Bank Old Band
   See: South Bank Brass Band

South Bank Town Band
   See: South Bank Brass Band

South Berks Silver Band - Berkshire
   Active from the early 1910s to 1939. Bandmaster in 1914 was G. Kerby. Later conductors
   included Jack Lennon and H.I. Page

South Berkshire Band
   See: South Berks Silver Band

South Brent Brass Band (1) - Devon
   Founded around 1890, bandmaster Henry Clancey

South Brent Brass Band (2) - Devon
   Formed in 1924, conductor C. Manning, active through to the early 1930s.

South Cave Brass Band (1) - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   See: South Cave Choir Brass Band

South Cave Brass Band (2) - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Formed in 1904, conductor T. Gibson. Changed its name to South Cave Silver Band in
   1926 (“as most of the instruments now in use are of silver”). Still active in 1928

South Cave Choir Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in 1856, when it played at the Peace Rejoicings at North Cave and also in 1875.
   Conductor Mr. Acey in 1864. A successor band was formed in 1904

South Cave Subscription Silver Band
   See: South Cave Brass Band (2)

South Cheshire Young Brass - Cheshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Crewe Brass
South Cheshire Youth Brass Band - Cheshire
   Active from the mid-1980s to the early 1990s. Conducted by David Moulton

South Croxton Brass Band - Leicestershire
   Active in the 1890s

South Derbyshire Miners' Welfare Band - Derbyshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Gresley Colliery Band

South Derbyshire Youth Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the early 1970s

South Derwent Brass Band - Annfield Plain, Durham
   Formed in 1871, still active in the 1930s. Conductor R.H. Cooper in 1899, R. Humble in 1908

South Derwent Colliery Band
   See: South Derwent Band

South Devon Brass
   See: Storm Brass

South Devon Locomotive Works Brass Band - Newton Abbot, Devon
   See: Newton Abbot Locomotive Brass Band

South Durham Industries Band - Durham
   [current band] - Founded in 1988

South Durham Industries Brass Band - Shildon, Durham
   Formed in 1988, later known as North Eastern Industries Brass Band (early 1990s to late 1990s), then Shildon Community Band until it folded some time after 2010.

South East Cheshire Youth Brass Band - Cheshire
   Active in the early 2000s

South East Derbyshire Music Centre Band - Derbyshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Sir Richard Arkwright's Masson Mills Band

South East Dorset Schools Brass Band - Dorset
   Active in the early 1980s

South East London Mission Brass Band - Newington, Surrey
   Active in the 1900s into the 1920s, based at the Primitive Methodist church at St George's Hall. Conductor Mr Gregory in 1900

South Eastern Railway Brass Band (1) - Rotherhithe, Surrey
   Active in 1867. Consisted primarily of carpenters employed at the works

South Eastern Railway Brass Band (2) - Rotherhithe, Surrey
   Active from 1888 through to the early 1900s. Secretary W. Culver in 1889, conductor J. Turner in 1890

South Elmsall Village Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Carlton Main Frickley Colliery Band

South Essex Company Boys Brigade Brass Band - Essex
   Active in 1945

South Ferriby Brass Band - Lincolnshire
   Active from the 1880s to the 1900s. Conductor George Carlisle in 1884, Walter Smith in 1905

South Gloucester A.T.C. Band - Gloucestershire
   Active in the late 1940s

South Godstone Brass Band - Surrey
   Active in the 1890s
South Hampshire Temperance Band - Hampshire
   Active in the 1880s to early 1900s. Conductor F. Haskell in 1884

South Hams Brass Band - Devon
   Active in the 1880s

South Hants Temperance Band
   See: South Hampshire Temperance Band

South Hetton and Easington Lane Band
   See: Easington Lane Brass Band

South Hetton and Easington Lane Black Diamond Brass Band - Durham
   See: Easington Lane Brass Band

South Hetton Brass Band - Durham
   Active from the 1850s to the 1900s. Conductor W.D. Hunter in 1865. Bought the instruments of the defunct Elemore Colliery Band in 1908.

South Hiendley Brass Band (1) - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1900s and 1910s

South Hiendley Brass Band (2) - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active around 2000 to 2010

South Hill Brass Band - Cornwall
   Active in 1859 to the 1870s

South Kelsey Brass Band - Lincolnshire
   Active in the 1840s

South Killingholme Brass Band - Lincolnshire
   Active in the 1900s, conductor Mr Wood.

South Kilworth Brass Band - Leicestershire
   Active in the 1890s

South Kirkby Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active from the 1890s to the 1930s. Bandmaster W.H. Dykes in 1906. Linked to the colliery

South Kirkby Colliery Band
   See: South Kirkby Brass Band

South Kirkby Renaissance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [current band] - Founded in 2005

South Leicester and Desford 'B' Miners Welfare Band
   Formed in the late 1970s, renamed Snibston and Desford Colliery Band around 1990. Also known as Snibston and Desford Colliery (NWDLC) Band. It folded around 2008.

South Leicester Colliery Band
   Active in the 1960s to early 1970s, conductor H. Essex.

South Leicester Welfare Band
   See: South Leicester Colliery Band

South Leicestershire Brass Band - Leicestershire
   Active in 1860

South Lincolnshire Brass Band - Grantham, Lincolnshire
   Active in 1862

South London Foresters Brass Band - Brixton, Surrey
   Active in 1869, conductor Mr Rayner

South London Oddfellows Brass Band
   Active in 1869
South London Perseverance Temperance Band
Active in 1899, conductor H. Young

South London Temperance Brass Band
Active in the 1860s

South Lowestoft Brass Band
Active in 1884

South Manchester Brass Band
Active in the 1890s

South Medomsley Colliery Band - Dipton, Durham
Active in the 1920s

South Metropolitan District School Band - Sutton, Surrey
Active from the early 1870s to the early 1900s

South Metropolitan Gas Company Band - London
Active in 1905, conductor E.J. Thomas

South Midlands Welfare Youth Brass Band - Snibston, Leicestershire
Active in the 1970s

South Milford Brass - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1982 - Former names: Hambleton Brass, Hambleton Brass
SHS, ASDA Manufacturing Band (1989-1992)

South Milford Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1890s and 1900s, conductor Mr Brainham in 1903. A successor band was formed in 1982.

South Molton Brass Band - Devon
Active in 1865 - not known if this was the “Old” band or the “Saxhorn” band

South Molton Mission Brass Band - Devon
Founded in 1888, conducted by H.R. Poole and Fred Bennett. Merged with the South Molton Volunteer Regiment Band in 1911 to form South Molton Town Band

South Molton Old Band - Devon
Founded prior to 1855. Contemporary with the South Molton Saxhorn Band

South Molton Saxhorn Band - Devon
Founded in 1856. Contemporary with the South Molton Old Band

South Molton Season Brass Band - Devon
Active in the 1900s

South Molton Town Band - Devon
[current band] - Founded in 1910

South Molton Town Band - Devon
Formed in 1911. A request from the South Molton members of the Volunteer Regimental Band was sent to the Band Master of the Wesleyan Mission Band asking if they could join forces. The trustees of the mission band replied to this request, stating that had no objection to this, providing the instruments (18 in all) would be on loan to the band, and would responsible for the repairs and replacement of any of the instruments. Also the band in return should play free of charge for any function in connection with the Wesleyan Church, including church parades and Sunday School concerts. So a band meeting was called, and it was decided to agree to the request of the South Molton members of the Volunteer Band, and a letter was written to the trustees of the Wesleyan Church, agreeing to their terms, so a new band was formed, and to be renamed South Molton Town Band. The first chairman was Mr T Westaway, Bandmaster Mr F Bennett,
secretary and treasurer Mr Jim Taylor. It appears that the bandmaster was elected annually, and between 1911 and 1914 there were three, Mr F Bennett, Mr John Taylor, and Mr William Courtney. During the First World War the band was kept going with reduced numbers by Mr John Taylor. The band folded in 1938. It was reformed just before the outbreak of WW2, but it folded again during the war. A successor band was formed by Fred Taylor in May 1947.

**South Molton Volunteer Regiment Band** - Devon
Merged with the South Molton Mission Brass Band in 1911 to form South Molton Town Band

**South Moor Brass Band**
See: **South Moor Colliery Silver Band**

**South Moor Colliery Silver Band** - Durham
Formed in the 1890s. Won the “Grand Shield” in the Crystal Palace Championships of September 28th 1907, and achieved 3rd place in the National Championships, behind Irwell Colliery and Marsden Colliery Bands in 1925, under the baton of Joe Dyson. Folded in the 1960s

**South Moor School Brass Band** - Durham
Active in the 1960s

**South Norfolk Schools Band**
See: **South Norfolk Youth Brass Band**

**South Norfolk Youth Brass Band** - Norfolk
Active in the 1980s to 1996.

**South Normanton Brass Band** - Derbyshire
Active in the 1870s to 1890s

**South Norwood and Woodside Band** - Surrey
Active in the 1900s

**South Norwood Brass Band**
See: **South Norwood O.B.U. Brass Band**

**South Norwood O.B.U. Brass Band** - Surrey
Active in the 1920s and 1930s. Linked to the Oddfellows?

**South Nottinghamshire Temperance Band**
See: **Cotgrave Teetotal Brass Band**

**South Notts Silver Band**
See: **Cotgrave Teetotal Brass Band**

**South Notts Temperance Band**
See: **Cotgrave Teetotal Brass Band**

**South Notts Yeomanry Band**
See: **Wilford Brass Band**

**South Notts. Hussars Yeomanry Band** - Nottinghamshire
[current band] - Founded in 1954 - Note: The South Notts. Hussars Yeomanry was raised in 1794 and Regimented in 1826. The first reference to a Regimental Band being in the ?Nottingham Journal? of May 1828. It is noted that at this time the band was a mounted band. During the second world war the South Notts. Hussars, including the band, were involved on active service, and in June of 1942 were involved in the battle of Knightsbridge, which is reported as being ?The last stand of the South Notts. Hussars?. The band was annihilated in this action with only eight members surviving. The grandson of one of the survivors is a member of the current cornet section. The band was
reformed as a wholly Brass Band in 1954 under the leadership of Harry Ryder and over the last fifty years has taken part in many official engagements, including Beating Retreat on Horse Guards Parade on three occasions and a tour of Germany. In the nineteen nineties they performed at many engagements for the Royal Family. Since the band was reformed in 1954 there have been some very competent musicians at the helm who have both composed and arranged music for the band. Having lost official Territorial Army status approximately ten years ago due to government cuts to funding military music the band has been under strength, but still performs regularly

South Ockendon Brass Band - Essex
Active in the 1860s to 1900s. Conductor J. Allen in 1888

South Ockendon Silver Band - Essex
Active in the 1950s

South of England Temperance Band - Wiltshire
[previous name of current band] See: South West Trains Woodfalls Band

South Ormsby Brass Band - Lincolnshire
[no information]

South Paddington British Legion Band - Middlesex
Active in the 1920s and 1930s

South Park Amateur Brass Band - Lincoln, Lincolnshire
Active in 1883

South Pelaw Colliery Band - Durham
Active in the 1900s and 1910s. It promoted a contest at Chester-le-Street in August 1910.

South Pemberton Brass Band - Lancashire
Founded in the late 1920s it was formally set up in 1932. An account book records the following example items of income: from the crowds watching Wigan Athletic in the autumn of 1933: 20 Sept, Wigan Athletic 7s. 0p. 14 Oct, Wigan Athletic v Lytham 9s. 10p. 25 Nov Wigan Athletic 6s. 11/2p. The band’s surplus for that year appears to have been just over £2. They performed in Mesnes Park, Wigan, and at church walking days and field treats. In 1934: 3 June - St Johns Pemberton Field Treat £7-0-0, 1 July - St Lukes Orrell Field Treat and Sermons £10-11-4, 8 July - St Matthews Highfield Field Treat and Sermons £9-0-0. The Band also entered local Band contests at Standish, Atherton, Skelmersdale and, on at least one occasion, in 1934, the prestigious contests held at Belle Vue, Manchester.

South Petherton Brass Band - Somerset
Active in the 1870s to the late 1920s. Conductor in 1879 was Jonathan Willey. Known as South Petherton Volunteers Band for a while around 1900

South Petherton British Legion Band - Somerset
[no information]

South Petherton Volunteers Band
See: South Petherton Brass Band

South Petherwin Brass Band - Cornwall
Active in the 1870s

South Queensferry and Dalmeny Brass Band
Active in the 1900s
South Queensferry Brass Band
Active from the 1880s to the 1900s. In 1885 an advertisement appeared: “Teacher wanted for South Queensferry Brass Band; must be sober; work will be found in the neighbourhood.”

South Salford Silver Band - Lancashire
Active from the 1890s through to the 1950s. 1900: “The seventh annual treat to the poor children of South Salford took place when 438 boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 12 were taken to Blackpool. The streets were thronged with spectators as the large party marched to the Racecourse Station, Trafford Road, behind the South Salford Silver Band. On arrival at Blackpool’s South Shore Station they again marched behind the Silver Band along the promenade to the South Shore. (August 1900)” In 1920 it performed at the first of a series of public dances in Ordsall Park, Salford in June. “Crowds gathered to watch the spectacle. The dances consisted of only waltzes, one-steps and two-steps. ‘Jazzing’ was banned, though many couples branched off into solo figures.” In June 1922, conducted by William Owen, it took part in a musical festival in aid of Salford Royal Hospital, which attracted some 30,000 people to the Castle Irwell Racecourse.

South Shields Band of Hope Brass Band - Durham
Formed in July 1890, of 25 boys, originally 12-14 years old, connected with the Band of Hope. Conductor was John Allen. Still active in 1892

South Shields Borough Band (1)
See: St Hilda Colliery Band

South Shields Borough Band (2) - Durham
Formed in 1888

South Shields Borough Police Band
See: South Shields Police Band

South Shields Brass Band - Durham
Active in 1881, conductor George Lyons

South Shields Cornopean Band - Durham
Active in 1843

South Shields Excelsior Temperance Band
See: Marsden Colliery Band

South Shields Garibaldi Band (1) - Durham
Active in 1877, must have folded prior to 1899 when another Garibaldi band was formed

South Shields Garibaldi Band (2) - Durham
Formed in 1899 and still active in 1909. Bandmaster Joshua Greenwood in 1903

South Shields Harmonic Band (1) - Durham
Active from the 1860s (conductor Mr Maughan) to 1887. It must have folded around then as a “new” Harmonic Band was formed in 1889.

South Shields Harmonic Band (2) - Durham
Formed in 1889 and still active in 1914.

South Shields Model Brass Band - Durham
Founded in 1866, conductor T. Lewthwaite. Active into the 1880s, and also in the 1930s (possibly a separate band?). Conductor in 1880 was Robert Dennison.

South Shields Operatic Brass Band - Durham
Active from the early 1870s to the late 1890s. Conductor J. Carling in 1878, C. Frazer in 1896
South Shields People’s Mission Band - Durham
[previous name of current band] See: People’s Mission Silver Band

South Shields People’s Mission Band - Durham
See: Wellington Street Mission Band

South Shields Police Band - Durham
Formed in 1888. Still active in 1915

South Shields Rifles Band - Durham
Active in the 1860s

South Shields Temperance Band - Durham
See: Marsden Colliery Band

South Shields Town Band - Durham
Active in the 1890s and 1900s, conductor W. Barrow in 1900

South Shields Tramways Band - Durham
See: South Shields Transport Band

South Shields Transport Band - Durham
[no information]

South Shields Union Workhouse Brass Band - Durham
See: South Shields Workhouse Brass Band

South Shields Victoria Brass Band - Durham
Active in 1892, conductor Joshua Greenwood

South Shields Workhouse Brass Band - Durham
Active in 1877 to the mid-1880s. Conductor John Chapman, the band consisted of juveniles from the workhouse.

South Shields Young Men’s Brass Band - Durham
Active in 1866, conductor John Chapman

South Shore Subscription Band - Lancashire
See: Blackpool South Shore Subscription Band

South Side Brass Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire

South Side Brass Band - Durham
Active from 1865 into the 1870s

South Staffordshire Britannia Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in the late 1860s and 1870s

South Stockton Brass Band - Stockton-on-Tees, Durham
Active in 1842

South Street Baptist Band - Wellington, Somerset
Active in from the early 1900s until it was disbanded in 1937. Bandmasters included A. Winter, S Lewis, A.H.Good, Robert Morgan, H. Peek, E. Parker and Mons. Kukearts.

South Street Brass Band - Goole,
See: Goole South Street Brass Band

South Street Mission Brass Band - Hammersmith, Middlesex
Active in the 1910s through to the 1950s. The Mission was located in Macbeth Street, Hammersmith. The band competed a few times in the early 1950s.

South Tanfield Band
Active around 1892
South Telford (Madeley) Band  
See: South Telford Band

South Telford Band - Shropshire
Formed in 1969 from some players that had split from Dawley New Town Band. The band practiced at Abraham Darby School. In the early 1970s, a man who held the instruments and the music for the defunct Madeley band handed them over on the proviso that South Telford was renamed to include Madeley. Thus it became South Telford (Madeley) Band. Eventually that was dropped, and it became Abraham Darby Band. The senior band folded in the late 1970s but the Abram Darby School Band itself continued and is still active.

South Tottenham Primitive Methodist Brass Band - Middlesex  
Active in the 1900s. Conductor Mr Bysouth in 1908

South Tyne Brass Band - Northumberland  
Active in the 1900s and 1910s. Also known as Haltwhistle and South Tyne Brass Band, South Tyne Haltwhistle Band. May be linked to the Haltwhistle Old Band.

South Tyne Haltwhistle Band  
See: South Tyne Brass Band

South Ulverston Band - Lancashire  
Active in the 1900s, conductor Kit Garnett in 1906

South West Comms Band - Devon  
[current band] - Founded in 1889 - Former names: Brass Band of the 1st Devon Artillery Volunteers - Lympstone Company, Lympstone Band, Lympstone Silver Band (1920s), Topsham & Lympstone Band (1958-1969), Lympstone Band, Lympstone Southwest Telecomms Band (to 2014) - Note: Other related bands: Topsham Silver Band

South West Hertfordshire Youth Band  
See: South West Herts Youth Brass Band

South West Herts Youth Brass Band - Hertfordshire  
Active from the late 1960s to the early 1980s, conductor Clifford Jones.

South West Trains Woodfalls Band - Wiltshire  
[current band] - Founded in 1874 - Former names: Woodfalls Temperance Band, South of England Temperance Band, Woodfalls Silver Band, S.W.T. Woodfalls Silver Band

South Wingfield Brass Band - Derbyshire  
Active from the 1850s to the 1890s. Conductor M. Platts in 1881. William Hawksley was a player during the 1890s

South Yorkshire Caravans Dinnington Colliery Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
[previous name of current band] See: Dinnington Colliery Brass Band

South Yorkshire Police Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
[current band] - Founded in 1979

South Yorkshire Railway Band  
See: Mexborough Plant Band

South Zeal Brass Band - Devon  
Active in the 1870s

Southall Borough Band (1) - Middlesex  
Active during the 1930s - presumed to have folded in WW2. Was replaced by the Ealing Central Band in 1950 as the “new” Southall Borough Band

Southall Borough Band (2)  
See: Ealing Central Band
Southall Brass Band (1) - Middlesex  
Active in 1916

Southall Brass Band (2)  
See: Ealing Central Band

Southall British Legion Band - Middlesex  
Active in 1939

Southall Gaslight and Coke Band  
See: Southall Gasworks Brass Band

Southall Gasworks Brass Band - Middlesex  
Formed in 1898, bandmaster R.B. Wheatley. In 1894 the Gasworks in Southall were still called “Chemical Works”. The band was formed around the time of the amalgamation of Brentford and Southall Gasworks. Conductor J. Gray in 1904. Robert Snelling and his brother Richard had conducted the Southall SA Band, Richard prior to Eric Ball taking over the Band master position in 1925. Arthur Snelling, left the SA band and played for the Gasworks band on trombone after the Great War. The band lasted until the late 1930s. Also known as Brentford Gas Company Band, and Gas Light and Coke Company Band.

Southall Schools Brass Band - Middlesex  
Active from the mid-1860s to the 1900s. Conductor J. Dykes in 1904. The school was set up as St Marylebone School in South Road, as an adjunct to the St Marylebone Workhouse. The children slept in dormitories of 40, and around 390 were housed there.

Southall Wesleyan Mission Boys Brigade Band - Middlesex  
Founded in 1906, conductor A.J. Sopp

Southam Brass Band - Warwickshire  
Active in the 1890s to the 1950s. Known as Southam Town Band from the 1900s

Southam Town Band  
See: Southam Brass Band

Southam Works Band - Warwickshire  
Active in 1924. Belonging to the Kaye and Co. Lime and Cement Works.

Southampton Air Training Corps Band - Hampshire  
Formed just before World War 2. and developed into a ‘mature’ band when the young cadets became too old for the Corps. After the War the Band’s membership was increased and enhanced by returning ex-servicemen, and became known as the Bitterne and West End Band, as its location base had changed to the eastern part of the city. Competed in the 2nd Annual Open Brass Band Festival at the Wesley Central Hall, Portsmouth (organised by the Portsmouth City Fire Brigade Prize Band), on Saturday 16th September 1950. It changed its name again in the early 1970s to Solent Brass. In 1993 Solent Brass was employed to provide music for a scene in the film The Browning Version, starring Albert Finney (released 1994), resulting in a mention in the film’s credits. As membership declined in the 1990s, the band amalgamated with the Southampton Central Band in 1998 to form Ocean Brass.

Southampton Albion and Scouts Band - Hampshire  
[previous name of current band] See: City of Southampton (Albion) Band

Southampton Albion Band - Hampshire  
[previous name of current band] See: City of Southampton (Albion) Band

Southampton Amateur Brass Band - Hampshire  
Active in the 1860s, conductor D. (G.) Crook in 1860
Southampton Band - Hampshire
[previous name of current band] See: City of Southampton (Albion) Band

Southampton Central Band - Hampshire
Formed in the 1960s by a group of dedicated youngsters who wished to continue playing after leaving school. Under the baton of its founder Gordon Cutler, it was based at the Central School (Further Education Centre) it quickly expanded into a full sized band. Within a short period of time a competent band had emerged and the Southampton Central (FEC) Band was officially registered as a contesting band in 1970, entering its first contest later that year. By 1979 the Band had gained promotion to the Championship Section, but by 1998 found itself back in the second section with its membership declining, prompting the amalgamation with Solent Brass to form Ocean Brass.

Southampton County Borough Police Band - Hampshire
Active in 1928

Southampton Police Brass Band - Hampshire
Active in the 1900s

Southampton Post Office Brass Band - Hampshire
Founded in 1900. Active through to the 1910s

Southampton Postmen's Band
See: Southampton Post Office Brass Band

Southampton Temperance Brass Band - Hampshire
Active from the late 1870s to the 1900s. Conductor F. Haskell in 1886, W. Wheeler in 1905

Southampton Town Brass Band - Hampshire
Active from the 1890s to WW1

Southampton Training Ship Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
See: Training Ship Southampton Band

Southborough Brass Band - Kent
Formed in 1867, instruments costing £38 10s.

Southbourne Brass Band - Hampshire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s, folding prior to WW1. Conductor F. Humby in 1904. A successor band was formed in 1925

Southbourne Silver Band
See: Winton British Legion Silver Band

Southdown Brass Band - Foyings, Sussex
Active from the 1880s to 1917. Conductor Mr Barber in 1914

Southend Ambulance Brigade Band - Essex
[previous name of current band] See: Southend Band

Southend Band - Essex
[current band] - Founded in the 1900s - Former names: Southend Military Band, Southend Civil Defence Band, Southend Ambulance Brigade Band, Southend British Legion Band, Southend United Football Supporters' Club Band

Southend Borough Military Band - Essex
Bandmaster: Fred Green. Between the Wars a band used to practice at the Drill Hall, near the Railway PH at Prittlewell. They used to wear Army uniforms, being associated with the Territorials and they went to Camp with the 2nd Essex Infantry Regiment. The last camp they attended was circa 1932. Philip William Laflin, a trombonist, took over as Bandmaster in 1936, when, under the shadow of impending war, it was renamed Southend Local Defence Volunteer Band. During the War it continued as a brass and
reed “military” combination under the title of the 16th Essex Home Guard Band. PWL
remained Bandmaster, though not without some wrangling which made it to the
national papers. “Army versus Pansies” was the headline in the Daily Mirror, because
the Borough Parks Dept. were loathe to release Mr Laflin from his duties as Priory Park
Head Gardener.

**Southend Brass Band** - Essex
Active in 1866 to 1877

**Southend British Legion Band** - Essex
[previous name of current band] See: *Southend Band*

**Southend Civil Defence Band** - Essex
[previous name of current band] See: *Southend Band*

**Southend Military Band** - Essex
[previous name of current band] See: *Southend Band*

**Southend Music School Brass Band** - Essex
Active in the 1970s

**Southend Original Town Band** - Essex
See: *Southend Town Band*

**Southend Seaside Gospel Mission Band** - Essex
Active in the 1920s

**Southend Temperance Band** - Essex
[no information]

**Southend Town Band** - Essex
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

**Southend United Football Supporters Club Band**
See: *Southend United Supporters Club Band*

**Southend United Football Supporters' Club Band** - Essex
[previous name of current band] See: *Southend Band*

**Southend United Supporters Club Band** - Essex
Formed in 1953. Active into the 1960s. Conductor in 1955 was Wally Baldwin.

**Southend-on-Sea Gospel Mission Band**
See: *Southend Seaside Gospel Mission Band*

**Southern Railway Works Brass Band** - Lancing, Sussex
[no information]

**Southern Regional Schools Band**
See: *Darlington Youth Brass Band*

**Southery and Lakenheath Brass Band** - Norfolk
Active in 1856

**Southfields Concert Brass** - Leicester, Leicestershire
[current band]

**Southminster Brass Band** - Essex
Active in 1880, conductor P. Thornton. Conductor H. Lee in 1885, and A. Pipe in 1898.
Still active in 1900.

**Southowram Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in 1901, disbanded in 1927 (or 1938?). Conductor J. Gill in 1901. The band won a
special prize for cornet playing at Crystal Palace in 1923, and was one of the best bands
in Calderdale in the early 20th century.
Southowram Subscription Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Letters of the band (1869-1870) held in Halifax Public Library. The band was still active in 1928

Southport A.S.C. Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1909

Southport and District Youth Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1970s and 1980s

Southport and Hindley Rifles Band - Lancashire
Active in 1890

Southport Artillery Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1880s and 1890s

Southport British Legion Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Southport L and Y Railway Band - Lancashire
See: Southport Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Band

Southport L.M.S. Railway Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Southport Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1900s and 1910s

Southport Pier Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1870

Southport Post Office Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1900s

Southport Rifles Brass Band - Lancashire
Had William Rimmer as a cornetist c.1880. In 1886 the Southport Rifles Band took 5th place in a brass band competition held at Eastham, Cheshire. In 1894 the annual Southport brass band competition was held at the Winter Gardens, Twenty seven bands had entered and twenty two showed up. Of the prize winning bands two were conducted by William Rimmer but neither was from Southport. The contest lasted five hours and as all the bands played the same tune (Elixier of Love).

Southport Special Constabulary Band
See: Tudor Silver Band

Southport St John Silver Band - Lancashire
Band of the local St John Ambulance Brigade. Active from the mid-1960s to the early 1990s

Southport Youth Brass Band
See: Southport and District Youth Brass Band

Southsea Brass Band - Denbighshire
Active in the 1880s. Conductor Robert Edwin Parry in 1887

Southsea Brass Band - Hampshire
Active in the 1880s

Southsea Silver Band - Hampshire
Active from the 1950s to the early 2000s. Renamed Luckett's Travel (Southsea) Band in 1985
Southwark Borough Brass Band - Surrey
Formed in the 1890s as London Carmen’s No. 10 Brass Band. Renamed Southward Borough Band in 1903, conductor Mr W. Braben. The band motto was “It’s Dogged As Does It”. Still active through into the late 1920s

Southwark Brass Band - Surrey
Active in the 1850s

Southwark St George’s Hall Temperance Band
See: South East London Mission Brass Band

Southwark United Band - Surrey
Active in the 1880s

Southwell Brass Band (1) - Nottinghamshire
Active from the mid-1840s to the 1870s. Conductor Mr Manton in 1853

Southwell Brass Band (2) - Nottinghamshire
Founded in 1886, conductor Mr Mountney. Still active in 1937 and 1949 as Southwell Silver Band. Conductor Cecil Dyer in 1930

Southwick Bottleworks Brass Band - Durham
Active in 1867 to 1869 - conductor G.W. Halden.

Southwick Brass Band - Durham
Active in the 1850s to the late 1880s. Conductor J. Henderson in 1867, J. Levitt in 1889

Southwick Brass Band - Hampshire
Active in the early 1900s, performing in Portsmouth

Southwick Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in the 1930s

Southwick Brass Band - Sussex
Active in 1900

Southwick Mission Brass Band - Durham
Active in the 1890s

Southwick Parish Brass Band - Durham
Active in the 1890s. Conductor George Stephenson

Southwick People's Tabernacle Brass Band - Durham
Active in 1892 to 1906

Southwick Public Works Band - Durham
Founded in 1904. Active through the 1900s

Southwick Shoreham and District Brass Band - Sussex
Active in the 1930s

Sovereign Brass - Smethwick, Staffordshire
[current band] - Founded in 1987 - Former names: Sovereign Brass (to 1994), Woolley Pritchard Sovereign Brass

Sovereign Silver Band - Sussex
[previous name of current band] See: Worthing Silver Band

Sowerby Bridge Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Friendly Band

Sowerby Bridge Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1860s and 1870s

Sowerby Bridge Subscription Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Founded in 1882. Active to the 1950s
Spalding Brass - Lincolnshire
[ccurrent band] - Founded in 1962 - Former names: Royal British Legion (Spalding) Band (to 2006), Royal British Legion (Lincolnshire) Band - Note: Formed from the remains of the disbanded Spalding Town Band (in 1959)

Spalding Brass Band (1) - Lincolnshire
Active from the mid-1840s to the early 1850s. A successor band was formed in 1857

Spalding Brass Band (2) - Lincolnshire
Founded in 1857, practicing two or three evenings a week at Mr Taylor's, New Road. Active through to the 1890s. New uniform in 1860, consisting of a light blue jacket and cap trimmed with amber cord, and white trousers. They rehearsed at the New Bell Inn, conductor Moses Dixon. In June 1870 two members of the band were “brought to grief for taking cigars whilst on professional duty at Parson Drove.”

Spalding Silver Prize Band
See: Spalding Town Band

Spalding St John's Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in the early 1890s

Spalding Subscription Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in the 1900s

Spalding Town Band - Lincolnshire
Active from the 1890s. Disbanded in 1959. Conductor E.T. Waring in 1904. Some members went on to form the Royal British Legion (Spalding) Band in 1962

Spalding Victoria Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in the 1900s and 1920s. Conductor J.D. Trengove in 1904

Spalding Youth Brass - Lincolnshire
[current band] - Founded in 1989

Spanish Leather Works Brass Band - Hunslet, Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Hunslet Leather Works Band

Spanish Leather Works Brass Band - Sheepscar, Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Sheepscar Leather Works Brass Band

Sparkford Vale Brass Band - Somerset
Active in the 1920s, conductor J.T. Hoare.

Spaxton Brass Band - Somerset
Active in 1868

Speedwell Colliery Band - Gloucestershire
Active in the early 1880s. Amalgamated with the Berry Hill Temperance Band to form Berry Hill Silver Band in 1911.

Spenn Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
Active in the 1880s to the 1930s. Conductor W. Plumridge in 1891-1919, D.F. Bristow in 1936

Spenn Brass Band - Durham
Active in the 1880s, conductor C. Summerside in 1881

Spenn Excelsior Brass Band
See: Spenn Brass Band

Spenn Valley Brass Band - Gomersal, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Established in 1971 as the Gomersal Junior Band, it changed its name to the Spenn Valley Brass Band in 1978 to attract older players, and steadily grew from strength to strength. It was still active in 2003, but probably folded soon after.
Spen Valley Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1971 - Former names: Gomersal Junior Band - Note: May have amalgamated with Grange Moor Band in 2005?

Spenborough Brass Band
See: Spenborough Victoria Band

Spenborough Rechabites Band - Cleckheaton, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1930s

Spenborough Victoria Band - Cleckheaton, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed after WW1 (in 1919?). Active in 1936. Competed in the Junior Cup in 1962, conducted by M. Nevin, whose son played solo horn. Another player at this time was Ken Rushworth, who played euphonium and taught the youngsters. The band practiced above a shop in the middle of Cleckheaton

Spencer Place Excelsior Mission Band - Finsbury, Middlesex
Founded in 1908, conductor E.J. Scotton. Based at the Spencer Place Baptist Mission in Charles Street (now Moreland Street)

Spencer's Steelworks Band - Newburn, Northumberland
Played at the Manor of Newburn Show in August 1853. Active in the National Championships in the early 1900s. Still active in the mid-1920s.

Spennymoor Brass Band (1) - Durham
Active in 1866, conductor Mr Bluett

Spennymoor Brass Band (2) - Durham
See: Whitworth Brass Band

Spennymoor Mission Brass Band - Durham
Active in 1888

Spennymoor Silver Model Band - Durham
See: Whitworth Brass Band

Spennymoor Silver Prize Band - Durham
See: Whitworth Brass Band

Spennymoor Sons of Temperance Band - Durham
Active in 1887, conductor J.A. Mutton. Still active in the 1930s

Spennymoor Temperance Band - Durham
See: Spennymoor Sons of Temperance Band

Spennymoor Town Band - Durham
See: Whitworth Brass Band

Spennymoor Town Band - Durham
[current band] - Founded in 1982 - Note: A previous Spennymoor Band had existed from the 1800s until it folded in 1978

Spennymoor Youth Brass Band - Durham
Active in the 1990s

Spetisbury Brass Band - Dorset
Active in 1864

Spicers Silver Band
See: Spicers Works Brass Band

Spicers Works Brass Band - Cambridge, Cambridgeshire
Active in the 1950s and early 1960s

Spillers (Gainsborough) Band
See: Gainsborough Britannia Works Band
Spilsby Amateur Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in 1844 to the 1850s. It had largely died out by 1858, with only a few players haphazardly getting together occasionally

Spilsby Brass Band (1) - Lincolnshire
See: Spilsby Amateur Brass Band

Spilsby Brass Band (2) - Lincolnshire
Formed in 1874, conductor Mr. Day. Active in the 1920s

Spink Well and Calder Mills Band
See: Spinkwell Mills Band

Spink Well Mills Band
See: Spinkwell Mills Band

Spinkwell Mills Band - Dewsbury, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1866, when won first prize and £20 in the “at sight” contest and first prize, and £10 in the own choice selection contest also, at the Keighley Agricultural Show in September 1866. Based at Messrs Mark Oldroyd & Sons, woollen manufacturers.

Spinnaker Brass - Fareham, Hampshire
[current band] - Founded in 2007

Spinner’s Band - Dunbartonshire
[previous name of current band] See: Duntocher Brass Band

Spittal Hill Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the 1890s to WW1. Conductor W. R. Fisher in 1903

Spitalfields Brass Band - Middlesex
Active in 1861

Spittal Brass Band (1) - Northumberland
Active in the 1870s to 1888. Conductor Thomas Jackson in 1880. James Rutherford (d. 1939) started his musical career as a drummer with the Spittal Band in 1878, but soon became their solo cornet player, remaining as such until it disbanded.

Spittal Brass Band (2) - Northumberland
Re-formed in 1889, conductor James Rutherford. Still active in 1899, conductor Mr McLeod

Spittlegate Iron Works Brass Band - Grantham, Lincolnshire
Report on the band’s formation in 1856: “A number of the workmen and employees at Messrs. Hornsby’s works have formed among themselves a brass band, which is progressing so industriously, and so favourably, as to give promise of great efficiency. They propose not to confine themselves to their own practice room, but to play during the summer evenings on the Wood Hill, or elsewhere, pro bono publico - an intention which the dearth of public amusement in Grantham will doubtless cause to be warmly appreciated. The band numbers from 35 to 40 performers, several of whom formerly belonged to the militia band. The instruments are of first-class character, having been procured from Messrs. Distin, of London, the cost being raised by weekly subscription."

Splott Orpheus Temperance Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1900s, conductor T. Loman in 1904

Spon Lane Gasworks Brass Band - Smethwick, Staffordshire
Active in the 1860s

Spondon Brass Band - Derbyshire
See: Spondon Grange Brass Band
Spondon Foresters' Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in 1869, conductor W. King

Spondon Grange Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active from the 1840s. Also known as Spondon Brass Band. Conductor George Wright in 1868, Edward Thompson in 1903, F.S. Ward in 1920, Captain F.C. Ward in 1923, Captain F. Marsden in 1929. In 1926 it organised its fifth annual brass band contest for the Finney Challenge Cup, on June 5th 1926. “Admission to the Ground” was 1/- “including tax”, and twopence for the programme and further twopence for a chair. The test piece was “Melodious Gems” and ten bands entered: Heanor Miners Welfare Band (F. Beecroft, Esq.), Ripley United Silver Prize Band (W.J. Saint, Esq), Middleton Victoria Silver Band (H. Holmes, Esq.), Sandiacre Brass Band (W. Wells, Esq.), Dove Holes Public Prize Band (J.W. Greenwood, Esq.), Long Eaton Silver Prize Band (H. Evetts, Esq.), Stapleford Silver Band (W. Wood, Esq.), Pleasley Colliery Band (H. Lambeth, Esq.), Sawley Brotherhood Band (F. Yeomand, Esq.), Swadlincote Town Silver Prize Band (A. Hilton, Esq.). The Middleton Victoria Silver Band won the contest; with Dove Holes Public Prize Band winning the subsequent own choice march contest. Long Eaton Silver Prize Band was second and Pleasley Colliery Band third in each contest. Still active in the 1930s

Spotland Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1860s

Spratton Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Formed around November 1889 by W. Thompson and Mr Levi Richardson. Money to buy the expensive instruments was raised by whist-drives, bazaars and fetes. After a particularly successful bazaar held in one of George Cooper's fields in 1890 the Band wrote in the Parish Magazine that they wanted to express ?their warmest thanks to all those who on this and other occasions have so kindly assisted them in clearing off the heavy debt upon their instruments.? Although they were enthusiastic music makers, their playing to start with was not always of the best as the Vicar gently suggested in 1891 after a concert given by the Band for the benefit of widows in the parish. “The attendance was large?.and the Band acquitted themselves very well in four pieces, showing by their execution that they continue to improve, and bearing out the promise to which their earlier efforts had already given rise.” They must have improved with practice because later, under their conductor Levi Richardson, they won second prize at the Village Contest for Brass Bands held at Ravensthorpe. The village enjoyed their music and they played for many different festive occasions. One such event was the party held to celebrate the return of Richard Gilby’s son Alfred, from the South African (Boer) War in 1901. A villager remembered “what rejoicings there were when our boys came home. The Band met them at the railway station and people of the village pulled them up from the station with ropes.” The Brass Band played on Hospital Sunday each August when they marched round the village collecting for local hospitals. Many of the bandsmen left to fight in the 1914-1918 war, and the last time they all played together was in 1918 for the village peace celebrations under their conductor William Richardson, son of Levi Richardson and church organist for about 36 years.

Spriggs Brass Band - Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire
[no information]

Spring Bank Orphanage Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
See: Hull Spring Bank Orphanage Brass Band
Spring Garden Engine Works Brass Band - Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland
Active in 1866. Thompson, Boyd & Co. was an engineering and ironfoundry firm producing stationary and marine engines at their works in Spring Garden Terrace. Still active in 1868, conductor Mr Spinks

Spring Gardens (Reading) Band - Berkshire
[previous name of current band] See: Reading Spring Gardens Brass Band

Spring Gardens Mission Brass Band - Reading, Berkshire
Active in 1903

Spring Gardens Wesleyan Band - Berkshire
[previous name of current band] See: Reading Spring Gardens Brass Band

Spring Head Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Haworth Brass Band

Spring Hill Brass Band - Staffordshire
See: Spring Hill Temperance Band

Spring Hill Temperance Band - Staffordshire
Active in the 1860s, to 1866

Spring Vale Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1880s

Springbank Orphan Home Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in 1885.

Springburn Public Band - Lanarkshire
Active from the 1890s to WW1. James Reid’s gift of a bandstand to the people of Springburn in 1891 had highlighted the absence of any recreational area and led to the creation of Springburn Park. The bandstand, manufactured by Walter McFarlane’s Saracen Works, was erected in May 1893 and was the park’s original centrepiece. Performances by groups such as the Springburn Silver Prize Band took place twice weekly from May to December and were intimated by the Union Jack flying from the nearby flagpole. Up to 2000 people attended the summer concerts. The bandstand was later moved and placed in an amphitheatre and surrounded by railings, before being removed altogether in the early 1960s due to increasing maintenance costs. The unicorn fountain now sits on the old site of the bandstand.

Springburn Rechabite Band - Lanarkshire
Active in the 1900s

Springburn Silver Band
See: Springburn Public Band

Springburn Sons of Temperance Brass Band
See: Springburn Temperance Band

Springburn Temperance Band - Lanarkshire
Active from the 1890s to WW1.

Springfield Brass Band - Bexhill, Sussex
Active in 1911

Springfield Brass Band - Chelmsford, Essex
Active in the 1860s, conductor Mr Allen in 1862

Springfield Brass Band - Fife
Active from 1875 to the late 1880s. Conductor Mr Glen in 1884
Springfield Hall Wesleyan Brass Band - Lambeth, Surrey
  Founded in 1902, conductor Mr Young. Active to the 1920s. Based at the Springfield Methodist Church on Wandsworth Road.

Springfield Working Men’s Club Band - near Wolverhampton, Staffordshire
  Active in the 1930s

Springhead Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1870s

Springhill Brass Band - Staffordshire
  Active in the 1860s

Springside Wesleyan Sunday School Temperance Band - Rawtenstall, Lancashire
  Founded in 1888, conductor James Uttley. The church was located in Newchurch Street, Rawtenstall

Springwood Brass Band - Lancashire
  Active in the 1930s

Sprowston Brass Band - Norfolk
  Merged with Hellesdon Enterprise Brass Band in 2004 to form Hellesdon and Sprowston Brass

Sproxton Brass Band - Leicestershire
  Formed in 1906 with 22 members, secretary J. Hazlewood. Conductor Mr Smith in 1909, A. Alexander in 1912-1920. The band was still active in 1945

Sproxton Subscription Brass Band
  See: Sproxton Brass Band

SS Peter and Paul’s Brass Band - Bolton, Lancashire
  Active in 1863. Based at St Peter and St Paul Roman Catholic Church, Pilkington Street

St Abbs Brass Band - Berwickshire
  Active in the 1870s

St Agnes Brass Band (1) - Cornwall
  Active from the 1850s to the 1870s. Their uniform in 1853 was in “crimson and gold”.

St Agnes Brass Band (2) - Cornwall
  Formed in the early 1880s, conducted by Samuel Argall. Also known as the St Agnes Independent Band. Presumed to have folded by the early 1900s when it was succeeded by the new St Agnes Town Band (in 1907).

St Agnes Independent Band
  See: St Agnes Brass Band (2)

St Agnes Mission Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
  In 1894 it took part in a temperance procession at Downend on July 11th, conductor Mr Archard.

St Agnes Red Coats Brass Band - Cornwall
  Active in the 1880s, conducted by Joseph Roberts.

St Agnes Silver Band - Cornwall
  [current band] - Founded in 1907 - Former names: St Agnes Town Band

St Agnes Youth Brass Band - Cornwall
  Active in the 1980s and early 1990s

St Aidan’s Band - Grangetown, Durham
  Active in 1906, conductor J. Shotton. Based at St Aidan’s Mission Hall in Grangetown
St Aidan’s Nautical Training School Band - Farnworth, Lancashire
The school was established in 1905 at Norland Lane, Farnworth, near Widnes. The band was active through to the 1920s. The school was set up by the Liverpool Catholic Training Schools Association (originally known as the Liverpool Catholic Reformatory Association) as the land-based successor to the Training Ship Clarence which had been destroyed by fire in 1899.

St Alban’s Abbey Brass Band - Hertfordshire
Active in the 1890s.

St Alban’s Beaumont Brass Band - Hertfordshire
Active in the early 1900s to 1910s. Conductor J. Wilson in 1908

St Alban’s Brass Band - Cardiff, Glamorgan
See: Cardiff St Albans Brass Band

St Alban’s Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
See: Liverpool St Albans Brass Band

St Alban’s Brass Band - Hertfordshire
Formed in 1856. Conductor Mr Westeil in 1859. Active through to the late 1860s. A successor band, the current St Albans City Band, was formed in 1892

St Alban’s C.E.T.S. Brass Band - Hertfordshire
Active in the 1890s

St Albans City Band - Hertfordshire
[current band] - Founded in 1892

St Alban’s Old Abbey Brass Band
See: St Alban’s Abbey Brass Band

St Alban’s R.C. Band
See: Cardiff St Albans Brass Band

St Alkmund’s Mission Brass Band - Derby, Derbyshire
Active in 1932, conductor Arthur B. Willcox

St Alkmund’s Temperance Band - Shrewsbury, Shropshire
See: St Alkmund’s Total Abstinence Society Brass Band

St Alkmund’s Total Abstinence Society Brass Band - Shrewsbury, Shropshire
Active in 1864 to 1869. Conductor J.C. Bowdler in 1867

St Alphonsus Temperance Crusade Brass Band - Hulme, Lancashire
Active in 1877

St Andrew’s Brass Band - Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk
Active in the early 1900s

St Andrew’s Brass Band - Cathays, Cardiff, Glamorgan
Active in the 1890s, conductor D. Morgan, secretary W. Hobbs, 76 Wyeverne Road, Cathays, Cardiff.

St Andrew’s Brass Band - Chester-le-Street, Durham
See: Chester-le-Street St Andrews Brass Band

St Andrew’s Brass Band - Marsden, Durham
See: Marsden St Andrews Band

St Andrew’s Brass Band - Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland
Gave its first performance in November 1867, conducted by John Amers. Probably linked to St Andrew’s Catholic Church. Still active in 1869

St Andrew’s Brass Band - North Shields, Northumberland
Formed in the 1900s and folded around WW2
St Andrew's Brass Band - Worcester, Worcestershire
   Active in the 1880s, conducted by T. Radcliffe.

St Andrew's Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Linked to the St Andrews Middle School in Derby, it was active in the 1880s. W. Scholes teacher in 1881

St Andrew's Brass Band - Fife
   See: St Andrew's City Brass Band

St Andrew's Brass Band - Lancashire
   See: Longton St Andrew’s Brass Band

St Andrew's Catholic Brass Band - Dundee, Angus
   See: St Andrew’s Roman Catholic Brass Band

St Andrew's CE High School for Boys Band (Worthing) - Sussex
   [previous name of current band] See: Worthing Silver Band

St Andrew's City Brass Band - Fife
   Active from 1861 through to the 1920s. Conducted by Mr Auchterlonies in 1901, John Faulds in 1928

St Andrew's Crusaders Brass Band - Dundee, Angus
   Active in 1886

St Andrew’s Junior Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
   See: Hull St Andrew’s Junior Brass Band

St Andrew's Pelton Fell Brass Band
   See: Chester-le-Street St Andrews Brass Band

St Andrew’s Roman Catholic Brass Band - Dundee, Angus
   Active in 1864

St Andrew’s Works Brass Band - Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk
   Active in 1899, attached to Robert Boby's factory.

St Anne’s Adult School Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
   Active in 1914

St Anne’s Amateur Brass Band - St Annes-on-Sea,
   Active in 1888

St Anne’s Brass Band - Blackburn, Lancashire
   Active in 1860

St Anne’s Brass Band - Brown Edge, Staffordshire
   Active in the 1870s

St Anne’s Brass Band - Hindsford, Tyldesley, Lancashire
   See: Hindsford St Anne’s Band

St Anne’s Brass Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: St Ann’s Catholic Brass Band

St Anne’s Brass Band - Lytham St Anne’s, Lancashire
   See: St Anne’s-on-the-Sea Brass Band

St Anne’s Brass Band - Sale, Cheshire
   See: Sale St Anne’s Brass Band

St Anne’s Brass Band - Turton, Lancashire
   See: Turton Church Brass Band

St Anne’s Catholic Brass Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1853, conductor Rev. Canon Brown

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St Anne's Subscription Band - Lytham St Anne's, Lancashire
   Active in the 1920s and 1930s

St Anne’s-on-the-Sea Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active from the 1880s to the 1930s.

St Anthony Brass Band - Cornwall
   Active in the late 1880s

St Anthony's Lead Works Brass Band - Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland
   Active in 1860

St Asaph Excelsior Brass Band - Flintshire
   Formed in 1872, still active in 1892

St Athanasius Band - Kirkdale, Lancashire
   Active in the 1900s, based at the St Athanasius Church

St Augustine's Brass Band - Coatbridge, Lanarkshire
   See: Coatbridge St Augustine’s Band

St Augustine's Brass Band - Highbury, Middlesex
   Active in the 1890s

St Augustine's Brass Band - Langloan,
   See: Coatbridge St Augustine’s Band

St Augustine's Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
   Active in 1884, conductor J. Humphreys

St Augustine's Brass Band - Musselburgh, Midlothian
   See: Musselburgh St Augustine’s Band

St Augustine's Brass Band - New Basford, Nottinghamshire
   Active in the 1880s, founded by Henry Marcer and based at St Augustine’s Church.

St Augustine's Brass Band - Norwich, Norfolk
   Active in 1842. The band was attached to Mr Geary’s factory.

St Augustine's Brass Band - Preston, Lancashire
   Active in the 1850s and 1860s. Conductor John Walker (of Brownedge) in 1858

St Augustine's Home for Boys Band - Sevenoaks, Kent
   Active in the 1930s. The home was established by the Waifs and Strays Society in 1921 at
   St John’s Road, Sevenoaks. By 1932, the home had become a ‘Special Training Home’ for
   older boys who wished to become military bandsmen. The home’s band proved very
   popular and often performed at local events. The home closed in 1938.

St Austell and District Wartime Band - Cornwall
   Founded in 1917 to welcome home soldiers. Bandmaster S. Rowe

St Austell Kernow Band
   See: Kernow Brass

St Austell Miners' Saxtuba Band
   See: St Austell Saxtuba Brass Band

St Austell Sax Horn Band
   See: St Austell Saxtuba Brass Band

St Austell Saxtuba Brass Band - Cornwall
   Active in 1852, 1858

St Austell Town Band - Cornwall
   [current band] - Founded in 1837 - Note: St Austell, December 1837: ?It gives us much
   pleasure to announce that several young men of this town have formed themselves into
   an amateur brass band, under the able tuition of Mr. Colless, professor of music from
Jersey, whose efforts to instruct them seem to be crowned with complete success. During the past week, they have been playing several popular airs in public; and their proficiency not only reflected the highest credit on both tutor and pupils, but gave general satisfaction to all who heard them. We trust they will persevere, and that Mr. Colless may meet with that encouragement which his endeavours to please so justly entitle him to receive.

St Barnabas’ Brass Band  - Crewe, Cheshire
See: Crewe St Barnabas’ Brass Band

St Barnabas’ Men’s Bible Class Band
See: St Barnabas’ Men’s Own Band

St Barnabas’ Men’s Own Band  - Holloway, Middlesex
Active in the 1900s, based at the mission in Hornsey Road.

St Bartholomew’s Brass Band  - Wilmslow, Cheshire

St Bede’s Brass Band
See: St Bede’s Catholic Band

St Bede’s Catholic Band  - South Shields, Durham
Active from the 1860s to the 1890s. Conductor Mr Maughan in 1862. Came third in a contest in North Shields, £3, conducted by Mr Moynheugh

St Bees Brass Band  - Cumberland
Founded in November 1859, ceased to play about 1930. Perhaps because of the many miners in the village, St. Bees had its own brass band. At its peak it had about 20 players and played for village fêtes and dances. Members in 1860 were: Mr Coulthad (bandmaster), John Sharp, William Geldart, Mossop Sharp, John Kitchin, Richard Nicholson, George Gardner, William Scott and Benjamin Jackson (drummer). In 1917, fearing that the instruments might be split up, the Band made the Parish Council the trustees of the instruments and the “Band Room”. However, interest was not sustained, and by 1924 the Parish Council was enquiring if the band was still functioning. In 1929, after a silver cornet was stolen, the band was dissolved, and the Council stored the instruments under the stage in Hodgetts Club upper room, where they gathered dust. The Band Room was a corrugated iron shed built in 1914 down Gas House Lonning. After 1929 it lay unused, until in 1933 the St. Bees Unemployed Men’s Club and the St. Bees (pigeon) Flying Club used it for their meetings. There were several requests to use the instruments but the Trust agreement stipulated that they could only be used by the St. Bees Village Band. Since this was defunct, they could not be used at all. The instruments were preserved; but in silence. The sad end of this story of village music making was in 1947, when the instruments were finally sold for £50 to Boosey and Hawkes, the money raised going to the Pagan Trust fund. A year later the redundant Band Room was disposed of for £23.

St Bernard’s Brass Band  - Devon
Performed in Exmouth in 1926

St Bernard’s Parish Church Band  - Hutchesontown, Lanarkshire
St Blazey Amateur Brass Band - Cornwall
Formed around 1838. Active through to WW1.

St Blazey and District Band - Cornwall
Formed after WW1, possibly in 1919. Active through to the early 1950s. Another report gives its foundation as 1908, conductor Mr Clemens

St Blazey Brass Band
See: St Blazey Amateur Brass Band

St Boswell’s Brass Band - Roxburghshire
See: St Boswell’s Silver Band

St Boswells Concert Band - Roxburghshire
[current band] - Founded in 1946

St Boswell’s Instrumental Band - Roxburghshire
See: St Boswell’s Silver Band (1)

St Boswell’s Silver Band (1) - Roxburghshire
Founded by subscription, the first 8 instruments arrived in September 1856. Conductor Mr Lamb in 1863. It lasted until 1865.

St Boswell’s Silver Band (2) - Roxburghshire
Formed in 1867, active until 1872.

St Boswell’s Silver Band (3) - Roxburghshire
Formed in 1896, but had to find new instruments as the original ones from the previous band had all disappeared. After donations and a house to house collection sufficient was raised to purchase the core instruments: 4 Cornets, 2 Tenor horns, 1 Baritone, 1 Euphonium and 2 E Flat Bombardons. A drum was added the following year, a conductor, Mr Gray, appointed and before long the band was performing in public. During 1898 the band gave 52 public performances, giving Saturday evening concerts and visiting the local Mansion Houses. The strength having risen to 20, more new instruments were added, bringing the total to 20 plus the drum. The band died again about 1906.

St Boswell’s Silver Band (4) - Roxburghshire
Formed in 1927, active until 1933. A successor band was formed in 1945 which is still active today.

St Breage Brass Band
See: Breage Brass Band

St Breward Silver Band - Cornwall
[current band] - Founded in 1899

St Brides Brass Band
See: Motherwell St Brides Brass Band

St Buryan Brass Band
See: St Buryan Independant Brass Band

St Buryan Independant Brass Band - Cornwall
Active from the 1880s to the 1940s. In 1893 it was reported to be in “weak state, owing to the emmigration of its members, and about to lost its leader - Mr H. Prowse - who is going to America”.

St Catherine’s Amateur Brass Band - Bramley, Surrey
Active in 1865, 1866. Conductor Mr Botting in 1866

St Catherine’s Brass Band - Wigan, Lancashire
See: Wigan St Catherine’s Brass Band
St Catherine's Public Subscription Brass Band - Newton Heath, Lancashire
   Active in the 1880s and 1890s. St Catherine's, Collyhurst Road. Also known as Manchester St Catherine's Band

St Chad's Sunday School Brass Band - Derby, Derbyshire
   Active in 1919

St Charles' Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
   See: St Charles' Catholic Brass Band

St Charles' Catholic Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in 1859, conductor J. Brown, through to 1867. Based at the St Charles School Room in Pryme Street. Mr Sandys was a bombardon player in the band prior to 1861

St Charles' School Band - Brentwood, Essex
   Active in the 1900s to 1930s. St Charles' School (or Orphanage) for Roman Catholic Boys was established around 1884. The band competed at the Crystal Palace in 1907

St Clair Brass Band - Boreland, Fife
   Formed in 1881, conductor James Patterson. Still active in 1889

St Cleer Brass Band - Cornwall
   Active in the 1880s to 1900s. Conductor F. Trenberth in 1904

St Clement's Band - Barnsbury, Middlesex
   Founded in 1907, conductor Joseph Head

St Clement's Brass Band - Leigh-on-Sea, Essex
   See: Leigh St Clement’s Brass Band

St Clement's Brass Band - Lochee, Dundee, Angus
   Active in 1863

St Clement’s Band - Urmston,
   See: Urmston St Clement’s Brass Band

St Columb Brass Band - Cornwall
   Active in 1884 and between 1912 and 1923. Bandmaster W.H., Webber in 1915. The band was also active in the late 1990s, but probably folded around 2003.

St Columb Major Town Band
   See: St Columb Brass Band

St Columb Minor Brass Band - Cornwall
   Active in 1883

St Cross Brass Band - Knutsford, Cheshire
   Active in the 1870s and 1880s, conductor Mr Moody, of Altrincham.

St Cuthbert's Brass Band - Cowpen, Northumberland
   Active from the 1860s to the 1880s. James Doyle secretary in 1871. Still active in 1887

St Cuthbert's Brass Band - Haydon Bridge, Northumberland
   Active in 1887

St Cuthbert’s Brass Band - Wigton, Cumberland
   Active in 1865

St Cuthbert’s Brass Band - Workington, Cumberland
   See: Workington St Cuthbert’s Brass Band

St Cynon’s Brass Band - Tregynon, Montgomeryshire
   Active in the 1900s and 1910s

St Cyprian’s (Ordsall) Scout Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
   See: St Cyprian’s Brass Band
St Cyprian's Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire  
Active in 1926

St David's Brass - Dalkeith, Midlothian  

St David's Brass Band - Cardiff, Glamorgan  
Active in the 1880s

St Davids High School Brass Band - Dalkeith, Midlothian  
[previous name of current band] See: St David’s Brass

St David’s Silver Band - Preston, Lancashire  
See: Preston St David’s Band

St Day Amateur Band - Cornwall  
Active in the 1850s to 1870s, conductor T. Cara

St Day Brass Band - Cornwall  
See: St Day Amateur Band

St Decuman's Amateur Brass Band - Watchet,  
Active in 1879

St Dennis Band - Cornwall  
[current band] - Founded in 1836

St Dennis Temperance Brass Band - Cornwall  
Active in 1910

St Denys Brass Band - Ibstock,  
See: Ibstock St Denys Brass Band

St Denys Brunswick Mission Brass Band - Eastleigh, Hampshire  
Active in 1897, through the 1900s

St Denys Primitive Methodist Band - Eastleigh, Hampshire  
See: St Denys Brunswick Mission Brass Band

St Dominick Brass Band - Cornwall  
Active in the 1870s

St Dunstan's Mayfield Band - Sussex  
[previous name of current band] See: Mayfield Band

St Edmund's Bury Brass Band - Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk  
Active in 1833

St Edmund's Catholic Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire  
Active in 1886

St Edward's Brass Band - Clifford, Yorkshire (West Riding)  
Founded in 1854. Associated with St Edward’s Church

St Edward's Brass Band - Runcorn, Cheshire  
See: Runcorn St Edward’s Brass Band

St Edward's Orphanage Band - Liverpool, Lancashire  
Active in the 1910s to 1940s. The orphanage opened in 1906 at Broadgreen and functioned until 1956 and was famed for its lively band and successful football team. A song about the St Edwards Orphanage Band was written by Tony Flanagan as a tribute to his father who was in the band. The band would follow the May processions around Liverpool and when the orphan lads would pass St Mary's of the Angels the crowd would all give them a big cheer. The lads in the band all left St Edwards orphanage at sixteen and joined the army together - his father watched most of the band die on a green field in France, and he would say that those lads were forgotten the second they hit the
ground, with family to mourn them - so every Christmas his father would raise his glass and toast the boys of St Edwards boys band.

**St Edward’s School Band**

See: *St Edward’s Orphanage Band*

**St Enoder Brass Band** - Cornwall
Active in the 1870s to 1890s. Conductor Mr Old in 1890.

**St Erth Brass Band** - Cornwall

**St Erth Independant Brass Band** - Cornwall
[no information]

**St Erth Silver Band** - Cornwall
Active in the 1920s

**St Ervan Brass Band** - Cornwall
Active in the 1880s and 1890s. Conductor Mr Old in 1890.

**St Francis Brass Band** - Cardiff, Glamorgan
Active in 1904, bandmaster Mr Ling

**St Francis Brass Band** - Gorton, Lancashire
Active in 1887 through to the 1900s. Conductor William Mainey in 1902

**St Francis de Sales Brass Band** - Liverpool, Lancashire
Active in the 1930s

**St Francis Silver Band** - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
See: *Glasgow St Francis Brass Band*

**St Gennys Silver Band** - Cornwall
[current band] - Founded in 1907 - Former names: St Gennys Brass Band, St Gennys Silver Prize Band - Note: Formed in March 1907 by schoolmaster A. Cooke.

**St Genny’s Silver Band** - Cornwall
Formed in March 1907 by schoolmaster A. Cooke. Still active beyond 2010

**St George Brass Band** - Denbighshire
Active in 1865

**St George in the East Union School Band** - Essex
See: *Upton Park Poor Law School Band*

**St George’s (Pendleton) Band**
Active in 1883, when some of its members played at the funeral of John Leah, trombonist in the Pendleton Brass Band.

**St George’s Asylum Band** - Staffordshire
See: *Stafford County Asylum Band*

**St George’s Brass Band** - Bristol, Gloucestershire
See: *Bristol St George’s Brass Band*

**St George’s Brass Band** - Lancaster, Lancashire
Formed in 1883, held its first anniversary concert in the Palatine Hall in April 1884.

**St George’s Brass Band** - Liverpool, Lancashire
Active in the late 1850s, conductor Mr Broadhurst

**St George’s Brass Band** - Pendleton, Lancashire
See: *Pendleton St George’s Brass Band*
St George's Brass Band - Wellington, Shropshire
   See: Wellington St George’s Old Brass Band
St George’s Brass Band - Wolverhampton, Staffordshire
   Active in the 1860s and 1870s
St George’s Brass Band - Worcester, Worcestershire
   Active in the 1870s and 1880s
St George’s Brass Band - Denbighshire
   See: St George Brass Band
St George’s Brotherhood Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Formed around 1907
St George’s Church Institute Band - Chorley, Lancashire
   Formed in 1900 and set to work at once to buy a set of instruments at a cost of over £200
   and also a complete set of uniforms. It seems that the band was a highly successful part
   of the Church's life but unfortunately the group was later disbanded and the instruments
   sold. Still active in 1910.
St George’s Church Schools Brass Band - Everton, Lancashire
   Active in 1864, 1865
St George’s Enterprise Brass Band
   See: Bristol St George’s Brass Band
St George’s Hall Brass Band
   See: South East London Mission Brass Band
St George’s Industrial School Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
   Active in the 1880s to the 1900s. Conductor Joseph Leadbetter in 1903. The school was
   located on West Derby Road and was founded in 1851, moving to West Derby Road in
   1863.
St George’s Industrial School Brass Band - Essex
   See: Upton Park Poor Law School Band
St George’s Old Band
   See: St George’s Brass Band (Wellington)
St George’s Saxhorn Band - Lochee, Angus
   Active in 1863, when it played at the opening of Dundee People’s Park. Still active in
   1864
St George’s School Brass Band - Everton, Lancashire
   See: St George’s Church Schools Brass Band
St George’s Silver Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in the 1930s
St George’s Temperance Band
   See: Lilleshall Colliery Band
St George’s Works Brass Band - Lancaster, Lancashire
   Active in 1883, 1885. Attached to Williamson's factory producing oilcloth and linoleum.
St George’s Works Brass Band - Norwich, Norfolk
   Active in the 1900s. Conductor J. Jones in 1905. Based at the Howlett and White Shoe
   factory
St Germans Brass Band - Cornwall
   Active in the 1870s to the 1920s
St Germans Brass Band - Norfolk
   See: Wiggenhall United Brass Band
St Germoe Amateur Brass Band - Cornwall
   Active in 1877

St Giles Brass Band - Killamarsh, Derbyshire
   See: Killamarsh St Giles Band

St Giles Church Band - Killamarsh, Derbyshire
   See: St Giles Brass Band

St Giles Temperance Brass Band - Middlesex
   Active in 1869

St Helen Auckland Brass Band - Durham
   Active from the 1870s to the 1920s. Conductor J. Frankland in 1902. Also known as St Helen's West Auckland Band, and St Helen's Bishop Auckland Band

St Helena Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in the early 1860s, located at St Helena Gardens. In 1864 there was a fire at the St Helena beerhouse, which destroyed the building and a number of the band’s instruments. At the time of the fire there was 24lbs of gunpowder stored in the house.

St Helen's Auckland Brass Band
   See: St Helen Auckland Brass Band

St Helen's Bishop Auckland Band
   See: St Helen Auckland Brass Band

St Helen's Borough Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1870s to 1890s

St Helen's Brass Band - Ore, Sussex
   See: Ore St Helens Brass Band

St Helen's Brass Band - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
   Active in the 1860s - Played at the Free Wesleyans tea party in the village. The conductor was Mr. Lillywhite, the foreman of Mr. Wade's mill, who had devoted a considerable amount of time, and money too, in order to enable the inhabitants of this retired village to have an occasional musical treat. The band was composed of young men, natives of the village, and nearly all of them are indebted to Mr. Lillywhite for their musical acquirements. A few days earlier the band played at Nunwell Park on the occasion of a field day of the volunteers. Sir Henry Oglantler and several officers of the corps expressed themselves highly pleased with the performance of these St. Helen's lads, and a proposal was made to them to become the band of the “gallant company of which the worthy baronet was the captain”.

St Helen's Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the early 2000s

St Helen's Catholic Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
   Active in 1879

St Helen's Music Centre Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1980s

St Helen's Parish Church Army Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1950s and 1970s

St Helen's Town Band - Lancashire
   [no information]

St Helen's Volunteers Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1918
St Helen's West Auckland Band
   See: St Helen Auckland Brass Band

St Helier Girls School Brass Band - Isle of Jersey
   Active in the 1970s

St Hilda (Southwick) Brass Band - Durham
   Active in the 1920s and 1930s, attached to St Hildas Church, Southwick, Sunderland

St Hilda Band
   See: St Hilda Colliery Band

St Hilda Colliery Band - South Shields, Durham
   Formed in 1869 by John Dennison of the 3rd Durham Artillery Volunteers Band, at the request of a group of miners, under the name of St Hilda Colliery Brass Band. In the early years the band was also known at times as, “Dennison's Family Band”, “Dennison's Borough Band”, and “South Shields Borough Band”. Financial help was obtained from the St Hilda Miners' Lodge in 1905 and the band was renamed St Hilda Colliery Silver Band, appointing JA Greenwood as its conductor - the first of several professional conductors to lead the band to the very top. Contest successes prior to the First World War and thereafter in the early 1920s demonstrated their position as one of the leading bands of the day. When the colliery closed in 1925 the band continued under the name of St Hilda Band, but with the members relying on the engagements and contest wins for their living. This resulted in them being barred from contesting as a “professional” band. After ten years as a professional band St Hildas Band folded in 1937.

St Hilda Colliery Band (2) - South Shields, Durham
   Another band was formed in 1930, achieving success at several local contests, but was disbanded 1940

St Issey Brass Band (1) - Cornwall
   Active from the 1870s disbanding in 1907. Conductor Henry Biddick in 1883, Mr Parsons in 1904. A successor band was formed in the 1920s

St Issey Brass Band (2) - Cornwall
   Probably formed after WW1, active through to the 1960s

St Issey Silver Band
   See: St Issey Brass Band (2)

St Ive Village Band - Cornwall
   Founded in 1905, conductor Mr Trenberth

St Ives Brass Band (1) - Huntingdonshire
   Founded in 1861, conductor E. Martin. Active through to WW1. Conductor A. Edwards in 1906. Also known as Ivian Brass Band and St Ives Town Band.

St Ives Brass Band (2) - Huntingdonshire
   Active in the 1970s and 1980s

St Ives Brass Band (1) - Cornwall
   Active from the early 1860s to early 1870s. A successor band was formed in 1879

St Ives Brass Band (2) - Cornwall
   Formed in 1879, conductor C. Gordon Steer in 1898, folding some time before 1902.

St Ives Brass Band (3) - Cornwall
   In 1902 John Tanner was asked to restart the St Ives Town Band, and he approached the town council for the use of the instruments which had been paid for by public subscription. These had been handed over to the Artillery corps, and since they now had largely new instruments the council agreed the old ones should be recovered to
restart the band. Conductor Mr Osborne in 1908, John Tanner in 1923, E.J. Williams in 1925. Known as St Ives Silver Prize Band from the 1920s. Disbanded in 2004 - the remaining members forming St Ives Concert Band with the addition of woodwind and electric instruments.

**St Ives Junior Brass Band** - Huntingdonshire
   Active in 1868, 1869

**St Ives Silver Prize Band** - Cornwall
   See: *St Ives Brass Band (3)*

**St Ives Town Band** - Cornwall
   See: *St Ives Brass Band (3)*

**St Ivian Brass Band** - Huntingdonshire
   See: *St Ives Brass Band (1)*

**St James' Birch Brass Band** - Birch, Lancashire
   Active in 1897 and in 1902 when it led the Fallowfield Parochial celebrations for the coronation of Edward VII

**St James' Brass Band** - Bath, Somerset
   See: *St James' Church Mission Band*

**St James' Brass Band** - Birch, Lancashire
   See: *St James' Birch Brass Band*

**St James' Brass Band** - Bolton, Lancashire
   Active in 1865. Conductor James Booth in 1869

**St James' Brass Band** - Breightmet, Lancashire
   See: *Breightmet School Brass Band*

**St James' Brass Band** - Congleton, Cheshire
   Active in the 1860s. Associate with St James' Church. Still active in 1869

**St James' Brass Band** - Derby, Derbyshire
   Active in the late 1880s and early 1890s. Bandmaster was Mr McCarthy, located at the Derby Arboretum.

**St James' Brass Band** - Doncaster, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1900s

**St James' Brass Band** - Gorton, Lancashire
   Active in the 1880s and 1890s. Conductor Thomas German

**St James' Brass Band** - Haslingden, Lancashire
   Active in the 1870s, conductor Wright Spencer in 1873

**St James' Brass Band** - Heywood, Lancashire
   Active in the 1880s

**St James' Brass Band** - Hindsford, Tyldesley, Lancashire
   See: *Tyldesley St James' Brass Band*

**St James' Brass Band** - Millom, Cumberland
   See: *Millom St James’ Brass Band*

**St James' Brass Band** - Morpeth, Northumberland
   Active in the 1860s and 1870s. Conductor Mr Miller in 1861, Mr Lazenby in 1862

**St James' Brass Band** - Northampton, Northamptonshire
   Active in 1880

**St James' Brass Band** - Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire
   Active in 1888
St James' Brass Band - Wednesbury, Staffordshire
Active in 1863 - linked to St James' Church. Still active in 1866

St James' Church Army Band - Stockport, Cheshire
Active in 1887

St James' Church Mission Band - Bath, Somerset
Active in 1905 to WW1, conductor H. Tett in 1912. A later band, formed in 1921 became the current Bath Spa Band

St James' Church of England Brass Band - Rusholme, Lancashire
Active in 1897

St James' Collyhurst Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1891

St James' End Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active from 1882 to 1886

St James' Hall Brotherhood Brass Band - London
Active in 1922

St James' Industrial School Boys' Brass Band - Westminster, Middlesex
Active in 1863, 1864

St James Mission Church Band - Somerset
[previous name of current band] See: Bath Spa Band

St James' School Brass Band - Denton, Lancashire
Active in 1886

St James' the Less Brass Band - London (East)
Active in the 1900s to 1914

St John Ambulance Band - Banbury, Oxfordshire
See: Banbury St John Ambulance Brass Band

St John Ambulance Band - Bentley Colliery, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1930s

St John Ambulance Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
See: Bristol St John Ambulance Brass Band

St John Ambulance Band - Castleford, Yorkshire (West Riding)
[no information]

St John Ambulance Band - Pontypridd, Glamorgan
See: Pontypridd St John Ambulance Band

St John Ambulance Band - Rhyl,
See: Rhyl St John Ambulance Band

St John Ambulance Brigade Cadets Band - Rochdale, Lancashire
Active in the 1930s to 1950s

St John Ambulance Silver Band - Southport, Lancashire
See: Southport St John Silver Band

St John Ambulance Silver Band - Weston-Super-Mare, Somerset
[no information]

St John the Baptist School Brass Band - Woking, Surrey
Active in the 1920s

St John's (C. of E.) Brass Band - Weston, Runcorn, Cheshire
Active in the 1860s
St John’s (Mossley) Band - Lancashire
[current band] - Founded in 1934 - Former names: Mossley (Home Guard) 35th Cheshire Regiment Band (during WW2)

St John’s Band - Forres, Morayshire
Active in the 1890s. Conductor Harry Tuff in 1899

St John’s Band - Newhall, Derbyshire
Active in the 1900s, conductor Mr Booth in 1908

St John’s Brass Band - Burgess Hill, Sussex
See: St John’s Common Brass Band

St John’s Brass Band - Cardiff, Glamorgan
Active in the 1870s and 1880s. Based at St John’s, Crockherbtown (an old district of the city).

St John’s Brass Band - Cleator Moor, Cumberland
See: Cleator Moor St John’s Brass Band

St John’s Brass Band - East Dulwich, Surrey
Active in the 1900s, disbanding in 1906

St John’s Brass Band - Failsworth, Lancashire
Formed in 1893, disbanded in 1928.

St John’s Brass Band - Farnworth, Lancashire
Attached to Farnworth Parish Church in the early 1860s. Several of its members joined the Barnes Band (Farnworth) around that time. Still active in 1869

St John’s Brass Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
See: St John’s Port Glasgow Band

St John’s Brass Band - Heywood, Lancashire
Active in the 1930s. Possibly a successor to the St John’s Hopwood Band?

St John’s Brass Band - Hopwood, Lancashire
Active in the 1860s to 1880s.

St John’s Brass Band - Irlam,
Formed in the 1880s, conductor J. Parker. Still active in 1906

St John’s Brass Band - Pendlebury,
See: Pendlebury St John’s Brass Band

St John’s Brass Band - Pontyberem,
See: Pontyberem St John’s Brass Band

St John’s Brass Band - Ravenhead,
See: Ravenhead St John’s Band

St John’s Brass Band - Sacriston, Durham
See: Sacriston St John’s Brass Band

St John’s Brass Band - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: St John’s Parish Brass Band

St John’s Brass Band - Sunderland, Durham
Active in the 1880s and 1890s. Conductor Mr Childs in 1887

St John’s Brass Band - Tideswell, Derbyshire
Active in the 1880s

St John’s Brass Band - Werneth, Lancashire
Active in the 1870s

St John’s Brass Band - Workington, Cumberland
See: St John’s Church Mission Brass Band (Workington)
St John's Brass Band
   See: Spalding St John’s Brass Band

St John's Castle Band - Droylsden, Lancashire
   [current band] - Founded in 1992 - Note: Formed in 1992 from the remnants of the Church Lads Brigade

St John's Cathedral Brass Band - Salford, Lancashire
   Active in the early 1900s to 1920s. Provided musical entertainment and accompanied a ceremony to cut the sod for the new St James’ Catholic Church School, Seedley, on 20th August 1910

St John's Chapel Brass Band - Durham
   Active in 1864

St John's Church Army Band - Brighton, Sussex
   Active in 1907

St John's Church Army Band - Workington, Cumberland
   See: Workington St John’s Church Army Band

St Johns Church Band - Newhall, Derbyshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Newhall Band

St John's Church Mission Brass Band - Brighton, Sussex
   See: Brighton St John’s Church Mission Band

St John's Church Mission Brass Band - Workington, Cumberland
   Active in the 1890s. It took part in a concert with Workington Vocal Union Voice Choir in 1892

St John's Common Brass Band - Burgess Hill, Sussex
   Active in the 1870s. Still active in 1879

St John's Home Brass Band - Ipswich, Suffolk
   Active in the 1880s and 1890s. The children's home was based in Bloomfield Street, Ipswich, opening in 1871. Conductor J.B. Leahy in 1888

St John's Industrial School Brass Band - Walthamstow, Essex
   St John’s Industrial School for Roman Catholic Boys was opened in 1870. The brass band was active in 1909, when it had 43 members. The school closed in 1932.

St John’s Parish Brass Band - Park, Sheffield
   Active in 1900 and 1905

St John's Parish Church Brass Band - Roughtown, Yorkshire, West Riding
   Founded in early 1934 by Rev. W. Leeming

St John’s Port Glasgow Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
   Active in the 1860s to the 1980s. In 1869, the conductor was Mr Cunningham.

St John’s Temperance Brass Band - Tideswell, Derbyshire
   Active in 1881

St John’s Wood Brass Band - Middlesex
   Active in 1859, conductor J. Day

St Joseph’s Brass Band - Aberavon, Glamorgan
   Active in the 1930s

St Joseph’s Brass Band - Altrincham, Cheshire
   Active in the 1860s

St Joseph’s Brass Band - Bedford, Leigh, Lancashire
   See: St Joseph’s Catholic Brass Band
St Joseph's Brass Band - Blantyre, Lanarkshire
   See: Blantyre St Joseph’s Brass Band
St Joseph's Brass Band - Brindle, Lancashire
   Active in the 1880s and 1890s
St Joseph's Brass Band - Dumfries, Dumfriesshire
   See: St Joseph’s College Brass Band
St Joseph's Brass Band - Dundee, Angus
   Active from the early 1910s to the mid-1920s. A catholic band from the west end of the city.
St Joseph's Brass Band - Edinburgh, Midlothian
   Active in 1861. The band was attached to the catholic Guild of St Joseph in the city
St Joseph's Brass Band - Frizington, Cumberland
   See: Frizington St Joseph’s Band
St Joseph's Brass Band - Gateshead, Durham
   Active in 1869. Associated with St Joseph's Catholic Church
St Joseph's Brass Band - Heywood, Lancashire
   Active in the 1890s, conductor M. Connolly in 1891
St Joseph's Brass Band - Peasley Cross, Lancashire
   Active in the 1890s. Possibly linked to the St Joseph’s schools in the town.
St Joseph's Brass Band - Preston, Lancashire
   Active in the 1870s to 1890s. Conductor Mr Ingram in the early 1870s.
St Joseph's Brass Band - Stockport, Cheshire
   Active in the 1870s and 1880s
St Joseph's Brass Band - Whitwick, Leicestershire
   Active in the 1890s
St Joseph's Catholic Brass Band - Bedford, Leigh, Lancashire
   Founded in 1858, linked to St Joseph’s Catholic Schools originally. Active through to the 1900s. The band organised a contest in September 1884 at which the St Thomas’ Band Bedford competed. The event was well reported in the both the Leigh Chronicle and the Leigh Journal with the St Thomas' Band under their conductor, Mr. J Frost, claiming the third prize of £2. The first prize going to Atherton Volunteers and the second to Farnworth Public.
St Joseph's Catholic Brass Band - Sunderland, Durham
   Active in 1881, conductor T. Clark
St Joseph's Catholic Brass Band - Swansea, Glamorgan
   Founded in 1905, disbanded in 1915
St Joseph's College Brass Band - Clapham, Surrey
   Active in 1860
St Joseph's College Brass Band - Dumfries, Dumfriesshire
   Founded in 1880, conductor Herr Ludwig. Conductor Mr Faithful in 1908, still active in 1909
St Joseph's Industrial School Band - Manchester, Lancashire
   Active in 1875, 1897, 1914. Based at the school in Richmond Grove, which was established in 1871 to hold 350 boys.
St Joseph's Orphanage Band - Orpington, Kent
   Active in the 1890s to the 1930s. Conductor T. Burt in 1900. The orphanage was located in Sevenoaks Road, and was established in 1892, housing 200 boys. Most of the boys (and
girls who were later also housed) were eventually sent overseas to Canada, being adopted by Irish-Canadian Catholic farming families

**St Jude’s Brass Band** - Ancoats, Lancashire  
Active in the 1930s. Also known as St Jude’s Ancoats Band.

**St Jude’s Brass Band** - South Shields, Durham  
Active in 1887

**St Just Boys Silver Band** - Cornwall  
Formed in the early 1860s and active until 1945, when it merged with St Just Old Brass Band to form St Just Silver Band

**St Just Brass Band**  
See: St Just Old Brass Band

**St Just Independent Band** - Cornwall  
Active in the 1900s through to WW1

**St Just Old Brass Band** - Cornwall  
Formed in 1860. Active to 1945, when it merged with St Just Boys' Band to form St Just Silver Band. Conductor W.J. Lawry in 1935

**St Just Old Town Band**  
See: St Just Old Brass Band

**St Just Silver Band** - Cornwall  
Formed in 1945 through the merger of St Just Boys' Band and St Just Old Brass Band. Active through into the mid-1950s.

**St Katharine's Brass Band** - Northampton, Northamptonshire  
Formed in 1886 by the Revd. John Brooke, the vicar of St Katharine's. A previously flourishing drum and fife band had aspirations to “ascend to the majesty of brazen instruments”, leading to the purchase of 19 brass instruments. Initially instructed and conducted by Mr A. White, the first bandmaster was J.T. Perkins. The band was still active in the early 1900s. Some band members in 1887 were: J.T. Perkins (first cornet), H. Burrows (second cornet), H. Stratton (trombone), G. Holt (euphonium), F.W.H. Green (baritone), conductor J.T. Perkins

**St Katharine’s Parochial Brass Band**  
See: St Katharine’s Brass Band

**St Keverne Band** - Cornwall  
[current band] - Founded in 1886

**St Laurence Silver Prize Band**  
See: St Lawrence Silver Band (Scotland)

**St Lawrence Brass Band** - Bardney, Lincolnshire  
See: Bardney St Lawrence Band

**St Lawrence Prize Band** - Longridge, Lancashire  
[previous name of current band] See: Longridge Band

**St Lawrence Silver Band** - Greenock, Renfrewshire  
See: Greenock St Lawrence Silver Band

**St Lawrence Silver Prize Band** - Longridge, Lancashire  
Active from the 1880s to the 1900s

**St Lawrence’s College Brass Band** - Ampleforth, Yorkshire (North Riding)  
Active in 1868, 1869

**St Lawrence’s Subscription Prize Band**  
See: St Lawrence Silver Prize Band
St Leonards Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s, conductor G. Gurney.

St Leonard's Brass Band - Sussex
Active in 1853 and in the 1890s and 1900s

St Leonard's Silver Band - Newark, Nottinghamshire
[no information]

St Levan Brass Band - Cornwall
Active in 1870

St Luke's Brass Band - Cannock, Staffordshire
See: Cannock St Luke’s Brass Band

St Luke's Brass Band - Crosby, Lancashire
See: Crosby St Luke’s Brass Band

St Luke's Brass Band - Haverigg,
See: Haverigg Brass Band

St Luke's Brass Band - Silverdale,
See: Silverdale Town Band

St Luke's Brass Band - Weaste, Lancashire
See: St Luke’s Brotherhood Brass Band

St Luke's Brotherhood Brass Band - Weaste, Lancashire

St Luke's Church Brass Band - Nottingham, Nottinghamshire
Active in 1899

St Luke's Temperance Band - Barrow-in-Furness, Lancashire
Active in 1886, conductor W. Bennett

St Luke's Temperance Band - Cannock, Staffordshire
See: Cannock St Luke’s Brass Band

St Mabyn Brass Band - Cornwall
Active in 1842

St Margaret's (Old) Silver Band - Angus
[previous name of current band] See: Dundee Instrumental Band

St Margaret's Band - Olton, Warwickshire
Active in 1908

St Margaret's Band - Hertfordshire
Active in the 1900s, conductor F. Cooper

St Margaret's Boys Brigade Brass Band - Dundee, Angus
See: St Margaret’s Old Brass Band

St Margaret's Brass Band - Hollinwood, Lancashire
Active in the 1870s

St Margaret's Brass Band - Leicester, Leicestershire
Active in the 1870s to 1890s

St Margaret's Brass Band - Prestwich, Lancashire
Active in the 1880s

St Margaret's Brass Band - St. Margaret's at Cliffe, Kent
Formed in 1906, conductor Mr. Phipps

St Margaret's Church Brass Band - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the 1920s to the early 1950s
St Margaret's Mission Band - Brighton, Sussex  
See: *Brighton St Margaret’s Mission Band*

St Margaret's Old Brass Band - Dundee, Angus  
Founded around 1890 as St Margaret's Boys Brigade Brass Band, conductor Archie Halley. Became St Margaret's Old Band in 1897, conductor James E. Robinson. Active into the 1900s

St Margaret's Works Brass Band - Leicester, Leicestershire  
Active from 1860 into the 1870s. The band was attached to the Nathaniel Corah and Sons Works, St Margaret?s Works, Canning Place, which produced “Hosiery, Underwear and Outerwear”

St Mark's Brass Band - Peterborough, Northamptonshire  
See: *Peterborough St Mark’s Brass Band*

St Mark’s Brass Band - Preston, Lancashire  
Active in the 1900s

St Mark’s Brass Band - South Shields, Durham  
Active in the 1890s

St Mark’s Evangelistic Brass Band - St John’s Wood, Middlesex  
Active in the 1920s

St Martin Brass Band - Cornwall  
Active from the early 1900s through to 1962. Conductor Rev. A.T.L. Mugford in 1912, E. Cuttance in 1924, J. George in 1925, Rev. E. Ormerod in 1929, J.H. Williams in 1939, H. Williams in 1946

St Martin's Band - Dudley, Staffordshire  
See: *Revo Works Band*

St Martin’s Band - East Woodhay, Berkshire  
Active in the 1900s. Conductor H. Cummins in 1907

St Martin’s Brass Band - East Woodhay, Hampshire  
[previous name of current band] See: *East Woodhay Silver Band*

St Martin’s Town Band  
See: *St Martin Brass Band*

St Mary and St Michael’s Church Brass Band - Shadwell, Middlesex  
Active in 1862. This was a band associated with St Mary and St Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, Commercial Road

St Mary Bourne and Whitchurch Brass Band - Hampshire  
Active in 1880

St Mary Bourne Brass Band - Hampshire  
Active from the 1870s to the early 1900s

St Mary Church Brass Band - Devon  
See: *St Marychurch Brass Ban*

St Mary Church Brass Band - Glamorgan  
Founded in 1907

St Mary Cray Brass Band - Kent  
Active in 1864, 1865

St Mary Cray Temperance Band - Kent  
Active in the 1880s to 1900s

St Marychurch Brass Band - Devon  
Active in 1863
St Marylebone British Legion Band - Middlesex
   Active in the 1930s

St Marylebone School Brass Band
   See: Southall Schools Brass Band

St Mary’s Band - Pinchbeck, Lincolnshire
   Active in the 1900s

St Mary’s Band - Staines, Middlesex
   See: Staines St Mary’s Band

St Mary’s Boys Band - Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1900s. Conductor Barney Gilroy in 1903

St Mary’s Brass Band - Aston, Staffordshire
   See: Birmingham St Mary’s Brass Band

St Mary’s Brass Band - Atherstone, Warwickshire
   Active in 1903

St Mary’s Brass Band - Bolton, Lancashire
   See: Bolton St Mary’s Band

St Mary’s Brass Band - Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Bradford St Mary’s Brass Band

St Mary’s Brass Band - Brighton, Sussex
   Active in the 1880s. W.R. Lockyear bandmaster in 1885

St Mary’s Brass Band - Burnley, Lancashire
   Active in 1885 to 1890. Linked to St Mary’s Catholic Church.

St Mary’s Brass Band - Cleator Moor, Cumberland
   See: Cleator Moor St Mary’s Brass Band

St Mary’s Brass Band - Derby, Derbyshire
   Active in 1883

St Mary’s Brass Band - Dundee, Angus
   See: St Mary’s Catholic School Brass Band

St Mary’s Brass Band - Enfield, Lancashire
   See: Enfield Catholic Brass Band

St Mary’s Brass Band - Gartsherrie, Lanarkshire
   Active in the 1900s

St Mary’s Brass Band - Handsworth, Warwickshire
   Active in 1900

St Mary’s Brass Band - Hulme, Lancashire
   Active in 1880

St Mary’s Brass Band - Kirkdale, Lancashire
   Active in the early 1900s, conductor J.J. Leyland

St Mary’s Brass Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Leeds St Mary’s Brass Band

St Mary’s Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
   See: St Mary’s Catholic Young Men’s Society Brass Band

St Mary’s Brass Band - Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding)
   See: St Mary’s Catholic Brass Band (Middlesbrough)

St Mary’s Brass Band - Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland
   See: St Mary’s Roman Catholic Brass Band
St Mary's Brass Band - Newton Moor,
   See: St Mary’s Newton Moor Brass Band

St Mary's Brass Band - Peterborough, Northamptonshire
   See: Peterborough St Mary’s Brass Band

St Mary's Brass Band - South Benfleet, Essex
   Active in 1909, 1913

St Mary's Brass Band - Taunton, Somerset
   Active in 1925

St Mary's Brass Band - Throckley, Northumberland
   Active in 1892

St Mary's Brass Band - Tunstall,
   See: Tunstall St Mary’s Brass Band

St Mary's Brass Band - Walkley,
   See: Walkley St Mary’s Brass Band

St Mary's Brass Band - Widnes, Lancashire
   See: Widnes St Mary’s Brass Band

St Mary's Brass Band - Wolverton, Buckinghamshire
   See: Wolverton St. Mary’s Brass Band

St Mary's Brass Band - Isles of Scilly
   Active in the 1870s to the 1900s.

St Mary’s Catholic Brass Band - Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Founded in October 1880, still active through the 1890s

St Mary’s Catholic Brass Band - Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland
   See: St Mary’s Roman Catholic Brass Band

St Mary’s Catholic School Brass Band - Dundee, Angus
   Formed in 1885, gave its first performance in April of that year, bandmaster W.G. Jarvis.
   Still active through the 1890s

St Mary’s Catholic Young Men’s Society Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
   Active in 1859, 1860

St Mary's Chapel Brass Band - Enfield, Lancashire
   See: Enfield Catholic Brass Band

St Mary's Church Brass Band - Beswick, Lancashire
   Active in the 1950s

St Mary's Church Choir Brass Band - Tunstall,
   See: Tunstall St. Mary’s Brass Band

St Mary's Church Lads Band - Staines, Middlesex
   See: Staines St Mary’s Band

St Mary's Church Silver Band - Stamford Brook,
   See: Stamford Brook Silver Band

St Mary’s League of the Cross Brass Band - Blackhill, Durham
   See: Blackhill St Mary’s Band

St Mary's Newton Moor Brass Band - Hyde, Cheshire
   Active in the 1890s

St Mary's Orphanage Brass Band - Hounslow, Middlesex
   Active in 1876
St Mary's Orphanage Brass Band - Southall, Middlesex
Active in the 1930s/40s. It was located in the old Middlesex Regiment Barracks, formerly at the end of Wentworth Rd Southall, which became a Catholic Orphanage School. The Children from the Spanish Civil War were housed there apparently, and the MD of the Band was Mr. Dunn, father of Colonel Vivian Dunn, MD of the Royal Marine School of Music.

St Mary's Poor Law School Band - Middlesex
See: North Hyde St Mary’s Brass Band

St Mary's Roman Catholic Brass Band - Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland
Active in 1862, conductor W. Darling. Linked to St Mary's Cathedral

St Mary's Roman Catholic Brass Band - Sunderland, Durham
Active in 1874

St Mary’s School Brass Band - Islington, Middlesex
See: Islington St Mary School Band

St Matthew’s Boys' Brass Band - Gosport, Hampshire
Active in 1910

St Matthew’s Brass Band - Cambridge, Cambridgeshire
Active in the 1880s

St Matthew’s Brass Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
Active in 1910

St Matthew's Church School Brass Band - Little Lever, Lancashire
Active in 1869

St Matthew's Mission Brass Band - Cambridge, Cambridgeshire
Founded in 1906

St Matthew’s Mission Brass Band - Preston, Lancashire
Active in the 1930s

St Mawes Amateur Brass Band - Cornwall
Active in 1858

St Mawgan Band - Cornwall
Active in 1867

St Mawnan Band - Cornwall
See: Mawnan Brass Band

St Merryn Band - Cornwall
[no information]

St Mewan Brass Band - Cornwall
Active in 1903

St Michael and All Angels' Brass Band - Poplar, Middlesex
Founded in 1907, conductor C. Perry. Based at the Church of St Michael and All Angels, Bromley-by-Bow

St Michael’s Church Band - Middleton, Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: St Michael’s Brass Band

St Michael’s Scouts and Guide Band - Middleton, Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: St Michael’s Brass Band

St Michael’s Brass Band - Cosby,
See: Cosby St Michael’s Brass Band

St Michael’s Brass Band - Coventry, Warwickshire
Active in 1883
St Michael's Brass Band - Derby, Derbyshire
   Active in the 1870s to the 1900s
St Michael's Brass Band - Lincoln, Lincolnshire
   See: Lincoln St Michael’s Brass Band
St Michael's Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
   See: St Michael’s Church Band
St Michael's Brass Band - Middleton, Lancashire
   [current band] - Founded in 1976 - Former names: St Michael's Scouts and Guide Band,
   St Michael's Church Band (1989)
St Michael's Brass Band - Poplar, Middlesex
   See: St Michael and All Angels’ Brass Band
St Michael's Brass Band - St Michael's-on-Wyre, Lancashire
   Active in the 1850s to 1870s.
St Michael's Brass Band - Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire
   Active in the 1880s
St Michael's Church Band - Fenton, Staffordshire
   Founded in 1887, conductor F. McInnery. Still active in 1893
St Michael's Church Band - Manchester, Lancashire
   Based around St Michael's, George Leigh Street. Active in 1882
St Michael's Mission Brass Band - Southwark, Surrey
   Active in the early 1900s
St Minver Brass Band - Cornwall
   Founded in 1910 it evolved from the Tre Pol Pen Band. It attended its first contest by
   motor coach in 1921. It closed during both world wars. A successor band was formed in
   the early 1950s.
St Minver Silver Band - Cornwall
   [current band] - Founded in 1950 - Note: Cornwall
St Mirren's Brass Band - Paisley, Renfrewshire
   Active in 1865. Possibly linked to St Mirin’s Church (the first stone built Catholic church
   in post-Reformation Scotland). Still active in 1867
St Monance Band
   See: St Monan’s Band
St Monan’s Band - Fife
   Active in the 1880s and 1900s. Also known as St Monance Band
St Mungo's Brass Band - Bridgeton, Lanarkshire
   Active in 1861, 1863 - associated with St Mungo’s Catholic Academy
St Neots and Eynesbury Brass Band
   See: Eynesbury and St Neots Brass Band
St Neots Silver Prize Band
   See: Eynesbury and St Neots Brass Band
St Newlyn East Brass Band - Cornwall
   [current band] - Founded in 1911
St Nicholas Brass Band - Taplow,
   See: Taplow St Nicholas Brass Band
St Nicholas Industrial School Brass Band - East Ham, Essex
   Active in the 1900s and 1910s. Conductor T. Burt in 1904. The school was located at Whitt
   Road, Manor Park, East Ham. Philip McGrath, the bandmaster in 1908, absconded in...
September that year with a number of the school’s musical instruments, value £40, he was arrested in Luton, and explained he had got into trouble with a woman who was worrying him for money. He was sent to gaol for six months’ hard labour. (He was later charged, in 1910, with stealing a portmanteau and a trunk from Waterloo Station).

**St Ninians Brass Band** - Stirlingshire  
Active from the mid-1850s to the end of WW1.

**St Olave’s Grammar School Brass Band** - Southwark, Surrey  
Active in 1867, conductor G.H. Hunt, bandmaster Mr Pemberton

**St Olave’s Poor Law School Band**  
See: *Shirley Schools Brass Band*

**St Osyth Brass Band** - Essex  
Active in the 1880s and 1890s. Conductor Mr Kidby in 1894

**St Osyth Victoria Brass Band** - Essex  
Active in 1895

**St Pancras Brass Band**  
See: *St Pancras Silver Band*

**St Pancras Midland Railway Band**  
See: *Midland Railway Loco Works Band*

**St Pancras National Reserve Band**  
See: *St Pancras Silver Band*

**St Pancras Poor Law Schools Band**  
See: *Leavesden Industrial School Band*

**St Pancras School Brass Band**  
See: *Leavesden Industrial School Band*

**St Pancras Silver Band** - Middlesex  
Active from the 1890s. Its heyday was in the 1920s and 1930s. In the band at that time were George Curtis (side drum), Bill Knight (Bass drum), Fred Dimmock was the band’s professional conductor for many years. A fine trombone player he was a member of the famous Luton Red Cross Band; then there were the Ashton Brothers, both cornet players and conductors who kept the band in good form for many years; there was Dick Fruin (Bass), Nobby Clark, (Euphonium), Bill Griffiths and Johnny Seabrook (tenor horn). In 1925 the band won the Daily Mirror cup at the Crystal Palace. It played in most of the local parks, including Parliament Hill Fields, Warerlow Park, the Embankment Gardens, Highbury Fields and elsewhere in North London. On Sunday mornings, all the year round, the band used to play outside Hampstead Heath Railway Station and always drew appreciative audiences. The money collected used to go towards the cost of musical instrument repairs and replacements and the purchase of sheet music. The Band joined the St. Pancras Branch of the British Legion in the early 1930’s and won the first prize in 1932 competing against British Legion bands from all parts of Britain. They played to prisoners at Pentonville Prison twice a year, played for Madame Burnett-Coutts, Swains Lane, once yearly, played at Luton and Bedford for the Orphans School at Leavesdon (Watford) whenever possible, raising money for the school.

**St Patrick’s Brass Band** - Coatbridge, Lanarkshire  
Active in 1862

**St Patrick’s Brass Band** - Dumbarton, Dunbartonshire  
Active in the 1890s
St Patrick's Brass Band - Huddersfield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1877 to 1882

St Patrick's Brass Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  See: St Patrick's Catholic Brass Band

St Patrick's Brass Band - Lochgelly, Fife
  Active in the 1920s

St Patrick's Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
  Active in the 1860s. Band linked to St Patrick's School. Also in 1909 (possibly linked St Patrick's Church in Livesey Street)

St Patrick's Brass Band - Wigan, Lancashire
  See: Wigan St Patrick's Brass Band

St Patrick's Catholic Brass Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1852

St Paul's Brass Band - Carlton, Nottinghamshire
  See: Carlton St Paul's Brass Band

St Paul's Brass Band - Frizington, Cumberland
  See: Frizington St Paul's Band

St Paul's Brass Band - Gateshead, Durham
  See: Gateshead St Paul's Band

St Paul's Brass Band - Goose Green, Lancashire
  Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Bandmaster P. Fairhurst in 1900

St Paul's Brass Band - Halliwell, Lancashire
  Active in 1862 to 1869. Leader Reuben M. Hamer in 1863, G. Fielding in 1865

St Paul's Brass Band - Hindley, Lancashire
  Active in the 1870s

St Paul's Brass Band - Hyde, Cheshire
  See: St Paul's Catholic Brass Band

St Paul's Brass Band - Newport, Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
  Active in the early 1900s. Conductor A. Wells in 1904

St Paul's Brass Band - Northampton, Northamptonshire
  Active from the 1880s to WW1

St Paul's Brass Band - York, Yorkshire
  See: York St Paul's Brass Band

St Paul's Brass Band - Isle of Man
  Active in 1886 to 1893

St Paul's C.E.M.S. Brass Band - Lancashire
  Active in the 1950s. The C.E.M.S. was the Church of England Men's Society.

St Paul's Catholic Brass Band - Hyde, Cheshire
  Active in 1863. Was founded and encouraged by Father Hill, whose musical abilities had been of great use in training the boys in the use of their instruments. On 17th October 1870 a concert was given in the St Paul's school, to raise money for the purchase of new instruments and the repair of existing instruments for the St Paul's Catholic Brass Band. Under the leadership of Mr J R Kilroy, the Band played a selection of Irish Airs, whilst Misses Georges, Wilson, and Carroll sang sentimental ballads, such as 'I'm lonely since my mother died'. In 1872, the annual concert in aid of the Brass Band funds was held on the 30th September, and the audience overflowed, and a repeat performance was promised to satisfy the clamour. In 1876 the band accompanied a train full of
excursionists from Warrington for a day out in Rhyl. In 1877 the band played 'The Dead March of Saul' at a funeral in Dukinfield. Conductor Mr McNiff in 1883. In 1885 the band played at the opening of the new town hall in Hyde.

**St Paul's Church Brass Band** - Bolton, Lancashire  
Active in 1869, based at St Paul's on Deansgate

**St Paul's Church Mission Band** - Stratford, Essex  
Active in the 1900s

**St Paul's Home Brass Band** - Coleshill,  
Active in the 1890s

**St Paul's New Silver Band**  
See: **York St Paul’s Brass Band**

**St Peter's and St Paul's Brass Band** - Bolton, Lancashire  
See: **SS Peter and Paul's Brass Band**

**St Peter's Brass Band** - Aintree, Lancashire  
Active in the 1880s

**St Peter's Brass Band** - Berkhamstead, Hertfordshire  
See: **Berkhamsted St Peter’s Band**

**St Peter's Brass Band** - Burnley, Lancashire  
Active in 1853, with “instruments more valuable than are in the possession of any other band in the neighbourhood”.

**St Peter's Brass Band** - Cardiff, Glamorgan  
Active in 1911

**St Peter's Brass Band** - Cobridge, Staffordshire  
See: **Cobridge St Peter’s Brass Band**

**St Peter's Brass Band** - Monkwearmouth, Durham  
Active in the mid-1880s

**St Peter's Brass Band** - Parr, Lancashire  
See: **Parr St Peters Brass Band**

**St Peter's Brass Band** - Preston, Lancashire  
Active in the 1870s

**St Peter's Brass Band** - Staines, Middlesex  
See: **Staines St. Peter’s Band**

**St Peter's Brass Band** - Warrington, Lancashire  
Active in 1882, conductor Thomas Armstrong

**St Peter's Catholic Brass Band** - Stalybridge, Cheshire  
Active in 1869

**St Peter's Institute Band** - Staines, Middlesex  
See: **Staines St. Peter’s Band**

**St Peter's Street Primitive Methodist Brass Band** - Cambridge, Cambridgeshire  
Active from 1902 to 1908. Conductor F. Endersby in 1904

**St Philip's Alderley Edge Brass Band** - Cheshire  
Active in the 1900s

**St Philip's Brass Band** - Hulme, Lancashire  
Active in 1861. Associated with St Philip's Church in Hulme

**St Philip's Church Army Brass Band** - Manchester, Lancashire  
Active in the mid-1880s
St Philip's Church School Brass Band - Alderley Edge, Cheshire
   See: St Philip’s Alderley Edge Brass Band

St Phillip’s Brass Band - Heywood, Lancashire
   Active in the 1870s

St Pinnock Band - Cornwall
   [current band] - Founded in 1907 - Former names: St Pinnock Temperance Band. Note:
   Formed as a brass and reed band in 1866

St Rollox Brass Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
   See: Glasgow St Rollox Brass Band

St Ronan’s Brass Band - Innerleithen, Peeblesshire
   [previous name of current band] See: St Ronan’s Silver Band

St Ronan’s Silver Band - Innerleithen, Peeblesshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1880 - Former names: St. Ronan’s Brass Band (to 1913) -
   Note: Other related bands: Innerleithen and Traquair Brass Band, 3rd Peeblesshire
   Volunteer Band

St Saviour's and St Francis' Band - Cardiff, Glamorgan
   See: Cardiff St Saviour’s Brass Band

St Saviour’s Parochial Band - Cardiff, Glamorgan
   See: Cardiff St Saviour’s Brass Band

St Saviour’s Silver Band - Splott, Cardiff, Glamorgan
   See: Cardiff St Saviour’s Brass Band

St Saviour’s Sunday School Brass Band - Ringley, Lancashire
   Active in the 1880s, conductor E. Robinson in 1886

St Sebastian (Wokingham) Brass Band - Berkshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1931 - Former names: St Sebastian Parish Band (to 1978)

St Sebastian Parish Band - Berkshire
   [previous name of current band] See: St Sebastian (Wokingham) Brass Band

St Stephen Town Band - Cornwall
   Active from the 1850s to the 1900s. Conductor W.H. Jenkin in 1909

St Stephen Volunteer Brass Band - Cornwall
   Active in 1900

St Stephen's Brass Band - Congleton, Cheshire
   Active in the 1870s

St Stephen's Brass Band - Kearsley, Lancashire
   See: Kearsley St Stephens Band

St Stephen's Brass Band - Milnrow, Lancashire
   See: Milnrow Brass Band

St Stephen's Brass Band - St Stephen, Cornwall
   See: St Stephen Town Band

St Stephen's Sunday School Brass Band - Kearsley, Lancashire
   Active in 1878

St Stephens-in-Bramwell Brass Band - St Stephens, Cornwall
   Active around 1907.

St Stythians Band - Cornwall
   [current band] - Founded in 1928 - Former names: St Stythians Silver Band

St Stythians Brass Band
   See: Stithians Brass Band
St Swithun's Band - Bridport, Dorset
[current band] - Founded in 1951

St Swithun's Brass Band - Winchester, Hampshire
Active in 1890 to 1892. A “juvenile” band, it performed at Twford and Fareham a few times. Possibly linked to Twyford School, but also to St Swithun’s School in Winchester (a girl’s school established in 1884).

St Teath Brass Band - Cornwall
Active in the 1870s to 1890s

St Thomas' Band Bedford
See: Bedford (Leigh) Band

St Thomas Brass Band - Devon
Active in 1898

St Thomas' Brass Band - Arbroath, Angus
Active in the 1870s. Conductor William Shepherd in 1870

St Thomas' Brass Band - Ashton-in-Makerfield, Lancashire
Active around 1910

St Thomas' Brass Band - Bedford, Lancashire
See: Bedford (Leigh) Band

St Thomas' Brass Band - Preston, Lancashire
Active in 1872

St Thomas' Brass Band - Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire
Active in the late 1880s

St Thomas' Charterhouse Brass Band - Clerkenwell, Middlesex
Active in 1861, conductor Herr Klussmann, secretary W.W. Richardson. St Thomas’ Charterhouse Church was established in 1842 and demolished in 1909

St Thomas' Congregational Brass Band - Exeter, Devon
Active in 1906

St Thomas' Home Brass Band - Preston, Lancashire
Active in the 1900s to 1920s. The home was established in 1901 as an Industrial School for Roman Catholic Boys

St Thomas' Industrial School Brass Band
See: St Thomas’ Home Brass Band

St Thomas' Road Primitive Methodist Brass Band - Derby, Derbyshire
Active in 1927 and 1932

St Tudno Silver Band - Caernarfonshire
[previous name of current band] See: Llandudno Town Band

St Ursula Brass Band - Seamer, Yorkshire (North Riding)
See: Lord Londoisborough’s Brass Band

St Veryan Brass Band - Cornwall
Active in the 1890s, conductor J. Dowrick.

St Vincent Brass Band - Gosport, Hampshire
See: Training Ship St Vincent Brass Band

St Vincent de Paul Brass Band
See: Liverpool Boys’ Orphanage Band

St Vincent’s Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
See: Lysaght’s St Vincent’s Brass Band
St Vincent’s Brass Band - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from 1860 into the 1870s. Associated with St Vincent’s Catholic Church

St Vincent’s School Brass Band - Dartford, Kent
Active in the 1900s to 1920s. St Vincent’s Industrial School was opened in 1878.

St Vincent’s School Brass Band - Fullwood, Lancashire
Active in the 1900s to 1920s. Based at the St Vincent’s Orphanage.

St Wenn Brass Band - Cornwall
Active in the 1870s to the 1890s. Bandmaster in 1876 was Thomas Hawkey.

St Wilfred’s Brass Band - Northenden, Cheshire
Active in the 1860s to 1867

St Wilfred’s Brass Band - Ribchester,
See: Ribchester St Wilfred’s Brass Band

St Wilfred’s Catholic Brass Band - Bishop Auckland, Durham
Active in the 1880s

St Wilfred’s Church Band - Northenden, Cheshire
Active around 1920

St Wilfred’s School Brass Band - Ribchester,
Active in 1872

St Wilfrid’s Brass Band - Preston, Lancashire
See: Preston St Wilfrid’s Brass Band

St Wilfrid’s Children’s Home Band - Shoreham, Sussex
Founded in 1905. This was a boys’ drum and fife band. The home was run by the Steyning Board of Guardians, set up when the Shoreham Workhouse moved to a new site in the 1890s.

Stacksteads Amateur Brass Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Stacksteads Band

Stacksteads Band - Lancashire
[current band] - Founded in 1872 - Former names: Stacksteads Amateur Brass Band, Stacksteads Prize Band

Stacksteads Brass Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Stacksteads Band

Stacksteads Temperance Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1891

Stafford Borough and British Legion Brass Band
See: Stafford Brass Band (3)

Stafford Brass Band (1) - Staffordshire
Active from the mid-1840s to the late 1860s. Conducted by Mr Follows in the early 1860s

Stafford Brass Band (2) - Staffordshire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Stafford Brass Band (3) - Staffordshire
Formed at the English Electric Lichfield Road works during World War II. In the late 1940s the band moved to the Royal British Legion headquarters in Eastgate Street and became Stafford British Legion Band. The band was also later known as the Stafford Borough and British Legion Band and Stafford Concert Brass, and was still active up to the late 1980s. Competed in the Junior Cup in 1962, conducted by S. Hartshorn.

Stafford British Legion Band
See: Stafford Brass Band (3)
Stafford Concert Brass
See: Stafford Brass Band (3)

Stafford County Asylum Band - Staffordshire
Active in the 1900s

Stafford Police Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in the 1970s and 1980s

Stafford Rifles Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in the 1860s and 1870s

Stafford Street Mission Brass Band - Mansfield, Nottinghamshire
Active in the late 1940s

Stafford Street Mission Brass Band - Walsall, Staffordshire
Active in 1911

Stafford Temperance Band - Staffordshire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Conductor George Banks in 1900

Stafford Union Workhouse Juvenile Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in 1862, 1863

Staffordshire Band - Staffordshire

Staffordshire Britannia Brass Band - Staffordshire
See: South Staffordshire Britannia Brass Band

Staffordshire Building Society Band - Staffordshire
[previous name of current band] See: Staffordshire Band

Staffordshire Police Band - Staffordshire
[previous name of current band] See: Florence Brass

Staffordshire Police Brass Band - Staffordshire
See: Stafford Police Brass Band

Staffordshire Special Constabulary Band - Staffordshire
[previous name of current band] See: Florence Brass

Staffordshire Youth Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in the 1970s

Staffs County and Stoke-on-Trent Special Constabulary Band
See: Stoke-on-Trent Special Constabulary Brass Band

Stagecoach East Midland Bus Company Band - Derbyshire
[previous name of current band] See: Dronfield Band

Stagsden Brass Band - Bedfordshire
Active in the 1900s

Stainborough and Crane Moor Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Crane Moor and Stainborough Brass Band

Staindrop Brass Band - Durham
Active from the 1850s and into the 1930s. Bandmaster in 1858 was Thomas Woods, conductor in 1900 was W. Errington.

Staindrop Subscription Brass Band
See: Staindrop Brass Band
**Staines Brass Band** - Middlesex
[current band] - Founded in 1930 - Former names: Staines United Temperance Band

**Staines Brass Band (1)** - Middlesex
Founded in 1884, bandmaster Mr Ackermann. Active into the 1890s. A successor band was renamed from Staines St Peter's Band in 1903

**Staines Brass Band (2)** - Middlesex
See: *Staines St Peter's Band*

**Staines St Mary's Band** - Middlesex
Active in the 1900s. Bandmaster Mr Mullins in 1908

**Staines St Peter's Band** - Middlesex
Active in the 1890s through to WW1. Became Staines Brass Band in 1903, conductor F. Haskell

**Staines Town Band** - Middlesex
See: *Staines Brass Band (1)*

**Staines United Temperance Band** - Middlesex
[previous name of current band] See: *Staines Brass Band*

**Staines United Temperance Band** - Middlesex
Active in 1936

**Staines Wesleyan Brass Band** - Middlesex
Active in 1908 to 1914

**Stainforth Brass Band** - Doncaster, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1890s

**Stainland Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1856, 1859

**Stairfoot United Christian Mission Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in 1904, conductor J. Foster

**Stalbridge Brass Band** - Dorset
Active in 1866

**Stalham Brass Band** - Norfolk
[current band] - Founded in 1849 - Former names: Stalham Excelsior Band (to 1914)

**Stalham Excelsior Band** - Norfolk
[previous name of current band] See: *Stalham Brass Band*

**Stalmine Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active in 1864 to 1867

**Stalybridge Ancient Shepherds' Band** - Cheshire
Formed in 1832 and still active through to the 1900s - this was a reed band, not a brass band.

**Stalybridge Borough Band** - Cheshire
Formed in March 1871 by some ex-members of the Stalybridge Old Band, holding its first rehearsals and meetings at the Moulders Arms, Grasscroft Street, Castle Hall. The band was known as the 4th Cheshire Rifleman Volunteers (Boro’ Band) until 1896. The founder and first conductor was Alexander Owen who conducted the band until at least 1907. Bandmaster J.E. Robinson 1871-1881. Active through to 1930s/40s
Stalybridge Brass Band - Cheshire
[previous name of current band] See: Stalybridge Old Band

Stalybridge Catholic Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in 1859 to the 1890s, conductor S. Mullany in 1890

Stalybridge Jones and Brother Band - Cheshire
[previous name of current band] See: Stalybridge Old Band

Stalybridge Old Band - Cheshire

Stalybridge Public Band - Cheshire
[previous name of current band] See: Stalybridge Old Band

Stalybridge Temperance Band - Cheshire
Active in 1856 to 1864. Meeting/rehearsal room was in Grosvenor Street

Stalybridge Tetley Walker Brewery Band - Cheshire
[previous name of current band] See: Stalybridge Old Band

Stalybridge West Hill Secondary School Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in the 1960s

Stamford Amateur Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Founded in 1863, consisting of a dozen young mechanics, conducted by Thaddeus Wells

Stamford Borough Band - Lincolnshire
[previous name of current band] See: Stamford Brass

Stamford Brass - Lincolnshire

Stamford Bridge Brass Band - Fulham, Middlesex
Active in 1908, conductor F.W. Morell

Stamford Bridge Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in 1844

Stamford Brook Silver Band - London
Active in the 1930s, based at St Mary’s Church.

Stamford Foundry Brass Band - Lincolnshire
See: Smith and Ashby Foundry Band

Stamford Hill Tramway Brotherhood Brass Band - Middlesex
Active in 1913. Part of the Pleasant Sunday Afternoons Brotherhood.

Stamford Mechanics Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Formed in 1863

Stamford Musical Union Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in 1863

Stamford Temperance Band - Lincolnshire
Active in the 1890s

Stamford Town Band - Lincolnshire
[previous name of current band] See: Stamford Brass

Stamford Town Silver Band - Lincolnshire
[previous name of current band] See: Stamford Brass

Stamford Wesleyan Band - Lincolnshire
Active in the 1890s
Stamfordham Brass Band - Northumberland
   Active in 1867 to 1869

Stamp End Brass Band - Lincoln, Lincolnshire
   Formed in 1874

Stamshaw Brass Band - Portsmouth, Hampshire
   Active in the 1990s - it folded around 2000.

Stand Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1828

Standard Ironworks Band
   See: Davey Paxman Standard Ironworks Band

Stanedge Brass Band - Saddleworth, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1880s

Standfast Works Band - Lancaster, Lancashire
   Formed in 1910, renamed Storey's of Lancaster Band in 1946, (a.k.a. Storey's Works Band), the Storey's Decorative Products Band in 1987, finally, in 1992, City of Lancaster (Storey's) Band. Falling membership prompted an amalgamation with Red Rose Youth Band in the city to form Red Rose Lancaster Band in the early 2000s, but as with many such ventures it didn't quite work out, folding a few years later. A few dedicated members broke away and formed the present band, Lancaster City Brass.

Standish Band - Lancashire

Standish Brass Band - Lancashire
   Formed in 1873 as a village band by the name of Crooke Band. Crooke is a small village about 2.5 miles to the north-east of Wigan. Conductor John Rutter in 1902. Following WW2 it was reformed as Crooke Miners Welfare Band in 1950. As Wigan Collieries closed down, the Band again changed names to Kirkless (NCB) Band. In 1987 it became the Quaker House Colliery Band. In 1990, the mine closed and with it went the sponsorship and Standish Band came into being. It merged with the Coppull Subscription Band in 2005 to form the Coppull and Standish Band.

Standish Subscription Band - Lancashire
   Active from the 1890s to the 1950s. Competed in the First Annual Brass Band Contest organised by Wigan Borough Prize Band in 1943 (conducted by F. Wilson).

Standlake Brass Band - Oxfordshire
   During the 19th century entertainment became more organised with concerts and dramatic activities proving very popular. Standlake had had its own Annual Fair from the mid 1800s, later becoming a pleasure fair with stalls along the High Street and in 1881 the Flower Show was established, eventually developing into a large village fete. These both survived until after the Second World War. Towards the end of the 19th century the Standlake Brass Band was started by a retired schoolmaster and lasted some ten or fifteen years. It was not universally popular and was described not too long ago by an older resident as “that terrible band”. It also was said to have had a “mixed reputation”!
   Still active in 1907.

Standlake Village Band
   See: Standlake Brass Band
**Standon Farm Brass Band** - Staffordshire
Active in the 1890s and early 1900s. The band was formed from boys who were resident at the Standon Farm Home For Boys. The instrumentation was largely brass with a few woodwind instruments. The Standon Home was established in 1885, as only the second boys' home in the Waifs and Strays' Society (later The Children's Society). Standon Farm initially housed fifty boys (aged 10-14), reaching 90 boys in a few years and also increasing the age range to 16 in 1908. Its primary purpose was to provide education and specifically agricultural training. The home closed in 1947.

**Stanford-in-the-Vale Brass Band** - Berkshire
Active in the 1870s and 1880s. Conductor Jesse Hughes in 1884

**Stanford-le-Hope Brass Band** - Essex
Active in the early 1900s to the 1930s. Conductor Joshua Dow in 1904, F. Arthrell in 1913

**Stanhope Park Band** - Devon
[previous name of current band] See: Holsworthy Town Band

**Stanhope Silver Band** - Durham
[current band] - Founded in 1823 as a brass and reed band. Became Peat Hill Band in 1824. Sometime after the 1850s it became Stanhope Saxhorn Band. It also became a volunteer band.

**Stanion Jubilee Brass Band** - Northamptonshire
Active in the 1880s and 1890s

**Stank Mines Band** - Dalton-in-Furness, Lancashire
Active in 1884 to the 1890s. Its bandroom was destroyed in a gale in 1894

**Stanley Brass Band** - Durham
See: West Stanley Brass Band

**Stanley Brass Band**
See: Stanley Newmarket Colliery Band

**Stanley Colliery Band** - West Stanley, Durham
Active in the 1890s and still active in 1938

**Stanley Common and District Brass Band** - Derbyshire
Active in the 1950s and 1960s. Denis Elliott (trombone) was a member in 1950 when he gained 93% in the examinations at the Bandsman’s College of Music in Nottingham.

**Stanley Common Brass Band** - Derbyshire
Active in the 1900s

**Stanley Dry Soap Works Band** - Liverpool, Lancashire
Active in 1885

**Stanley Methodist Mission Band** - Durham
Active in 1893

**Stanley Newmarket Colliery Band** - Wakefield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Founded in 1895. Known as Stanley Band (to 1947), Newmarket Colliery Stanley Band, and later, Newmarket Colliery Band. Another source quotes “This village band started with its headquarters in a room above a stable at the rear of an ale house known as the Miners Arms. It was situated on the corner of Lee Moor Road. The band started as a string and bass in the year 1889. Mrs Walker of Lofthouse has a photograph which shows her father, Mr W. Goldthorpe, and her uncle, Mr N. Goldthorpe, along with other band members A. Colley, T. Field, F. Holgate, W. Clarke, A. Whitam, J. Ward, J. T. Seaton, A. Field, W. H. Sampson, A. Savage and G. Lunn. The conductor was Mr L. Turner. For 100 years the band has had some members in it from the Holgate family. At one time there

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were 14 members of the family playing various instruments in the band. Special mention must be made of Fred, a son of one of the founders. Fred started playing in the band when he was 12 years of age and was still playing after he had celebrated, with his fellow members, the band’s centenary. The band played at Crystal Palace at the 30th anniversary of the Great National Band Festival on 26th September 1936.” The band stopped contesting in 2005 and folded in 2011. A successor band was formed in 2013.

**Stanley Newmarket Colliery Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  [current band] - Founded in 2013

**Stanley Saw Mills Band** - Liverpool, Lancashire
  Active in the 1900s. The mills were owned by Joseph Owen and Sons, located at Stanley Road

**Stanley Subscription Prize Band**
  Active in 1921

**Stanley West Temperance Band** - Durham
  [no information]

**Stanley West Town Band** - Durham
  [no information]

**Stanley’s Band** - Northamptonshire
  [previous name of current band] See: *Kettering Town Silver Band*

**Stannary Brass Band** - Tavistock, Devon
  [current band] - Founded in 1995

**Stannary Temperance Band** - Halifax, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1880s and 1890s

**Stanningley and District Subscription Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Probably formed after WW2. Active in the 1950s. Merged with Bramley and District Subscription Band to form Bramley and Stanningley Band in the early 1950s

**Stanningley Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active from the 1860s to the 1900s

**Stanningley Old Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1880s to 1900s. Conductor A. Wilson in 1888, Amos Bastow in 1890, John Wood in 1897, W.G. Buckley in 1905

**Stanningley Primitive Methodist Brass Band**
  See: *Richardshaw Lane Brass Band*

**Stanningley Primitive Methodist Sunday School Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1880s and 1890s, bandmaster E.F. Wilson in 1888

**Stannington Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1850. Known as Stannington Church Brass Band after the 1880s. Folded in 1962. A successor band was formed in 1968

**Stannington Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  [current band] - Founded in 1881 - Former names: Stannington Church Brass Band (to 1962) - Note: Break of 6 years until reformed as Stannington Brass Band in 1968

**Stannington Church Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  [previous name of current band] See: *Stannington Brass Band*

**Stannington Church Brass Band**
  See: *Stannington Brass Band*

**Stannington Community Association Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the early 1970s
Stannington Old Brass Band
See: Stannington Brass Band

Stannington Wesleyan Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1900s and 1910s

Stanshawe (Bristol) Band
See: Stanshawe/Sun Life Band

Stanshawe Band
See: Stanshawe/Sun Life Band

Stanshawe/Sun Life Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
The band was founded as the Stanshawe Band (1968) and modified its name to Stanshawe (Bristol) Band (1972). On receiving sponsorship from Axa Sun Life they changed again to Sun Life Stanshawe Band (1978) and finally to simply the Sun Life Band (1983). They disbanded in January 1997.

Stanstead Abbots Brass Band - Hertfordshire
Active in the 1880s to the 1900s. Conductor F. Cooper in 1889

Stanstead Brass Band
See: Stanstead Abbots Brass Band

Stansted Silver Band - Essex
[current band] - Founded in 2003

Stansy Brass Band - Denbighshire
Active in 1854 to 1869. Conductor Joseph Jones in 1866

Stanton and Staveley Band - Derbyshire
[no information]

Stanton Brass Band - Stanton in Peak, Derbyshire
See: Stanton in Peak Public Brass Band

Stanton Brass Band - Stanton-by-Dale, Derbyshire
See: Stanton by Dale Band

Stanton Brass Band - Leicestershire
See: Stanton under Bardon Brass Band

Stanton Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in 1849

Stanton Harcourt Brass Band - Oxfordshire
Founded in 1861. Still active in 1892

Stanton Hill Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in 1884. Still active in 1929

Stanton Hill Silver Prize Band - Nottinghamshire
[previous name of current band] See: Blidworth Welfare Band

Stanton Hill Silver Prize Band
See: Stanton Hill Brass Band

Stanton Hill Temperance Band - Nottinghamshire
[previous name of current band] See: Blidworth Welfare Band

Stanton Hill Temperance Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in 1905

Stanton in Peak Public Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in the 1850s and 1860s (as Stanton Brass Band), active in 1911 as Stanton in Peak Public Brass Band
Stanton Ironworks Band - Derbyshire
[previous name of current band] See: Ilkeston Brass

Stanton St John Brass Band - Oxfordshire
Active in the 1880s to the 1900s

Stanton under Bardon Brass Band - Leicestershire
Active in the 1970s and 1980s. Also known as Able Jack (Stanton) Band in the late 1970s and early 1980s

Stanton Works Band - Derbyshire
[previous name of current band] See: Ilkeston Brass

Stantonbury Brass - Buckinghamshire
[previous name of current band] See: Olney Brass

Stanton-by-Dale Band - Derbyshire
Active in the 1850s to 1880s

Stanwick Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active from the 1880s to the 1930s. Also known as Stanwick United Brass Band from the 1910s

Stanwick United Brass Band
See: Stanwick Brass Band

Stanwix Reformatory Brass Band - Cumberland
See: Carlisle Reformatory Brass Band

Stape Silver Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1884

Stapenhill Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in the 1900s

Staple Hill Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active in the 1880s

Stapleford and Bramcote Band - Nottinghamshire
See: Stapleford and Sandiacre Brass Band

Stapleford and Sandiacre Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Formed in the early 1860s by J. Atkin, the first bandmaster (also a cousin of the great Dan Godfrey). Atkin's son was the bandmaster in 1914, when they acquired a new set of uniforms, costing £60. Also known as Stapleford and Bramcote Band

Stapleford Brass Band (1) - Nottinghamshire
Active in the 1840s and 1850s. Probably folded prior to the formation of the Stapleford and Sandiacre Brass Band

Stapleford Brass Band (2) - Nottinghamshire
See: Stapleford and Sandiacre Brass Band

Stapleford Silver Band - Nottinghamshire
Probably formed after WW1. Active in 1926, when it entered the Spondon Contest, conducted by W. Wood

Stapleford Tawney Band - Essex
Founded in 1906, bandmaster F. Page

Stapleford Town Band
See: Stapleford Silver Band

Staplehurst Brass Band - Kent
Active in the 1980s
Stapleton Brass Band - Gloucestershire
  Active in 1854. Took part in the processions celebrating the official opening of the Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol in 1864. Still active in 1899

Stapleton Union Brass Band - Gloucestershire
  See: Stapleton Workhouse Brass Band

Stapleton Workhouse Brass Band - Gloucestershire
  Active in 1859 to 1866. Some 300 of the children from the workhouse had an outing, preceded by their brass band, which was much admired. Also known as the Stapleton Union Brass Band

Star of Hope Band - Guisborough, Yorkshire (North Riding)
  See: Charlton Star of Hope Band

Star of Hope Brass Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
  See: Birmingham Star of Hope Brass Band

Star of Hope Brass Band - Gosport, Hampshire
  See: Gosport Star of Hope Brass Band

Star of Northfield Brass Band
  See: Northfield Brass Band

Star of Temperance Brass Band - Bridgwater, Somerset
  See: Bridgwater Star of Temperance Brass Band

Star of Temperance Brass Band - Widnes, Lancashire
  See: Widnes Star of Temperance Brass Band

Star of the East Brass Band - Somerset
  See: Baltonsborough Brass Band

Star of the Vale Brass Band - Dorset
  See: Marnhull Star of the Vale Brass Band

Star of the West Brass Band - Crewkerne, Somerset
  Active in the 1890s, early 1900s

Starbeck Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Formed by Samuel Day in 1904 and, after rehearsing in a house on Stonefall Avenue, found a more permanent home on Back Regent Place in 1906.

Starch Green Band - Hammersmith, Middlesex
  Active in 1906

Starcross Institution Brass Band - Devon
  Active in 1909

Station Mills Brass Band - Nafferton,
  Active in 1897

Staunton Brass Band - Gloucestershire
  Active in the 1890s to 1910s. Bandmaster W. Stafford in 1897

Staunton Brass Band - Worcestershire
  Active in 1887 into the 1900s. Conductor Mr Stafford in 1905

Staveley Ambulance Brass Band - Derbyshire
  See: Staveley Works Brass Band

Staveley and Speedwell Mission Brass Band - Derbyshire
  Active in the 1890s

Staveley Brass Band - Cumberland
  Active in the 1870s
Staveley Iron and Chemical Works Band - Derbyshire

See: Staveley Works Band

Staveley Silver Band - Cumberland
Active in the 1950s

Staveley Town Band - Derbyshire
Active in the 1900s

Staveley Volunteer Band - Derbyshire
Active in the 1880s to 1900s. Contemporary with the Staveley Works Band.

Staveley Works Band - Derbyshire
[previous name of current band] See: Dronfield Band

Staveley Works Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in 1863 as Staveley Works Band. Conductor James Needham in 1864. Towards the end of the century and into the 1900s, more commonly known as Barrow Hill Brass Band, later Barrow Hill and Staveley United Prize Band, Barrow Hill and Staveley Works Silver Prize Band. The band was attached to the Staveley Works Ambulance Corps. Active in 1962, when it competed in the Senior Trophy, conducted by A.H. Dawes. Active through to the 1990ss

Stebbing Brass Band - Essex
Active from the early 1890s to WW1. Conductor J. Lee in 1892, C. Stannard in 1893, H. Young in 1912. Secretary E. Bolden in the early 1900s, B. Claydon from 1907.

Stedham Brass Band - Sussex
Formed in the 1860s, still active in 1944. Mr. Rooke, had been conductor and sub-conductor for 33 years in 1944. His father, who played the euphonium for 67 years until he was 82, was conductor for over 40 years, he died at the age of 85 years. With him played David Christmas and two others named Tucker and Titcombe, all of whom also kept their music going until nearly 80 years of age. Christmas, who lived to be 92, was a Stedham bandsman from boyhood until over 80 years of age and kept his band love and interest alive to the end. Another family were the Faulkners, father and son: Fred Faulkner, the father, was presented with an engraved record of his 50 years’ service to the band. These are outstanding cases of musical stamina, faithful friendship and esprit de corps. They took engagements at various other villages, chiefly at Friendly Societies’ Club Feasts, with, now and then, outside performances in their own village streets all through the summer months to reward their constant practices in the band room during the preceding winter. Individual members of the band after walking sometimes two to six miles, would meet at the rendezvous of the village club engaging them about 11 a.m.; the proceedings would begin with a parade headed by the band to the Church and round about: members of the club, mostly in smock frocks and round hats, each member carrying a hazel twig or stick peeled round like a small barber’s pole, and the club officers in broad, picturesque sashes of silk. After the Church service the procession marched to the dinner tent near the village “pub”, where, after all had been inwardly more or less satisfied, the squire, the parson and the club doctor would “hold forth” for their edification. The material, spiritual, and intellectual human interests having all been thus attended to, members and friends would then enjoy themselves with sports of all kinds whilst the band mounted on a four-wheeled farm wagon, played “Selections” in the afternoon and dance music in the evening till about 10 p.m. In the 1860s to 1880s, each bandsman would receive about 2s. 6d. or 3s. 0d. with free dinner and beer for the engagement and be ready for work again at his job by five or six o’clock the next
morning. The old country Friendly Societies had all suffered extinction at the beginning of the 20th century, but other band engagements, Flower Shows, Garden Parties, Athletic Sports, etc., came along and provided suitable occasions for bands to let off their musical steam.

**Steel and Garland Priory Foundry Band** - Worksop, 
Conductor was Mr E. Russon in 1910. On November 18th 1910, the Worksop Old Soldiers Association held their Annual Church Parade, and the Priory Foundry Band took part in the procession, along with the Worksop Town Band and Shireoaks Band. In the evening a concert was given at the Gaiety Theatre. The Priory Foundry Band played selections. Bandsman Craven of the Priory Foundry Band received first prize for the smartest Bandsman.

**Steel Company of Wales Band** - Glamorgan
[previous name of current band] See: *City of Cardiff (Melingriffith) Brass Band*

**Steel Company of Wales Band**
Competed in the 1964 West of England Regional Championships (2nd Section), conducted by H. Nuttall

**Steel, Peech and Tozer Phoenix Works Band** - Rotherham, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1930/40s. Based at Phoenix Hall, Ickles

**Steeple Ashton Brass Band** - Wiltshire
Active from 1860 to 1888

**Steeple Claydon Brass Band** - Buckinghamshire
Active from 1853. Conductor George Jackman in 1889

**Steeple Langford Brass Band** - Wiltshire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Secretary in 1899 was A. Everett.

**Stella Collieries Workman’s Band**
Active in the 1900s and folded after WW1. Stella Company owned several collieries near Durham.

**Stenalees Brass Band** - Cornwall
Active from the 1890s to the 1960s. Conductor J. Richards in 1888

**Stenhouse Brass Band** - Stenhousemuir, Stirlingshire
Active in the 1920s

**Stenhousemuir Brass Band** - Stirlingshire
Active in 1862

**Stennals (St Austell) Brass Band** - Cornwall
Active in 1888

**Stephen Heath Works Brass Band** - Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire
Active in the 1930s

**Stephen Recreation Brass Band** - Scotland
Active in the 1950s

**Stephenson’s Brass Band** - Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland
See: *Stephenson’s Operatic Brass Band*

**Stephenson’s Brass Band** - Wrexham, Denbighshire
See: *Messrs Stephenson’s Brass Band*

**Stephenson’s Operatic Brass Band** - Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland
Active from the early 1860s to the mid-1870s. Conductor W. Ure in 1864-1870. Based at the Robert Stephenson & Co. Locomotive works. Were were invited by Mr George Robert Stephenson to spend the 1864 Christmas holidays with him on the Isle of Wight,
when they played various concerts alone and also in conjunction with other bands on the island.

**Stepney Borough Brass Band** - Middlesex  
Active in the 1920s

**Stepney Gas Workers Brass Band** - Middlesex  
See: *Stepney Gasworks Band*

**Stepney Gas Workers Trade Union Band** - Middlesex  
See: *Stepney Gasworks Band*

**Stepney Gasworks Band** - Middlesex  
Active in 1898 and 1907, when it played at the dinner for the Sandwich Men of London, on Christmas Eve.

**Stepney Police Brass Band** - Middlesex  
See: *H Division Police Brass Band*

**Stepney Union School Brass Band** - Middlesex  
Formed in September 1858. Active in 1860, by which time 23 of the boy musicians had passed through the band to join regimental bands. The school was based at Church Lane, Limehouse.

**Stevenage Brass Band (1)** - Hertfordshire  
Active from 1861 to the 1880s

**Stevenage Brass Band (2)** - Hertfordshire  
See: *Stevenage Town Band*

**Stevenage Town Band** - Hertfordshire  
Active from the early 1960s to the early 1980s

**Steventon Brass Band** - Berkshire  
Active in 1933

**Stewarton Youth Brass Band** - Ayrshire  
Active in the 1980s

**Stewartry Brass Band** - Kirkcudbright, Kirkcudbrightshire  
Active in the 1980s and 1990s

**Stewkley Brass Band** - Buckinghamshire  
Active in 1862 to 1868

**Steyning and District Band**  
See: *Steyning Brass Band*

**Steyning Board of Guardians Band**  
See: *St Wilfrid’s Children’s Home Band*

**Steyning Brass Band** - Sussex  
Formed around 1874 and was still active in 1944. Conductor F. Green in 1904

**Steyning Town Brass Band**  
See: *Steyning Brass Band*

**Stibbard Silver Band** - Norfolk  
Founded by John Abram. Active in the 1920s to 1950s

**Sticker Brass Band** - Cornwall  
Active from the 1860s. Records of the band, from 1914-1928, are held by Cornwall Record Office. Probably reformed/renamed Sticker Silver Band after WW1. Still active in 1936
Sticker Silver Band
See: Sticker Brass Band

Stickland Brass Band
See: Winterborne Stickland Brass Band

Sticklepath Brass Band - Devon
Active in 1897

Stickney Orpheus Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active from 1900 to 1909. Conductor William Dixon. The players apparently consisted of his family

Stillington Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1862

Stillwell's Brass Band - London
See: Messrs Edward Stillwell and Son's Brass Band

Stinchcombe Silver Band - Gloucestershire
Founded as a Brass Band in 1898 by Anthony Williams and continued for over 75 years. During World War II it suffered from a brief suspension of activities, but resumed its charitable and social activities until the nineteen-eighties. It gained a high reputation for its musicianship under Mr. D. Smith who died in recent years. In its heyday it used to provide an annual Christmas concert with a supper and food parcels for the elderly. It also toured the village playing carols outside groups of houses or actually playing inside the larger houses. These were very convivial occasions and one can say that a high note was struck. It also played in Dursley in the festive season and gave concerts and competed, with success, in competitions for local bands. There is a story about the band playing one Christmas to a haystack in the late evening during one of its tours through the lanes, until a walker going in the band’s direction called out “that aint a 'ouse - it's a 'aystack”. [Note: similar stories are told of Potterspury Band and Woodchurch Band!!]. It is sad that this feature of Stinchcombe life has disappeared. Among the village names which figured among many others are; Attwood, Burcombe, Clark, Summers, Woodward, and the members of the band were ably supported by their wives who undertook the catering for the Christmas party for the pensioners and similar duties for other occasions. The band rehearsed and were based in Lister’s Club in Dursley Gloucestershire. They were in the Championship Section in 1997. They disbanded around 2000. During the 1920s to mid-1960s it was known as Lister’s Silver Band, or R.A. Lister’s Silver Band. The engineering company, R.A. Lister and Co Ltd., had its own military band at one time, as well as the brass band.

Stiperstones Brass - Shropshire
[current band] - Founded in 1970

Stirling Brass Band
See: Stirling Burgh Band

Stirling Burgh Band
Founded in 1866. Active through to the 1930s. Conducted by W. Drummond in 1928.

Stirling Public Band
Active in the 1980s

Stithians Brass Band - Cornwall
Active from the early 1860s to the 1870s. A successor band (St Stythians Band) was formed in 1928
Stockbridge Brass Band - near Keighley, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1873, conductor Henry Smith.
Stockbridge Brass Band - Hampshire
   Active in 1863
Stockbridge Works Brass Band - near Keighley, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1861, conductor Hugh Betchiff
Stockcross Brass Band - Berkshire
   Active in 1868
Stockfield Mission Band - Acocks Green, Worcestershire
   Active around 1910
Stockingford Brass Band - Warwickshire
   Active from the mid-1880s, still active in 1915. Probably disbanded during WW1.
Stockport Borough Brass Band - Cheshire
   Active in the 1880s to the 1890s
Stockport Borough Police Brass Band - Cheshire
   Active in the 1950s. Possibly a precursor to the current Cheshire Constabulary Band (formed in 1967)
Stockport Borough Silver Band - Cheshire
   Active in the 1900s to the 1950s
Stockport Boys’ Industrial School Band - Cheshire
   See: Stockport Industrial School Brass Band
Stockport Brass
   See: Stockport Telephone Band
Stockport Excelsior Brass Band - Cheshire
   Active in 1876, 1880
Stockport Industrial School Brass Band - Cheshire
   Active in the 1870s to the 1900s. The school was opened in 1854, the band being formed around 1876, after a move to new premises in the town - instruments costing £62. After a further move in 1898 to a new building in Offerton, it was also known as the Offerton Industrial School
Stockport L.M.S. Railway Brass Band - Cheshire
   Active in the 1930s to the 1950s
Stockport London and North Western Railway Employees Band - Cheshire
   Active in the 1900s and 1910s. Conductor Mr Bullock in 1906, J. Leigh in 1908.
Stockport Old Yeomanry Band
   See: Stockport Yeomanry Brass Band
Stockport Police Band - Cheshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Band of the Cheshire Constabulary
Stockport Police Band
   See: Stockport Borough Police Brass Band
Stockport Ragged School Brass Band - Cheshire
   See: Stockport Industrial School Brass Band
Stockport Silver Band - Cheshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1954 - Note: Formed by the merger of Stockport Yeomanry and Edgeley Prize Band
Stockport Subscription Band - Cheshire
   Active in the early 1900s, bandmaster Mr Carter. Disbanded in 1906
Stockport Telephone Band - Cheshire
Formed in 1967, conductor Bill Philips, later known as POEU (Post Office Engineering Union) Brass Band (to 1987), British Telecom Band, BT Band (to 2007) and finally Stockport Brass until its demise in January 2009. Most of the original bandsmen were members of that union, being telephone engineers employed at the time by the General Post Office (GPO). In recognition of this support, the band changed its name to the POEU Brass Band. It later became supported by the employer, British Telecom and the name changed to reflect that. In 1992 it became the first ever winners of the newly formed First Section of the National Championships. The band was promoted to the Championship Section in the North West of England and appeared at the British Open in 1998 (coming 9th), 1999 (16th) and 2000 (23rd). As with most bands there were periods of ups and downs and in January 2001 the band was down to about 10 players. With MD Michael Fowles taking up the challenge, within a few weeks they came 5th at the North West Area. This was the start of a partnership between MD and band that saw the band become a consistent performer at major contests - especially at the Regionals.

Stockport Temperance Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in the 1880s. It organised a contest in the town in 1889.

Stockport Yeomanry Brass Band - Cheshire
Active from the 1860s until 1954, when it merged with the Edgeley Brass Band to form the current Stockport Silver Band. Also known as Lancashire Yeomanry Stockport Band, Cheshire Yeomanry Stockport Band, Late Yeomanry Band, Stockport Yeomanry Cavalry Band and Stockport Old Yeomanry Band.

Stockport Yeomanry Cavalry Band
See: Stockport Yeomanry Brass Band

Stocks Bridge Works Brass Band
See: Stockbridge Works Brass Band

Stocksbridge Amateur Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in 1891, conductor P.S. Anderson

Stocksbridge Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Unite the Union Brass Band

Stocksbridge Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Instituted in 1871. Over the next 17 years attended 52 contests winning 43 prizes, value £336. Conductor in 1888 was Charles Marsden. Also known as Stocksbridge Works Band, associated with the Stocksbridge Steel Works, it folded in the early 1980s

Stocksbridge Engineering Steels Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Unite the Union Brass Band

Stocksbridge Old Prize Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the 1890s to the 1950s

Stocksbridge Temperance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1905

Stocksbridge Works Band (1) - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1860, conductor H. Biltcliff. Still active in 1868

Stocksbridge Works Band (2)
See: Stocksbridge Band

Stockton Adults Brass Band - Stockton-on-Tees, Durham
Active in 1889
**Stockton Amateur Brass Band** - Stockton-on-Tees, Durham  
Active in 1842

**Stockton Borough Band** - Stockton-on-Tees, Durham  
Founded in 1907, bandmaster A. Locksley. Active through to WW1

**Stockton Brass Band** - Wiltshire  
Active in 1880

**Stockton Catholic Band** - Stockton-on-Tees, Durham  
Formed in the 1890s

**Stockton Christian Mission Brass Band** - Stockton-on-Tees, Durham  
Active in 1899

**Stockton Clarence Brass Band** - Stockton-on-Tees, Durham  
Active in 1842

**Stockton Corporation Brass Band** - Stockton-on-Tees, Durham  
Founded in 1853 by subscription, conductor Thomas S. Watson. “The instruments are saxtubas and cornopeans supplied by Henry Distin.” Active into the 1860s

**Stockton Druids’ Band** - Stockton-on-Tees, Durham  
Active in the 1900s. Still active in 1906

**Stockton Equalised Druids Band** - Stockton-on-Tees, Durham  
See: **Stockton Druids’ Band**

**Stockton Malleable and Rail Mill Band**  
See: **Stockton Malleable Band (1)**

**Stockton Malleable Band (1)** - Stockton-on-Tees, Durham  
Active in the 1870s

**Stockton Malleable Band (2)** - Stockton-on-Tees, Durham  
Active in the late 1940s and 1950s

**Stockton Malleable Institute Band**  
See: **Stockton Malleable Band**

**Stockton Model Band** - Stockton-on-Tees, Durham  
Active in the 1890s. Conductor J. Simmonette

**Stockton Municipal Band** - Stockton-on-Tees, Durham  
Active in 1937

**Stockton North Eastern Railway Band** - Stockton-on-Tees, Durham  
Active in the 1900s

**Stockton Simonettes Volunteer Band** - Stockton-on-Tees, Durham  
Formed in the 1890s and active in 1911

**Stockton Subscription Band** - Stockton-on-Tees, Durham  
Active in the 1900s, disbanding in 1907

**Stockton-on-Tees Home Guard Band** - Durham  
[previous name of current band] See: **Billingham Silver Band**

**Stockton-on-Tees Malleable Works and Institute Band** - Durham  
[previous name of current band] See: **Billingham Silver Band**

**Stockton-on-Tees Union Band** - Durham  
Active in 1856

**Stockwith Brass Band** - Nottinghamshire  
See: **West Stockwith Brass Band**

**Stogursey Brass Band** - Somerset  
Active in 1857 to 1869
Stoke Borough Victoria Prize Brass Band - Staffordshire
  See: Stoke Victoria Prize Brass Band
Stoke Brotherhood Brass Band - Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire
  Active in 1908 and 1912
Stoke Bruerne Brass Band - Northamptonshire
  Active in 1868
Stoke Excelsior Brass Band - Ipswich, Suffolk
  Founded in 1884, bandmaster A.J. Lansdell. Still active in 1899
Stoke Excelsior Brass Band - Stoke Heath,
  Active in 1883
Stoke Golding Brass Band - Leicestershire
  Active in 1856
Stoke Goldington Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
  Active in 1860
Stoke Heath R.A.F. Brass Band - Shropshire
  Active in the 1950s
Stoke Newington Borough Band - Middlesex
  Active in 1905
Stoke Newington British Legion Band - Middlesex
  Active in the 1930s
Stoke Newington Foresters Brass Band - Middlesex
  Active in 1891.
Stoke Newington Gospel Brass Band - Middlesex
  Active in 1910
Stoke Old Brass Band - Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire
  Active in the 1870s
Stoke on Trent City Police Band - Staffordshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Florence Brass
Stoke Police Band
  See: Stoke-on-Trent Special Constabulary Brass Band
Stoke Railway Brass Band - Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire
  Active in the 1880s
Stoke Rifles Brass Band - Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire
  Active in the 1870s
Stoke Steam Shed Brass Band
  See: Stoke Railway Brass Band
Stoke sub Hamdon Band - Somerset
  Formed in 1891 and disbanded around 1930. A new band was formed in the village in 1945.
Stoke Victoria Brass Band - Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire
  Active in the 1870s and 1880s
Stoke Victoria Prize Brass Band - Staffordshire
  Active in 1878
Stoke Workhouse Brass Band - Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire
  Active from 1881 to the early 1890s. Conductor George Dawson until his death in 1887
  (he was also a trombone player).
Stokecourcy Brass Band - Somerset
  Active in 1857

Stokenchurch Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
  Active in the 1900s and 1910s

Stokenchurch Temperance Band - Buckinghamshire
  See: Stokenchurch Brass Band

Stoke-on-Trent Brass - Staffordshire
  See: City of Stoke-on-Trent Brass Band

Stoke-on-Trent Special Constabulary Brass Band - Staffordshire
  Active from the late 1940s to the 1970s

Stokesley Volunteer Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
  Active in the 1890s

Stoke-sub-Hamdon Band - Somerset
  [current band] - Founded in 1945 - Former names: Stoke Military Band, converted to all brass in 1950. Stoke Silver Band

Stone Brass Band - Stone in Oxney, Kent
  Active from the early 1860 into the 1870s, conductor Frederick Medhurst in 1872

Stone Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
  Active in the 1880s

Stone Brass Band - Staffordshire
  Active from the 1850s to the 1870s

Stone Cross Brass Band - near Eastbourne, Sussex
  Active in the 1900s through to the late 1920s

Stone Town Band - Staffordshire
  [current band] - Founded in 1954

Stone Volunteer Band - Staffordshire
  Active around 1890, it was formed by Band Sergeant H. Wood from members of Stone's battalion of volunteers. Several of Sergeant Wood's sons served in the company and played in the band. The band was very popular and played at numerous events and dances throughout the area. On Whit Monday 1889 they had the honour of being the first band to play on the bandstand in Longton Park.

Stonebroom Brass Band - Derbyshire
  Active from the 1870s to the 1900s

Stonebroom Primitive Methodist Brass Band - Derbyshire
  Active in 1898

Stoneferry Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
  Active in the 1900s. Bandmaster Mr Hodge in 1906

Stoneham School Brass Band - Reading, Berkshire
  Active in the 1970s

Stonehaven Town Band - Aberdeenshire
  Active in 1904 to 1913

Stonehouse Brass Band - Lanarkshire
  Active in the late 1860s

Stonehouse Public Prize Band
  See: Stonehouse Silver Band
Stonehouse Silver Band - Lanarkshire
Founded in 1900, conductor Tom Hesford. This band was also self-supporting and relied on subscriptions and fund raising events to raise money to buy music, instruments and uniforms. The early years of the band were spent giving local concerts and fund raising events. Throughout the war years they gave concerts for wounded soldiers in hospital and regularly played at the Palace Picture House and the Rex. Also a competing band, they were very successful from 1919 and through the 1920's. In 1919 they won the Scottish Championships and their trombone player James Chalmers was the British Empire Champion Trombonist. They had the reputation of being one of the best bands in Scotland throughout the 1920's. Bob Chalmers led the band during this period. Some may also remember him as a regular correspondent in the Advertiser during the 1920's under the pseudonym of 'Couplaw'.In the thirties the band began to decline, probably due to the industrial depression, financial problems and a general lack of interest. In 1936 a meeting was called which resulted in the bands demise

Stonehouse Town Band - Gloucestershire
Active in the 1890s to the 1910s. Conductor Herbert Bailey in 1902, John Marfell in 1904, Herbert Bailey in 1906, J. Elmer in 1907, Ivor Shipway in 1908. Still active in 1910

Stonesfield Brass Band - Oxfordshire
Active in 1894

Stonesfield Silver Band - Oxfordshire
Formed in 1956 by John Nunn. Prior to that, John's relatives and friends cycled to Woodstock to practise with the Woodstock Town Band. However, attendances at Woodstock became poor and John found himself taking rehearsals at times. One evening they arrived from Stonesfield to find that the door had not been unlocked and they did not go again. As a result of this, the Stonesfield Silver Band was formed and began practising in the old Stonesfield Village Hall. In 1959, Dorothy Calcutt and her very musical family joined the band and from then on the band went from strength to strength in numbers. Mrs Calcutt took a position teaching at the primary school at Woodstock and as funds became more plentiful, she began giving brass lessons there, soon having many of the children playing. Although no charge was made for lessons at the primary school, it was a condition with the loan of an instrument that you also joined the Stonesfield Band. In December 1963, the band went out playing carols 26 times, collecting a princely £28! The band was thrilled with the amount collected and purchased its first tuba with the money. As well as using the old Stonesfield Village Hall as a practice room, the Boot Inn, The Combe Tavern and a now-derelict building erected by the Band on the premises of Dorothy Calcutt were used over the years. In the late 60s, the Band ran an annual solo, duet and quartet contest in Stonesfield where members of the local association used to send along players. The association itself ran a similar contest and although Stonesfield players did not win many trophies, they were usually sure of one trophy - the cup awarded for most entries! At association contests Stonesfield would often enter two bands, junior and senior. In 1997, Terry Brotherhood joined the band as Musical Director. After an illustrious career as a player, including Principal Cornet at Morris Motors Band, Terry’s conducting career had taken him to City of Oxford and then Kidlington, who he took to Championship Section status. When Terry joined, the band was struggling at the bottom of the fourth section with a core of just twelve players. Under Terry’s directorship, the band won many competitions up and down the country and raced up the tables from Fourth to First Section, competing in three national finals
on the way. In 2006, the band reluctantly bid farewell to Terry and a new Musical Director joined in the form of Simon Jones. The band folded in 2009.

Stoney Middleton Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in 1854 to the late 1890s

Stoney Stanton Brass Band - Leicestershire
Active in the 1900s to 1930s

Stoney Stanton Silver Band
See: Stoney Stanton Brass Band

Stoneyburn and District Collieries Band
See: Stoneyburn Brass Band

Stoneyburn and District Public Brass Band
See: Stoneyburn Brass Band

Stoneyburn Brass Band - West Lothian
For a mining community to be without a band was unthinkable, and so, in September 1923 a meeting was held in Paton's Picture Palace to consider the formation of a brass band. Joseph Colquhoun chaired the meeting and it was agreed that a band should be formed. A committee was set up with Mr George McDougal as President, Messer's Alex Geddes and Hugh Crawford as Vice-Presidents, John Paton as Secretary and John Murphy as Treasurer. It was proposed that, in order to start raising money for the venture, all the miners were to be asked if they were willing to have a penny deducted from their wages each week. This was agreed, even by the men who came from Blackburn to work in the 'Foulshie'. By November of that year enough money had been raised to get the band started even though they had to hire their instruments. Their first big public appearance was, when as Stoneyburn Brass Band, they proudly led the Gala Procession in July 1924. This band continued to play for many years, apart from the war years, giving pleasure to many and winning several competitions on the way. It was referred to by various names over the years, the Public Band, the Silver Band, the Colliery Band or The Stoneyburn and District Public Brass Band. It was finally disbanded in the early 1960’s, and its instruments were handed over to the West Calder Band. Over the years the band had many outstanding conductors, the first being a Mr Wardrope. In 1927 the post was given to a Mr Robert Gillies from Fife and the following year a Mr Williamson took over. Over the next twenty years there is no information about the conductors, but in 1949 a Mr Kirsley was the leader. Played at the Loganlea Gala, Addiewell, Midlothian in 1949. The band was still active into the early 1960s.

Stoneyburn Colliery Band
See: Stoneyburn Brass Band

Stoneyburn Public Band
See: Stoneyburn Brass Band

Stoneywood and Auchmull Union Band - Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire
Formed in 1850 by George Gibb together with John Beveridge and ten others. Auchmull was the earlier name from the village now known as Buckburn, and the term 'Union' appears to have been adopted simply to signify that the two villages were united in the band. New instruments were purchased for the twelve original members, but their ownership was vested in a trust as the public property of the two villages. A letter, that was circulated to local gentlemen in an effort to secure funding for the band, read “.... we trust, that through the liberality of the friends of progress, we will be enabled to bring it within the reach of all who have a desire for the cultivation of Music, Thus forming a
source of harmless recreation to us, and a pleasing gratification to the community generally”. In 1908 the band was given a new constitution under the name of The Stoneywood Brass Band. A formal link was now established with Alex Pirie and Sons Paper Mill and band practices were held in The Works Hall. It soon became the best known band in the North East of Scotland. By the end of the Second World War the name had been changed to Stoneywood Silver Band. In the post war years the band travelled widely to take part in contests - this included several trips to London for national finals. By the 1980's the link with the mill was finally severed. New rehearsal accommodation was offered by UDI, an off-shore services company with premises in Bridge of Don, and the band changed its name to UDI Brass. In 1997 UDI Brass merged with Aberdeen City Band to form UDI Aberdeen City Band (later Granite City Brass).

**Stoneywood Brass Band**
See: *Stoneywood and Auchmull Union Band*

**Stoneywood Silver Band**
See: *Stoneywood and Auchmull Union Band*

**Stoneywood Works Band**
See: *Stoneywood and Auchmull Union Band*

**Stonham Aspal Brass Band** - Suffolk
Active in the 1900s

**Stony Stratford Brass Band (1)** - Buckinghamshire
Formed in the 1860s and active to the mid-1870s. Conductor Mr Pinfold in 1874. A successor band was formed in 1887

**Stony Stratford Brass Band (2)** - Buckinghamshire
See: *Stony Stratford St Mary’s Brass Band*

**Stony Stratford Church Band**
See: *Stony Stratford St Mary’s Brass Band*

**Stony Stratford St Mary’s Brass Band** - Buckinghamshire

**Stony Stratford Town Silver Band** - Buckinghamshire
See: *Stony Stratford St Mary’s Brass Band*

**Storey’s Decorative Products Band** - Lancaster, Lancashire
See: *Standfast Works Band*

**Storey’s of Lancaster Band** - Lancaster, Lancashire
See: *Standfast Works Band*

**Storey’s Works Band** - Lancaster, Lancashire
See: *Standfast Works Band*

**Storm Brass** - Newton Abbott, Devon
Founded in 2009, aimed to become Devon's premier brass band. MD was Simon Dobson, band manager Ken Cassidy. It had some success, being graded in the 1st Section, and was based at the Stover School. It folded in 2012

**Storrington Brass Band** - Sussex
Active from 1861, conductor Mr Page. Formed by monks and lay brothers from the Premonstratension Priory. It numbered nine to ten performers all playing on brass instruments with rehearsals held in a temporary shed on the site now occupied by the monastery church in Monastery Lane in Storrington. The band played at significant...
events in the village such as: 1875 - The band played at the end of a successful trial for the Storrington Parish Council in the Hurston Road case trial held at Brighton Court along with the church bells ringing and fireworks. 1877 - Mention of the band playing at a 100 year old's birthday party. 1878 - The band played to welcome home the victorious cricket team from a match on the Isle of Wight. January 1891 - The band played on the homeward journey from Chantry Mill Pond when a cricket match was played on the ice covered pond! The players wore tall black hats! However, there were no accidents and because the roads were slippery with "ice on them, people skated most of the way back into the village! 1902 - Coronation. Storrington Brass Band played music in the procession for the festivities in Storrington. These references do not mention whether the band was the one which was made up of the monks and lay brothers or a subsequent band. The band probably folded around 1902, as Storrington Military Band was formed in 1904.

**Storrington Military Band** - Sussex
Formed in 1904. The Prior maintained his interest when the village band appeared in 1904 by subscribing to its funds and inviting it to perform two to three times a year in the monastery grounds. The band was also funded, to some extent, by public subscriptions, but the bulk of the money came from Mr. Trotter's resources and he provided the instruments as well as the music. He played himself and superintended the practices and later a Mr. Bampton came from Christ's Hospital, Horsham, Sussex, to coach it on one day a week. The band gave its first concert in the village hall on December 14th 1904 and in preparation for this a Mr. Smith from Queen's Hall, London, came to coach the performers. A month after this event the band went to Brighton to hear Sousa's band which Sousa himself conducted. In June 1906, the band, which had started with brass only but by this time had added reed instruments, entered for a contest in Horsham. However, on this occasion the players were advised by the judge to go home and learn to play in tune! As time went on, they played concerts; at church parades locally and at flower shows as far afield as Southwater near Horsham. The band played regular concerts in the Square in Storrington which attracted large crowds. It always played carols at Christmas time visiting the big houses in the area such as Parham House, Greyfriars House and Fryern Lodge. Recollections state that for many years it was a much-loved institution in the village and was always called upon whenever there was an occasion for rejoicing. The village cricket team was sometimes welcomed home after victorious matches by the sounds of the band and the pealing of the church bells. However, after the second world war, enthusiasm gradually declined, and the Minute Book of the band comments on the lack of boys turning up for practice and the lack of older members to attract and tutor the younger ones. The band closed in the 1950s.

**Stotfold Brass Band** - Bedfordshire
Active in the 1890s to 1910s, probably folded during WW1. Conductor Mr Dodson in 1901, W. Tansley in 1913

**Stoughton Brass Band** - Surrey
Active in 1915

**Stour Brass Band** - Dorset
See: *East Stour Brass Band*

**Stour Vale Brass Band** - Dorset
See: *Marnhull Star of the Vale Brass Band*
Stour Valley Brass Band - Dorset
   [previous name of current band] See: Blandford Stour Valley Brass Band

Stourbridge Brass Band - Worcestershire
   Active from the 1850s to the 1900s. Conductor W. Field in 1860.

Stourbridge Iron Works Band - Worcestershire
   Active in 1864

Stourbridge Memorial Band
   See: Stourbridge War Memorial Club Band

Stourbridge War Memorial Club Band - Worcestershire
   Active in the 1920s

Stourpaine Brass Band - Dorset
   Active from the early 1890s to the 1920s. Conductor John Domoney in 1892 (he was
   bandmaster for 20 years). Bandmaster E. Wareham in 1906

Stourport Brass Band - Worcestershire
   Active from the 1850s to the 1890s. Conductor Mr Darby in 1883. Probably folded in the
   mid-1890s. A successor band was formed in 1903.

Stourport Town Band - Worcestershire
   Founded in 1903, conductor Ben Evers. Probably disbanded in WW1. A successor band
   was formed in 1969.

Stourport Victoria Brass Band - Worcestershire
   Active in the 1880s

Stourport Youth Band - Worcestershire
   [previous name of current band] See: Stourport-On-Severn Brass Band

Stourport-On-Severn Brass Band - Worcestershire
   [current band] - Founded in 1969 - Former names: Stourport Youth Band

Stourton Memorial Public Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1920s and 1930s. Some of its members went on to form the Yorkshire
   Copper Works Band.

Stow Brass Band - Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire
   Active in 1851

Stow Brass Band - Midlothian
   Active in 1865

Stower Brass Band - Dorset
   See: East Stour Brass Band

Stowmarket Concert Band - Suffolk
   [current band] - Founded in 1962

Stowmarket Volunteers Brass Band - Suffolk
   Active in the 1880s, conductor H. Gooding in 1888

Straiton Brass Band - Midlothian
   Formed in the 1880s. Benjamin Sim was its conductor for the first six months of its
   existence

Strand Poor Law Schools Band - Upper Edmonton, Middlesex
   See: Strand Union Schools Band

Strand Union Schools Band - Upper Edmonton, Middlesex
   Active in the 1870s to the mid-1900s. Conductor W. Binnie in 1900, L.P. Connor in 1902.
   The school was opened by the Strand Board of Guardians at Millfield House, Silver
Street, Edmonton, accommodation 400 children. Participation in the school band gave some of the boys the possibility of a future career as military musicians.

**Stranraer Brass** - Wigtownshire
- [current band] - Founded in 1973

**Stranraer Brass Band** - Wigtownshire
- Active from the 1850s to the 1890s

**Strata Brass** - Hoyland, Yorkshire (West Riding)
- [current band] - Founded in 1889 - Former names: Hoyland Town Band, Wards Brewery (Hoyland) Band, Ireland Alloys Band, Weaver Building Group Band

**Stratford Brass Band** - Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire
- See: *Stratford-upon-Avon Brass Band*

**Stratford Brass Band** - Essex
- Active in 1900, when it played at the Stansted Flower Show on 4th August.

**Stratford Co-operative Employees Band** - Essex
- Active in 1910

**Stratford St Mary Amateur Brass Band** - Essex
- Active in 1885

**Stratford-upon-Avon Borough Band** - Warwickshire
- See: *Stratford-upon-Avon Brass Band*

**Stratford-upon-Avon Brass Band** - Warwickshire

**Strathaven Brass Band** - Lanarkshire
- Active from 1858 to 1868

**Strathaven Instrumental Brass Band** - Lanarkshire
- See: *Strathaven Brass Band*

**Strathblane Brass Band** - Stirlingshire
- Active in 1866 to 1868

**Strathendrick Brass Band** - Drymen, Stirlingshire
- Active in the 1890s and 1900s

**Strathmore Brass Band** - Glamis, Angus
- See: *Earl of Strathmore’s Brass Band*

**Strathpeffer Band** - Ross-shire
- Active in the 1890s to 1900

**Stratton Brass Band** - Long Stratton, Norfolk
- See: *Long Stratton Brass Band*

**Stratton Brass Band** - Stratton St Margaret, Wiltshire
- See: *Stratton St Margaret Brass Band*

**Stratton Brass Band** - Cornwall
- Founded in 1846. Active to the late 1920s. Conductor Mr Rattenbury in 1890

**Stratton St Margaret Brass Band** - Wiltshire
- Active from the early 1860s to the 1900s
Stratton Temperance Brass Band - Cornwall
   Active in 1865, conductor J.W. Morfill. Still active in 1869

Streatham Common Temperance Brass Band - Surrey
   Active in 1865 to 1868

Streatham Common Total Abstinence Brass Band - Surrey
   See: Streatham Common Temperance Brass Band

Streatham Town Band - Surrey
   Active in 1891 when it played regularly on Streatham Common

Street Amateur Brass Band - Somerset
   Active from the 1850s, probably as a factory band. Conductor W. Hawkins in 1868.
   Secretary A.P. Huish in 1871. By 1905 it had become a reed and brass band.

Street Avalonian Brass Band - Somerset
   Active in the 1880s

Street Brass Band - Somerset
   See: Street Amateur Brass Band

Street Fold Methodist Band - Moston, Lancashire
   See: Streetfold Band

Street Fold Prize Band - Moston, Lancashire
   See: Streetfold Band

Street Gate Brass Band - near Whickham, Durham
   Active in 1857

Street Good Templar Brass Band - Somerset
   Active in the 1870s to 1890s. Conductor John Farrow in 1881, Mr Hawkins in 1884.

Streetfold Brass Band - Moston, Lancashire
   Formed in 1919 as the Streetfold Brass Band, later known as Streetfold Methodist Band,
   Streetfold Prize Band, Moston Band, Moston and Beswick Band (1965-2000). It folded in
   January 2006. Along the way it amalgamated with the Beswick Prize Band in 1965, and
   then with Chain Bar Methodist Band in early 1980s. Competed in the Senior Cup in 1962.
   The following account is provided by Arthur Hall as he neared his 93rd birthday in 2000.
   “By tradition Streetfold Methodist Church took part in the Whit Friday Procession of
   Witness following the Beswick Prize Band, who charged a fee. My father, George Hall,
   who was the Sunday school secretary, collected a penny a week from the members of the
   church, so that the cost was spread over the twelve-month’s period. The Primary Sunday
   school led the way followed by the church banner with the senior girls holding the
   banner ropes. The banner depicted Holman Hunt’s “The Light of the World”. Behind this
   walked members of the Sunday school followed by the church members. After the First
   World War, although some of the young men had died in action, a number returned and
   felt that if other churches, for example Culcheth, had bands, they could found a similar
   band. It was decided to contact Boosey and Hawkes to find out how much a complete set
   of instruments would cost. The figure was a little frightening but my father and some
   like-minded folk said they would raise the money. Each member of the group provided
   an interest free loan of £10 (which was approx. 1 month’s pay for a manager and 6 week’s
   pay for a labourer). The loan raised rather more than £2000 and it took four years to raise
   the capital. Not only did this money but the instruments, but it paid for the church to be
   wired for electricity and coke-fired central heating to be fitted. The last £500 paid for the
   installation of the organ, a gift from the family of a young man from Chester, Lt. Smith
   (?) who was killed in the Great War. On the front of the organ, behind the pulpit, was a
panel of eleven dummy pipes which, with a brass plate, constituted the War Memorial to the eleven soldiers from Stretford who were killed in action between 1914 and 1918. Having got the instruments, the problem remained to find teachers. Because of the long association with Beswick Band, and appeal was made for help. Mr. Nelson and Mr. Cartwright came to take on the job. It is not clear if they got paid or just got expenses, but they were good at the job. Mr. Nelson became bandmaster and Mr. Cartwright his assistant. Mr. Cartwright had special responsibility for the trombone section. On the night that the instruments were issued I was at the Manchester College of Technology following a course in building and quantity surveying. However, I became the temporary owner of a Flugel horn whilst Donald Whittaker and Eddie Bethell were in the trombone section. Mr. Youd, who was a very good player, led the cornet section. Having the instruments we now needed music stands which my father provided from 3 x 2 uprights and tongue and grooved floor boards, It was the job of the first members on the scene to see that the stands formed a square with Mr. Nelson in the centre giving encouragement and at times admonishing the naked but enthusiastic talent. The trombones were now joined by Fred Eastwood and they made good progress. We later found out that they had marked the notes on the slides with scratches. The band progressed and it was with some anxiety that the Whitsun walk approached. The band had no uniform so we decided to wear straw 'kaydees' which were in vogue as head gear (at this time Culcheth wore top hats and were known as the Culcheth Tall Hat Band). The band lined up for its first public appearance and as we moved towards the Ben Brierley Public House, at the corner of Kenyon Lane, the heavens opened and it was like hailstones beating on top of the 'kaydees'. Needless to say, we survived. On Saturday afternoons, those of us that could be present, used to go to Johnny Brook's farm near the Bluebell Hotel. There were only cows to complain if you played the wrong note. Mr. Youd was in charge of the motley but enthusiastic group of players. As time passed, the band became better and better and we started to enter band competitions. We were up against some of the top bands in the country who used the small events on their way home from garden parties to boost their prize money. However, the day arrived when in competition we won the contest and became Streetfold Prize Band. Someone had fixed a sign on the front of the big drum and Mr. Nelson was presented with a bandmaster's coat by a firm who made band uniforms. At the same time, the euphonium player won the gold medal for his solo. The band had arrived. At this juncture due to pressure at night school, I had to withdraw from the band. It was good fellowship and whilst I maintained my friendship with individuals, the band had to take second place.”

**Stretford Band** - Lancashire
[current band] - Founded in 1849 - Former names: Stretford Silver Band, Stretford Old Band - Note: Some members split away in 1933 to form Stretford Temperance Band (later to become Sale Brass Band)

**Stretford Borough Band** - Cheshire
[previous name of current band] See: *Sale Brass*

**Stretford Church Brass Band** - Lancashire
Formed July 1877. Active into the 1880s. Conductor R. Manden in 1882

**Stretford Old Band** - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: *Stretford Band*

**Stretford Silver Band** - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: *Stretford Band*
Stretford Temperance Band - Cheshire
[previous name of current band] See: Sale Brass

Stretford Temperance Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1840s. A band of the same name was formed when some players split away from Stretford Silver Band in 1933 (later to become Sale Brass Band)

Stretford Village Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1880s to WW1.

Strichen Brass Band - Aberdeenshire
Active from the 1850s to the 1900s. Conductor Alexander Wills in 1894, J. Gray in 1901

Strichen Instrumental Band - Aberdeenshire
See: Strichen Brass Band

Strichen Union Instrumental Band - Aberdeenshire
See: Strichen Brass Band

Strines Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in 1860

Strood Brass Band - Kent
See: Strood Gospel Mission Prize Band

Strood Gospel Mission Silver Band - Kent
Formed in 1898, attached to the Strood Gospel Mission Church in Brompton Lane, Strood. During the inter-war years the Band took part in contests at the Crystal Palace in London and had a small measure of success at these events. After the war the Band continued to play in the Mission Hall but ceased contesting. The numbers steadily fell until in the late 1980s there were only 12 or 13 members. The Band ceased to be associated with Strood Gospel Mission in 1996 at the same time changing its name to The Master’s Brass and moving to the new venue of St Nicholas’s Church Hall in Strood. The Band celebrated its centenary in 1998 with a membership of 25. In 2001 the Band again changed its name to City of Rochester Brass. Over the succeeding years the number of adult players gradually declined and the band was unable to recruit new players, finally ceasing in 2009. The remaining members devoted their efforts to forming and tutoring a new junior training band - North Kent Youth Brass Band

Strood Mission Band - Kent
See: Strood Gospel Mission Prize Band

Strood Temperance Band - Kent
See: Strood Gospel Mission Prize Band

Stroud and District Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Formed March 1945 from the 7th Battalion Gloucesters Home Guard Band. Still active in 1960

Stroud Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active in the 1860s to 1870s

Stroud Green Brass Band - Newbury, Berkshire
Active in the late 1890s and early 1900s. Conductor A. Hewell in 1903

Stroud Town Band - Gloucestershire
Active from the 1880s. The band folded in 1932.

Stubbins Vale Brass Band - Stubbins, near Ramsbottom, Lancashire
Active from the 1870s to the 1950s. Possibly linked, originally, to the Stubbins Vale Mill which was built in 1851.
**Stubshire Cross Brass Band** - Manchester, Lancashire  
Active in the 1950s

**Studley Brass Band** - Warwickshire  
Active in 1857, 1863

**Sturminster Brass Band** - Dorset  
Active in 1861

**Sturminster Marshall Brass Band** - Dorset  
Active in the 1880s and 1890s. Conductor John Baker in 1887-1891

**Sturminster Marshall Saxtuba Band** - Dorset  
See: *Sturminster Marshall Brass Band*

**Sturminster Newton Brass Band** - Dorset  
See: *Sturminster Newton Town Band*

**Sturminster Newton Good Templar Brass Band**  
See: *Sturminster Newton Temperance Band*

**Sturminster Newton Oddfellows Brass Band** - Dorset  
Founded in 1862 by Brother Thomas Strange

**Sturminster Newton Temperance Band** - Dorset  
Active in the 1870s and 1880s. In 1883 Frank Topp was conductor, James Lydford secretary

**Sturminster Newton Town Band** - Dorset  
Formed around 1890. Active through to the 1920s. Conductor T. Tuck in 1891, Mr Clarke in 1904, Edwin George Pitt bandmaster in 1906.

**Sturton Brass Band** - Lincolnshire  
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

**Sturton le Steeple Temperance Band** - Nottinghamshire  
Active in 1905

**Styal Cottage Homes Brass Band** - Cheshire  
Active in 1900, conductor C. Courbard. The home was opened in 1898 by the Chorlton Board of Guardians to house destitute children. It housed 450 children in the early 1900s

**Submarine Miners (Royal Engineers) Band** - Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding)  
See: *Middlesbrough Model Brass Band*

**Suckley Excelsior Brass Band** - Worcestershire  
Active in 1900

**Sudbury Brass Band (1)** - Suffolk  
Active from the mid-1850s to WW1. Conductor John Bruce in 1860

**Sudbury Brass Band (2)** - Suffolk  
See: *Sudbury Town Band*

**Sudbury Town Band** - Suffolk  
Active in the 1920s, at least to 1929. Did not survive beyond WW2

**Sudehill Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
Active in 1859 when it performed at a gala at Horn Hill, near Snowgate Head.

**Suffolk Fire Service Band** - Ipswich, Suffolk  
[previous name of current band] See: *Suffolk Phoenix Brass*

**Suffolk Phoenix Brass** - Ipswich, Suffolk  
[current band] - Founded in the 1970s - Former names: Suffolk Fire Service Band

**Suffolk Yeomanry Brass Band** - Suffolk  
Active in the 1960s. Also known as 308 Suffolk & Norfolk Yeomanry Band
**Summerbridge and Dacre Silver Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  [current band] - Founded in 1902 - Former names: Summerbridge and Dacre Temperance Brass Band - Note: Darley Silver Band merged in 1959

**Summerbridge and Dacre Temperance Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  [previous name of current band] See: Summerbridge and Dacre Silver Band

**Summervour Brass Band** - Cornwall
  Active from the 1870s to the late 1920s. Tom Brenton (d.1923) was bandmaster for many years, at least from 1890.

**Summerhayes Brass Band** - Taunton, Somerset
  Active in 1851

**Summerlee Brass Band** - Lanarkshire
  Active in 1864

**Summer's Steel Works Band**
  See: John Summers and Sons Steelworks Band

**Summerseat Brass Band** - Lancashire
  Active in the 1900s to 1930s. Conductor William Pollard in 1909

**Summit Brass Band** - near Littleborough, Lancashire
  Active in 1866

**Sun Life Band**
  See: Stanshawe/Sun Life Band

**Sun Life Stanshawe Band**
  See: Stanshawe/Sun Life Band

**Sunbury Art Works Band**
  See: Sunbury Brass Band

**Sunbury Brass Band** - Middlesex
  Founded in 1885. Active through to the 1920s. A.L. Preston conductor in 1901

**Sunbury Decorative Art Works Band** - Middlesex
  See: Sunbury Brass Band

**Sunderland Amalgamated Musicians' Band** - Durham
  Active in the early 1900s

**Sunderland and District Brass Band** - Durham
  Active in the 1910s

**Sunderland Borough Band** - Durham
  [previous name of current band] See: City of Sunderland Brass Band

**Sunderland Borough Band** - Durham
  Founded in 1906

**Sunderland Borough Police Band** - Durham
  Formed in 1866, still active in the early 1960s. Conductor Mr Lax in 1869

**Sunderland Boys Industrial School Brass Band** - Durham
  Active from the 1880s to the early 1900s. The Sunderland Industrial and Ragged School was established in around 1850 on Silver Street, Sunderland. The school closed in 1924.

**Sunderland Bridge Brass Band** - Durham
  Active in 1843

**Sunderland British Legion Band** - Durham
  Formed after 1918
Sunderland East End Band - Durham
   Formed in the 1890s - probably folded during WW1. Conductor R. Childs in 1894, J.G. Mackinstosh in 1900

Sunderland Highways Silver Band - Durham
   Formed August 1946, active into the early 1950s

Sunderland International Concert Band - Durham
   Active in the 1970s - a former Sunderland Education Authority Band that achieved high standards in the youth band scene, then later in the adult arena with good contest results before suddenly fading away, remaining members amalgamating with the City of Sunderland Band around the early 1980s.

Sunderland Lifeboat Crew Brass Band - Durham
   Active in 1868

Sunderland Naval Brass Band - Durham
   Active between 1899 and 1916. Possibly a brass and reed band

Sunderland Operatic Band - Durham
   Active from the 1870s to around 1900. In 1882, conductor was J.G. Cooper

Sunderland Orphan Asylum Band - Durham
   The asylum was located on Sunderland Moor, and the band was tutored by Edward Sanderson. The boys gave regular concerts on the moor.

Sunderland Police Band - Durham
   See: Sunderland Borough Police Band

Sunderland Sailor Boys Band - Durham
   Active in 1904

Sunderland Salem Mission Band - Durham
   Active in 1906

Sunderland Shipbuilders Band - Durham
   Active in 1923, possibly formed in the early 1900s

Sunderland St Joseph’s Brass Band - Durham
   See: St Joseph’s Catholic Brass Band

Sunderland T.L.F. Brass Band - Durham
   Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Sunderland Temperance Band - Durham
   [previous name of current band] See: City of Sunderland Brass Band

Sunderland Temperance Brass Band - Durham
   Active from the 1890s to the 1910s. Conductor James Thurlow in 1899. J Moulding bandmaster in 1906

Sunderland Tramways Employees Band - Durham
   [previous name of current band] See: City of Sunderland Brass Band

Sunderland Transport Employees Band - Durham
   [previous name of current band] See: City of Sunderland Brass Band

Sunderland Wesley Hall Brass Band - Durham
   Active in the 1910s. Conductor Mr Blackett in 1910

Sunderland Workhouse Brass Band - Durham
   Founded in 1867 as a juvenile brass band with 13 members, conductor Mr Ticehurst. Conductor W. Lax in 1885

Sunderland Youth International Concert Band - Durham
   Active in the late 1960s, early 1970s
Sundon Brass Band - Bedfordshire
   Re-organised under conductor H. Timms in 1907. Mr Ellingham conductor in 1909, when
   the band played at the funeral of its second horn player, Albert Bygrave, aged 12. Active
   through to 1910

Sundon Park Brass Band - Bedfordshire
   Active from the early 1970s. Renamed Farr’s of Luton Brass Band in 1987, folding in the
   early 1990s

Sunlight Brass Band
   See: Port Sunlight Brass Band

Sunlight Works Band
   See: Port Sunlight Brass Band

Sunniside Colliery Band - Tow Law,
   Folded after WW2

Sunny Brow Colliery Band
   See: Sunnybrow Colliery Band

Sunny Vale Brass Band
   Active in 1935 when it played at the Brighouse Borough Jubilee Celebrations

Sunnybrow Brass Band - Willington, Durham
   Active in the 1870s

Sunnybrow Colliery Band - Willington, Durham
   Founded in the 1890s. Still active in 1943. Folded during or shortly after WW2. Also
   known as Willington Colliery Band.

Sunnyside Brass Band - Burnley, Lancashire
   Active in 1863

Sunnyside Mill Brass Band - Daubhill, Lancashire
   Active in 1869, conductor Mr Pearson

Surbiton Hill Workmen’s Band - Surrey
   Founded in February 1870, Sergeant Brockett the bandmaster. The instruments, costing
   £60, had been provided by Messrs Distin of London. Still active in 1908

Surby Band - Isle of Man
   [previous name of current band] See: Rushen Silver Band

Surrey Ancient Order of Foresters’ Brass Band - Surrey
   Active in 1866

Surrey Industrial School for Boys Band - Mayford, Surrey
   The home opened in 1887, with accommodation for 180 boys. The band was active from
   1888. There were 24 players in the band in 1892.

Surrey Side Temperance Band - Surrey
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Surrey Street Mission Band - Kings Lynn, Norfolk
   Active between the 1890s and 1930s. Later known as Kings Lynn Imperial Silver Band

Surrey Street Silver Band - Kings Lynn, Norfolk
   See: Surrey Street Mission Band

Sussex Brass (Hastings) - Sussex
   [current band] - Founded in 1968 - Note: Formed by merger of Pevensey Silver Band &
   Hastings Borough Band. Has its origins and roots in Pevensey Silver Band, Hastings and
   St Leonard’s Band, Wellington Square Boys Band and others.
Sutcombe Brass Band - Devon  
Active in 1856

Suttell's Harmonic Brass Band - Redcar, Yorkshire (North Riding)  
Active in 1900

Suttill's Band - Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding)  
See: Middlesbrough Temperance Band (2)

Sutton (Nag’s Head) Brass Band - Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire  
Active in 1862

Sutton and Cherington Brass Band - Warwickshire  
Active in 1935

Sutton and Hucknall United Brass Band - Nottinghamshire  
Active from the early 1880s the 1900s.

Sutton at Hone Brass Band - Kent  
Active in 1871 through to the 1900s. Conductor Mr Townsend in 1906

Sutton Benger Brass Band - Wiltshire  
Founded in December 1859, consisting of six villagers

Sutton Bonington Brass Band - Nottinghamshire  
Active from the late 1870s to the late 1890s

Sutton Brass Band - Sutton at Hone, Kent  
See: Sutton at Hone Brass Band

Sutton Brass Band - Sutton Benger, Wiltshire  
See: Sutton Benger Brass Band

Sutton Brass Band - Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire  
See: Sutton in Ashfield Brass Band

Sutton Brass Band - Sutton Valence, Kent  
See: Sutton Valence Brass Band

Sutton Brass Band - Sutton-on-Trent, Nottinghamshire  
See: Sutton-on-Trent Brass Band

Sutton Brass Band - Cambridgeshire  
See: Sutton in the Isle Brass Band

Sutton Bridge Brass Band - Lincolnshire  
Active in the 1900s and 1910s. Conductor Mr Farmer in 1906

Sutton Bridge British Legion Band - Lincolnshire  
Active in the 1930s

Sutton Church Brass Band - near Peasley Cross, Lancashire  
Active in 1863

Sutton Harmonic Brass Band - Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire  
See: Sutton in Ashfield Old Harmonic Brass Band

Sutton Harmonic Brass Band - Sutton-on-Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)  
Active in 1864, conductor Henry Marshall. Still active in 1897

Sutton in Ashfield Brass Band - Nottinghamshire  
Conductor J. Dennis in 1860. Active in 1873 when it provided the entertainment commemorating a new club at the Pilsley Colliery Company on 6th September 1873. It had folded by 1907 when only the Temperance and Old Prize bands were active in Sutton.
Sutton in Ashfield Model Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
In 1876, as the band was returning from the Belper “Tap Dressing” Festival in the evening of July 5th, one of their members-Charles Searson, of Crown Street, by some means or other fell off the brake on to the ground, near to the spot where the old toll-bar was located on South Normanton Common, killing him almost instantaneously. He was only 38, and his untimely demise under such sad circumstances was deeply deplored by his fellow bandsmen. The band was still active in 1907.

Sutton in Ashfield Model Harmonic Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
See: Sutton in Ashfield Old Harmonic Brass Band

Sutton in Ashfield Old Harmonic Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Sutton Old Harmonic Band earned a great reputation in the midland counties in the later part of the 19th century under the conductorship of Mr. Joseph Dennis, during the period 1870 to 1880. Owing to illness, Mr Dennis had to resign, and Mr A. H. Bonser, who was living at Leamington House in 1881, was invited to succeed him. In the spring of 1882 Mr. Denser took over the conductorship, and the band, with Mr Dennis, met in the garden at Leamington House to complete the transfer. The band added to its excellent reputation during the following 20 years, being in great demand, and earned hundreds of pounds in fees for parades and fêtes and galas all over the counties around Nottinghamshire. Many prizes were won at band contests, which were very popular. In 1884 the band competed at a brass band contest at Derby Drill Hall with 17 other bands, and secured second place. Mr. Bonser was awarded an ivory baton, with beautiful silver mounting, for being the most efficient conductor present. In 1889 the band were engaged by the Duke of Portland to entertain his tenants at a great gathering at Welbeck Abbey for the whole day. All the bandsmen sat down to a wonderful lunch, with champagne, followed by drinks and smokes during the afternoon, and were sent home in a large brake pulled by three horses to the Denman’s Head Hotel. in Sutton Market Place. Rehearsal performances were given in the old Market Place and were much appreciated. Sutton in those days was one of the most musical towns in the whole country. The band was still active in 1894

Sutton in the Isle Brass Band - Cambridgeshire
Active from before 1891. Records of the band, from 1893-1906, are held by Cambridgeshire County Record Office, Cambridge. Still active in 1907

Sutton Manor Colliery Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Sutton Manor Institute Brass Band - Lancashire
See: Sutton Manor Colliery Band

Sutton Model Prize Band - Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire
See: Sutton in Ashfield Model Brass Band

Sutton Old Harmonic Brass Band - Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire
See: Sutton in Ashfield Old Harmonic Brass Band

Sutton Old Model Brass Band - Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire
See: Sutton in Ashfield Model Brass Band

Sutton Poor Law School Brass Band - Surrey
Active in 1874, when it had 70 boys, 30 of whom were learners. Still active in 1900, conductor J.A. Browne.
**Sutton Red Cross Temperance Band** - Surrey
Founded in 1905, bandmaster H. Harding. Active to the 1920s, conductor W. Gill from c. 1910.

**Sutton Road Brass Band** - St Helen's, Lancashire
See: *Sutton Road Wesleyan Brass Band*

**Sutton Road Wesleyan Brass Band** - St Helen's, Lancashire
Active in the 1890s to the 1910s

**Sutton School Brass Band** - Surrey
See: *Sutton Poor Law School Brass Band*

**Sutton Scotney Brass Band** - Hampshire
Probably formed between the two world wars and folded in the early 1970s. Active in 1936 when it led a parade to Wonston Holy Trinity Church. Stuart Hay, a member of the band from 1954 through 1966, recalls: “At the age of 11 I was taught to play cornet by Fred Mathews - Euphonium, along with three other local kids from the village of Springvale near Kings Worthy. The band operated out of the local Springvale British Legion Club hall on Wednesday nights. At that time the band mustered about one dozen with two members from the village of origin Sutton Scotney - Fred Taylor - Tuba of Taylor Motors, and Stan ? - cornet. Other members came from Winchester and the surrounding villages as far out as Micheldever and a couple of Navy bandsmen from Worthy Down Fleet Air Arm Corps. Public performances were few, village fates, summer carnivals, Armistice Day parades and Christmas caroling - these events were augmented by musicians from Whitchurch and Andover Brass Bands. The three bands combined their forces for each others engagements and consequently were well travelled from Hungerford to Winchester and all places between. By the late 50's rehearsals had moved to the top floor of the Co-op Bakery in Winchester which happened to be directly opposite and in-the-line-of-fire of the belfry of Winchester Cathedral - rehearsals continued at the Co-op for several years until the Cathedral bell ringers decided to run their rehearsal at the same time at band practice - it was no contest so we moved to a room over the local Willow Tree Inn somewhat sheltered from the cathedral by the towering structure of the old bakery but never completely free of those infernal bells - on reflection I’d put it that they made a significant contribution to the bands demise. The band continued to operate into the early 70's - I’d estimate the band folded by 1973 and I believe the instruments were donated to the Hampshire Schools Brass Band”. Another source recalls the instruments being lent to South Wonston School before being returned to the village and finally deposited with the Horniman Museum, London. See: “Sutton Scotney Band Instruments” at www.ibew.co.uk for further details.

**Sutton Temperance Band** - Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire
Active in 1906, and around 1919, when Arthur Spencer was the bandmaster. In 1906 the bandsmen were: B. Elliott, F. Perrin, A. Whetton, C. Whitehead, F. Simms. J. W. Shaw, W. Davies, J. Booth, H. Heath (Treasurer), W. Searson, M. Turner, C. Wells, J. Attewell (Bandmaster, of Kirkyby-in-Ashfield), H. Minchan (Assistant Bandmaster), G Lane, S. Williamson. H. Clarke, A. Lane, C. Dove, I. Gough (Secretary), B. Smith, and R. Vaughan.

**Sutton Town Band** - Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire
See: *Sutton United Town Band*

**Sutton United Sherwood Brass Band** - Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire
Active in 1864
Sutton United Town Band - Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire
Active in 1885, but had folded by 1907 when only the Temperance and Old Prize bands were active in Sutton.

Sutton Valence Brass Band - Kent
Active in the 1870s to the 1900s. Conductor Mr Maytum in 1871

Sutton Veny Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active in 1860, 1862

Sutton Village Brass Band - Cambridgeshire
See: Sutton in the Isle Brass Band

Sutton-on-Trent Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
The Worksop Journal reported that on Whit Monday 1856, when three Friendly Societies formed a procession, three Bands took part. After the procession to the Parish Church and Divine Service, they dined at various hostelries. The Old Abbey Club dined at the Corn Exchange where Mr Marshall of the Greyhound Inn catered for 240 persons. The Mosbro’ Band attended and played appropriate airs after each toast. The Golden Ball Friendly Society dined in their large room,... and the Sherwood Rangers Band contributed to the pleasure of the day. The Wheat Sheaf Club dined at the club room of the Wheat Sheaf Inn, and the Sutton Brass Band very much delighted the Society with their performances. The Sutton Band was still active in 1897 when it took part in the Diamond Jubilee celebrations at Winthorpe, and 1898 when they took part in the Newark celebrations of Queen Victoria’s Diamond Jubilee.

Swadlincote Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active from the 1860s to the late 1940s. It promoted a brass band contest in 1896. In 1926, it entered the Spondon Contest, conducted by A. Hilton. Competed in a brass band contest at Overseal, Leicestershire in July 1921, under conductor C. Sharpe (drawn 9 of 11 bands, they were not placed). Known as Swadlincote Town Band from the mid-1920s

Swadlincote Garibaldi Brass Band - Derbyshire
See: Gresley and Swadlincote Garibaldi Brass Band

Swadlincote Old Brass Band
See: Swadlincote Brass Band

Swadlincote Town Silver Band
See: Swadlincote Brass Band

Swaffham Town Brass Band - Norfolk
Active in the 1920s to the early 1960s

Swainby Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1854

Swainby Village Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1905

Swalwell and Derwent Valley Brass Band
See: Swalwell Brass Band (1)

Swalwell and Derwenthaugh Brass Band
See: Swalwell Brass Band (1)

Swalwell Brass Band (1) - Durham
Active from the 1850s to the 1870s. Also known as Swalwell and Derwent Valley Brass Band. Conductor William Errington in 1874

Swalwell Brass Band (2) - Durham
Formed in the 1890s, folded in the 1920s. Bandmaster Luke Harker in 1907
Swan Foundry Band  
Active in the 19th century. The works band of the W.J. Hillson Swan Foundry in Langley, Worcestershire.

Swan Garden Ironworks Brass Band - Wolverhampton, Staffordshire  
Founded in 1882, active into the 1890s. Conductor H.J. Metcalfe in 1887. John Lysaght and Co. bought the disused Swan Garden Works in 1878, producing 40,000 tons of rolled iron sheet per year by 1880.

Swan Hunter and Wigham Richardson Wallsend Shipyards Brass Band - Wallsend, Northumberland  
See: Wallsend Shipyards Brass Band

Swan Hunter Silver Band - Wallsend, Northumberland  
Active in the 1970s - probably a successor band to the Wallsend Shipyards Brass Band, which folded in the 1950s.

Swan Lane Brass Band - Hindley, Lancashire  
Active in the 1870s - possibly linked to the Swan Lane Colliery.

Swanage Brass Band (1) - Dorset  
Active in the 1850s, folding before 1861

Swanage Brass Band (2) - Dorset  
Founded in October 1862, with 15 members and managed by a “committee of four respectable tradesmen”. Conductor Mr Skivington in 1863. Conductor John Haysom(e) in 1864. Active through to the 1930s. Known as Swanage Town Band from the 1890s onward.

Swanage British Legion Band - Dorset  
Active in the 1950s

Swanage Town Band  
See: Swanage Brass Band

Swanbourne Brass Band - Buckinghamshire  
See: Swanbourne Excelsior Brass Band

Swanbourne Excelsior Brass Band - Buckinghamshire  
Active in 1888, conductor George Edwins. Still active in 1910

Swanbrook Soundwell Band  
See: Soundwell Brass Band

Swanbrook Transport Band  
See: Soundwell Brass Band

Swanley Brass Band - Kent  
Active in the 1880s. Conductor James Kearsley in 1887

Swanscombe and Greenhithe Band - Kent  
Formed in the late 1920s

Swanscombe Brass Band - Kent  
Active in the early 1900s

Swanscombe Brotherhood Band - Kent  
Active in 1918

Swansea Brass Band - Glamorgan  
Active in the 1880s

Swansea Foresters’ Brass Band - Glamorgan  
Active in 1846 when they went on an excursion to Ilfracombe on the sea packet “Lord Beresford”
Swansea Improvement and Tramways Band - Glamorgan
See: Swansea Tramways Band

Swansea National Fire Service Band - Glamorgan
[no information]

Swansea Postal and Telegraph Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1900s, conductor Mr Bartlett in 1902

Swansea St John Ambulance Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1920s

Swansea Temperance Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1900s and 1910s. Bandmaster Mr Davies in 1907

Swansea Town Brass Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1880s to 1930s

Swansea Tramways Band - Glamorgan
Founded in 1902, still active in 1908. Conductor W. Maimone in 1904

Swanwick Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in 1860, conductor J. Briggs

Swanwick Collieries Band - Derbyshire
Active from the early 1900s to WW2. Conducted from 1926 by Edward P. Snook, b. 1888, who had been a highly regarded bandmaster in the Royal Marines. Known as Swanwick Collieries Silver Prize Band in 1914

Swanwick Colliery Band
See: Swanwick Collieries Band

Swaton Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in 1861 to 1867. Leader W. Cooper in 1866

Swindon (Gorse Hill) Brass Band - Wiltshire
[previous name of current band] See: Swindon Pegasus Brass

Swindon B.R. Band - Wiltshire
[previous name of current band] See: Swindon Pegasus Brass

Swindon Band - Wiltshire
[previous name of current band] See: Swindon Brass

Swindon Borough Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active in the 1900s

Swindon Brass - Wiltshire

Swindon Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active in 1874

Swindon Concert Brass - Wiltshire
[previous name of current band] See: Swindon Pegasus Brass

Swindon Home Guard Band - Wiltshire
Active in 1944

Swindon Mechanics Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active in 1855

Swindon Old Comrades Band - Wiltshire
Active in the 1930s
Swindon Pegasus Brass - Wiltshire
[current band] - Founded in 1912 - Former names: Swindon (Gorse Hill) Brass Band, Great Western Railway Social, Education and Union Association Band, Swindon Rail Staff Association Band, British Railways Silver Band (Swindon), Swindon B.R. Band (to 1989), Swindon Concert Brass

Swindon Primitive Methodist Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active in 1883 to 1908

Swindon Prospect Primitive Methodist Mission Brass Band
See: Swindon Prospect Silver Band

Swindon Prospect Silver Band - Wiltshire
Formed in 1908 at the Prospect Methodist Church, their object was to support as far as possible every charitable cause in Swindon. It was still active in 1953.

Swindon Rail Staff Association Band - Wiltshire
[previous name of current band] See: Swindon Pegasus Brass

Swindon Railway Brass Band
See: Great Western Railway Brass Band

Swindon Town Silver Band - Wiltshire
Active from the mid-1950s to the mid-1960s

Swindon Wesleyan Mission Band
See: Gorse Hill Wesleyan Mission Brass Band

Swindon Young Musician's Youth Brass Band - Wiltshire
[previous name of current band] See: Swindon Brass

Swindon Youth Brass - Wiltshire
[previous name of current band] See: Swindon Brass

Swineshead Brass Band - Lincolnshire
[previous name of current band] See: Swineshead Silver Band

Swineshead Brass Band (1) - Lincolnshire
Founded in September 1886, bandmaster Mr Sparrow, conductor W.H. Morgan. Active through to the early 1900s. Faded/folded around 1906/7

Swineshead Brass Band (2) - Lincolnshire
Founded in 1908, bandmaster George Hartwell. Still active in 1911

Swineshead Silver Band - Lincolnshire
[current band] - Founded in 1886 - Former names: Swineshead Brass Band

Swinford Brass Band - Leicestershire
Active in 1863

Swingfield Brass Band - Kent
Active around 1895

Swinstead Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in the 1880s

Swinton and District Excelsior Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1936

Swinton and Pendlebury High School Brass Band
See: Swinton and Pendlebury Borough Band (youngsters)

Swinton and Pendlebury Borough Band - Lancashire
Active from the 1930s to the 1970s

Swinton and Pendlebury Borough Band (youngsters) - Lancashire
Swinton Brass Band - Berwickshire
   Active from the late 1860s to the 1900s. Conductor James Guthrie, bandmaster John Chalmers in 1889

Swinton Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active from the 1870s to WW2. Known as Swinton Town Band from the 1910s onward. Conductor T. Goodier in 1876

Swinton Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Mexborough and Swinton Brass Band

Swinton Concert Brass - Lancashire
   Formed in the late 1960s or the early 1970s as a local Scout and Guide Band. It didn’t really have a proper name then but developed into “Youth Town Brass” when local schoolchildren began joining. Eventually, they all grew up and some older people joined and it was decided that the ‘Youth’ wasn’t really suitable, so the committee decided on Swinton Concert Brass. Sponsorship changed the name to “Kennedy’s Swinton Concert” and they went on to win the British Open in 1989. When the sponsorship ended it went back to Swinton Concert Brass.

Swinton Industrial School Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1855, conductor Mr Connally. The school was established in 1845, on Partington Lane, for pauper children. The band was still active around 1900

Swinton Schools Brass Band - Lancashire
   See: Swinton Industrial School Brass Band

Swinton Town Band
   See: Swinton Brass Band

Sydling Amateur Brass Band - Sydling St Nicholas, Dorset
   Active in 1892

Syke Mouth Brass Band - Swineshead, Lincolnshire
   Active in 1860, 1862

Symington’s Brass Band - Leicestershire
   Active in 1874 - possibly related to the Symington’s soup powder factory in Little Bowden. May be the same band as “Little Bowden Brass Band”

Synyer and Harvey’s Brass Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
   See: Messrs Harvey and Synyer’s Brass Band

Syston and Thurmaston Silver Band
   See: Syston Brass Band

Syston and Thurmaston United Band
   See: Syston Brass Band

Syston Band - Leicestershire

Syston Brass Band - Leicestershire
   Formed in the 1870s as Ellmore’s Can and Basket Works Brass Band, later known as Syston and Thurmaston Silver Band (1890s), Syston and Thurmaston Silver Prize Band (1900s) and finally Syston Silver Band (1950s). It disbanded in 1957. Conductor W.F. Atter in 1911, A. Castle in 1925. A successor band was formed in 1971

Syston Parochial Brass Band - Leicestershire
   Active in 1874
Syston Primitive Methodist Brass Band - Leicestershire
Active in 1897 to the 1900s. Conductor Mr Brant in 1908

Syston Royal British Legion Band - Leicestershire
[previous name of current band] See: Syston Band

Syston Silver Band - Leicestershire
[previous name of current band] See: Syston Band

Sywell Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in 1884

T Division Police Brass Band - Hammersmith, Middlesex
Active in 1868, conductor Mr Lake. See also B, D, E, G, H, K, L, N, P and S Division Police Brass Bands

T.D.S. Lancashire Brass
See: Lancashire Brass

T.L.F. Works Brass Band
See: Sunderland T.L.F. Brass Band

T.W. Lench Excelsior Works Band
See: Lench’s Excelsior Works Band

Tachbrook Brass Band - Warwickshire
Active from the early 1860s to the 1890s

Tadcaster Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the early 1850s to the 1930s

Taddington Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in the 1890s, conductor Mr Bembridge.

Tadley (MGH) Band - Hampshire
[previous name of current band] See: Tadley Brass Band

Tadley and Ashford Hill Silver Band - Hampshire
Active in the 1920s. One of the bandsmen was Benjamin Miles.

Tadley Brass Band - Hampshire
[current band] - Founded in 1875 - Former names: Tadley Gospel Temperance Band, Tadley Silver Band, Tadley Silver Prize Band, Tadley (MGH) Band

Tadley Concert Brass - Hampshire
[current band] - Founded in 1975 - Former names: Tadley Youth Band

Tadley Gospel Temperance Band - Hampshire
[previous name of current band] See: Tadley Brass Band

Tadley Silver Band - Hampshire
[previous name of current band] See: Tadley Brass Band

Tadley Youth Band - Hampshire
[previous name of current band] See: Tadley Concert Brass

Tadmarton Brass Band - Oxfordshire
Active in the 1910s

Taff Merthyr Colliery Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1930s

Taibach and Port Talbot Temperance Band - Glamorgan
See: Taibach Temperance Band

Taibach Temperance Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1900s and 1910s. Conductor J. Coombs in 1905
Tain Brass Band (1) - Ross-shire
Active in the 1850s

Tain Brass Band (2) - Ross-shire
Founded in 1865, teacher Mr Wernthal, possibly linked to the local volunteer company. Still active in 1866

Tain Oddfellows Band - Ross-shire
Active in the 1900s, bandmaster Mr Arthur in 1901, Mr Hutcheson in 1904

Talacre Beach Caravan Park Band
See: Point of Ayr Colliery Band

Talargoch Brass Band - Dyserth, Flintshire
Active in 1869

Talbot Brass - Halifax, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1843

Talbot Brass - Dorset
Formed in the late 1970s or early 1980s and active through to the mid-1990s. A youth band also existed.

Talbot Brass Band - Dorset
Active in the 1880s and 1890s. Conductor G.J. Simms in 1883

Talbot Village Brass Band - Dorset
See: Talbot Brass Band

Talk o' th' Hill Brass Band - Staffordshire
See: Talke Brass Band

Talke Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active from 1860 to the 1880s. Conductor in 1878 was T. Charlesworth. Also known as Talk o' th' Hill Brass Band

Talysarn Brass Band - Caernarfonshire
Active in the 1900s

Tamworth Brass Band - Staffordshire
See: Tamworth Town Brass Band

Tamworth Excelsior Brass Band - Staffordshire
Formed in 1906, bandmaster Mr Titterton. It folded prior to WW1.

Tamworth Town Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in the 1870s to 1900s, folding before WW1. Conductor Mr Davis in 1904

Tanat Valley Band - Montgomeryshire
[no information]

Tanfield and Stanley Brass Band - Durham
Active in the 1900s

Tanfield Brass Band - Durham
Active in 1864 to 1867

Tanfield Lea Brass Band - Durham
See: Tanfield Lea Saxhorn Band

Tanfield Lea Colliery Band - Durham
Formed in the 1880s, folded in the 1950s

Tanfield Lea Saxhorn Band - Durham
Active in the 1860s, presumed to have folded prior to the formation of the colliery band in the 1880s.
Tangye Brothers Brass Band - Smethwick, Staffordshire
See: Messrs Tangye Brothers and Price Brass Band

Tankersley Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in 1891.

Tantobie Foresters' Brass Band - Durham
Active in 1863

Taplow Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
Active in 1855, 1862

Taplow St Nicholas Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
Active from 1861 through the 1860s, conductor Mr Rutland.

Tapton Schools Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in the early 2000s

Tarbert Brass Band - Inverness-shire
Active in 1886

Tarland Amateur Brass Band - Aberdeenshire
Active in 1867 to 1876

Tarland Brass Band
See: Tarland Amateur Brass Band

Tarleton and District Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Tarleton Brass Band

Tarleton Brass Band - Lancashire
[current band] - Founded in 2000 - Former names: Tarleton & District Band

Tarmac Lyceum Brass Band - Cheshire
[previous name of current band] See: Port Sunlight Lyceum Brass

Tarporley and Clotton Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in the 1890s to 1930s

Tarporley Band - Cheshire
[current band] - Founded in 1875 - Former names: Tarporley Silver Band

Tarporley Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in the 1890s to 1915. Conductor A. Cookson in 1896, G. Lindop in 1905. Bought new instruments in 1897

Tarporley Silver Band - Cheshire
[previous name of current band] See: Tarporley Band

Tarran Waterloo Silver Band
See: Hull Waterloo Band

Tarrant Monkton Brass Band - Dorset
Active from 1866 to the 1900s. Secretary G. Harris in 1894

Tarrant's Brass Band - Byfleet, Surrey
Active in the 1900s to the 1920s, and closely associated with Tarrants the builders in Byfleet. W.G. Tarrant had quite a business and built many houses in the area including many on St George's Hill. His yard stood in Chertsey Road and the site has recently been built over with new houses, which is quite an irony! Mr Tarrant seemed to be quite a character, and was involved with the invention of the Jim diving suit, the first articulated deep sea diving suit - the prototype of which was tested in a large tank in his yard. He was also involved with the Tarrant Tabor triplane, an ambitious project to build a long range bomber, which unfortunately crashed on its maiden take off.
Tarvin Brass Band - Cheshire
   Active in the 1840s and 1880s

Tata Brass Band - Glamorgan
   [current band] - Founded in 1957 - Former names: British Steel Band (Port Talbot), Corus
   Concert Band, Corus (Port Talbot) Brass Band (to 2011)

Tatham's Works Brass Band - Rochdale, Lancashire
   See: Moss Lane Works Brass Band

Tatsfield Brass Band - Surrey
   [no information]

Taunton Brass Band (1) - Somerset
   Active in the early 1850s, folding in 1891. Conductor Mr Webber in 1857, Mr Crockett in
   1884. A successor band was formed in 1893

Taunton Brass Band (2) - Somerset
   See: Taunton Town Band

Taunton Foresters' Brass Band - Somerset
   Founded in 1863, conductor S. Summerhayes. Still active in 1867

Taunton Headquarters Volunteer Battalion Band - Somerset
   Active in the 1880s

Taunton Subscription Brass Band - Somerset
   Active in 1860

Taunton Town Band - Somerset
   Formed in February 1893, conductor F.J. Moore in 1893. Active through to 1916. The
   town council stepped in to assist the band in 1898 when they got into debt, secretary
   William Henry Wake, treasurer Councillor A.E. Perkins. It fell out with the council in
   1901, re-attaching itself to the local Volunteers. The band, under the baton of F.J. Cheek
   seems to have taken back the title of Town Band by 1903.

Taverham Band - Norfolk
   [current band] - Founded in 1974

Tavistock Brass Band - Devon
   Active from the 1840s to the early 1890s. A successor band (Tavistock Town Band) was
   formed in 1897.

Tavistock Rifle Volunteers Band - Devon
   Formed in 1859 and still active in the 1880s.

Tavistock Town Band - Devon
   [current band] - Founded in 1974

Tavistock Town Band (1) - Devon
   Formed in 1897 by George Williams of the Tavistock Mercantile Association. However it
   soon ran into trouble. The administration was apparently poor and the finances also - the
   rumour that this was the result of bandsmen receiving free drinks at the Queen's Head
   after band practices was hotly denied! In 1900 an opposition band was launched amid
   stories that the Town Band was facing collapse. They managed to keep going, but finally
   folded in 1912.

Tavistock Town Band (2) - Devon
   Formed in 1937. Again there seemed to be problems with the band's administration and
   various controversies, leading the band to disband in July 1939, on the face of it due to
   the "crisis" i.e. WW2. They reformed after the war, in 1946, winding up in June 1964, and
the town council agreed to store the instruments, along with uniforms and money pending a revival. A successor band was formed in 1974.

**Taxal Brass Band** - Cheshire  
Active in 1855

**Taxal Youth Brass Band** - Cheshire  
Active in the 1980s

**Taylor Hill Brass Band** - Huddersfield, Yorkshire (West Riding)  
Active in 1874

**Taymouth Instrumental Band**  
Active between 1860 and 1862

**Tayport Brass Band**  
See: *Tayport Instrumental Band*

**Tayport Instrumental Band** - Fife  
[current band] - Founded in 1970

**Tayport Instrumental Band** - Fife  
Formed in the early 1860s, but folded between the two World Wars. Conductor in 1903 was J. Matthew, bandmaster Mr Scott in 1904. A successor band was formed in 1970

**Tayside Silver Band**  
See: *Newburgh Brass Band*

**Teams Euphonic Brass Band** - Gateshead, Durham  
Active in 1887

**Tean Brass Band** - Staffordshire  
Active in the 1860s to the 1900s. Conductor Mr Charsley in 1863, A.J. Beard in 1880

**Tebay Brass Band** - Westmorland  
Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Conductor Mr Parkinson in 1890

**Tebay Temperance Band** - Westmorland  
Active in the early 1900s

**Tedburn St Mary Brass Band** - Devon  
Active in 1860

**Tees Ironworks Brass Band**  
See: *Teeside Ironworks Brass Band*

**Teesdale Rifle Corps Brass Band** - Barnard Castle, Yorkshire (North Riding)  
Active in the 1860s

**Teeside Brass**  
See: *North Skelton and District Band*

**Teeside Bridge and Engineering Works Brass Band** - Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding)  
Active in the 1950s and 1960s.

**Teeside Bridge Brass Band**  
See: *Teeside Bridge Brass Band*

**Teeside Constabulary Band** - Yorkshire (North Riding)  
[previous name of current band] See: *Cleveland Police Band*

**Teeside Ironworks Brass Band** - Middlesbrough, Yorkshire (North Riding)  
Active in the 1850s

**Teeside Silver Band** - Yorkshire (North Riding)  
[no information]
**Teesside Temperance Band** - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Formed in the 1890s, later known as North Skelton Brass Band, folded in the 1950s

**Teetotal Crusade Band** - Liverpool, Lancashire
See: *Liverpool Teetotal Crusade Band*

**Teignbridge Silver Band**
See: *Newton Abbot Town Band (1)*

**Teignmouth Amateur Brass Band** - Devon
Active in the 1840s to 1860s

**Teignmouth Discharged Soldiers' Brass Band** - Devon
Formed in 1919

**Teignmouth Subscription Brass Band** - Devon
Formed in February 1856, conductor Thomas Tucker. Active through to the 1890s

**Teignmouth Temperance Band** - Devon
Active in the 1850s

**Telegraph Messengers' Brass Band** - Manchester, Lancashire
Active in 1894, 1908

**Telford Brass** - Shropshire
Active in the late 1990s and early 2000s

**Telford Brass Band**
See: *Dawley New Town Band*

**Telford Concert Band**
See: *Dawley New Town Band*

**Telford Jubilee Band** - Shropshire
[current band] - Founded in 2012

**Temperance Band of St Lawrence's Longridge** - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: *Longridge Band*

**Temperance Crusade Band** - Liverpool, Lancashire
See: *Liverpool Teetotal Crusade Band*

**Temple Sowerby Brass Band** - Cumberland
See: *Temple Sowerby Library Brass Band*

**Temple Sowerby Library Brass Band** - Cumberland
Active in 1861, 1863

**Tenbury Brass Band** - Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire
Active in 1858. Conductor Mr Langdon in 1858, Mr Berrey in 1859. Still active in 1863

**Tenby and District Brass Band** - Pembrokeshire
Active in the 1970s to 1990s

**Tenby Brass Band** - Pembrokeshire
Active in the 1890s. In 1894 it accompanied the Tenby Fire Brigade on a trip to visit the Ilfracombe Fire Brigade in Devon, travelling on the S.S. Alexandria.

**Tenby District Brass Band** - Pembrokeshire
[current band] - Founded in 1973

**Tennal Approved School Brass Band** - Harborne, Warwickshire
Active in 1948

**Tenterden Brass Band** - Kent
Active in 1864
Terrett Memorial Band  - Hotwells, Gloucestershire
   Formed in the late 1890s, linked to the Terrett Memorial Hall in Bristol. A gospel
temperance mission established in 1894. It disbanded in 1902.

Terrington Archangel Band of the Oddfellows  - Norfolk
    See: Archangel Band of the Oddfellows

Terrington Brass Band  - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active in 1840, also 1887 and the early 1900s, and survived until the 1960s

Test Valley Brass  - Andover, Hampshire
   [current band]  - Founded in 1970

Test Valley Brass Youth Band  - Andover, Hampshire
   [current band]  - Founded in 1990

Tetbury Institute Band  - Gloucestershire
   Active in 1910

Tetford Brass Band  - Lincolnshire
   Active in the 1900s to the 1930s

Tetworth Brass Band  - Oxfordshire
   Active in 1853

Tetversal Colliery Welfare Band  - Nottinghamshire
   [previous name of current band]  See: Blidworth Welfare Band

Tetversall Colliery Band (1)
   Formed in 1901 but fell upon hard times and folded before 1914

Tetversall Colliery Band (2)
   Formed in 1916 by the manager of Stanton Ironworks Co., C.W. Tagg, the conductor
   being J.T. Parkes. Still active in 1936, by which time it had won prizes to the value of
   £1,000

Tewit Youth Band  - Harrogate, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [current band]  - Founded in 1978

Tewkesbury Borough Brass Band  - Gloucestershire
   See: Tewkesbury Town Band (1)

Tewkesbury Brass Band  - Gloucestershire
   See: Tewkesbury Town Band (1)

Tewkesbury British Legion Band  - Gloucestershire
   Active in the 1930s

Tewkesbury Brotherhood Brass Band  - Gloucestershire
   Active in 1918

Tewkesbury Corporation Band  - Gloucestershire
   See: Tewkesbury Town Band (1)

Tewkesbury Town Band  - Gloucestershire
   [current band]  - Founded in 1974  - Former names: Tewkesbury Town Brass Band (to
   1976)

Tewkesbury Town Band (1)  - Gloucestershire
   In 1838 the Town Band led a procession through the town to celebrate the coronation of
   Queen Victoria. Conductor W. Peacey in 1861. In 1860 there was a Tewkesbury Rifle
   Corps Band, with a uniform of salmon-coloured trousers, scarlet-faced tunics and
   plumes. 1874 saw the appearance of the Tewkesbury Philharmonic Band. In 1887 the
town band appeared again in the records, giving a concert at the Philharmonic Hall (now
the Watson Hall). In May 1900 the Tewkesbury Bugle Band headed a parade to celebrate
the relief of Mafeking Queen’s birthday. 1900-1941 saw the town band at its peak, proving to be very popular in and around Tewkesbury, averaging eight public appearances a year. In 1904 the band gave a concert to raise funds for a new bandstand to be erected in Victoria Gardens. In order to ensure a quality bandstand their target was to raise £50! In November 1918 there was an amalgamation of the Town Band and the Territorial Band under the baton of Mr A C Collins. Practises took place at the “White Bear” public house in Tewkesbury. The Band played at the unveiling of the abbey war memorial in 1920, and in 1922 at the Tewkesbury war memorial at the Cross. There were some 55 public appearances between 1922 and 1934. May 5th 1937 saw the Town Band heading a parade to celebrate the coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth and playing for public dancing in the streets. This was the last public appearance of the band however as by September 1937 the band had ceased to be. The lack of funds and an increasing popularity of the radio were given as the prime reasons. The band was also known as Tewkesbury Corporation Band and Tewkesbury Borough Brass Band at various times in the early part of the 20th century. Successor bands were formed in 1947 and 1974.

**Tewkesbury Town Band (2)** - Gloucestershire
In 1947, but only lasted a few years. A successor band was formed in 1974.

**Thackley Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: *Idle and Thackley Brass Band*

**Thame Brass Band (1)** - Oxfordshire
Active from 1840 to the 1880s. Bandmaster J. Fowler in 1850-1877. Also known as Royal Thame Brass Band in the 1850s. Folded some time in the mid-1880s.

**Thame Brass Band (2)** - Oxfordshire
Founded in December 1902, conductor H. Sutton. Active through to WW1

**Thame Royal Brass Band** - Oxfordshire
See: *Thame Brass Band (1)*

**Thame Teetotal Brass Band** - Oxfordshire
Active in the 1840s and 1850s.

**Thame Temperance Brass Band** - Oxfordshire
See: *Thame Teetotal Brass Band*

**Thame Town Silver Band** - Oxfordshire
Active in the 1940s to 1950s

**Thames Brass** - Surrey
Formed in 1999 from the ashes of Runnymede Brass, but only lasted a year or two.

**Thames Iron Works Brass Band** - Blackwall, Middlesex
Active in the 1860s through to the early 1900s. Conductor John H. Williams in 1895. The company was a shipyard and ironworks.

**Thames Region Brass Band** - Berkshire
Formed in 1980, only lasted a few years.

**Thames Shipbuilding Company Brass Band** - Blackwall, Middlesex
See: *Thames Iron Works Brass Band*

**Thames Valley Police Brass Band** - Berkshire
Active from the early 1980s. Folded in 1994.

**Thatcham and District Brass Band** - Berkshire
Probably formed shortly after WW1, and active through to the late 1960s. Also known as Thatcham Silver Band after WW2.
Thatcham Brass Band - Berkshire
   Active from the 1840s to the late 1890s. Conductor Mr Pinnock in 1858

Thatcham Silver Band
   See: Thatcham and District Brass Band

Thatcham Temperance Band - Berkshire
   Founded in 1906, conductor Mr Davis. Active to WW1.

Thatto Heath Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1850s

Thatto Heath Independent Methodists Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1930s

Thaxted Brass Band - Essex
   Active in 1865 to 1908. Conductor in 1895 was Mr Barker

Thaxted Foresters' Brass Band - Essex

Thaxted Juvenile Brass Band - Essex
   Founded in January 1869 with 9 players, conductor H. Leigh, first public performance on Easter Monday

Theakston's Wakeman Brass
   See: Wakeman Brass

Thetford Borough Brass Band - Norfolk
   Active in the 1950s to 1970s, conductor Mr Sutherland in 1950.

Thetford Brass Band - Norfolk
   Active in the 1860s to 1900s. Conductor A. Osborne in 1900.

Thetford Saxhorn Band - Norfolk
   Active in 1861

Thetford Temperance Brass Band - Norfolk
   Active in 1867, 1868

Thetford Wesleyan Band of Hope Brass Band - Norfolk
   Active in 1888

Thirsk and Sowerby Silver Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Formed in the 1900s. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. The band was suspended during WW2 and several unsuccessful attempts were made to reform it when the war was over. It was finally disbanded in 1950. In the 1920s its president was Sir Edmund Turton, who home was Upsall Castle.

Thirsk Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   See: Thirsk Saxhorn Band

Thirsk Orpheus Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active in the 1900s

Thirsk Royal British Legion - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   [current band] - Founded in 1985

Thirsk Saxhorn Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active in the 1830s to the 1890s. Conductor A.G. Clemett in 1879

Thirsk Silver Band
   See: Thirsk and Sowerby Silver Band

Thirsk Volunteer Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Active in the 1880s

Thistle Brass Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
   See: Glasgow Thistle Brass Band
Thistle Brass Band - Greenock, Renfrewshire
See: Greenock Thistle Brass Band

Thistle Instrumental Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
See: Glasgow Thistle Brass Band

Thixendale Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Formed in October 1890, by Thomas Andrew, from an earlier drum and fife band associated with St Mary’s church, which had been formed two years earlier. Played at the Bishop Wilton Flower Show in August 1897, when “their efforts were duly appreciated both during the afternoon in the tent and cricket field, and in the evening at the dance”.

Thixendale Church Choir Brass Band
See: Thixendale Brass Band

Thomas Coaches Mid Rhondda Brass Band - Glamorgan
[current band] - Founded in 1941 - Former names: Tonypandy Silver Band, Mid Rhondda Band (1949-1995) - Note: Formed from members of the Tonypandy Drum and Fife Band

Thomas Street Silver Band
Active in 1945

Thomas Wilson, Sons and Company Prize Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in the early 1900s to WW1. Wilson’s was a well known shipping line operating out of the city docks. The band won the People’s Challenge Shield at the Crystal Palace in 1906. On Thursday July 4th, 1907, the band gave a concert in Pearsons Park, under the baton of Mr A. Dennis, comprising: Senator (G. Allen), Gems of Haydn (arr. W. Rimmer), Ida and Dot (cornet duet), Sappho (Paccini, arr. W. Rimmer), Queen Elizabeth (J. Ord Hume), Carmelite (arr. S. Cope), Blue Danube (J. Strauss), and A Casket of Gems (H. Round).

Thompson’s Brass Band - Guiseley, Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Mr M.W. Thompson’s Brass Band

Thoresby Colliery Band - Nottinghamshire
[current band] - Founded in 1948 - Former names: Thoresby Colliery Welfare Band, Thoresby Colliery Welfare (Dosco) Band, Thoresby RJB Band

Thoresby Colliery Welfare (Dosco) Band - Nottinghamshire
[previous name of current band] See: Thoresby Colliery Band

Thoresby Colliery Welfare Band - Nottinghamshire
[previous name of current band] See: Thoresby Colliery Band

Thoresby Colliery Youth Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
[previous name of current band] See: Sherwood Forest Brass

Thoresby RJB Band - Nottinghamshire
[previous name of current band] See: Thoresby Colliery Band

Thornaby Borough Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active from the 1910s to the 1920s

Thornaby Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
See: Thornaby Borough Band

Thornaby Colliery Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1889

Thornaby District Soldiers Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Formed in the 1890s

Thornaby Iron Works Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active from the 1870s to around 1900.
Thornaby People's Mission Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in the 1900s

Thornaby Temperance Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in the 1890s to WW1.

Thornbury Baptist Prize Band - Gloucestershire
Active in the 1890s to WW1.

Thornbury Brass Band (1) - Gloucestershire
Active in the 1920s

Thornbury Brass Band (2) - Gloucestershire
Formed in 1974, by the remaining members of disbanded Hambrook Silver Band.
Disbanded in November 2004.

Thornbury Castle Band - Gloucestershire
[previous name of current band] See: Thornbury Town Band

Thornbury Junior Band - Gloucestershire
[previous name of current band] See: Thornbury Town Band

Thornbury Town Band - Gloucestershire
[current band] - Founded in 1980 - Former names: Thornbury Junior Band (to 1990),
Thornbury Castle Band (to 2011)

Thornbury Victoria Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1930s

Thorncliffe and Chapeltown Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1880s to WW1.

Thorncliffe Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Thorncliffe Victoria Band

Thorncliffe Victoria Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1850s to 1870s. In June 1860 it played at the laying of the foundation stone
of the chapels of the new Barnsley Cemetery. Conductor in 1859 was Henry Robinson.

Thorncombe Brass Band - Dorset
Active in 1853

Thorne Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from 1876

Thorne Christian Temperance Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Thorne Temperance Brass Band

Thorne Colliery Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in 1927, the first conductor was Mr. P. Stapleton (formerly conductor of the East
Yorkshire Band). In 1950 the conductor was T. Richard, secretary T.L. Sellars. Held a
slow melody contest in 1964. Still active in 1967

Thorne Colliery Silver Prize Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Thorne Colliery Band

Thorne Excelsior Temperance Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Thorne Temperance Brass Band

Thorne Temperance Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1904 to 1910. Conductor Mr Chapman in 1906

Thorne Town Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1936 and the 1970s/80s

Thornes Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1862
Thorneyy Brass Band - Cambridgeshire
  Active in 1853
Thorney Brass Band - Lincolnshire
  Active in 1865
Thorneywood Chase Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
  Active in 1862 to 1868
Thorngumbald Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
  Active in 1857 to 1866
Thornham Brass Band - Suffolk
  Active in 1869, associated with the Working Men's Club in Thornham Magna
Thornhill Brass Band - Dumfriesshire
  See: Thornhill Instrumental Band
Thornhill Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active from the 1870s. Known as Thornhill Prize Brass Band in 1913. Also known as Home Charm Paints Thornhill Band. Merged with Tingley Band in 1994 to form Tingley Thornhill Band.
Thornhill Colliery Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  See: Thornhill Brass Band
Thornhill Instrumental Band - Dumfriesshire
  Active in the 1850s and 1860s
Thorniewood Brass Band - Tannochside, Lanarkshire
  Active from the 1890s to the mid-1920s. Conductor W.H. Cole in 1899, Harry Fortin in 1906
Thornley Amateur Brass Band - Durham
  Active in 1849
Thornley Colliery Brass Band - Durham
  [previous name of current band] See: Trimdon Concert Brass
Thornley Ironworks Brass Band - Durham
  Active in the 1890s
Thornliebank Brass Band - Renfrewshire
  Active in 1861, 1878
Thornsett Band - Derbyshire
  [current band] - Founded in 1876 - Former names: Thornsett Brass Band
Thornsett Brass Band - Derbyshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Thornsett Band
Thornthwaite Brass Band - Cumberland
  Active in 1857
Thornton Brass Band - Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1849 to the 1870s
Thornton Brass Band - Thornton in Lonsdale, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1852
Thornton Brass Band - Lancashire
  Active in 1866
Thornton Brass Band - Leicestershire
  Active in 1861, conductor Thomas Farmer
Thornton Cleveleys Brass Band - Lancashire
  Active in the 1930s to 1950s. A successor band was formed in 1962
Thornton Cleveleys Public Band
See: Thornton Cleveleys Brass Band

Thornton Dale Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
See: Thornton-le-Dale Brass Band

Thornton Excelsior Brass Band - Leicestershire
Active in 1893 and from the 1920s to the late 1940s

Thornton Hall Methodist Silver Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in the 1930s. Based at the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Great Thornton Street.

Thornton Heath Brass Band - Surrey
Active in the 1900s to 1930s. Conductor Mr Foster in 1904.

Thornton Hough Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in the 1880s to the 1900s. Bandmaster J. Mathews in 1901

Thornton Subscription Band - Lancashire
Founded in 1898. Amalgamated with Poulton Band in 1903

Thornton-Cleveleys Brass Band - Lancashire
[current band] - Founded in 1962

Thornton-le-Dale Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1861

Thornton-le-Dale Temperance Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in the 1880s and 1890s

Thorntons Brass - Derbyshire
[previous name of current band] See: Sir Richard Arkwright's Masson Mills Band

Thorpe Amateur Brass Band - Essex
See: Thorpe-le-Soken Brass Band

Thorpe Brass Band - Essex
See: Thorpe-le-Soken Brass Band

Thorpe Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the 1870s to the 1900s

Thorpe Hesley Brass - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1986 - Former names: Thorpe Hesley Co-operative Band

Thorpe Hesley Co-operative Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Thorpe Hesley Brass

Thorpe-le-Soken Brass Band - Essex
Active from the 1880s. In 1911 bandmaster was T.W. Henley. Still active in the early 1950s. For more details, see “Grandad Played The Cornet: A History of Brass Bands in North East Essex”, by David Cawdell.

Thorpe-le-Soken Primitive Methodist Brass Band - Essex
Active in 1888

Thorp’s Brass Band - Winsford, Cheshire
Active in the 1860s

Thorverton Brass Band - Devon
Active in 1910, conductor Mr Bending

Thrapston Brass Band - Northamptonshire
[previous name of current band] See: Thrapston Town Band

Thrapston Chapel Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in the 1860s - contemporary with the Thrapston Church Band
Thrapston Church Brass Band - Northamptonshire
  Active in the 1860s - contemporary with the Thrapston Chapel Band

Thrapston Nene Side Foundry Band - Northamptonshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Thrapston Town Band

Thrapston Nene Side Ironworks Band - Northamptonshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Thrapston Town Band

Thrapston Temperance Band - Northamptonshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Thrapston Town Band

Thrapston Town Band - Northamptonshire
  [current band] - Founded in 1858 - Former names: Thrapston Temperance Band (to 1861),
    Nene Side Brass Band, Thrapston Nene Side Foundry Band (to 1868), Thrapston Nene
    Side Ironworks Band (to 1900), Thrapston Town Silver Prize Band (to 1970)

Thrapston Town Silver Prize Band - Northamptonshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Thrapston Town Band

Three Mile Cross Brass Band - Berkshire
  Active in 1884 and 1936

Threlkeld Brass Band - Cumberland
  Active in the early 1900s

Throckley Brass Band - Northumberland
  Active in the 1880s

Throckley Colliery Band - Northumberland
  Founded in the 1890s, but folded during/after WW1. Conductor J. Hedley in the late
    1890s

Throckley St Mary's Brass Band - Northumberland
  Active in the 1890s

Throckley Workmen's Band - Northumberland
  See: Throckley Colliery Band

Thrupp Brass Band - Gloucestershire
  Active in 1866

Thrussington Brass Band - Leicestershire
  Founded by William Lee in 1882. Active through the 1880s

Thundersley Brass Band - Essex
  [current band] - Founded in 1980

Thundersley Brass Band - Essex
  Active in the 1900s, conductor George W. Hand. A successor band was formed in 1980.

Thurcroft Main Colliery Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  [previous name of current band] See: Thurcroft Welfare Band

Thurcroft Welfare Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  [current band] - Founded in 1947 - Former names: Thurcroft Main Colliery Band

Thurgoland and Crane Moor Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active from the 1890s to the 1930s

Thurgoland Silver Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  See: Wortley, Forges and Thurgoland Brass Band

Thurlby Brass Band (1) - Lincolnshire
  Active from the early 1860s, disbanding around 1880. A successor band was formed
    around 1886.
Thurlby Brass Band (2) - Lincolnshire
   Founded in 1886 or early 1887. Active to the 1910s. Conductor Mr Jackson in 1888, George Samuel Perkins in 1889, E. Fardell in 1890. R.N. Pattison secretary in 1902

Thurlstone Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [current band] - Founded in 1854

Thurmaston Brass Band - Leicestershire
   Active in the 1880s and 1900s

Thurnscoe Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1900s

Thurrock District Brass Band - Essex
   Active in the 1930 to 1950s

Thurrock Silver Band - Essex
   [previous name of current band] See: Grays Town Band

Thurrock Spectrum Brass - Essex
   [current band] - Founded in 1998

Thurso Brass Band - Caithness
   Active in 1862

Thurso Music Club Brass Band - Caithness
   Active in 1861

Thwaites Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1862

Tibberton Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   Active in the 1900s

Tibberton Brass Band - Shropshire
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Tibberton Silver Band - Worcestershire

Tibshelf Ambulance Band - Derbyshire
   See: Tibshelf St John Ambulance Band

Tibshelf Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1870s and 1880s

Tibshelf Colliery Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1870s to the 1920s

Tibshelf St John Ambulance Band - Derbyshire
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Tibshelf United Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in 1879, when it performed at the Tibshelf Flower Show, in July

Tibthorpe Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in the 1850s

Tickhill Brass Band (1) - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Tickhill Victoria Brass Band

Tickhill Brass Band (2) - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Tickhill Jubilee Brass Band
Tickhill Jubilee Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Formed in 1887, conductor T. Percy, superseding the prior Tickhill Victoria Brass Band, lasted until 1939. See: “Tickhill Jubilee Brass Band” at www.ibew.co.uk for further details

Tickhill United Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Existed in the 1890s

Tickhill Victoria Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Gave its first concert in February 1866 and lasted for about 20 years

Tidenham Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   Active from the 1880s to the 1920s. Conductor E. Williams in 1886

Tideswell Band - Derbyshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1876 - Former names: Tideswell Old Band, Tideswell Public Band, Tideswell Silver Prize Band (1928),

Tideswell Old Band - Derbyshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Tideswell Band

Tideswell Public Band - Derbyshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Tideswell Band

Tideswell Silver Prize Band - Derbyshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Tideswell Band

Tidmarsh Brass Band - Berkshire
   Active in 1886

Tidswell’s Railway Foundry Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1850s to 1858

Tidswell's Royal Railway Foundry Brass Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Tidswell’s Railway Foundry Band

Tilbury Band - Essex
   [current band] - Founded in 1919 - Former names: Tilbury Railwaymen's Band, Tilbury Town Silver Prize Band, Tilbury Town Band, (1921-1960s)

Tilbury Railwaymen's Band - Essex
   [previous name of current band] See: Tilbury Band

Tilbury Town Band - Essex
   [previous name of current band] See: Tilbury Band

Tillery Collieries Band - Abertillery, Monmouthshire
   Active in the 1890s to the 1910s. It came third in a brass band contest at Porth, conducted by Mr. John Griffiths, in 1894.

Tillicoultry Brass Band - Clackmannanshire
   Active from the early 1850s through to the 1880s

Tillings Brass Band - Brighton, Sussex
   Active in the 1920s. Sponsored by the Tilling Group, which operated various bus companies.

Tilshead Amateur Brass Band - Wiltshire
   Active in 1886x

Timberscombe Brass Band - Somerset
   Active in 1864

Time Will Tell Factory Band - Colchester, Essex
   Active in 1900. Based at the “Time Will Tell” boot and shoe factory which had been started by S.G. Knopp in Portland Road in 1870. The factory closed soon after Knopp’s death in 1907.
Timperley and District Band
See: Timperley Brass Band (1)

Timperley Brass Band - Cheshire
[current band] - Founded in 1999 - Former names: Timperley Silver Band - Note: Disbanded in February 2005 then reformed later in the summer of that year

Timperley Brass Band (1) - Cheshire
Active in the 1860s, and also from the 1920s until it folded in the 1950s. Also known as Timperley and District Band. A first successor band was formed around 1999.

Timperley Brass Band (2) - Cheshire
Formed in 1999, but folded in 2004. A successor band was formed in 2005. During that time, awards achieved included: North West Area Champions (Fourth Section) 2002; Tameside Open Champions (Fourth Section) 2001; 3rd prize Brass at the Guild (Fourth Section) 2001; Wilkinson Northern Open Champions (Fourth Section) 2000; Widnes Open Champions (Fourth Section) 2000; Buxton Entertainment Contest Champions (Fourth Section) 2000

Timperley Brass Band (3) - Cheshire

Timperley Silver Band - Cheshire
[previous name of current band] See: Timperley Brass Band

Tingewick Brass Band (1) - Buckinghamshire
Active from the early 1870s, folded in the early 1900s. Conductor E. Judd in 1879-1889. A successor band was formed in 1908

Tingewick Brass Band (2) - Buckinghamshire
Founded in April 1908, conductor George Neal, originally known as the White Hart Brass Band. Active in 1923 when it played at the celebrations for the 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Moss (with their surviving four sons and two daughters, 43 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren!)

Tingewick Excelsior Band - Buckinghamshire
Folded before 1908, when the successor White Hart Band (Tingewick Brass Band) was formed, including some of the old Excelsior band members.

Tingley Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 2002 - Note: Merger of Tingley Youth Band and the Tingley Thornhill 10-piece ensemble.

Tingley Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in 1979. Merged with Thornhill Band in 1994 to form Tingley Thornhill Band

Tingley Companions Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
A youth band active in the 1980s.

Tingley Thornhill Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in 1994 by the merger of Tingley Band and Thornhill Band. In 1999 it collapsed after successful charity concert at Morley Town Hall, reducing to a ten piece ensemble. The ensemble merged with the still successful youth band in 2002, renaming as the current Tingley Band in 2006.
Tinsley Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Tinsley Park Brass Band

Tinsley Park Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the mid-1860s to the 1900s. Conductors, John Brooke in 1883, F. Burgin in 1890

Tinsley Park Colliery Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Tinsley Park Brass Band

Tintern Abbey Brass Band - Monmouthshire
Active in 1860

Tintinhull Brass Band - Dorset
Active in 1867

Tintwistle Band - Cheshire
[current band] - Founded in 1888 - Former names: Tintwistle Public Band

Tintwistle Brass Band - Cheshire
Active from 1862 as Tintwistle Temperance Band. A successor band was formed in 1888.

Tintwistle Public Band - Cheshire
[previous name of current band] See: Tintwistle Band

Tintwistle Temperance Brass Band - Cheshire
See: Tintwistle Brass Band

Tipton and Princes End Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in the 1900s and 1910s. Bandmaster Mr Barnsby in 1908

Tipton Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in 1853 to 1865

Tipton St John Brass Band - Devon
Active in the 1900s. Conductor Mr Heywood in 1903, H. Baker in 1905

Tipton St Martins Brass Band - Staffordshire
See: Revo Works Brass Band

Tipton Temperance Band - Staffordshire
Active in the 1890s

Tipton Volunteer Rifles Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in the 1860s

Tiptree Band of Hope Brass Band - Essex
Active in 1888

Tiptree Brass Band (1) - Essex
Active from the 1870s. Conductor C. Soder in 1887. Folded in the mid/late 1890s

Tiptree Brass Band (2) - Essex
Founded in 1901, blue and gold-braided uniforms, conductor S. Arnold. Also known as Tiptree Silver Band, Tiptree Excelsior Band and the East Essex Brass Band (around 1905). The president at one time was CJ Wilkin of the Tiptree jam factory. The band folded just prior to WW2. Once competed in the Crystal Palace contest. For more details, see “Grandad Played The Cornet: A History of Brass Bands in North East Essex”, by David Cawdell.

Tiptree Excelsior Band - Essex
See: Tiptree Brass Band (2)

Tiptree Heath Brass Band - Essex
Active in 1886, conductor C. Soder
Tiptree Jam Factory Band - Essex
See: Tiptree Brass Band (2)

Tiptree P.S.A. Brass Band - Essex
Active in the 1910s

Tiptree Silver Band - Essex
See: Tiptree Brass Band (2)

Tirphil Brass Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1900s

Tisbury Amateur Brass Band - Wiltshire
See: Tisbury Brass Band (2)

Tisbury Brass Band (1) - Wiltshire
Formed in the mid-1850s, conductor and founder G.F. Osmond. Conductor James Rixon in 1888. Folded in the mid/late 1890s. A successor band was formed in 1902

Tisbury Brass Band (2) - Wiltshire
Formed in 1902. Active through to the 1920s

Tisbury Town Band - Wiltshire
See: Tisbury Brass Band (2)

Tissington and Bentley Brass Band - Fenny Bentley, Derbyshire
See: Bentley and Tissington Brass Band

Tissington Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in 1840, 1865

Titan Iron Works Brass Band - Stourbridge, Worcestershire
The foundation stone of Stourbridge Public Baths was laid on 2nd August 1900 by Isaac Nash, Chairman of the Council. The building was designed by Frederick Woodward, the Council’s Surveyor and cost about £4,500. Thomas Vale was the builder. On 23rd May 1901 local dignitaries met in the Town Hall and then went in procession, headed by the Titan Works Band, conductor F. Morris, to the Baths which were opened by Joseph Wooldridge, Chairman of the Baths Committee. The water for the baths came from a well sunk in the sandstone. The band promoted a contest at Stourbridge in April 1903

Tiverton Amateur Brass Band - Devon
Formed in 1838, active through to the late 1860s.

Tiverton Subscription Brass Band - Devon
Active in 1864, conductor William Metcalf

Tiverton Town Band - Devon
[current band]

Tobacco Factory Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
See: Co-operative Wholesale Society’s Factory Brass Band

Tockington Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active from 1856 into the 1870s. Conductor Mark Ann in 1869. In 1872 it played at the opening of the railway line from Bristol to Thornbury on September 2nd. They led a large concourse of people up the High Street from “The Swan” to welcome the first train at 10am. Also active in 1876.

Todddington Brass Band - Bedfordshire
The first reference to the band was in an 1856 issue of The Dunstable Chronicle. In 1910 is the first reference to the band under the name of Todddington Town Band, when it was under the baton of Mr James Hyde. Mr Hyde conducted the band for 41 years until his death in 1951. Under his leadership Todddington Town Band achieved competition...
success many times including a contest win at Reading in 1937, a second in the Area Contest in 1947 and a 3rd in the Belle Vue Contest, Manchester. When James Hyde died, his son Dennis took up the baton and led the band until his death in 1982, when the band folded. A successor band was formed in 1987.

Toddington Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active from the 1880s to around 1910.

Toddington Town Band - Bedfordshire
[current band] - Founded in 1987

Toddington Town Band - Gloucestershire
See: Toddington Brass Band

Todenham Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active in 1855 and 1859

Toden's Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in 1913

Todmorden Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in the 1850s, folded in the early 2000s. Was in debt by £50 in 1868. Arthur Hirst bandmaster, R.H. Howarth secretary in 1879.

Todmorden Community Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 2001

Todmorden Old Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Todmorden Brass Band

Tolland Brass Band - Somerset
Active in 1867

Tolleshunt D’Arcy Brass Band - Essex
Active in the 1900s

Tolpuddle Brass Band - Dorset
Active in 1866 to 1867

Tom Weymouth's Brass Band - Somerset
See: Brislington Brass Band

Ton Pentre Volunteers Brass Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1890s

Tonbridge Brass Band - Kent
Active in 1862 to 1867

Tondu and Aberkenfig Coronation Band - Glamorgan
See: Tondu and Aberkenfig Silver Band

Tondu and Aberkenfig Silver Band - Glamorgan
Active in 1940, at which time the principal cornet was Henley H. Jenkins. Henley went on to create the Bridgend and District Brass Band and also a dance band which played in the Bridgend Palais for a number of years. Other players included James Croft who went on to join Bridgend Band, Frank Able (cornet) who played in Ogmore Valley Silver Band
until he died in the 1990s and Frank Merchant (euphonium) who also played in Bridgend Band in the 1950s and Ogmore Band back in the 1960s/70s. Band still active in 1948

**Tondu Brass Band** - Glamorgan
Active in the 1880s and 1890s

**Tong Church Silver Band** - Shropshire
Active in 1926

**Tongham Brass Band** - Surrey
Active in the late 1850s and the 1900s

**Tongwynlais Temperance Silver Band** - Glamorgan
[current band] - Founded in 1888

**Tonic Sol Fa Brass Band** - Cinderford, Gloucestershire
Founded in 1867

**Tonypandy Hibernia Band** - Glamorgan
Founded in 1902, bandmaster Joseph Sheridan. Active to 1917. Bandmaster in the early 1900s was G. Thomas.

**Tonypandy Hibernian Silver Band** - Glamorgan
See: *Tonypandy Hibernia Band*

**Tonypandy Silver Band** - Glamorgan
[previous name of current band] See: *Thomas Coaches Mid Rhondda Brass Band*

**Tonypandy Town Brass Band** - Glamorgan
Active in the 1900s

**Tonypandy United Brass Band** - Glamorgan
Active in the 1890s

**Tonyrefail Boys Brass Band** - Glamorgan
Active in the 1950s. Also known as Tonyrefail Youth Band

**Tonyrefail Silver Band** - Glamorgan
Active from the 1890s to the 1950s. In 1894 it won a brass band contest at Porth, conducted by Mr. Thomas Lewis. Conductor S. Schofield in 1898, Harry Bentley in 1906

**Tonyrefail Workmen’s Silver Band** - Glamorgan
See: *Tonyrefail Silver Band*

**Tooting and Balham Brass Band** - Surrey
Active in the 1920s

**Tooting and Mitcham Silver Band** - Surrey
Thomas Draper may have been bandmaster at one time.

**Tooting Brass Band** - Surrey
Active in the 1850s, rehearsing at the King's Head Inn, Merton on Monday evenings

**Tooting Central Silver Band** - Surrey
Active in the 1930s

**Tooting Silver Band** - Surrey
See: *Tooting Central Silver Band*

**Topsham and Lympstone Band** - Devon
[previous name of current band] See: *South West Comms Band*

**Topsham and Lympstone Brass Band** - Devon
See: *Topsham Silver Band*

**Topsham Local Brass Band** - Devon
See: *Topsham Silver Band*
Topsham Silver Band - Devon
Formed in 1888, by E.A. Sandford, W. Bricknell and J. Bricknell. E.A. Sandford was still the conductor in 1928, celebrating 40 years behind the baton. It combined with the Lympstone Band for a period after WW2, then had a further separate existence at least until 1960. It competed in 1964 under the name of Topsham and Lympstone Silver Band under the baton of R. May, and was still active in 1970 under that name.

Torbay Borough Brass Band - Devon
Active in the 1950s

Torbay Brass - Devon
[current band] - Founded in 1976 - Note: Formed by some enthusiastic tutors from the South Devon College, Torquay. From that small start the band has grown and now boasts a sister band - Torbay Concert Brass.

Torbay Concert Brass - Devon
[current band] - Founded in 1983

Torphins and District Brass Band - Aberdeenshire
See: Torphins and Lumphanan District Brass Band

Torphins and Lumphanan District Brass Band - Aberdeenshire
Founded in 1904, bandmaster William McRobbie. Active through to 1910

Torpichen Brass Band
Active in 1884

Torpoint Brass Band - Cornwall
Active in the 1900s to the mid-1960s. Conductor A. Anderson in 1926. A successor band was formed around 1975.

Torpoint Congregational Brass Band - Cornwall
Active in 1927

Torpoint Silver Band - Cornwall
[current band] - Founded in 1975

Torpoint Town Band
See: Torpoint Brass Band

Torquay Amateur Brass Band - Devon
Active in 1844 into the 1850s

Torquay Borough Brass Band - Devon
Active in the 1950s

Torquay Brass Band - Devon
See: Torquay Amateur Brass Band

Torquay Free Mission Silver Band - Devon
Active in the 1910s and 1920s

Torquay Subscription Band - Devon
In 1857 St. John's Masonic Lodge, Torquay built the Temple in Park Hill Road, allowing the Torquay Natural History Society to use the ground floor as Torquay's first Museum. At the laying of the Foundation Stone, special trains were laid on to bring brethren from all over the Province, and preceded by the Torquay Subscription Band, and accompanied by the Band of The Royal Dragoon Guards, in a procession more than a quarter of a mile long, over 300 Freemasons, including Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers marched in full Regalia from the Town Hall to Park Hill Road, through streets lined by cheering crowds, a public holiday having been granted for the occasion. The band was
still active in the early 1900s, becoming a brass/reed band in 1908 under the name of Torquay Military Band

**Torquay Town Brass Band** - Devon
  - Active in the 1900s to 1920s

**Torquay Volunteer Rifles Brass Band** - Devon
  - Active in the 1860s

**Torrington Amateur Brass Band** - Devon
  - Active from 1860 through to the 1930s when it disbanded. The instruments were put into trust and used by the successor band which was formed in 1952.

**Torrington Brass Band**
  - See: **Torrington Amateur Brass Band**

**Torrington Original Brass Band**
  - See: **Torrington Amateur Brass Band**

**Torrington Silver Band** - Devon
  - [current band] - Founded in 1952 - Former names: Torrington Voluntary Silver Band

**Torrington Voluntary Silver Band** - Devon
  - [previous name of current band] See: **Torrington Silver Band**

**Totnes Band** - Devon
  - [current band] - Founded in 1971

**Totnes Borough Brass Band** - Devon
  - Founded in 1901, bandmaster H.W. Ferrars. Still active in 1927. A successor band was formed in 1971

**Totnes Brass Band (1)** - Devon
  - Active from the early 1840s. Conductor Mr Bartlett in 1848. It folded in 1849.

**Totnes Brass Band (2)** - Devon
  - Formed/revived in August 1850 when the performers agreed to reunite and a new ophicleide was purchased to “complete the set”. It disbanded some time before 1864

**Totnes Brass Band (3)** - Devon
  - Formed in 1865.

**Toton Sidings Brass Band** - Nottingham, Nottinghamshire
  - Active in 1878 and 1880

**Tottenham Borough Brass Band** - Middlesex
  - Active in the 1890s to 1940s. Conductor Fred Dimmock in 1898

**Tottenham Foresters’ Brass Band** - Middlesex
  - Active in the late 1880s to the 1900s

**Tottenham Gospel Union Band** - Middlesex
  - Active in 1900

**Tottenham House Brass Band** - Middlesex
  - Active in the late 1860s to the mid-1870s, sponsored by James Shoolbred Ltd, a home furnishings textiles and furniture store. At a concert in 1868 at St James’s Hall, Tottenham Court Road, conductor Mr Neuzerling, one of the soloists was Henry Distin on cornet-a-piston. Conductor James Sprake in 1870. The band (or a successor) was also active in the early 1900s

**Tottenham Military Band** - Middlesex
  - This was still operating in the 1970’s. The secretary, Fred Hands was a co-worker. They played fetes and hospital garden parties. They weren’t a marching band, for parades they used a float.”
Tottenham Primitive Methodist Brass Band - Middlesex
   See: South Tottenham Primitive Methodist Brass Band

Tottenham Town Brass Band - Middlesex
   See: Tottenham Borough Brass Band

Tottenham Working Men's Mission Band - Middlesex
   Active in the 1900s

Tottington Brass Band - Lancashire
   [previous name of current band] See: Tottington Public Band

Tottington Original Band - Lancashire
   [previous name of current band] See: Tottington Public Band

Tottington Public Band - Lancashire
   [current band] - Founded in 1835 - Former names: Tottington Brass Band, Tottington Original Band, Tottington Prize Band - Note: The first recorded history of Tottington’s village band is to be found in the minute book of Tottington Methodist Church. This states the band played for their Whitsuntide Walking Day Procession of Witness in 1835. The band will possibly have been formed some years earlier, and over the many years since, its name has changed several times. Tottington Original Band and Tottington Prize Band to name but two, but in recent years it has been called “Tottington Public Band”. But with no other records to verify the exact date the band was formed, 1835 has therefore always been accepted as the year it was formed.

Tottington Temperance Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1870s and 1880s

Totton Temperance Band - Southampton, Hampshire
   Active around 1900

Tow Law Brass Band - Durham
   See: Tow Law Colliery Band

Tow Law Colliery Band - Durham
   Formed in 1860. Still active in 1867, conductor James Mackintosh

Tow Law Model Brass Band - Durham
   Active in the 1880s to 1890s. Conductor Thomas MacDonald in 1894

Tow Law Silver Band - Durham
   Formed after WW1 and active through to the late 1950s

Tow Law Wesley Mission Band - Durham
   See: Tow Law Wesleyan Band

Tow Law Wesleyan Band - Durham
   Active in the 1900s

Towcester Brass Band - Northamptonshire
   Active from 1882, folding around 1892. Conductor William Simmonds in 1884, when the band was sued by tailor S. Jacob in a dispute about payment for the band’s new uniforms - blue serge suits and gold lace caps with badges. Some of the defunct band’s instruments were advertised for sale by W. Simmonds, including 3 cornets, baritone, euphonium, Eb bass, bass drum and sticks, side drum, cymbals and 21 music stands. A successor band was formed in 1910

Towcester Studio Band - Northamptonshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1910

Towcester Town Band - Northamptonshire
   See: Towcester Brass Band
Towednack Brass Band (1) - Cornwall

Towednack Brass Band (2) - Cornwall
    Formed in 1922, conductor F. Pope in 1925-1935. Still active in 1937

Tower Hill Temperance Brass Band - Whitechapel, Middlesex
    Active in the 1880s, conductor Charles Folkey in 1882 (who had conducted the Band of the Royal Elthorne Militia in the early 1860s, and the A Division Police Band in the 1870s)

Towgood and Evans' Brass Band
    See: Messrs Towgood and Evans' Brass Band

Town Green and Aughton Band - Lancashire
    See: Aughton Brass Band (2)

Towneley High School Brass Band - Burnley, Lancashire
    [previous name of current band] See: Towneley Unity Youth Band

Towneley High School Youth Band - Burnley, Lancashire
    [previous name of current band] See: Towneley Unity Youth Band

Towneley Unity Youth Band - Burnley, Lancashire
    [current band] - Founded in 1994 - Former names: Towneley High School Brass Band (to 2000), Towneley High School Youth Band (to 2006) - Note: Name changed because Towneley High School closed in August 2006 as part of a re-organisation of schools in Burnley Lancashire. The Towneley name was retained because of our national and international reputation under that name and Unity added to reflect our new host school, Unity College.

Townfoot Band - Auchinleck, Lanarkshire
    Active around 1880

Townhead Brass Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
    See: Glasgow Townhead Brass Band

Townhill Brass Band - Fife
    Founded in 1877. Active through to the 1950s. James Carmichael was the conductor from 1880 through to WW1.

Townsend Brass Band - Devon
    Active in the 1860s

Towyn Brass Band - Denbighshire
    [previous name of current band] See: Towyn Silver Band

Towyn Silver Band - Denbighshire
    [current band] - Founded in 1887 - Former names: Towyn Brass Band - Note: Based in Tywyn. Records of the band, from 1906-1930, are held by National Library of Wales

Towyn-on-Sea Jubilee Band - Tywyn, Merioneth
    Active in the 1900s

Tradesman's Brass Band - Islington, Middlesex
    Active in 1864

Tradeston Temperance Band - Lanarkshire
    Active in the 1910s and 1920s

Trafalgar Brass Band - Lydbrook, Gloucestershire
    See: Trafalgar Colliery Band
Trafalgar Colliery Band - Lydbrook, Gloucestershire
Active from 1869 (it may have formed before 1866). It merged with Lydbrook Excelsior Band in 1905, retaining the Trafalgar name (sometimes known as Lydbrook Trafalgar Brass Band). Conductor Daniel Pogson in 1874, Mr Williams in 1881, T. Morgan in 1887, E. Wilce in 1896, A. Wilce in 1902. Merged with other bands in 1923 to form Lydbrook Silver Band.

Trafford Brass Band - Lancashire
See: Urmston and Davyhulme Silver Band

Trafford Park Public Band - Lancashire
Formed in 1919, active through to the 1930s

Training Ship Akbar Band - Heswall, Cheshire
Opened as a Reformatory School Ship in 1856, accommodating 200 boys, aged 14 to 16, from any locality, who had been committed to detention for a period of at least five years. The band was active by 1859. Still active in 1906. The ship was scrapped in 1907 and replaced by an on-land school. See also: Akbar Nautical School Band

Training Ship Boscawen Brass Band - Portland, Dorset
Active in 1863, conductor H. Tiller

Training Ship Clio Band - Bangor, Caernarfonshire
Active in the 1900s. Conductor Mr McElwee in 1904

Training Ship Cornwall Brass Band - Purfleet, Essex
Active in 1905 to 1910

Training Ship Empress Brass Band - Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire
Active in the 1890s through to WW1. Training Ship Empress was operated at Helensburgh, on the Clyde, by the Clyde Industrial Training Ship Association. The Empress replaced an earlier vessel, the Cumberland, destroyed by fire in 1889. The vessel, an Industrial Training establishment, trained boys in all aspects of seamanship and many went on to join one of the naval services. The “Empress” was a wooden battleship originally known as HMS Revenge and served as a training vessel until being sold off in 1923. The 3318-ton Revenge, built in in 1859, was 245 feet long and had a complement of 860 men.

Training Ship Exmouth Brass Band - Grays, Essex
Active in the 1890s and early 1900s. The Training Ship Exmouth was established in 1877, replaced the Goliath, which had been destroyed by fire two years earlier. The Exmouth was moored on the Thames off Grays in Essex and was managed by the Metropolitan Asylums Board. The ship was an old wooden two-decker line-of-battleship, built in 1854.

Training Ship Goliath Brass Band - Grays, Essex
Active in 1875. See also: Training Ship Exmouth Brass Band

Training Ship Implacable Brass Band - Devonport, Devon
Active in 1868

Training Ship Indefatigable Brass Band - New Ferry, Cheshire
Active in the early 1900s. The ship was moored on the River Mersey, off New Ferry, Cheshire, established in 1865 'to receive the sons and orphans of sailors, and other poor and destitute boys, and train them for the sea.'

Training Ship Mars Band - Newport-on-Tay, Fife
Founded in 1872, conductor William Douglas Davidson. Still active in the late 1880s
**Training Ship Mercury Brass Band** - Binstead, Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
Active in 1890. The ship was moored off Binstead, housing 150 boys between 12 and 15 years of age. Originally established in 1885 by London philanthropist Charles Hoare, the school moved to the River Hamble near Southampton in 1892, to shore-based accommodation.

**Training Ship Mount Edgcumbe Band** - Saltash, Cornwall
Active in the 1890s and 1900s. The ship was established in 1877 as an “Industrial Training Ship for Homeless and Destitute Boys”, housing up to 250 boys aged 12 to 16. It continued as such until 1920

**Training Ship Shaftesbury Band** - Grays, Essex
Active in the 1880s/1890s. The former P&O vessel, “Nubia”, was renamed Shaftesbury and moored on the River Thames, off Grays, and opened as an Industrial School Ship in 1878, holding some 400 boys. The ship closed in 1905.

**Training Ship Southampton Band** - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
Founded in 1869, with 26 boys, bandmaster Mr Tidswell. Still active in the 1900s, bandmaster Mr Pitts

**Training Ship St Vincent Brass Band** - Gosport, Hampshire
Active in 1869. HMS St Vincent was established as a training ship in 1862

**Training Ship Wellesley Band** - Tynemouth, Northumberland
Reformatory School for boys. They made their first public appearance in April 1872. The band closed with the school in 1914.

**Trallwn Gardens Temperance Band** - Pontypridd, Glamorgan
See: *Trallwn Temperance Band*

**Trallwn Mission Band** - Pontypridd, Glamorgan
See: *Trallwn Temperance Band*

**Trallwn Temperance Band** - Pontypridd, Glamorgan
Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Bandmaster D. Williams in 1899

**Tramway Men’s Brotherhood Band** - London
See: *London County Council Tramway Brotherhood Band*

**Tranent Brass Band** - East Lothian
Active from the 1870s to the 1930s. Also known as Penston and Tranent Brass Band. Conductor George Gray in 1903, John Aithie in 1919. Still active in 1933

**Tranmere Gleam Silver Prize Band** - Cheshire
Active from the 1890s to the 1910s. In 1900 it featured in a contest in Brighton: “The result of the Brighton Contest is particularly gratifying to the temperance bandsmen of England. Besides a big money prize, an immense challenge cup goes to the winning hand. The cup stands 3ft, high, and is of sterling silver. Black Dike (J. Gladney, conductor), Tranmere Gleam (J. Gladney, conductor) and Wyke Temperance (E. Swift, conductor) tied for first place With ninety-four points each. Wylie and Dike are recognised worthy rivals of each other, but the Gleam, a temperance band, furnished a mighty surprise. Sixteen bands competed. The judge was Mr. F. Haines, L.R.A.M. and bandmaster of The King’s Own, Aldershot.” Also Liverpool and District Champions in 1908.

**Transport and General Workers Union Brass Band**
Active in the late 1940s

**Travelsphere Holidays Band** - Northamptonshire
[previous name of current band] See: *Virtuosi GUS Band*
Trawden Brass Band - Lancashire
Active from the early 1860s to the 1930s. The Trawden Brass Band and Gala Company Ltd. was incorporated in 1881 and dissolved before 1916.

Trealaw Temperance Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1890s

Trealaw United Brass Band - Glamorgan
Active in 1896

Trebanos Public Band
See: Trebanos Silver Band

Trebanos Silver Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1890s to 1910s

Treboeth and District Temperance Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1910s

Tredegar Town Band - Monmouthshire
[previous name of current band] - Founded in 1876 - Former names: Tredegar Workmen's Town Band -
Note: Tredegar Town Band's history can be traced as far back as 1849 when they are recorded as leading a giant procession to celebrate the opening of a new mill for the Tredegar Iron and Coal Company. In 1876 facing extinction local citizens met in the Town Hall and pledged financial support

Tredegar Workmen's Town Band - Monmouthshire
[previous name of current band] See: Tredegar Town Band

Treeton Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Treffynnon Brass Band - Flintshire
Active in the late 1980s

Trefonen Brass Band - Shropshire
Active in 1860 to 1869

Trefor Brass Band - Caernarfonshire
Active from the 1890s. Folded sometime after 2005. In the University of Wales (Bangor) exist the Minutes Book of the band from 1897-1966,

Trefor Seindorf Arian (Caernarfon) - Caernarfonshire
[current band] - Founded in 1863

Treforest Brass Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1890s to the 1920s

Trefriw Brass Band - Caernarfonshire
Active in 1858 and 1859, conductor James Hughes

Tregony Brass Band (1) - Cornwall
Active from the mid-1840s to the early 1880s.

Tregony Brass Band (2) - Cornwall
Founded in 1906, bandmaster James Buckingham. Rename Tregony Victory Band in 1919

Tregony Victory Band - Cornwall
See: Tregony Brass Band (2)

Trehafod Rechabites Brass Band - Glamorgan
Founded in 1893, conductor Morgan Emmanuel in 1898. Became Lewis Merthyr Colliery Temperance Band a few years later. Also known as Lewis Merthyr Silver Band. Folded briefly in 1904
Treharris Brass Band (1) - Glamorgan
   Active from the 1880s, folding around 1904

Treharris Brass Band (2) - Glamorgan
   Founded in 1908. Active through to the 1920s. Also known as Treharris Workmen’s Band.

Treharris Workmen’s Band - Glamorgan
   See: Treharris Brass Band (2)

Treherbert and District Silver Band - Glamorgan
   See: Glenrhondda Colliery Band

Treherbert Brass Band - Glamorgan
   Active in 1867

Treherbert U.N. Band - Glamorgan
   Active in 1938

Trelewis Brass Band - Glamorgan
   Active in the 1890s

Tremadoc Brass Band - Caernarfonshire
   Active in the 1900s. Conductor E. Evans in 1904

Trematon Brass Band - Cornwall
   Active in the 1900s, bandmaster Edward Gregory in 1906 (when the band consisted of 12 members)

Trent Vale Brass Band - near Wareham, Dorset
   Active in the early 1870s

Trentham Brass Band - Staffordshire
   [current band] - Founded in the 1970s - Former names: North Staffordshire Concert Brass, Royal Doulton Brass Band, City of Stoke on Trent Brass Band (to 2004)

Treorchy Comprehensive School Band - Glamorgan
   [previous name of current band] See: Treorchy Secondary School Youth Band

Treorchy Secondary School Youth Band - Glamorgan
   [current band] - Founded in 1953 - Former names: Treorchy Comprehensive School Band, Treorchy Senior Modern School Band

Treorchy Senior Modern School Band - Glamorgan
   [previous name of current band] See: Treorchy Secondary School Youth Band

Treorchy Wesleyan Brass Band - Glamorgan
   Active in the 1900s and 1910s

Treuddyn Brass Band - Flintshire
   See: Tryddyn Brass Band

Treviglas School Brass Band - Newquay, Cornwall
   Active in the 1980s

Treviscoe Brass Band (1) - Cornwall
   Active from the 1890s, disbanding around 1908

Treviscoe Brass Band (2) - Cornwall
   Founded in 1912, conductor John Quintrell, secretary W. Bray, treasurer Isaac W. Grigg.
   Active through to the late 1920s

Trevor Silver Band - Caernarfonshire
   Active in 1964, conducted by E.P. Hughes

Trimdon Brass Band - Durham
   See: Trimdon Colliery Brass Band
Trimdon Colliery Brass Band - Durham
Active from 1861 to the 1930s

Trimdon Concert Brass - Durham
[current band] - Founded in 1870 - Former names: Thornley Colliery Brass Band - Note: Rumoured to have been the first Band to have had Durham Brass Band League Membership. During the early 1990’s membership of the band declined to an all time low. In a desperate attempt to survive it was decided to relocate a few miles down the road to Trimdon, where the majority of the remaining players came from. The community of Trimdon welcomed the band with open arms and continue to support them.

Trimdon Grange Brass Band
See: Trimdon Grange Temperance Band

Trimdon Grange Temperance Band - Durham
Active from the 1870s to the 1900s. Also known as Trimdon Grange Brass Band

Trimdon Temperance Brass Band - Durham
Active from the 1920s to the 1940s

Trimley St Mary School Brass Band - Suffolk
Active in the 1990s

Trimsaran Brass Band - Carmarthenshire
Active in the 1890s

Tring Brass Band - Hertfordshire
Active from the late 1840s through to WW2. Conductor Mr Burr in 1874, George Jennings in 1888-1902, William Rance in 1905

Tring British Legion Band - Hertfordshire
Active in the 1950s

Tring Silver Band - Hertfordshire
Active in the 1970s and 1980s. Disbanded in 2003?

Trinity Brass - Maidstone, Kent
Active in the 1970s and 1980s. Amalgamated with Elliot Concert Brass in 1985 to form G.E.C. Maidstone Band (GEC Avionics Brass Band, later BAE Systems Brass Band)

Trinity Church Brass Band - Darwen, Lancashire
Active in 1863

Trinity College School Brass Band - Darwen, Lancashire
Active in 1854

Trinity College Students? Union Brass Band - Kent
[previous name of current band] See: Greenwich Brass Band

Trinity Excelsior Brass Band - Coventry, Warwickshire
Active in 1894

Trinity Girls Brass Band - Garswood, Lancashire
[current band] - Founded in 1959 - Former names: Girls Guildry Band, Trinity Girls Silver Band

Trinity Presbyterian District Mission Brass Band - Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland
Founded in the mid-1860s. Still active in 1868

Trinity Reading Society Brass Band - Gosport, Hampshire
Active in 1862

Trinity School Brass Band - Carlisle, Cumberland
Active in 1860
**Troedyrhiw Brass Band** - Glamorgan
   Active from the 1900s to the 1950s. Also known as Troedyrhiw Silver Band, Troedyrhiw Town Band and, during WW2, Troedyrhiw National Fire Service Band.

**Troon Brass Band** - Cornwall
   Founded in 1900, conductor J. Prideaux

**Troon Burgh Band** - Ayrshire
   Founded around 1900, bandmaster R. Osborne. Still active in 1914

**Troon Independent Brass Band** - Cornwall
   Active from 1888, disbanding around 1897. Conductor J. Bennetts in 1895

**Troon Reed and Brass Band** - Cornwall
   Active in 1890

**Trowbridge and District Youth Band** - Wiltshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1983

**Trowbridge Brass Band** - Wiltshire
   Active in the 1840s to the 1860s

**Trowbridge Comrades Band** - Wiltshire
   Active in the 1920s

**Truro Amateur Brass Band**
   See: Trumpington Brass Band

**Truro Brass Band** - Cornwall
   Active in the 1840s and 1850s

**Truro Home Guard Band** - Cornwall
   Active during WW2.

**Truro Independent Brass Band** - Cornwall
   Active in the 1870s to 1890s

**Truro Sax Tuba Band** - Cornwall
   See: City of Truro Brass Band

**Truro Saxhorn Band** - Cornwall
   See: City of Truro Brass Band

**Truro Town Band** - Cornwall
   See: City of Truro Brass Band

**Truro Volunteer Brass Band** - Cornwall
   Active in 1861

**Tryddn Brass Band** - Flintshire
   See: Tryddyn Brass Band

**Tryddyn Brass Band (1)** - Flintshire
   Active from the mid-1850s, folding some time around 1890. A report in 1873 was somewhat scathing about the quality of its playing. Conductor Thomas Edwards in 1884. A successor band was formed in 1894

**Tryddyn Brass Band (2)** - Flintshire
   Founded in 1894 and active through to WW1. It obtained new instruments in 1917
Tuddenham Brass Band - Suffolk
  Active in 1856 to 1868

Tudhoe Colliery Brass Band - Durham
  Active in the 1870s

Tudhoe Grange Colliery Band
  See: Tudhoe Colliery Brass Band

Tudhoe Iron Works Brass Band - Durham
  Active in 1855

Tudor Brass - Sedgeley, Staffordshire
  [current band] - Founded in 1982

Tudor Silver Band - Southport, Lancashire
  Formed in 1937 as Southport Special Constabulary Band. Became Tudor Silver Band in November 1949. Active into the mid-1950s

Tullis Russell Mills Band - Glenrothes, Fife
  [current band] - Founded in 1919 - Former names: Tullis Russell Mills Brass Band

Tunbridge Wells Borough Band
  See: Tunbridge Wells Brass Band

Tunbridge Wells Brass Band - Kent
  Active from the 1840s to the 1900s - probably folded during WW1.

Tunbridge Wells British Legion Band - Kent
  Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Tunbridge Wells Fire Brigade Band - Kent
  Active from the early 1900s well into WW1 (1916 at least).

Tunbridge Wells Home Guard Band - Kent
  Active in the 1940s and 1950s

Tunbridge Wells Temperance Band - Kent
  Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Conductor A.J. Richardson in 1901

Tunbridge Wells Town Brass Band - Kent
  Active in the 1920s

Tunstall Brass Band - Staffordshire
  Active in the 1850s to 1880s

Tunstall Bridge Brass Band - Staffordshire
  Active in the 1860s

Tunstall Church Brass Band - Staffordshire
  Active in the 1870s

Tunstall Rifle Volunteers Band - Staffordshire
  Active in the 1870s and 1880s

Tunstall St. Mary's Brass Band - Staffordshire
  Active in the 1870s and 1880s. R. Cross conductor in 1876

Tupton Brass Band (1) - Derbyshire
  Active in the 1840s

Tupton Brass Band (2) - Derbyshire
  Active in the 1890s and early 1900s. Conductor George Elliott in 1902. Still active in 1906

Turner Village Band - Essex
  Formed by patients and staff at the Turner Village Hospital in Turner Road, Colchester.

Turners Hill and Worth Brass Band - Sussex
  Active from the early 1900s to 1939. Conductor O.H. Taylor in 1905
Turners Hill Brass Band - Sussex

Active in the 1850s and 1860s, probably disbanding in the 1870s. George Brackpool was its conductor up to the time it folded.

Turners Hill Friendly Society Brass Band - Sussex

See: Hand-in-Hand Friendly Society Brass Band

Turners Hill Silver Band - Sussex

See: Turners Hill and Worth Brass Band

Turpin’s Brass Band - Nottingham, Nottinghamshire

See: Messrs E.H. Turpin and Co.’s Brass Band

Turriff Brass Band - Aberdeenshire

Active from 1853. Conductor Mr Rankin in 1862-1868, Mr Alexander in the 1880s. Active to the 1920s. A successor band, Turriff British Legion Silver Band, was formed after WW2.

Turriff Silver Band - Aberdeenshire

[current band] - Founded in 1911

Turton Church Brass Band - Bolton, Lancashire

Active in 1863. Secretary W. Isherwood, conductor Peter Tootill in 1865. In January 1866 they placed a newspaper notice thanking the local gentlemen for their generosity over the Christmas period. Leader A. Tootill in 1869. Still active in the 1870s. Associated with St Anne’s Church

Tutbury Brass Band - Staffordshire

Active in 1851, conductor F. Gill. Also known as Tutbury Sax Tuba Band, with around 21 players. Conductor R. Few in 1905. It was disbanded in 1914, but reformed immediately after the war ended in 1918. It gained at least one prize at the Crystal Palace Championships which led to it being renamed Tutbury Town Silver Prize Band. Wallace Young conducted the band after 1918, when the uniform was mid-blue with a silver stripe down each trouser leg, and a tunic with brass buttons and a blue peaked cap. The people of Tutbury, who had received a leaflet titled “Band or no Band”, raised the money for the uniforms. It headed a Coronation Procession in May 1937. It finally disbanded in 1939, and did not reform. Its instruments, uniforms and music were sold to an unknown band in Scotland. For a history of the band, see Tutbury’s Variations - A History of wind and brass bands in a Staffordshire village, by David Kennedy, published by D. and T.P Kennedy, Burton-on-Trent, 2002. A successor wind band was formed in the town in the 1980s.

Tutbury Sax Tuba Band - Staffordshire

See: Tutbury Brass Band

Tutbury Town Silver Band - Staffordshire

See: Tutbury Brass Band

Tuxford Brass Band - Nottinghamshire

See: Tuxford Temperance Band

Tuxford Temperance Band - Nottinghamshire

Founded around 1899. Active into the 1900s. Bandmaster Mr Fenton in 1903

Tweedales and Smalley Works Band - Castleton, Lancashire

Formed in 1943, the instruments being inherited from the Rochdale St John Ambulance Cadets Band. The conductor was J.H. Merrick. The firm bought new instruments in 1945 and Clifton Jones became the musical director, remaining to 1955, when Herbert White
took over. Tweedales manufactured textile machinery and operated out of the Globe Works in Castleton.

**Tweedmouth Brass Band** - Northumberland  
Active in 1861, conductor Mr Ramsay

**Tweedmouth Foundry Brass Band** - Northumberland  
See: *Tweedmouth Ironworks Brass Band*

**Tweedmouth Ironworks Brass Band** - Northumberland  
Active in 1862, 1865

**Tweedside Oddfellows Brass Band** - Kelso, Roxburghshire  
Active in 1857

**Twerton Brass Band** - Somerset  
Active in 1861 to 1866

**Twerton Club and Institute Brass Band** - Somerset  
Active in 1877, conductor Mr. Maby

**Twizwell Colliery Band** - Grange Villa, Durham  
Formed in the 1890s, disbanded in the 1930s

**Two Bridges Brass Band** - Gloucestershire  
Formed 1900. Disbanded 1952

**Two Mile Hill Brass Band** - Gloucestershire  
Active in the 1870s and 1890s

**Two Mile Hill Evangel Mission Band** - Gloucestershire  
Active in the 1900s

**Twyford Brass Band** - Berkshire  
Active in 1880 conducted by Mr Toomer

**Twyford Brass Band** - Buckinghamshire  
Active from the 1880s to the 1920s. Conductor E.J. George in 1913, J. Stevens in 1923. In 1923, secretary Fred Hodges, treasurer Frederick Roberts. On his appointment, Frederick Roberts discovered the previous treasurer, Walter J. Cherry, had embezzled funds to the amount of £13 11s 3d from the band, and the latter was brought to court to answer the charges.

**Twyford Brass Band** - Hampshire  
Active in the 1880s and 1890s. Conductor Mr Holloway in 1889

**Twyning Brass Band** - Gloucestershire  
Active from 1885 to WW1.

**Tycroes Brass Band** - Carmarthenshire  
See: *Tycroes Silver Band*

**Tycroes Silver Band** - Carmarthenshire  
Active in the early 1900s. Tycroes Prize Silver Band played at the Llanwrtyd Wells Cycle and Pony Races held at Abernant Pleasure Grounds in August 1904, conducted by Mr David Williams. (from the Brecon and Radnor Express, Sept 1st 1904). The band was active through to the 1920s. After WW2 it was known as Tycroes and District Band, and was active to the early 1960s.

**Tyldesley Band (Maxilead Metals)** - Lancashire  
[current band] - Founded in 1877 - Former names: Tyldesley Good Templars Band, Tyldesley Temperance Brass Band (1882), Tyldesley Wesleyan Temperance Prize Band, Tyldesley Temperance Prize Band (1906), Tyldesley Subscription Prize Band (1920),
Tyldesley Prize Band (1940s), Tyldesley Band (1983), Lancastrian Building Society Tyldesley Band (1988)

Tyldesley Brass Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Tyldesley Band (Maxilead Metals)

Tyldesley Good Templars Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Tyldesley Band (Maxilead Metals)

Tyldesley St James' Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1870s to 1890s. Conductor Robert Welch in 1883

Tyldesley Subscription Prize Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Tyldesley Band (Maxilead Metals)

Tyldesley Temperance Brass Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Tyldesley Band (Maxilead Metals)

Tyldesley Temperance Prize Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Tyldesley Band (Maxilead Metals)

Tyldesley Wesleyan Temperance Prize Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Tyldesley Band (Maxilead Metals)

Tyler Family Brass Band
Active in 1869. A professional family group of juvenile instrumentalists that styled itself “the Smallest Brass Band in the World”. In the 1870s the family toured Ireland with a “silver band” and hand-bell act

Tylorstown (Valley Lines) Brass Band - Glamorgan
[previous name of current band] See: Tylorstown Band

Tylorstown and District Silver Band - Glamorgan
[previous name of current band] See: Tylorstown Band

Tylorstown and Mardy Colliery Band - Glamorgan
[previous name of current band] See: Tylorstown Band

Tylorstown Band - Glamorgan

Tylorstown Band Arriva Trains Wales - Glamorgan
[previous name of current band] See: Tylorstown Band

Tylorstown Brass Band - Glamorgan
Active in the 1880s, folding around 1906. Conductor Mr Locksley in 1904. A successor band was formed in 1921.

Tyne Dock and Jarrow Temperance Band - Durham
Formed by the merger of Tyne Dock Temperance Band and Jarrow Temperance Band around 1885. Active through to the 1910s. Also known simply as Tyne Dock Temperance Band during this time. In 1887 it led a procession for Queen Victoria's Jubilee celebrations in Jarrow - “June 21st this being Jubilee Day the town of Jarrow and surrounding district celebrated the day in right loyal style. Upwards of 7,000 children gathered at the educational centres to be regaled with buns, spice loaf, milk and tea. The masters attended the little folks and mistresses of the schools assisted by a number of ladies and gentlemen volunteers as waiters. After the tea the children prepared to start for the Recreation Ground where sports and entertainment were to be provided for them. Before the start was made each child received a present of a Jubilee Mug. On each of them were portraits of the Queen representing her in 1837 and the present year.. Each
mug bore the words “Jubilee 1887 Jarrow on Tyne”. The tea finished the young folk set off in two processions one headed by Hendersons Brass Band and the other by the Tyne Dock and Jarrow Temperance Band.” Still active in 1913.

**Tyne Dock Temperance Band** - Durham
[previous name of current band] See: *Westoe Brass Band*

**Tyne Dock Temperance Band** - Durham
Active in the early 1880s. Merged with the Jarrow Temperance Band around 1886.

**Tynedale Brass Band** - Northumberland
Founded in the 1860s. Merged with Ovington Band in 1980 to form Ovington Tynedale Band

**Tynemouth and Ellington Brass Band** - Northumberland
Active in the 1920s and 1930s

**Tynemouth Borough Band** - Northumberland
Active from the 1870s to the 1900s

**Tynemouth Brass Band** - Northumberland
See: *Tynemouth Borough Band*

**Tynemouth Royal and Union Band** - Northumberland
Formed in the 1900s and still active in 1948

**Tynemouth Union Boys’ Band** - Northumberland
See: *Tynemouth Workhouse Brass Band*

**Tynemouth Workhouse Brass Band** - Northumberland
Active from the early 1880s to the 1900s. Conductor J. Mosel(e)y in 1884, W. Sharp in 1902. Still active in 1909

**Typographical Society Brass Band** - Norwich, Norfolk
Active in 1869

**Tyseley Institute Brass Band** - Worcestershire
Active in the 1920s and 1930s

**Tyseley Working Men’s Club and Institute Band** - Worcestershire
See: *Tyseley Institute Brass Band*

**Tysoe Temperance Brass Band** - Warwickshire
Active in 1893 and 1897 when performing at a Baptist Sunday School Treat. Conductor J. Price in 1898. Still active in 1925

**Tytherington Brass Band** - Gloucestershire
Active in the 1890s to the late 1940s. There was also a junior band in and around WW1.

**Tytherington Church Band** - Gloucestershire
See: *Tytherington Brass Band*

**Tyzack’s Iron Works Brass Band** - Sunderland, Durham
Active in the 1870s

**U.C.B.S. Brass Band** - Clydebank,
See: *U.C.B.S. Prize Silver Band*

**U.C.B.S. Prize Silver Band** - Clydebank,
Active from the 1890s to the 1930s. The United Co-operative Baking Society Ltd. Band. Won the Iles Cup 1st Class in 1908, the 2nd Class Championship in 1908, and the Iles Cup 2nd Class in 1906, 1907 and 1908. Famous biscuits were advertised as “The men of Clydebank have been responsible for world famous feats in shipbuilding and engineering, but what is to be said of those who are responsible for the care of the “inner man”? To the housewives of Clydebank equal praise is due, for good work cannot be
accomplished without good food. The choice of Clydebank housewives has always been unanimously U.C.B.S. - Baking of Quality”. Also known as United Bakery Band, Glasgow Co-operative Bakery Band

**U.M.F.C. Temperance (Old Radford) Band**

See: *Radford United Methodist Brass Band*

**Uckfield Brass Band** - Sussex

[previous name of current band] See: *Uckfield Concert Brass*

**Uckfield British Legion Band** - Sussex

Active in the 1930s

**Uckfield Concert Brass** - Sussex

[current band] - Founded in 1957 - Former names: The Uckfield Band, Uckfield Industries Band, Friday-Ad Brass - Note: Uckfield Youth Brass (currently dormant)

**Uckfield Industries Band** - Sussex

[previous name of current band] See: *Uckfield Concert Brass*

**Uckfield Original Town Band** - Sussex

Active in 1888, bandmaster James Haestier.

**Uckfield Town Brass Band** - Sussex

Active in 1888 - contemporary with the “Original” band noted above.

**UDI Aberdeen City Band** - Aberdeenshire

[previous name of current band] See: *Granite City Brass*

**UDI Brass**

See: *Stoneywood and Auchmull Union Band*

**UES Stocksbridge Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)

[previous name of current band] See: *Unite the Union Brass Band*

**Uffculme Brass Band (1)** - Devon

Active in 1845 and 1855

**Uffculme Brass Band (2)** - Devon

Active from the early 1890s. Conductor S.W. Vickery in 1894-1905, T. Gath in 1906, A. Chick in 1907. Still active in 1910

**Ugborough Brass Band** - Devon

Active in 1860

**Ugthorpe Brass Band** - Yorkshire (North Riding)

Active in 1864 to 1866

**Ugthorpe College Brass Band** - Yorkshire (North Riding)

Active in 1867, conductor Rev. N. Rigby

**UK Paper Band** - Sittingbourne, Kent


**UK Paper Concert Band** - Sittingbourne, Kent

[previous name of current band] See: *UK Paper Band*

**Ulceby Brass Band** - Lincolnshire

Active from 1860 to 1888

**Ulceby Temperance Band** - Lincolnshire

Active in the 1900s
Uley Brass Band - Gloucestershire
    Active in the 1880s to 1920s and amalgamated with Uley Silver Band in the 1930s. Conductor W. Webb in 1903, Cyril Webb in 1907. The combined band folded in the Second World War. The instruments were subsequently stored in the village until the fifties when they were donated to Dursley Modern school where the music master was forming a brass band. When the school closed and was integrated with Dursley Grammar School to create Rednock Comprehensive School Dursley the band was transferred and it is believed to still be in existence to the present day.

Uley P.S.A. Brass Band - Gloucestershire
    Active in the 1900s to WW1.

Uley Silver Band - Gloucestershire
    Active in the 1920s and amalgamated with Uley Brass Band in the 1930s.

Uley Town Band - Gloucestershire
    See: Uley Brass Band

Ulverston Amateur Brass Band - Lancashire
    Active in 1875

Ulverston Brass Band - Lancashire
    Active from the 1840s to 1867

Ulverston Town Band - Lancashire
    [current band] - Founded in 1850

Ulverston Volunteers Band - Lancashire
    Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Conductor Kit Garnett in 1904

Underwood Institute Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
    Active in 1900

Union Castle Steam Ship Company Band - London
    Active in the early 1900s

Union Foundry Brass Band - Wakefield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
    Founded in 1854. The foundry was that of Messrs Howden.

Union Place Military Band
    See: Longford Union Place Military Band

Union Street Brass Band - Leicester, Leicestershire
    Active in the 1870s

Unionist Working Men’s Club and Institute Brass Band - Barry, Glamorgan
    Active in 1899

Unison Kinneil Band - West Lothian
    [current band] - Founded in 1858 - Former names: Kinneil Brass Band, Kinneil Instrumental Band - Note: Formed by a group of miners in Bo’ness

Unite the Union Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)

United Ancient Order of Druids Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
    See: Hull Druids’ Brass Band
United Asbestos Company Band
   See: Harefield Asbestos Works Band

United Bakery Band
   See: U.C.B.S. Prize Silver Band

United Christian Army Band - Malton, Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Formed in 1883 and disbanded in 1888 when their premises were sold to become the
   Liberal Institute.

United Co-op 2000 Brass - Cheshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Crewe Brass

United Co-op 2000 Community Brass Band - Cheshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Crewe Brass

United Co-op Band (Crewe) - Cheshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Co-operative Funeralcare Band North West

United Co-op New Mills Band - Derbyshire
   [previous name of current band] See: New Mills Band

United Co-op Yorkshire Brass Band
   See: Yorkshire Co-operatives Band

United Co-operative Baking Society Ltd. Brass Band
   See: U.C.B.S. Prize Silver Band

United Harmonic Brass Band - Boston, Lincolnshire
   See: Boston Harmonic Brass Band

United Independent Harmonic Brass Band - Preston, Lancashire
   Active in 1840

United Norwest 2000 Brass - Cheshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Crewe Brass

United Norwest Co-op Milnrow Band - Lancashire
   [previous name of current band] See: Milnrow Band

United Services Band - Hampshire
   Active shortly after WW2 - did not survive long.

United Sherwood Brass Band - Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire
   Leader C. Scott in 1860.

United Tetford Brass Band - Lincolnshire
   Active in the 1900s and 1910s

Universal Colliery Band
   See: Senghenydd Brass Band

University Volunteer Band
   See: Cambridge University Volunteer Band

Unsectarian Mission Brass Band - Reading, Berkshire
   Active in 1888

Unstone Brass Band - near Dronfield, Derbyshire
   Active in 1892

Unsworth Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1855 and the 1880s
Unsworth Public Band - Lancashire
   See: Unsworth Brass Band

Up Holland Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1880s

Up Holland Temperance Band - Lancashire
   Active in the early 1870s

Update Mission Band - Seacombe,
   Active in the early 1900s

Uphall Brass Band - West Lothian
   Founded in 1869. Formed by young men in the village employed in “oil work”. Some instruments were supplied by the local MP.

Uplands Boys School Brass Band - Smethwick, Staffordshire
   Active in the 1950s and 1960s. The band was formed with the help of funds provided by Smethwick Council, which enabled them to purchase their first eight instruments. The main inspiration for the band came from Mr Ken Watkins (headmaster), Mr Lionel Burling (music teacher), band leader Mr Arthur Matthews and pupil Maurice Porter who played in a Salvation Army band. Amongst the band’s highlights was entering competitions at Worcester and Cirencester in the late 1950s, and playing in a combined school brass band concert at Birmingham Town Hall, conducted by Mr Harold Gray (CBSO). On that occasion Sheila Attwood from Uplands Band played the solo trumpet. The band was also involved in radio broadcast from the Carpenter Road Studios, Edgbaston, and made three records - Four Little Maids (1963), Hiawatha (1965) and Little Suite for Brass (1966).

Uplands Brass Band - Smethwick, Staffordshire
   Active in the 1960s - probably connected to the Uplands School Band.

Uplands Warley Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in 1970, conductor A. Matthews. Possibly connected to the Uplands School Band or the Smethwick Uplands Band.

Upleatham Miners’ Saxhorn Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Founded in 1875. Active in 1877, when it took 4th prize at a contest at South Bank, Middlesbrough. Folded before the successor band formed in the 1890s

Upleatham Mines Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Marske Brass Band

Upleatham Mines Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   Formed in the 1890s, folded with the colliery around 1924

Upper Arley Brass Band - Worcestershire
   Active in 1885

Upper Edge Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1871

Upper Hulme Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in 1850

Upper Norwood Excelsior Band - Surrey
   Active in the early 1900s through to WW1

Upper Norwood Temperance Band - Surrey
   [previous name of current band] See: Crystal Palace Band

Upper Rhondda Brass Band - Treherbert, Glamorgan
   See: Glenrhondda Colliery Band
Upper Rhondda Brass Band - Glamorgan
   [current band] - Founded in 2003 - Note: Formed from a local junior band

Upper Rhondda Comprehensive School Brass Band - Treorchy, Glamorgan
   Active in the 1960s to 1980s

Upper Slaithwaite Brass and Reed Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Slaithwaite Band

Upper Slaithwaite Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Formed in 1892. Active into the 1900s

Upper Slaithwaite Prize Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Slaithwaite Band

Upper Stoke Brass Band - Warwickshire
   Active in the 1890s, conductor E. Gregory.

Upper Wanborough Brass Band - Wiltshire
   See: Wanborough Brass Band

Upper Weardale Brass Band - Durham
   Active from the 1830s to the late 1930s.

Upper Winchendon Band - Buckinghamshire
   Active in the 1890s

Upper Ynysybwl Brass Band - Glamorgan
   Active in the 1890s, conductor Mr Beachy in 1899

Upperclough Brass Band - Clough, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1858

Uppermill Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [current band] - Founded in 1979

Upperthong Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1851, 1858

Upperthorpe Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in 1894, conductor W.A. Guest

Uppingham Brass Band - Rutland
   Still active in 1909

Uppingham Coronation Band - Rutland
   Active in 1909

Uppingham Mutual Improvement Society Band - Rutland
   Active in 1904

Uppingham Public Brass Band - Rutland
   Active in the 1950's and 1960's.

Upton Branch Y.M.C.A. Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1930s

Upton Brass Band - Upton upon Severn, Worcestershire
   See: Upton upon Severn Brass Band

Upton Colliery Workpeoples Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Formed around 1937/38 and wound up in 1976. Qualified for the National Finals on four out of five years in the late 60's, and early 70's and rose from the 4th to 2nd section during this time. Just being pipped to promotion to the then 1st section by Brodsworth Colliery Band. Competed in the Senior Cup in 1962.
Upton Grey Brass Band - Hampshire
Active in 1859 to 1869

Upton Park Poor Law School Band - Essex
Active in 1860 as St George's Industrial School Brass Band, conductor Mr Wilkinson (of
the Naval School, Greenwich). The school was established as St George in the East Union
School, Gipsy Lane (now Green Street). Active in the 1890s and 1900s as Upton Park Poor
Law School Band. Conductor J. Murphy in 1900. Also known as Plashet Industrial
School, it housed 150 boys and 120 girls

Upton St Leonards Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active from the early 1900s to the late 1920s. Secretary E.J. Mills in 1906. Conductor in
1921 was M.G. Jordan.

Upton upon Severn Brass Band - Worcestershire
Active in 1865, conductor F. Langdon. In 1894 they earned £51 in engagements and the
bandmaster was C. Pomfrey.

Upton W.M.C. Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Upton Colliery Workpeoples Band

Upton's Baskerville Works Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
See: Baskerville Prize Band

Upwell and Outwell Brass Band - Cambridgeshire
Active in the 1870s to the 1920s. Conductor Albert Ryder in 1925

Upwell Brass Band - Cambridgeshire
See: Upwell and Outwell Brass Band

Urchfont Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active from 1864 to the 1910s

Urmston and Davyhulme Silver Band - Lancashire
Formed in 1969 by Joe Woodward. Later called the Trafford Band, folded in the late
1990s? The A band was in either second or first section. The 'B' band (essentially a youth
band) was 4th section.

Urmston St Clement's Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Urpfeth Colliery Band - Beamish, Durham
Formed in the 1890s and still active in 1933

Ushaw Moor Colliery Band - Durham
Formed in the 1890s

Usk and District Silver Band - Monmouthshire
Formed in the 1970s when a group of players got together under the guidance of Jack
Stradling. In addition to entertaining the community in and around Usk, it began
competing and in 1982 won the Welsh Regional Championships (fourth section) under
the musical directorship of Michael Pegram, which qualified the Band to play in the
National Championships at the Royal Albert Hall in London. Also, in 1982 the Band
made a highly popular visit to Usk's twin town Graben-Neudorf in Germany with Nigel
Weeks as conductor, who conducted the Band at various times in the late 1970's and
through the 1980's. Other conductors in this period included Aubrey Brice and home-
grown Mark Stones. Unfortunately, due to a lack of players, the Usk and District Silver
Band folded in the late 1980's. A successor youth band was formed sometime in the
1990s, later to become the current Usk Brass Band.
Usk Brass Band - Monmouthshire
[cURRENT BAND] - Founded in the 1990s - Former names: Usk Youth Brass Band

Usk Brass Band - Monmouthshire
Active in the early 1900s. A successor band was formed in the 1970s

Usk Town Band - Monmouthshire
See: Usk and District Silver Band

Usk Youth Brass Band - Monmouthshire
[Previous name of current band] See: Usk Brass Band

Usworth and District Brass Band - Durham
Active in 1900

Usworth Brass Band - Durham
Active from 1863 through the 1860s

Usworth Colliery Band (1) - Durham
Active in 1869, folded some time in the 1880s.

Usworth Colliery Band (2) - Durham
Formed in the 1890s and still active after WW2. The conductor from 1913 to 1932 was Henry Creswell, who had started his banding career at the age of 7, playing in Pontefract Borough Band, in 1879. The band was “broken up” in August 1932, and the instruments, 28 in number, cost about £600, were collected pending a decision to sell. However it must have had a stay of execution, because it was clearly active and playing again by August 1933.

Uttoxeter Brass Band (1) - Staffordshire
Active from the early 1830s to the 1870s. Mr Onion was the conductor in 1842. During the 1860s it was for a time associated with the 2nd Derbyshire Rifle Volunteers. Disbanded some time in the 1870s. A successor band was formed in 1884

Uttoxeter Brass Band (2) - Staffordshire
Founded in 1884. Still active in 1886

Uttoxeter Town Band - Staffordshire
Formed in the 1930s and folded a few years after the end of the Second World War. A successor band was formed in 1996.

Uttoxeter Town Brass Band - Staffordshire
[cURRENT BAND] - Founded in 1996 - Note: A previous Uttoxeter Town Band folded in the late 1940's or early 1950s

Uxbridge and Hillingdon Band - Middlesex
Formed in 1882 by Mr W.J.D. Sheriff. He inserted an advertisement in the local newspaper calling a meeting at his house in Alexandra Road and there the band was started. The band's first £5 was donated by Lord Hillingdon. The first practices were held in Mr Sheriff's kitchen, later moving to the band room in the Old Chapel in Chiltern View Road. Prior to starting the Uxbridge Band, Mr Sheriff was bandmaster of the Hillingdon Drum and Fife Band, and later, in addition to the Uxbridge Band and the Middlesex Regiment, he was bandmaster of the City of London Imperial Yeomanry and of the Herts Yeomanry Bands. He was the composer of the military fantasia “A Soldier's Life”. Ten of the Uxbridge Band's members were engaged in 1885 by Dr Drury Lavin, of Heatherden Hall, to form a ship's band on a cruise to the West Indies. The Band fulfilled several engagements on the Island of Jersey. The amount of traffic in the early years was so small, that the band gave summer concerts seated in the High Street. The band continued to flourish between the wars, and was renamed the Uxbridge and Hillingdon
Prize Band. About 1930 their conductor was Wing Commander A.E. Sims, director of music for the R.A.F. [The Central Band of the R.A.F. was based at Uxbridge camp]. In 1926 a bandstand was erected in a local recreation ground, and this became the venue for a series of summer concerts each year. During World War 2 the band gave concerts there as part of the local “Holidays At Home” programme. Numbers fell after the war, and the band closed down in 1952.

**Uxbridge Artisans Brass Band** - Middlesex  
See: *Providence Congregational Church Brass Band*

**Uxbridge Brass Band** - Middlesex  
See: *Uxbridge and Hillingdon Band*

**Uxbridge Providence Brass Band** - Middlesex  
See: *Providence Congregational Church Brass Band*

**V.R.C. Brass Band** - London  
Active in 1863

**Vale of Blackmoor Brass Band**  
See: *Blackmoor Vale Brass Band*

**Vale of Glamorgan Brass Band** - Glamorgan  
[current band] - Founded in 1976

**Vale of Leven Brass Band**  
See: *Jamestown and Vale of Leven Silver Band*

**Vale of Lyvennet Silver Band** - Cumberland  
Active in the 1880s and 1890s. It seems to have been based at Crosby Ravensworth, but included members from Maulds Meaburn, also in the Lyvennet valley. John [Jack] Relph (born in 1871) was a member.

**Vale of Pewsey Brass Band** - Wiltshire  
Active in the early 1960s

**Valley Brass (Haydock)** - Lancashire  
[current band] - Founded in 1992 - Former names: Haydock Youth Brass Band

**Valley Road Band** - Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding)  
[no information]

**Vane Tempest Band** - Seaham, Durham  
Active in the 1950s - attached to the Vane Tempest Colliery.

**Varteg District Memorial Hall Band**  
See: *Varteg Silver Band*

**Varteg Silver Band** - Monmouthshire  
Formed July 1914. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Still active in the early 1960s. A memory from Grayham Jones - “My father Haydn Jones was born in 1911 at Varteg. Growing up in a family with mining associated jobs, it was assumed that my dad would automatically follow in the family’s footsteps. Eventually, it was time for my dad to look for a job, but unfortunately in the 20s jobs were few and far between. Luckily something unexpected happened. Dad was walking around the village with some of his friends when who should walk by but Mr Tipton. Mr Tipton was an official at Lower Varteg Colliery, and also a committee member of Varteg Silver Band. He asked the lads if they were working, only to be told that they had tried for a job in the colliery but nothing was available. Mr Tipton assured them if any of them wanted a job in the pit, they just had to turn up at the Band Hall on band night, join the band and a job in the pit would be theirs. My dad took Mr Tipton at his word. He joined the band and
he, in return, got a job. The job lasted up until his death in 1956 and he was a proud member of Varteg Silver Band for many years.” Another memory from Roffey Edwards, who played second cornet in the late 1950s, his father C. Edwards, played bass drum in the band, and his step brother Brian Williams played first cornet. The band was conducted by Mr Ron Molsom who he remembers being very strict at band practice.

Vaux Samson Band - Durham

[previous name of current band] See: RMT Silksworth Band

Vaux Samson Band

See: Lord Londonderry’s Volunteer Temperance Band

Vauxhall Motors Recreation Club Band - Luton, Bedfordshire

Active post-WW2 in the 1940s and 1950s.

Vaynol Royal Brass Band - Caernarfonshire

See: Llanrug Royal Brass Band

Vaynol Royal Silver Band - Caernarfonshire

Formed in 1888, and active to the late 1890s. Conductor Mr AIrey in 1891. Its predecessor was Llanrug Royal Brass Band (Royal Vaynol Brass Band). A report in 1888 records the formation of the band: “The Llanrug Royal Brass Band has been well known in North Wales for many years, and during that time they were successful gladiators on the field of contest, and won for themselves a far-famed name and many a worthy victory at band contests held in different parts of England and Wales. But, to our sorrow, this band was disbanded about two years ago, and since then the melodious strains of the old and highly respected company who gladdened many a heart in this romantic neighbourhood have disappeared. But the quarrymen of this musical locality could not rest on their oars; and, to remedy the loss, a meeting was convened, and a committee formed as follows: Rev. T. Jones, rector (chairman); Mr J. Williams, Buarth (treasurer); Rev. D. Collwyn Morgan, curate (secretary); and Mr R. J. Pritchard (bandmaster). Negotiations were entered into with the noted firm of Messrs Besson, London, for the purchase of an entirely new set of instruments. A number of musical enthusiasts offered themselves, and were formed into a band, under the old name, and under the conductorship of a member of the old band and a noted cornet player. The efforts of the bandmaster have given perfect satisfaction to the members of the band and committee, and are highly appreciated in the parish. He has won already a victory, and deserves the praise of all for the very high state of efficiency of his band, The old band was one of the finest in North Wales, and we entertain such hopes of the new company and able conductor that we expect to record more victories and better laurels for them than the old band ever won. A grand concert was given lately in aid of the band fund, the Rev. T. Johns, rector, took the chair. There was a crowded audience, and a handsome surplus was left, At Llangefni on Easter Monday the band carried away the prize and the silver medal with great credit to themselves. They were highly complimented by the adjudicator on their almost perfect rendering of the “Hallelujah Chorus” the test piece. Last Thursday the band was invited to play at Portdinorwic on the occasion of Mr Assheton Smith’s wedding. The pieces played were rendered in good style and taste, and were highly appreciated and loudly applauded by the hundreds of people present”.

VBS Poynton Brass Band - Cheshire

[current band] - Founded in the 1830s - Former names: Poynton Brass Band (to 1990)
Vectis Brass - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)

Velindre Brass Band - Glamorgan
   [previous name of current band] See: City of Cardiff (Melingriffith) Brass Band

Ventnor Artillery Brass Band - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
   Active in the early 1870s

Ventnor Brass Band - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
   Active in the 1900s.

Ventnor Rifles Brass Band - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
   Active in the 1900s.

Verdin Adelaide Band - Northwich, Cheshire
   Active from the mid-1880s to the 1910s

Verdin Moulton Institute Band - Moulton, Cheshire
   Active in 1889

Verdin Winsford Works Band - Cheshire
   Active in 1889

Vernon Building Society Poynton Band - Cheshire
   [previous name of current band] See: VBS Poynton Brass Band

Vernon's Motors Brass Band - Caernarfonshire
   Active in the 1950s

Verwood Brass Band - Dorset
   Active in 1863

Verwood Concert Brass - Dorset
   [current band] - Founded in 1864 - Former names: Verwood Temperance Band, Verwood Prize Band (1930s to 1976)

Verwood Concert Brass 'B' - Dorset
   [previous name of current band] See: Verwood Town Band

Verwood Prize Band - Dorset
   [previous name of current band] See: Verwood Concert Brass

Verwood Temperance Band - Dorset
   [previous name of current band] See: Verwood Concert Brass

Verwood Town Band - Dorset
   [current band] - Former names: Verwood Concert Brass 'B'

Veryan and Portloe Band - Cornwall
   Active in 1900

Vickers Armstrong (Barrow Shipyard) Band
   [no information]

Vickers Crayford Brass Band - Kent
   Active in the 1920s

Vickers' Works Brass Band - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in 1919

Victoria Baptist Brass Band - Cardiff, Glamorgan
   Active in the 1910s

Victoria Bar Primitive Methodist Brass Band - York, Yorkshire
   Active in 1887
Victoria Batley Band
Active in 1854

Victoria Battery Brass Band - Thurso, Caithness
Active in 1867

Victoria Brass Band - Bury, Lancashire
Active in 1855. Possibly associated with the Victoria Zoological Gardens

Victoria Brass Band - Great Yarmouth, Norfolk
See: Yarmouth Victoria Brass Band

Victoria Brass Band - Kirkburton, Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Kirkburton Victoria Band

Victoria Brass Band - Great Yarmouth, Norfolk
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Victoria Brass Band - Kirkburton, Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Kirkburton Victoria Band

Victoria Brass Band - Great Yarmouth, Norfolk
See: Victoria Brass Band - Great Yarmouth, Norfolk

Victoria Bridge Steelworks Band - Kirkstall, Yorkshire (West Riding)
[no information]

Victoria Foundry Brass Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1855
See: Cotton Lane Brass Band

Victoria Hall Brass Band - Bolton, Lancashire
See: Bolton Victoria Hall Band

Victoria Hall Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
See: Manchester Victoria Hall Band

Victoria Hall Mission Brass Band - Kettering, Northamptonshire
Active from the 1890s to the 1920s. Conductor Warren East in 1900. George Bailey secretary in 1894

Victoria Independent (St Luke's) Temperance Band - Cheltenham, Gloucestershire
Active in 1883
Victoria Institute (Hartshead Moor) Brass Band
The Victoria Institute, at Hartshead Moor near Scholes, was established in 1868. This was largely on the initiative of Robert Firth Crosland (of the long-established local Quaker family). One of the Institute's first activities was to form a brass band. The institute folded around 1922.

Victoria Lochhead Band - Fife
Active in the 1920s and 1930s. Based at the Lochhead Colliery near Wemyss, Fife.

Victoria Mills Brass Band - Elland, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1871

Victoria Mills Brass Band - Hopwood, Lancashire
See: Hopwood Victoria Mills Brass Band

Victoria Park Brass Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
Active in 1891

Victoria Park Brass Band - Handsworth, Staffordshire
Active in the 1900s. Conductor H. Fisher in 1905

Victoria Rifle Volunteers Band - Middlesex
Active in the 1860s. Also known as London Victoria Amateurs Brass Band

Victoria Road Mission Brass Band - Southsea, Hampshire
Active in 1893

Victoria Road Wesleyan School Band
See: Victoria Road Mission Brass Band

Victoria Station Brass Band - Sheffield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Mexborough Plant Band

Victoria Street Congregational Brass Band - Derby, Derbyshire
Active in 1889 and into the 1890s

Victoria Street Mission Band - Hemsworth, Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Hemsworth United Brass Band

Victoria Works Brass Band - Darlaston,
Band of the Rubery and Owen Ironworks. Active in the early 1900s

Victoria, Earlseat and Lochhead Band
See: Victoria Lochhead Band

Victoria, Lochhead and Earlseat Band
See: Victoria Lochhead Band

Victory Pit Crookhall Colliery Band
See: Crookhall Colliery Band

Vines Cross Modern Brass - Sussex
[previous name of current band] See: Wealden Brass

Vinny Hill Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active in the 1930s

Vinny Hill Excelsior Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active in the 1890s

Vintage Brass Band - Golcar, Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1980

Virtuosi GUS Band - Northamptonshire
Vobster Brass Band - Somerset
Active in the 1870s

Vodaphone Band - Marchwood, Hampshire
[previous name of current band] See: New Forest Brass Band

Voel Gaer Brass Band - Flintshire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Conductor L.P. Jones in 1893. Also known as Voel Gaer Halkyn Band and Rhosesmor Voel Gaer Band

Voelas Brass Band - Denbighshire
See: Pentrefoelas Brass Band

Volunteer Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers Band, 1st
See: Bury Public Silver Band

Vrynwy Vale Brass Band - Llanwddyn, Montgomeryshire
Active in the early 1880s

Vulcan Iron Works Band - Langley Mill, Derbyshire
See: G.R. Turner Langley Mill Brass Band

Vulcan Iron Works Band - Worcester, Worcestershire
Active in the 1880s. Conductor J.W. Somerton in 1882. The McKenzie, Clunes and Holland works were founded in 1857 at Cromwell Street, and by the late 1870s were specialising in railway signalling equipment

Vulcan Motor Works Brass Band - Crossens, Lancashire
Active in the late 1910s and 1920s

W. Harrison Transport (Rockingham) Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Rockingham Band

Waddesdon Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
Formed in 1835 or earlier (records only went back to 1835). Celebrated its centenary in 1935.

Waddesdon Old Band
See: Waddesdon Brass Band

Waddesdon Temperance Band - Buckinghamshire
Active in the 1890s to WW1.

Waddesdon Village Band
See: Waddesdon Old Brass Band

Waddesdon Wesleyand Brass Band
See: Waddesdon Temperance Band

Waddington Brass Band - Clitheroe, Lancashire
Founded in 1909. Wound up in the courts as of 5th February 1923

Waddington Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in 1913 to the 1920s. Conductor Mr Lewis in 1923

Wadebridge Brass Band - Cornwall
Active from the 1870s until the mid-1960s. Although the ranks of bandsmen would have been thinned by the call to arms of 1914-18, enough were left to take part in the Bugle Band Contest in 1919 and 1923 under the direction of Mr W.T. Lobb. In 1915 the band presented their bandmaster, W.T. Lobb, with a rosewood sideboard as a wedding present. In January 1923 the band purchased a new set of silver instruments, costing £400. Harry Roberts, an outstanding cornet player, took over the band in the early 1930s. The band made excellent progress under his leadership and by 1940 players from Wadebridge Town Band were also able to give support to Bodmin and St Minver bands.
Harry Roberts was succeeded by Mr W.A. Mills and many contest trophies were won by the band before the baton was handed on to Mr R. Dawes who was previously band serjeant with the Devon and Cornwall Light Infantry. A.H. Dawes was the conductor when the band entertained the crowds for the Royal Visit to Wadebridge in July 1950. Further success followed for the band at local contests in the 1950s when representatives of the band were also to be found in the National Youth Band. David Blake then became band leader and his son Philip formed the Wadebridge Youth Band around 1962. Sadly the band disbanded in the middle of that decade and most of the instruments were disposed of in 1968. A successor band was formed in the 1970s.

Wadebridge Mission Brass Band - Cornwall
Active in the 1890s

Wadebridge Town Band - Cornwall
[current band] - Founded in 2002

Wadebridge Town Band - Cornwall
Active in the early 1900s and in 1938. A successor band was also active for a few years in the 1970s.

Wadebridge Town Band (1)
See: Wadebridge Brass Band

Wadebridge Town Band (2)
Formed in the 1970s by Philip Harris and the band actually appeared on the children's TV show “Multi-Coloured Swap Shop” in 1978. It was held at the Egloshayle playing fields and still remembered by some current players. The band conductor was apparently shared around that time between Phil, Jack Wills, Lionel Boundy, and Keith Babbs. Sadly the band dissolved once more in 1985. The instruments were passed on the St John’s Ambulance band for their community use. A successor band was formed in 2002.

Wadhurst Brass Band - Sussex

Wadhurst Brass Band - Sussex
Formed around 1870, disbanding during WW2. Conductor in 1876 was Mr Pomfret, in 1893, Mr C. Piper, in 1925 G. Till, in 1934, William Skinner. In 1898 it nearly folded until it managed to raise £62 to buy some new instruments and uniforms. A successor band was formed in 1957 as a youth band, becoming a full adult band in 1974.

Wadhurst School Band - Sussex
[previous name of current band] See: Wadhurst Brass Band

Wadhurst Youth Band - Sussex
[previous name of current band] See: Wadhurst Brass Band

Wadshelf Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in 1859, 1860

Wadsley Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1868

Wadsley Bridge Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the mid-1870s to the 1900s. Bandmaster “for many years” was Michael Wilkinson (d. 1901). Conductor in 1887 and 1892 was Mr S. Marsh. Harry Crofts played trombone in the band.
Waenfawr Brass Band
See: Waunfawr Brass Band

Wagon Works Band - Radstock,
See: Radstock Coal and Wagon Works Brass Band

Wainfleet Amateur Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in 1863

Wainfleet Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in the 1890s

Wakefield Belle Vue Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Belle Vue Brass Band (Wakefield)

Wakefield City Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the 1900s to the 1980s

Wakefield Foresters Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1860s. Conductor J. Holmes, leader William Clegg in 1860.

Wakefield L.M.S. Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1930s

Wakefield Metropolitan Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1977

Wakefield Old Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1920s to the late 1940s

Wakefield Rifle Corps Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1860s

Wakefield Temperance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Carlton Temperance Band

Wakefield Volunteers Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1900s. Conductor Mr Courier in 1902

Wakeman Brass - Ripon, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in the late 1980s as a breakaway group from Ripon City Band, it lasted until the mid-1990s.

Wakering Brass Band - Essex
Active from the mid-1870s to the early 1880s

Walbottle Brass Band - Northumberland
See: Walbottle Colliery Brass Band

Walbottle Colliery Brass Band - Northumberland
Active in 1858 to 1869. Conductor C.A. Halpin in 1867.

Walbottle Temperance Band - Northumberland
Active throughout the 1890s, conductor Richard Binnie

Walcot Industrial School Brass Band - Somerset
Active in 1888

Walden Brass Band - Essex
See: Saffron Walden Brass Band

Waldridge Brass Band - Durham
Active in 1861. Conductor Thomas Parker in 1864. Also known as Waldridge Royal Brass Band. Still active in 1866

Waldridge Royal Brass Band - Durham
See: Waldridge Brass Band
Walgrave Amateur Brass Band - Northamptonshire
   Active from the early 1870s to 1916 at least. Conductor in 1871 was G. Jones, 1889 - E. Dickens, 1893 - Alfred Dickens.

Walgrave Brass Band - Northamptonshire
   See: Walgrave Amateur Brass Band

Walkden Brass Band (1) - Lancashire
   Active in 1865

Walkden Brass Band (2) - Lancashire
   Formed in 1874 when the band had connections with the Duke of Bridgewater's Yeomanry Band in Worsley. Records of the band from 1937 to 1974 exist in the Salford City Archive Service. Sponsored by Alvin Steel Works, they were known as Alvin Walkden Brass Band in 1989 when they were 3rd Section National Champions. A good example of the many dedicated and tireless people who support bands around the country is given in this obituary notice which appeared on 15 November 1995: “Tributes for bandsman Cyril - One of the vanguards of Walkden Brass Band has died at the age of 63. For more than 25 years, Cyril Wright, of Grosvenor Drive, Walkden, was a tireless worker behind the scenes. Band members said his musical contribution as third assistant percussion when he was needed in contests was always of the highest quality, which was his trademark on everything he was involved in. He will be most remembered for his administration role within the band. His infectious energy and dedication as treasurer, concert secretary and committee member meant the band was self-funding and able to weather the tough financial conditions of the brass band world. Since early retirement from Mellings Bakery at Farnworth, he became involved in transferring the band's music library system onto a computer data base. He leaves his son Alan - the band’s assistant principal cornet player - and his wife Joan. She is a tireless member of the ladies' section who serves the band members with refreshments during rehearsals. Colleagues say Cyril was well known throughout the brass band scene and was one of the great characters in the musical world.” Merged with Eaton Farnworth Brass Band in 2004 to form Eaton Farnworth and Walkden Band.

Walkden Moor Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in 1864, leader M. Blower

Walkden Temperance Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1900s

Walkden United Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Walker and District Brass Band - Northumberland
   Active in the 1900s

Walker Brass Band - Northumberland
   Active from the early 1850s to the late 1860s. Conductor Mr Chapman in 1855

Walker Neptune Band - Northumberland
   Active between 1900 and 1914. Based at the Walker site of the Swan, Hunter and Wigham Richardson works.

Walkergate Brass Band - Grantham, Lincolnshire
   Active in 1856

Walkern Brass Band - Hertfordshire
   Active in the early 1900s. Formed mainly from workers at Wright's Brewery in Walkern, who were one of the village's main employers.
Walkers and Hardmans Works Band - York, Yorkshire  
   Founded in 1833

Walker's Brass Band - York, Yorkshire  
   Active between 1834 and 1855. Their uniform in 1837 included “drab hats with black crape hatbands”

Walkers' Brewery Brass Band - Warrington, Lancashire  
   Active in the 1900s

Walkley Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
   Active in the 1890s

Walkley St. Mary's Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
   Active in the 1890s

Wallace Arnold Rothwell Band  
   See: Rothwell Temperance Band

Wallasey Brass Band - Cheshire  
   See: Wallasey Village Silver Band

Wallasey Victoria Band - Cheshire  
   See: Wallasey Village Silver Band

Wallasey Village Silver Band - Cheshire  
   Active from the early 1900s to the late 1920s. Prior to 1939 the Wallasey Village Carnival was a spectacle of horse drawn floats covered with flowers and people. The floats being interspersed with bands and dancers of varying standards, Decorated bicycles, handcarts and even dressed up dogs had their part to play. The major float carried the Carnival Princess and her court, whilst the whole event was led with great aplomb by the Wallasey Village Silver Band (which used the Lighthouse Pub in Wallasey Village as its unofficial headquarters).

Wallingford Brass Band (1) - Berkshire  
   Active in 1843, disbanding in the mid-1850s

Wallingford Brass Band (2) - Berkshire  
   Formed in 1860, bandmaster James Ayres. Active through to the early 1900s

Wallingford Brass Band (3) - Berkshire  
   Active in 1990.

Wallingford Foresters' Brass Band - Berkshire  
   Formed in early 1867, conductor Mr Greenwood. Still active in 1871

Wallington Amateur Band - Surrey  
   Founded around 1905, conductor Mr Peasgood

Wallington Silver Band - Northumberland  
   Active in 1919

Wallsend Boiler Makers’ Band - Northumberland  
   Active in the 1880s. Conductor James Wilson in 1883

Wallsend Borough Band - Northumberland  
   See: Wallsend Colliery Band

Wallsend Colliery Band - Northumberland  
   Formed in the 1900s, still active in the mid-1970s, also known as the Rising Sun Colliery Band (Rising Sun pit at Wallsend). Later known as Wallsend Borough Band

Wallsend Miners' Band - Northumberland  
   See: Wallsend Colliery Band
Wallsend Shipyard Brass Band - Northumberland
   Formed in the 1900s, later known as Swan Hunter and Wigham Richardson Band. Active in 1935, conductor Joseph C. Welsh, 1937 conductor Jack Boddice, and 1947. Folded in the 1950s

Wallsend Slipway Band - Northumberland
   See: Wallsend Shipyard Brass Band

Wallsend Town Brass Band - Northumberland
   Active in the late 1970s

Wallsend United Collieries Band - Northumberland
   See: Wallsend Colliery Band

Walmer Bridge Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1850s and 1860s, conductor Adam Warburton.

Walsall and West Bromwich District School Band - Staffordshire
   Pennyhill Lane, Wigmore - active in 1904. The school opened in 1870 to house workhouse children from the two unions.

Walsall Borough Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1890s to WW1. Originally formed as Walsall Provident Brass Band, it was renamed Walsall Borough Brass Band in 1898. The conductor at that time was James Grundy, the secretary, A. Moore.

Walsall Brass Band (1) - Staffordshire
   Active in 1869

Walsall Brass Band (2) - Staffordshire
   [current band] - Founded in 2015

Walsall Highgate Band - Staffordshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Staffordshire Band

Walsall Home Guard Band - Staffordshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Staffordshire Band

Walsall L.M.S. Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1930s. Formed by John Henry Cowley, who played Solo Trombone for them. The band were conducted at various times at contest by Harry Mortimer, Issac Perrin, Harry Hayes, and William Halliwell.

Walsall Metropolitan Band - Staffordshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Staffordshire Band

Walsall Police Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1880s to WW1.

Walsall Provident Brass Band
   See: Walsall Borough Brass Band

Walsall Railway Brass Band - Staffordshire
   See: Bescot Silver Prize Band

Walsall Rifle Corps Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1860s and 1870s

Walsall Servis Band - Staffordshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Staffordshire Band

Walsall Star Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1870s to the 1890s
Walsall Temperance Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in 1865, conductor Mr Cooper, when they played at the Cottage Hospital Gala in August. Still active in the late 1890s.

Walsall Town Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in the 1900s to WW1. Conductor G. Carrington in 1901

Walsall Town Mission Band - Staffordshire
Formed in 1911, active to the mid-1920s. Conductor H.C. Orchard in 1914. The band was struggling with a “scrap set of brass instruments” when it was formed, but Joseph A. Leckie generously advanced the money for new silver instruments. All the members had to belong to the Mission Brotherhood and be Total Abstainers. Ten bandsmen were lost to the fighting in the Great War, and the band, lacking a BBb bass, Eb Bass, two Bb trombones, a G trombone, two tenor horns, two Bb cornets and a soprano, sought these from other players from the area (as long as they maintained abstinence with the band!)

Walsall Victoria Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in the 1860s.

Walsall Volunteer Rifles Band
See: Walsall Rifle Corps Brass Band

Walsall Wood Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active from the mid-1870s to WW1. Conductor George Farley in 1884, Levi Hood in 1908-1917

Walsall Wood Institute Temperance Band - Staffordshire
[previous name of current band] See: Staffordshire Band

Walsden Brass Band
See: Walsden Temperance Brass Band

Walsden Temperance Brass Band - Lancashire
Active from the 1890s to the 1930s. Joseph Crossley secretary in 1902. The band’s president was Thomson Halliwell until 1913. Harold Hargreaves (Welsh Regiment), cornet player with the band, was killed aged 23 in 1917 in France - he was by trade a tackler in a cotton mill.

Walsgrave Band of Hope Brass Band - Warwickshire
Active in 1910

Walsham Brass Band - Walsham-le-Willows, Suffolk
Active in 1859

Walsham-le-Willows Temperance Band - Suffolk
Active in the early 1900s. An undated notice reads: “We beg to draw your attention to the above Band, and to say that we shall be pleased to serve your interests during the coming season in attendance at GARDEN PARTIES, SPORTS, FLOWER SHOWS, GALAS, FETES etc. We have a good variety of Music, including Selections, Marches, Dances etc. We should at all times do our best to meet your requirements in every particular. The Band provides its own Gas Light, to facilitate playing on grounds after dark, when required. For particulars as to terms, apply to either of the following: Wilfrid Y Nunn, Band Master - Harry W Hubbard, Hon. Secretary.”

Walshaw Lane Brass Band - Bury, Lancashire
Active from the early 1880s. Conductor E. Holding in 1883, John Rooney in 1900

Walshaw Public Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s
Walsingham Amateur Brass Band - Norfolk
Active in 1887

Walsingham Brotherhood Band - Norfolk
Probably formed in 1909 and disbanded during WW1.

Walter and Brison's Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
See: Messrs Walter and Brison's Brass Band

Waltham Abbey Brass Band - Essex
Founded in 1877. Active to the 1900s. Conductor C. Oram in 1877, W.C. Dymock in 1889

Waltham and Cheshunt Brass Band - Essex
Active in the 1900s

Waltham Brass Band (1) - Lincolnshire
Active in the 1860s and 1870s. In 1866 the band had 12 members, conducted by Mr Acey.

Waltham Brass Band (2) - Lincolnshire
Active from the 1930s to the early 1960s.

Waltham British Legion Band - Lincolnshire
Active in the 1930s and 1940s

Waltham Cross Temperance Band
See: Waltham Gospel Temperance Brass Band

Waltham Forest Brass - Essex
[current band] - Founded in 1993

Waltham Forest Co-op Band - Essex
[previous name of current band] See: East London Brass

Waltham Gospel Temperance Brass Band - Waltham Cross, Hertfordshire
Active in the 1900s and in 1949. Conductor Mr Luck in 1901, Steve Burch in 1905

Waltham St Lawrence Silver Band - Berkshire
[current band] - Founded in 1886

Waltham St. Lawrence Brass Band
See: Waltham St. Lawrence Silver Band

Waltham St. Lawrence Silver Band - Berkshire
Founded in 1886 as Waltham St Lawrence Brass Band. The founder players were mainly village tradesmen backed by two wealthy benefactors, William Landsdowne Beale and the Revd. Grey Neville. It was a well established part of the local scene by 1910. The band was revived after the disruptions of World War 1 in 1922, and made great progress under the direction of Twyford publican Ernest Pearce. Activities included regular appearances at hospital parades to raise funds for Royal Berks Hospital, and there were significant contest successes in the inter-war years, including a first prize at Fairford Contest in 1938. After World War 2, the band was re-established in 1946 as the Waltham St. Lawrence Silver Prize Band, again under the direction of Mr Pearce. He continued as conductor until his death in 1953. It was a struggle to get the band going again, and it is thanks to the efforts and determination of Sydney Boyd that the band continued. In 1950 the name changed again to East Berks Silver Band, reflecting the wider area from which members were being drawn. Jack Clark, who formerly played cornet for Morris Motors band among others, became bandmaster in 1954. There were a number of contest successes both locally and at national level through the 1950's. In 1957 the East Berks Silver Band decided to base itself in Reading, a move that was unacceptable to many members. A new Waltham St. Lawrence Band was formed, based in the village.
Walthamstow and Leyton Temperance Band - Essex
   Active in the 1890s and early 1900s. Conductor T. Odgen in 1897. Disbanding prior to 1909, when the Walthamstow Temperance Band was formed (forerunner of current East London Brass)

Walthamstow Borough Band - Essex
   [previous name of current band] See: East London Brass

Walthamstow Brass Band - Essex
   Active in 1864

Walthamstow British Legion Brass Band - Essex
   Active in the 1930s

Walthamstow C.E.T.S. Brass Band - Essex
   See: Walthamstow and Leyton Temperance Band

Walthamstow Lighthouse Band - Essex
   See: Lighthouse Silver Band

Walthamstow Methodist Free Church Band - Essex
   Active in the early 1890s, disbanding in 1905

Walthamstow Northern Ward Brass Band - Essex
   Active in 1912

Walthamstow Oddfellows Band - Essex
   Active in 1896

Walthamstow Silver Band - Essex
   Active in 1895 to the early 1900s

Walthamstow Silver Prize Band - Essex
   [previous name of current band] See: East London Brass

Walthamstow St James Street Navvies Mission Band - Essex
   Active in the 1890s. Conductor C.H. Anderson in 1899

Walthamstow Temperance Band - Essex
   [previous name of current band] See: East London Brass

Walthamstow Temperance Brass Band - Essex
   See: Walthamstow and Leyton Temperance Band

Walthamstow Town Brass Band - Essex
   Active in the 1890s through to WW2.

Walthamstow Town Silver Prize Band - Essex
   See: Walthamstow Town Brass Band

Walton and District Brass Band - West Walton, Norfolk
   Active in the 1950s

Walton Brass Band - Walton, Liverpool, Lancashire
   Active in the 1870s and 1880s

Walton Brass Band - Walton-le-Dale, Lancashire
   Active in the 1850s

Walton Brass Band - Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex
   Formed in 1875, active through to around 1910.

Walton Brass Band - Warrington, Lancashire
   Active in 1887

Walton Foresters' Brass Band - Felixstowe, Suffolk
   Active in the 1890s
Walton North Zion Band - Walton, Liverpool, Lancashire  
Founded in 1903, conductor J. Leyland

Walton Wesleyan Band - Walton, Liverpool, Lancashire  
Founded in 1906

Walton Works Brass Band - Frinton, Essex  
Active in 1886

Wanborough Brass Band - Wiltshire  
Active in 1863 to 1867

Wandsworth Borough Brass Band - Surrey  
Founded in 1902. Active into the 1910s. Conductor P.H. Childs in 1902

Wandsworth Brass Band - Surrey  
Active in 1885 when it took part in the United Phoenix and Temperance Societies’ first  
annual Temperance Friendly Societies’ demonstration in Lambeth on 31st May, together  
with Putney Brass Band.

Wanlockhead Brass Band - Dumfriesshire  
Active from the 1870s. The Band would always appear on New Years Day and march  
around the Village ‘weather and the roads permitting’ to an enthusiastic local support. It  
also performed local concerts and parades and was in great demand. The coming of the  
railway and the ‘new machines’ enabled the band to travel further afield to play at  
engagements and enter National Contest where they frequently proved to be successful.  
Linked to the local lead mine. Still active in 1928, conducted by John Faulds

Wansbeck’s Ashington Colliery Band - Northumberland  
[current band] - Founded in 1906 - Former names: Ashington Public Band, North Seaton  
Colliery Band (1930), Ashington Colliery Band (1961), - Note: Formed in October 1906

Wantage Brass Band - Berkshire  
Active from the late 1840s to the 1900s. A successor band was formed in 1972.

Wantage Silver Band - Berkshire  
[current band] - Founded in 1972

Warbleton and Buxted Band - Sussex  
[current band] - Founded in 1952 - Former names: Buxted and Warbleton Band - Note:  
Amalgamation of Warbleton Brass and Reed Band, and Buxted Brass Band

Warbleton Brass Band - Sussex  
Active from the 1890s. Merged with Buxted Silver Prize Band in 1952 to form Warbleton  
& Buxted Band.

Warburtons Bakery Band  
See: Hoggarths Works Band

Ward Jackson Brass Band - Greatham, Durham  
Active from the 1880s to the 1920s

Wardle and District Anderson Brass - Lancashire  
[current band] - Founded in 1990 - Former names: Wardle Section Band, Anderson Brass

Wardle Section Band - Lancashire  
[previous name of current band] See: Wardle and District Anderson Brass

Wardley Brass Band - Durham  
See: Wardley Colliery Brass Band

Wardley Colliery Brass Band - Durham  
Formed in the 1890s, active through to the late 1950s. Conductor George Perry in 1899,  
Mr Ritchie in 1906. Also known as Pelaw Colliery Band. In September 1937 the band was
on its way to the Alexandra Palace to compete in the National Finals contest, when its coach was in collision with a lorry on the Barnet by-pass at South Mimms. Six bandsmen were injured.

Wardley Grammar School Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the early 1960s

Wardour Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active in the 1890s. Conductor B. Foyle in 1891

Wards Brewery (Hoyland) Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Strata Brass

Ware Brass - Hertfordshire
[current band] - Founded in 1895 - Former names: Ware Band, Ware Town Band (to 1978)

Ware Brass Band - Hertfordshire
[previous name of current band] See: Ware Brass

Ware Brass Band - Hertfordshire
Active in the 1850s and 1860s. A successor band was formed in 1895

Ware Town Band - Hertfordshire
[previous name of current band] See: Ware Brass

Wareham Brass Band - Dorset
Active in 1865, 1866

Wareham Corporation Band - Dorset
See: Wareham Town Band

Wareham Town Band - Dorset
A community wind band formed in 1855. It competed as a brass band (without its wind players) briefly in 1937 and 1938 in the National Championships. The band is still active.

Warford and Lindow Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in the 1930s

Warford Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in the 1900s and 1910s. Based at Great Warford, near Lindow End. Folded in 1918

Wargrave Industrial School Brass Band - Berkshire
Active in the 1880s to the early 1900s. The Reading and Wokingham District School was set up in a former workhouse building at Wargrave. The school closed in the early 1900s.

Wargrave School Brass Band
See: Wargrave Industrial School Brass Band

Warleggan Brass Band - Cornwall
Active in the early 1900s - had folded by 1933, when the instruments were called in by the parish council

Warley Town Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[no information]

Warlingham Brass Band - Surrey
Active in the 1890s to WW2. Conductor in 1899 was W. Dicker. In 1901, H. Jackson, in 1929, J. Barley, in 1939, Alf Barden.

Warlingham British Legion Band - Surrey
Active in the 1950s

Warmington Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in the 1930s

Warminster Brass Band (1) - Wiltshire
Active in 1869
Warminster Brass Band (2) - Wiltshire
[current band] - Founded in 1879

Warminster Friendly Society Brass Band - Wiltshire
Founded in 1859, conductor Mr Dyer. Band of the Warminster branch of the Wilts Friendly Society. Still active in 1864

Warmley Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active in 1867

Warmley Excelsior Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active in the 1900s, conductor W. Norman.

Warmley Military Band - Gloucestershire
Founded 1903, as Warmley Mission Reed and Brass Band, by the men of the Warmley Independent Methodist Church, predominantly from the Mill Lane and Cadbury Heath area, many of whom were from the Lovell Family. The Band had a membership of about twenty men, one of whom was George Webb, father of Bill Webb the cycle shop owner. The Warmley Military Band achieved a great deal in the world of music, a small dedicated band of men, whose fame spread to Minehead, Hereford and Berkeley, where they had regular engagements and the fact that the Band existed for 33 years is an achievement in itself. Perhaps their most frequent and enjoyable engagement was to lead the annual Whitsuntide parades through surrounding villages. George Webb was born in 1842 and at the age of eight started his working life in a nearby coalpit. Inspired by the sounds of brass band music, he taught himself to play the cornet and at the age of thirteen he left the pit. George was now in his element. In a very short time he was able to 'triple tongue' on his cornet and was capable of producing 700 notes to the minute. In 1862, he was the star player of 'The Christie Minstrels". From this time on he was often on tour but always returned to his roots where he had a wife and young family. Around 1882, George took part in a ceremony when the chimney stack at Haskins Pottery was heightened. When the chimney was completed George stood on the top run and played the National Anthem, God Bless the Prince of Wales and Auld Lang Syne. The cornet was not the only instrument George mastered as he was able to handle many instruments, particularly the trombone. His ability did not stop there as he also became bandmaster to numerous bands but, in particular, the Warmley Military Band. At the turn of the century George Webb had produced scores of compositions for brass bands and his name was familiar all around Britain as well as on the Continent. There is a story that the Black Dyke Mills Band were passing through Warmley station on their way to Bournemouth. They had persuaded the driver to stop the train so as they could meet their hero, George Webb. However, George had prepared a surprise for them and with the aid of a local brass band, the Black Dyke and Warmley Bands marched along the road, playing at full pitch and meeting in the middle of the village.

Warmley Mission Band - Gloucestershire
Active in the 1900s

Warmley Tower Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active in 1864, when they took part in the processions celebrating the official opening of the Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol. Conductor George Webb in 1870-1880, H. Carter in 1894. Winners of the first prize brass band contest at St George’s, Bristol, in 1883. Presumed to have disbanded prior to the Excelsior Band forming in 1904

Warmley Tower Excelsior Band - Gloucestershire
Founded in 1904, conductor George Webb. Still active in 1922
**Warner's Ironworks Band** - Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex
  Active in 1886

**Warren Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Formed as Warren Youth Band in the late 1970s with Duncan Beckley at the helm. It was based either in Wakefield or Lepton. It was named after Alison Warren, a teacher in the Wakefield area who had a great interest in youth and music. It dropped the “youth” appellation in the early 1980s and continued until the late 1980s or early 1990s.

**Warren Farm Schools Band** - Woodingdean, Sussex
  Active from the 1880s to the 1900s, conductor J.C. Fly in the early 1900s, Lewis Wallace in 1906. The school was opened in 1862, in Warren Road, with the first inmates (75 boys and 65 girls) marching to the new premises from the Dyke Road Workhouse. Music played a big part of the children's education and many of them began their careers with army or navy bands. John Parkes was “a well behaved boy playing the Baritone [horn] very well”, he joined the Band of Munster Fusiliers in Colchester in 1891 whilst Bertie Nightingale “shewed good ability on the French Horn” and joined the Band of the 2nd Battalion Duke of Cornwall in Devon in 1901.

**Warrenby and Loftus Band** - Yorkshire (North Riding)
  See: **Warrenby Brass Band**

**Warrenby Brass Band** - Yorkshire (North Riding)
  Formed in the 1900s. Also known as one times as Warrenby and Loftus Band. Did not survive WW1

**Warrenby Ironworks Band** - Yorkshire (North Riding)
  Active in the early 1900s

**Warrington Blue Coat School Boys Brass Band** - Lancashire
  Active in 1862 and in the 1900s. Conductor Thomas Armstrong in 1905. The school was founded in 1665 to “apprentice annually five poore boys to some handicraft trades”. In the mid-1850s it was catering to legitimate children of poor parents in the locality. The original school was in Bluecoat Street, later moving to Chester Road.

**Warrington Borough Brass Band** - Lancashire
  Active from the 1850s to the late 1920s. It led the parade for the foundation stone laying of Christ Church, Pennington on 19th May 1853.

**Warrington Brass** - Lancashire

**Warrington Brass Band** - Lancashire
  See: **Warrington Borough Band**

**Warrington Catholic Subscription Brass Band** - Lancashire
  Active in the 1930s to 1950s

**Warrington Catholic United Brass Band** - Lancashire
  Active in the 1890s. Conductor T. Meredith in 1891.

**Warrington Cottage Homes Band** - Lancashire
  See: **Warrington Workhouse Brass Band**

**Warrington Erasmic Soap Works Band** - Lancashire
  Active in the 1900s.

**Warrington Industrial School Band** - Lancashire
  See: **Warrington Workhouse Brass Band**
Warrington Junior Silver Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Warrington Brass

Warrington League of the Cross Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1890s to the 1900s

Warrington Leigh Street Methodist Band - Lancashire
See: Leigh Street Primitive Methodist Band

Warrington Pioneer Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1900s. Conductor E. Smith in 1906

Warrington Silver Band - Lancashire
See: Kent Street Mission Band

Warrington United Brass Band - Lancashire
See: Warrington Catholic United Brass Band

Warrington Workhouse Brass Band - Lancashire
Founded in 1870. Consisting of youths from the workhouse in Lovely Lane. Bandmaster Mr Griffiths in the 1880s and 1890s, Robert Bonner in 1904. In the 1880s the children from the workhouse moved to the new Padgate Cottage Homes in Green Lane. The band was also known as Warrington Cottage Homes Band.

Warrington Youth Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Warrington Brass

Warsash Band - Hampshire
[current band]

Warsash Brass Band (1)
Formed by the Rev Holt, vicar of St Mary's church at Warsash, and disbanded around 1922

Warsash Brass Band (2)
Formed in 1993 as an all-brass band, but now a concert band with reed instruments as well as brass, known as Warsash Band.

Warslow Community Brass Band - Staffordshire
[previous name of current band] See: Warslow Silver Band

Warslow Silver Band - Staffordshire
[current band] - Founded in the 1870s. Also known as Warslow Community Brass Band in the 1980s

Warsop Main Colliery Brass Band - Warsop Vale, Nottinghamshire
Active in the 1930s

Warth Fold Brass Band - Bury, Lancashire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Warth Prize Band - Bury, Lancashire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Conductor William Peatfield in 1899, secretary Thomas Jack in 1902.

Wartling Brass Band - Sussex
Active in 1865 to 1867

Warton Village Brass Band - Warwickshire
Active in 1903-1906. Conductor F. Hackett in 1905

Warwick Band of Hope Brass Band - Warwickshire
Active in 1881, conductor Mr Macdonald

Warwick Brass Band - Cumberland
See: Warwick Bridge Brass Band
Warwick Brass Band - Warwickshire
Active from 1853 into the 1860s

Warwick Bridge Brass Band - Cumberland
Formed in 1839, folded in December 1858. The conductor in that final year was Joseph Robley, but he was replaced by Mr Carruthers at a contest in Alston in June 1858.

Warwick Excelsior Brass Band - Warwickshire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s. It possibly folded around 1903 and was “reformed” in 1905 under the baton of S. Gumley. The conductor in 1908 was E. Taylor.

Warwick Garibaldian Lifeboat Crews Brass Band - Warwickshire
Active in 1864

Warwick Town Brass Band - Warwickshire
Active in the 1880s to the 1930s

Warwickshire and Coventry Constabulary Band - Warwickshire
See: Coventry Police Band

Washington and District Band - Durham
Active between 1907 and 1911

Washington Brass Band - Durham
See: Washington Brotherhood Band

Washington Brass Band - Sussex
Active in 1861, conductor Mr Bainbridge

Washington Brass Band - Durham
[current band] - Founded in 2007

Washington Brotherhood Band - Durham
Founded in 1923 as a temperance band, and later known as Washington Colliery Band (or Washington F Pit Band) up to 1968, Washington Glebe Colliery Band, then Washington Welfare Band, led by Tyneside danceband leader George Rowell. Despite the closure of the Washington Glebe Colliery in 1972, band members had soldiered on and were determined to keep the music alive. Memorable events in the ’70s were: Gaining promotion to the Championship section, Winning Section B contest at Northumberland Miner’s Picnic for about 8 years in succession, Taking part in CISWO finals at Blackpool year after year, Visiting Belgium and Germany, Playing throughout England and Scotland in clubs and other venues under the name of “the Washington Showband”, Making a commercial for Vaux Breweries, Taking part in Tyne Tees drama productions, Playing for Royal visits to the area, Playing for President Carter’s visit to Washington Village. George Rowell died 1972, at the Winter Gardens, Blackpool. Washington Welfare was taking part in the CISWO contest, and as the band proceeded to take the stage, George collapsed and died. The band took the stage, and Gordon Kitto MBE, well known conductor of Thornley Coll. Band, came from the audience and conducted the band for it’s contest performance, never having conducted band beforehand. Playing in the band was George’s son Ray, and his brother Harry. The band completed it’s performance and was awarded 2nd prize, an amazing result under the circumstances. The band competed in championship finals in London and Blackpool and won the trophy at the Bedlington Miners' Picnic in Northumberland eight years in a row. In 1997 they were finally forced to disband because of lack of funding and interest. A successor band was formed in 2007.

Washington Colliery Band - Durham
See: Washington Brotherhood Band
Washington F Pit Band - Durham
  See: Washington Brotherhood Band

Washington Glebe Band - Durham
  [previous name of current band] See: Felling Band

Washington Glebe Colliery Band - Durham
  See: Washington Brotherhood Band

Washington Station Band - Durham
  Founded in 1906

Washington Temperance Band - Durham
  Active in the 1900s

Washington Welfare Band - Durham
  See: Washington Brotherhood Band

Washwood Heath Brass Band - Warwickshire
  Active in the 1890s

Watchet Brass - Somerset
  [current band] - Founded in 1892 - Former names: Watchet Town Band (to 2013)

Watchet British Legion Band - Somerset
  Competed in the 1962 West of England Regional Championships (4th Section),
  conducted by J. Alexander

Watchet Royal British Legion Band - Somerset
  [previous name of current band] See: West Somerset Brass

Watchet Town Band - Somerset
  [previous name of current band] See: Watchet Brass

Water Brass Band - Lancashire
  [current band] - Founded in 1866

Water Orton Brass Band - Warwickshire
  Active in the 1900s to 1930s. Bandmaster Mr Bratt in 1904

Water Street Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
  Active in the 1880s and 1890s. The band was connected with the Water Street branch of
  the Manchester Corporation Health Department.

Waterbeach Brass - Cambridgeshire
  [current band] - Founded in 1978

Waterfoot and Newchurch Brass Band - Lancashire
  Active in 1888 when it competed in a contest at Todmorden.

Waterfoot Brass Band - Lancashire
  Active in the late 1890s

Waterhead Amateur Brass Band - Oldham, Lancashire
  See: Waterhead Brass Band

Waterhead Brass Band - Oldham, Lancashire
  Active from the mid-1860s to the late 1940s. Conductor S. Needham in 1868. Secretary
  George E. Whitehead in 1885. Also known as Waterhead Public Band around 1910

Waterhead Public Band - Oldham, Lancashire
  See: Waterhead Brass Band

Waterhouses Institute Brass Band - Durham
  Active in the 1890s. Advertising for solo trombone and baritone players in 1898 - with the
  offer of work found as coke fillers (single men preferred).
Wateringbury Amateur Brass Band - Kent
  Active in 1856

Wateringbury Volunteer Band - Kent
  Active in 1895

Waterloo Brass Band - Brighouse, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1850s and 1860s. Conductor James Greenwood in 1860.

Waterloo Brass Band - Crosby, Lancashire
  See: Waterloo Christ Church Brass Band

Waterloo Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
  See: Hull Waterloo Brass Band

Waterloo British Legion Band - Crosby, Lancashire
  Active in the 1930s

Waterloo Christ Church Brass Band - Crosby, Lancashire
  Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Conductor J.G. Dobbing 1894-1907

Waterlow and Sons Brass Band - London (City)
  See: Carpenters’ Hall Brass Band

Waterman’s Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
  See: Messrs Waterman and Co.’s Brass Band

Waters Upton Brass Band - Shropshire
  Active in the 1900s and 1950s

Watership Brass - Berkshire
  [current band] - Founded in 1980 - Former names: Royal Institution of Chartered
  Surveyors Band (to 1984) - Note: Started life in Basingstoke then moved to Kingsclere,
  then to Newbury

Waterside Brass Band - Tintwistle, Cheshire
  Active in the 1850s to 1870s

Waterside Original Brass Band - Tintwistle, Cheshire
  See: Waterside Brass Band

Watford Artisan Silver Band - Hertfordshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Watford Band

Watford Band - Hertfordshire
  [current band] - Founded in 1895 - Former names: London and North Western Railway
  Band, Watford Artisan Silver Band, Watford Silver Prize Band, Watford Silver Prize and
  British Legion Band, Watford United Ex-Service Men’s Band, Watford Silver Band,

Watford School of Music Brass Band - Hertfordshire
  Active in the 1980s

Watford Silver Band - Hertfordshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Watford Band

Watford Silver Prize and British Legion Band - Hertfordshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Watford Band

Watford Temperance Band - Hertfordshire
  Founded in 1908, bandmaster S.G. Burch

Watford United Ex-Service Men’s Band - Hertfordshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Watford Band

Watford Volunteer Brass Band - Hertfordshire
  Active in 1872
Watford Wesleyan Mission Band - Hertfordshire
   Founded around 1902, bandmaster A.J. Sopp

Wath and Bolton United Brass Band - Wath-on-Dearne, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Wath Brass Band - Wath-on-Dearne, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1850s to 1900s. Bandmaster Amos Hill in 1905

Wath Old Brass Band
   See: Wath Brass Band

Wath Town Band - Wath-on-Dearne, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1930s and 1940s

Watlington Brass Band - Oxfordshire
   Active in the 1840s to the 1880s. Conductor Mr Vernon in 1858

Watlington Excelsior Band - Oxfordshire
   Active in 1917

Watlington Nephilite Brass Band - Oxfordshire
   Active in the 1890s

Watlington Temperance Brass Band - Oxfordshire
   Active in the 1880s

Watney Band
   See: West London Silver Band

Watney Mann Band
   See: West London Silver Band

Wattlesborough Heath Brass Band - Shropshire
   Active in the mid-1880s

Watton and District Band - Norfolk
   [previous name of current band] See: Watton Silver Band

Watton and District Brass Band - Norfolk
   Formed as Watton British Legion Band in the 1920s or early 1930s. Renamed Watton and District Brass Band around 1950, active through to the late 1970s

Watton Brass Band - Norfolk
   Active in the 1850s and 1860s

Watton British Legion Band - Norfolk
   See: Watton and District Brass Band

Watton British Legion Band - Norfolk
   [previous name of current band] See: Watton Silver Band

Watton Silver Band - Norfolk
   [current band] - Founded in the early 1900s - Former names: Watton Volunteer Band, Watton Town Band, Watton British Legion Band (1930s-1950s), Watton and District Band
   - Note: Link with previous Hingham and Watton Band?

Watton Town Band - Norfolk
   [previous name of current band] See: Watton Silver Band

Watton Town Band - Norfolk
   Active in the 1900s, bandmaster F.C. Utting in 1902, Walter Garner in 1904

Watton Volunteer Band - Norfolk
   [previous name of current band] See: Watton Silver Band
Watts Naval School Boys Band - North Elmham, Norfolk
Active in the 1900s, bandmaster F.J. Moore in 1906. The school was opened in 1903 as a home for up to 300 orphans and destitute boys under the charge of Dr T. J. Barnardo. Musical training was given for boys intending on being enlisted in the Royal Marines or other military bands. The band was still active in 1914

Waunarlwydd Silver Band - Glamorgan
Founded in 1904, bandmaster W. Griffiths. Active through to the 1920s.

Waunfawr and District Band - Caernarfonshire
Active in the 1920s through WW2 to the late 1940s

Waunfawr Brass Band - Caernarfonshire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Waunfawr Silver Band
See: Waunfawr and District Band

Waveney Brass Band - Beccles, Suffolk
Active in 1990s, folding in the early 2000s. Some remaining members formed the Waveney Valley Brass Ensemble around 2004.

Waveney Valley Brass - Beccles, Suffolk
[current band]

Waveney Valley Brass Band
See: Waveney Brass Band

Wavertree Silver Band - Lancashire
Founded in 1901. Active to 1914. Richard Greaves, known as “Red Dick”, was the leader of the Wavertree Silver Band. He was the last known resident of “The Smallest House in England”, which stood at 95 High Street, Wavertree, Liverpool. Whether or not it actually was the smallest house in England is open to conjecture but it was only 6 feet wide and 14 feet from front to back and it's alleged that one couple raised 8 children in it. Richard Greaves allegedly was so robust that he had to climb the stairs sideways.

Wealden Brass - Sussex

Wealdstone Town Band - Middlesex
Active in the 1900s

Wear Royal Yacht Club Band
See: Royal Wear Yacht Club Brass Band

Weardale Brass Band - Durham
Active in the 1850s/1860s and the 1900s. Conductor E. Barton in 1906. Held a Cornet Contest at Darlington in August 1877 where the winner was Thomas Jenkinson, leader of Northallerton Temperance Band.

Weardale Saxhorn Band
See: Weardale Brass Band

Weare Brass Band - Somerset
Active in 1862 to 1867

Wearmouth Brass Band - Durham
Active in the 1850s

Wearmouth Colliery Band (1) - Sunderland, Durham
Active in the 1910s to the 1930s
Wearmouth Colliery Band (2)
  See: Hylton Colliery Silver Band

Wearmouth Silver Band - Durham
  Active in the 1930s

Weaste Brass Band - Lancashire
  Active in the 1890s to WW1. Known as Weaste Public Band from 1906

Weaste Public Brass Band - Lancashire
  See: Weaste Brass Band

Weaste St Luke's Band - Lancashire
  See: St Luke's Brotherhood Brass Band

Weaste Temperance Band - Lancashire
  Active in the early 1900s

Weaver Building Group Band - Hoyland, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  [previous name of current band] See: Strata Brass

Webb Ivory (Newhall) Band - Derbyshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Newhall Band

Webster and Horsefall's Excelsior Brass Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
  Active in 1884

Webster Dinnington Colliery Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  [previous name of current band] See: Dinnington Colliery Brass Band

Wedmore Brass Band - Somerset
  Active from the 1850s to the 1920s. Conductor A. Gibbs in 1896-1926

Wednesbury and North Stafford Brass Band - Staffordshire
  Active in the 1870s

Wednesbury Borough Brass Band - Staffordshire
  Active from the 1870s to the 1930s

Wednesbury Brass Band - Staffordshire
  Active from the 1850s to WW1. Conductor Z. Sanders in 1860. Still active in 1887. Also known as 34th Staffordshire Rifle Volunteers Band, and Wednesbury Rifles Band.

Wednesbury Crown Tube Works Band
  See: Crown Tube Works Brass Band

Wednesbury Globe Tube Works Band
  See: Globe Tube Works Band

Wednesbury Hill Top Band - Staffordshire
  Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Conductor Mr Shenton in 1891

Wednesbury Old Band - Staffordshire
  Active in 1873

Wednesbury Rifles Band
  See: Wednesbury Brass Band

Wednesbury Temperance Brass Band - Staffordshire
  Active in the 1890s

Wednesbury Tube Works Band
  See: Crown Tube Works Brass Band

Wednesbury United Brass Band - Staffordshire
  Active in the 1890s

Wednesbury Working Men's Club Brass Band - Staffordshire
  Active in the 1860s
Wednesfield Brass Band - Staffordshire
  Active in 1863

Wednesfield Excelsior Brass Band - Staffordshire
  Active in the 1860s

Wednesfield Prince of Wales Rifle Corps Band
  See: Wednesfield Prince of Wales Temperance Band

Wednesfield Prince of Wales Temperance Band - Staffordshire
  Active in the 1860s

Wednesfield Royal Victoria Brass Band - Staffordshire
  Active in the 1860s

Wednesfield Silver Band - Staffordshire
  Active in the 1940s

Weedon Brass Band - Weedon Bec, Northamptonshire
  Active in 1866. Conductor H. Pinfold in 1898

Weedon Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
  Active in 1892

Week St Mary Brass Band - Cornwall
  Active from the 1840s to the 1880s

Week St Mary Rechabite Brass Band - Cornwall
  Active in 1916

Welbeck Abbey Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
  Active in the 1890s to early 1900s

Welbeck Colliery Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
  Active from the 1920s to 1940.

Welbeck Estates Band - Nottinghamshire
  [current band] - Founded in 1980

Welbeck Abbey Brass Band - Sussex

Welburn Brass Band - near Crambeck, Yorkshire (North Riding)
  Active in 1857, 1860. Conductor Mr Prest in 1858. The band was linked to the nearby Castle Howard estate and was also known as the Earl of Carlisle’s Brass Band

Weld Bank Brass Band - Chorley, Lancashire
  Played at the Chorley Catholic School’s Children’s Treat in May 1850, and led a procession of “Ancient Shepherds” to a new lodge in November that year. Took part in the Whitsuntide processions in Preston in 1872. Active in the mid 1890s, when it benefitted from the gift of new instruments and patronage from Dean Lennon of St Gregory’s, Weld Bank. Still active in the 1920s/40s. Practiced on Weldbank Lane in Chorley. After it folded, its remnants formed the Chorley Silver Band.

Weld Bank Prize Band - Chorley, Lancashire
  See: Weld Bank Brass Band

Weld Bank Roman Catholic Brass Band - Chorley, Lancashire
  Active in 1887

Weldon Brass Band - Northamptonshire
  Active in 1867

Welford and District Band - Berkshire
  Officially founded in 1870 (although there is evidence to suggest it developed from an earlier fife and drum band). It seems to have petered out around the time of the Great War. It was quite well known in the West Berkshire/East Wiltshire area and the local Newbury and Marlborough newspapers regularly reported their concerts (aided,
probably, by the fact that the Bandmaster was also the village Postmaster!). James Brown
was the Bandmaster and several other members of the Brown family also took part in the
band. Conductor Thomas Brown in 1904. Also known as Wickham Brass Band

**Welford Brass Band** - Northamptonshire
Formed in 1859.

**Welford-on-Avon Brass Band** - Gloucestershire
It was in existence in 1924. By the early 1950s the band had 16 instruments, consisting of
5 B flat cornets, 2 Tenor Horns, 2 baritones, 1 Euphonium, 2 Trombones, 2 E flat Bases, 1
bass drum and 1 side drum. However by 1960 the band was no longer active, and the
uniforms and instruments were stored in the Rectory in case it was reformed. The band
was later (date unknown) reconstituted, but support for it locally became less and less.
Around 2000 there were no folk from the village left in the band, and only a regular core
of about 4 or 5 people, so a decision was taken reluctantly to wind the band up.

**Well Street Brass Band** - Coventry, Warwickshire
Active in the 1870s, conductor Mr Carter.

**Welland-side Brass Band** - Stamford, Lincolnshire
Founded in 1863, conductor Mr Goodwin. Still active in 1869

**Welldale Brass Band** - Dumfriesshire
Founded in late 1865, conductor Mr Ensor. Largely formed by employees of the two mills
in Port Street, Annan. Still active in 1866

**Wellesley Colliery Band** - Fife
Founded in 1919 and in 1920 they competed at their first competition in Methil where they
took 3rd prize. In 1921 they won first prize at the open championships in Bathgate and
took the cup for the best third section band. Promoted to second section in 1926
Wellesley had a run of bad luck that took them back down to third section. William Pegg
was bandmaster in 1927. By 1930 at Stirling under George Hawkins they won the third
section and were back up to the second section. It seemed Mr Hawkins gave the band the
confidence they needed and they were promoted in 1934 at Leith to the championship
section. By now they were progressing as a programme band and were asked to play at
the empire exhibition in Glasgow. They won the Fife championships 1938, 1939 and 1940.
In 1944 they won the Scottish championship and were runners up the following year.
1947 and yet another great result, first prize at the miners gala day in Edinburgh entitling
them to compete at the miners festival in London representing Scotland. There finest
hour was in 1964 when they won the second section daily herald British brass band
championships in London. The band ceased to exist in 1976 when the remaining players
amalgamated with the Buckhaven Town Band, to form the current Buckhaven and
Methil Miners Band.

**Wellesley Training Ship Band** - Tynemouth, Northumberland, ## 6 ##, Reformatory School for
boys. They made their first public appearance in April 1872. The band closed with the school in
1914. , ## 7 ##, Training Ship Wellesley Band

**Wellingborough All Saints C. of E. Band** - Northamptonshire
Founded in 1880

**Wellingborough C. of E. Temperance Band** - Northamptonshire
See: Wellingborough All Saints C. of E. Band

**Wellingborough Congregational Brass Band** - Northamptonshire
Formed in August 1880, tutored by William Skinner (of Rushden). Active through to the
1900s.
Wellingborough L.M.S. Band - Northamptonshire
  Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Wellingborough Railwaymen’s Brass Band - Northamptonshire
  See: Wellingborough L.M.S. Band

Wellingborough Rifles Band - Northamptonshire
  See: Wellingborough Volunteer Band

Wellingborough Temperance Band - Northamptonshire
  Active in the 1910s, conductor W. Brawn. The band folded during WW1, some time after 1915. Drummer Alfred Reynolds of the 5th Northamptonshire Regiment took a bullet wound to the hip in 1915, and was recuperating in the base hospital in Boulogne - he had been a cornet player in the band and worked for the Wellingborough Ironstone Company. Another band member, Reginald Renaut, was killed by a trench bomb, aged 19, in 1916.

Wellingborough Town Silver Band - Northamptonshire
  Formed in 1895. Active through to WW1. Bandmaster F. Robinson in 1907

Wellingborough Volunteer Band - Northamptonshire
  Active in the 1860s

Wellington (Telford) Brass Band - Shropshire
  [current band] - Founded in 2000

Wellington Brass Band - Bacup, Lancashire
  See: Bacup Wellington Brass Band

Wellington Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
  See: Wellington Road Mission Brass Band

Wellington Brass Band - Glemsford,
  See: Glemsford Brass Band

Wellington Foundry Band
  See: Leeds Railway Foundry Band

Wellington Foundry Operatic Brass Band
  See: Leeds Railway Foundry Band

Wellington Newtown Brass Band - Shropshire
  Active in the late 1850s

Wellington Railway Servants Band - Shropshire
  Founded in 1890, bandmaster Mr Pritchard

Wellington Rifle Corps Brass Band - Shropshire
  Active in the 1860s, and the 1890s to 1900s

Wellington Road Mission Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
  Active in the 1890s

Wellington Silver Band - South Shields, Durham
  See: Wellington Street Mission Band

Wellington Silver Band - Somerset
  [current band] - Founded in 1887

Wellington St George’s Old Brass Band - Shropshire
  Active from the 1870s to WW1. Conductor J. Shuker in 1907

Wellington St George’s Temperance Band - Shropshire
  See: Wellington St George’s Old Brass Band
**Wellington Street Mission Band** - South Shields, Durham  
Formed on 18th January 1899, when the first rules of the Band were approved by the Workers Meeting. A further rule was added on 15th March, 1899, to the effect 'That no-one become a Member of the Band until the expiration of three months after confessing conversion.' The first bandmaster was Mr Halcrow. It became Wellington Silver Band in the 1920s, but did not last much beyond then. Conductor M.F. Adcock in 1914

**Wellington Street People's Mission Silver Band**  
See: Wellington Street Mission Band

**Wellington Subscription Band** - Liverpool, Lancashire  
Founded in 1906

**Wellington Town Band** - Somerset  
Formed 1887 with players who left the local volunteer band. Still active in 1938

**Wellington Troop Brass Band** - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)  
See: Hull Wellington Troop Brass Band

**Wells Blue School Band** - Somerset  
[previous name of current band] See: Wells City Band

**Wells Brass Band** - Somerset  
See: Wells City Band

**Wells City Band** - Somerset  
[current band] - Founded in 1989 - Former names: Wells Blue School Band

**Wells City Band (1)** - Somerset  
Active from in the 1850s and 1860s

**Wells City Band (2)** - Somerset  
Founded in 1887 as Wells Excelsior Band, conductor Arthur Hillier. Known as Wells City Band from the early 1890s. Conductor James Adlam in 1897. Active to the 1950s. A successor band was formed in 1989.

**Wells Community Brass Band** - Somerset  
[previous name of current band] See: Mendip Brass Band

**Wells Excelsior Brass Band** - Somerset  
See: Wells City Band (2)

**Wells Temperance Band** - Somerset  
Active in 1865

**Wells Union Juvenile Brass Band** - Somerset  
Active in 1858

**Wells-next-the-Sea Band** - Norfolk  
Active in the 1900s. Conductor F. Brightmore in 1908

**Wellworthy Works Brass Band** - Lymington, Hampshire  
Formed at the end of WW2 and active through to the late 1950s. Competed in the 2nd Annual Open Brass Band Festival at the Wesley Central Hall, Portsmouth (organised by the Portsmouth City Fire Brigade Prize Band), on Saturday 16th September 1950.

**Welsh Flannel Mills Brass Band** - Holywell, Flintshire  
Active from the early 1890s. Competed at a contest at Hawarden in 1896. Still active in 1904

**Welshampton Band** - Shropshire  
Active in the 1900s

**Welshpool Brass Band** - Montgomeryshire  
Active in the 1850s to 1870s. Conductor Pryce Bain in 1865
Wilton Excelsior Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in 1900

Welwyn Brass Band - Hertfordshire
   Active in the 1850s to 1880s

Welwyn Garden City Band - Hertfordshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1934

Wem Brass Band - Shropshire
   Active in the 1850s and 1860s

Wem British Legion Band - Shropshire
   See: Wem Silver Band

Wem Jubilee Band - Shropshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1977

Wem Silver Band - Shropshire
   Formed after WW1. Folded at the start of WW2. Competed at Belle Vue.

Wem Town Band - Shropshire
   See: Wem Silver Band

Wembley and Sudbury British Legion Silver Band - Middlesex
   Active in 1937

Wembley Town Band - Middlesex
   Formed in 1910. Its prime movers included Mr Wiggins, an upholsterer, and the band's first practices were held in the basement of his shop. Titus Barham [the chairman of Express Dairies, who lived at Sudbury Park in Wembley and was an important local philanthropist] became their president and provided free of cost their resplendent green and silver uniforms. It proved impracticable to continue during the First World War but the band was re-formed in 1919 under the leadership of J. R. Masters of Sudbury. Eventually the group faded away, perhaps partly due to difficulties in securing suitable premises for regular practice.

Wemyss Brass Band - Fife
   See: East Wemyss Brass Band

Wendover Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
   Formed in 1888. Conductor A. Howe in 1890. Bandmaster G. Underhill in 1906. Active through to the late 1920s

Wendron Brass Band - Cornwall
   Active in 1892

Wendron Silver Band - Cornwall
   [current band]

Wenhaston Brass Band - Suffolk
   Active in 1887 when it took part in the Golden Jubilee celebrations in the village

Wenlock and Eaton Brass Band - Shropshire
   Active in 1869

Wenlock Brass Band - Shropshire
   See: Much Wenlock Band

Wensley Brass Band - Derbyshire
   Active in 1858 to 1887

Wensley Fold Brass Band - Blackburn, Lancashire
   Active in 1861
Wentworth Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1864, leader Samuel Hawke. Still active in 1867

Werneth and District Silver Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1930s

Werneth Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1890s. Conductor G. Blackwell in 1894

Wernos Colliery and District Silver Band - Carmarthenshire
Active in the 1960s

Werrington Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in 1859

Werrington Industrial School Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in 1880

Wesley Guild Brass Band - Boxted, Essex
[previous name of current band] See: Boxted Methodist Silver Band

Wesley Hall Brass Band - Ancoats, Lancashire
Active in the 1900s to the 1960s. Also known as Wesley Hall Trinity Band in the 1960s

Wesley Hall Brass Band - Eastbourne, Sussex
See: Eastbourne Wesley Hall Brass Band

Wesley Hall Brass Band - Sunderland, Durham
See: Sunderland Wesley Hall Brass Band

Wesley Hall Misson Band - Bootle, Lancashire
See: Bootle Mission Brass Band

Wesley Hall Trinity Band - Ancoats, Lancashire
See: Wesley Hall Brass Band (Manchester)

Wesley Reform Church Band - Bedworth, Warwickshire
[previous name of current band] See: Bedworth Silver Prize Band

Wesleyan Central Mission Brass Band - Luton, Bedfordshire
Active in 1903 - bandmaster A. Everitt.

Wesleyan Home Mission Brass Band - Bedford, Bedfordshire
Active in the 1880s

Wesleyan Mission (Victoria Bar) Band - York, Yorkshire
Active around 1891

Wesleyan Reform Church Brass Band - Bedworth, Warwickshire
See: Bedworth Silver Prize Band

Wessex Royal Artillery (TA) Band, 256th
See: 256th Wessex Royal Artillery (TA) Band

Wessex Youth Burton Bradstock Band - Dorset
Active in the 1980s and 1990s

West Acre Nelson Band - Norfolk
Active in the early 1900s, disbanding in 1907

West Ardsley Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1900s to 1930s. Secretary G. Fieldhouse in 1922 when the band was seeking a new bandmaster. Conductor Harold Smith in 1932.

West Auckland and St Helen’s Silver Band - Durham
See: West Auckland and St Helen’s Temperance Band
West Auckland and St Helen’s Temperance Band - Durham
Formed on Good Friday 1909 by the Independent Order of Good Templars and Rechabites. Later known as West Auckland and St Helen’s Silver Band, West Auckland Brass Band and West Auckland Town Band. Still active in the 1970s.

West Auckland Brass Band - Durham
Active in 1852, 1861

West Auckland Temperance Band - Durham
See: West Auckland and St Helen’s Temperance Band

West Auckland Town Band - Durham
See: West Auckland and St Helen’s Temperance Band

West Bergholt Brass Band - Essex
Active in the 1890s. For more details, see “Grandad Played The Cornet: A History of Brass Bands in North East Essex”, by David Cawdell.

West Boldon Brass Band - Durham
Active in the 1850s

West Bromwich Albert Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in 1857

West Bromwich Borough Band (1) - Staffordshire
Active in the 1890s and early 1900s. Conductor J.W. Thomas in 1901. Presumed to have folded prior to 1908 when the successor band was formed.

West Bromwich Borough Band (2) - Staffordshire
It started its life with William (Billy) Goodwin, who ran a coffee shop in Bull Street, who in 1908 secured from Boosey and Sons several instruments with which to start a band - Goodwins Silver Band. It was short lived under his influence and nearly folded but for the enterprise and dedication of half a dozen players who struck their own terms with Boosey and Son to continue with the instruments. They named their band the West Bromwich Borough Band, soon becoming quite proficient and winning prizes in competitions. The various band members combined their skills to erect a wooden structure in Beeches Road as a temporary practice room; prior to that their practice was on an ad hoc basis using various pubs and members houses, etc. In 1935 Alderman Jesse J Grant, of Grants Bakery, built Grant Hall primarily for the band, and was to be a lifelong benefactor and President. The band then had its first permanent Headquarters in September 1935. The band was still active in 1962, when it competed in the Grand Shield, conducted by G.A. Morris. Won the Grand Shield in 1964. Merged with Black Country Brass in 1987 to form Sandwell Brass Band (which later was renamed as Black Country Brass).

West Bromwich Borough Silver Prize Band - Staffordshire
See: West Bromwich Borough Band (2)

West Bromwich Excelsior Band - Staffordshire
Active in the 1920s to the early 1950s, conductor J.T. Hughes in the early years.

West Bromwich Flower of the Forest Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in the 1860s and 1870s

West Bromwich Mission Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in the mid-1890s to WW1.

West Bromwich New Town Band - Staffordshire
Active in 1866
West Bromwich Silver Band - Staffordshire
See: West Bromwich Borough Band

West Bromwich Temperance Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in 1865

West Bromwich Volunteer Rifle Corps Band - Staffordshire
Active in the 1860s

West Burton Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in the 1890s and 1900s, conductor John Hammond.

West Calder and District Band - Midlothian
[previous name of current band] See: West Calder Brass

West Calder Brass - Midlothian
[current band] - Founded in 1878 - Former names: West Calder Brass Band, West Calder Musical Union Band, West Calder Public Band, West Calder and District Band

West Calder Brass Band - Midlothian
[previous name of current band] See: West Calder Brass

West Calder Brass Band - Midlothian
Active from 1868 to the 1930s. Conductor James Prentice in 1884, Tom Moore in 1899. It performed on a Sunday - in 1891 - shock/horror!]. Was in financial trouble in 1896, trying to raise funds.

West Calder Instrumental Band - Midlothian
Active in 1879, when it played a “musical extravaganza” on 21 June 1879

West Calder Musical Union Band - Midlothian
[previous name of current band] See: West Calder Brass

West Calder Musical Union Band - Midlothian
Active in the 1900s

West Calder Public Band - Midlothian
[previous name of current band] See: West Calder Brass

West Calder Public Band - Midlothian
Formed in 1919. Won third prize in the final of the Edinburgh Charities Band Association contest in April 1931. Won two trophies at the West Lothian and District brass band contest in September 1932, still active in 1946, still active in 1984

West Chiltington Silver Band - Sussex
[current band] - Founded in 1908

West Cholderton Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active in the 1850s, also the 1900s and 1910s. Conductor Robert Bennett in 1906

West Cowes Brass Band - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
Active in the 1856

West Cramlington Brass Band - Northumberland
See: West Cramlington Colliery Band

West Cramlington Colliery Band - Northumberland
Active in 1883, conductor John Dunn. Secretary John McPherson in 1885. Still active in 1896

West Crawley Brass Band - Surrey
Formed in 1900 and still active in 1950

West Crawley Temperance Band - Surrey
Active in the 1900s to WW1, conductor A. Williams.
West Cumberland Youth Brass Band - Cumberland
Active in the 1970s

West Derby Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in 1875

West Dock Brass Band - West Hartlepool, Durham
Active in 1855

West End Brass Band - Hampshire
Active in 1863 and in 1899, when it moved its practice premises from the New Inn to the Schoolroom

West End Working Men's Club Brass Band - Wolverhampton, Staffordshire
Active in the 1950s

West Essex Artillery Band
See: Waltham Abbey Brass Band

West Ferry Brass Band - Owston Ferry, Lincolnshire
See: Owston Ferry Brass Band

West Gloucestershire Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active in 1867 to 1869

West Gorton Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1880s

West Green Brass Band - Middlesex
Active in the 1900s. Conductor G. Morley in 1905, disbanding in 1906

West Haddon Brass Band (1) - Derbyshire
Active from 1862 to 1919

West Hallam Brass Band (1) - Derbyshire
Active in the 1850s - folded prior to 1864 when a successor band was formed.

West Hallam Brass Band (2) - Derbyshire
Formed in 1864, active through the 1860s

West Ham Borough Brass Band - Essex
Active in the 1890s

West Ham Boys Brass Band - Essex
Active in the 1920s, conductor J. Montague

West Ham Brotherhood Brass Band - Essex
Active in 1912

West Ham Crusaders Temperance Band - Essex
Active in 1894

West Ham Excelsior Brass Band - Essex
Active in the 1920s, conductor W.R. Sharp

West Ham Gasworks Band - Essex
Active in the 1890s and 1900s. May have been a “reed band” rather than brass band.

West Ham Imperial Brass Band - Essex
Active in 1906

West Ham Police Brass Band - West Ham, Essex
See: K Division Police Brass Band

West Ham Union Workhouse Saxhorn Band - Leytonstone, Essex
Formed in October 1860, bandmaster Mr Phemister (on a salary of £40 per annum). This was a boys' brass band formed of the inmates. Still active in 1869
West Hanningfield Brass Band - Essex
   Formed in the mid-1880s, conductor James Roberts. Active through the 1890s

West Hartlepool Blue Ribbon Brass Band - Durham
   Active in the 1880s

West Hartlepool Borough Band - Durham
   Formed in early 1890, conductor George Cornforth. Active through to 1900

West Hartlepool Brass Band - Durham
   See: West Hartlepool Old Operatic Brass Band

West Hartlepool British Legion Band - Durham
   Active in the 1920s

West Hartlepool Gospel Mission Brass Band - Durham
   Formed in 1923 by H. Midgley. Based at the Mission in John Street, Hartlepool. In 1931 they were seeking funds for new instruments. Still active in the late 1940s.

West Hartlepool Mission Band - Durham
   [previous name of current band] See: Hartlepool Silver Band

West Hartlepool Mission Band - Durham
   See: West Hartlepool Gospel Mission Brass Band

West Hartlepool Model Band - Durham
   See: West Hartlepool Old Operatic Brass Band

West Hartlepool N.E.R. Band - Durham
   Formed in 1883. Still active in 1895

West Hartlepool Old Operatic Brass Band - Durham
   Formed in 1851. Also known as West Hartlepool Operatic Band. Known as the 4th Durham Artillery Band until it resigned its connection with the corps in 1875. Folded in the 1950s

West Hartlepool Operatic Band - Durham
   See: West Hartlepool Old Operatic Brass Band

West Hartlepool Original Band - Durham
   Active in 1893 when it promoted a contest

West Hartlepool Prize Band - Durham
   See: West Hartlepool Borough Band

West Hartlepool Recreation Band - Durham
   Active in the 1880s and 1890s

West Hartlepool Temperance Band - Durham
   Formed in 1891. It obtained old instruments from the West Hartlepool Old Operatic Band and spent £40 on new instruments. Still active in 1929.

West Hill Brass Band - Sussex
   Active in the 1890s

West Hill School Brass Band - Stalybridge, Cheshire
   Active in the 1960s and 1970s

West Hoathly Brass Band - Sussex
   Active in the early 1900s to the late 1920s. Conductor Thomas Briggs in the early years.

West Hull Excelsior Silver Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Formed in November 1912, by working men from the Hessle Road district. They obtained some very handsome uniforms in blue and silver, and over their first two years of playing managed to donate over £100 to charity - particularly those bereaved in trawler disasters. Bandmaster in 1914 was William Arthur Scott (aged 21). The band was
known locally as the “Fishermen's Band”. Active through to WW2. Also known as West Hull Prize Band. In 1937 the band was at a stage of collapse owing to lack of funds and support. Major G Thompson and the Adjutant, Captain H Potter, of 150th (Northumbrian) Division, Royal Army Service Corps, persuaded the Band members that by joining the unit, they could retain their instruments and continue playing. This suggestion was readily accepted and the Unit was now in possession of an official Band under Bandmaster Keenan. Many of the instruments were in poor condition but thanks to the support of the Officers, improvement was effected and the Band was able to give inspiring performances on parades and on route marches. The Band was known as 150th (Northumbrian) Column Territorial Army Band and players were also recruited from the ranks of 522, 523 and 524 Companies Royal Army Service Corps (Territorial Army).

West Hull Prize Band
See: West Hull Excelsior Silver Band

West Humberstone Mission Brass Band - Leicestershire
Active in 1898

West Kirby Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in the 1890s. Conductor W. Moir Brow. Renamed Hoylake and West Kirby Band in 1902

West Lancs Home Guard Band
See: Farnworth Old Band

West Lavington Brass Band - Sussex
Active in the 1880s

West Lewisham British Legion Band - Kent
Active in the 1920s and 1930s. Conductor Tom Morgan in the 1920s

West Linton Brass Band - Peebleshire
Active in the 1840s, had folded prior to 1864 when there was talk of establishing a new band.

West London District Brass Band - Middlesex
Active in 1890

West London District School Band - Ashford, Middlesex
Active in 1876

West London Mission Children's Home Band - Middlesex
Active from 1882, conductor R. Heath Mills. The home was located at Eastbourne Terrace, Paddington. Still active in the 1890s

West London Silver Band - Surrey
Formed in 1937 and loaned its instruments to the Home Guard during the War, reforming in 1946 as Borough of Barnes Brass Band. Became the Watney Band in 1959. Jimmy Edwards, the comedian, once played tenor horn with the band. In the 1970s the Watney Band, under the baton of Albert Meek, experimented with including French horns (along with a string bass). Continued through the 1970s into the early 1980s as the Richmond Band

West Lothian Schools Brass Band - West Lothian
[current band] - Founded in 1972

West Lutton Blue Ribbon Army Band
See: West Lutton Brass Band
West Lutton Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
  Formed in 1883 under the banner of the Blue Ribbon Army, conductor Robson Leason.
  Active also in the 1930s as Lutton Brass Band

West Maryston Brass Band - Easterhouse, Lanarkshire
  Active in 1864 through to 1905. The village of West Maryston disappeared when the pits closed, the buildings being demolished from the 1930s onwards. Also known as West Merryston Brass Band

West Mendip Brass Band - Somerset
  Active in the 1850s to 1870s.

West Meon Brass Band - Hampshire
  Active in the 1900s

West Mercia Constabulary Band - Worcester, Worcestershire
  [current band] - Founded in 1988

West Merryston Brass Band - Easterhouse, Lanarkshire
  See: West Maryston Brass Band

West Mersea Brass Band - Essex
  Active from the 1890s. By 1938 had become the West Mersea British Legion Band. They disbanded in 1939. For more details, see “Grandad Played The Cornet: A History of Brass Bands in North East Essex”, by David Cawdell.

West Mersea British Legion Band
  See: West Mersea Brass Band

West Midland (Hereford) Brass Band - Hereford, Herefordshire
  Active in 1862, conducted by Mr Smiley (a different band to the West Midland Railway Brass Band)

West Midland Provident Association Brass Band - Worcester, Worcestershire
  Active in 1860

West Midland Railway Brass Band - Malvern, Worcestershire
  Active in 1862, conducted by Mr Hollings (a different band to the West Midland (Hereford) Brass Band)

West Midlands Police Band - Warwickshire
  [current band] - Founded in 1928 - Former names: Coventry City Police Band (to 1976)

West Midlands Police Brass Band
  Active in the 1980s

West Monkton Brass Band - Somerset
  Active in 1866

West Moor Brass Band - Northumberland
  Active in the 1860s

West Norwood Brass Band - Surrey
  Active in the 1880s and 1890s

West Norwood Town Band - Surrey
  Founded in 1905

West Nottingham Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
  Active in the 1870s

West of England Blind Institution Brass Band - Exeter, Devon
  Founded in 1863. Still active in 1869. The blind school was located at St David’s Hill, Exeter
West of England Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
  Active in 1864, conductor Mr Morrish
West Orchard Brass Band - Coventry, Warwickshire
  Active in the 1870s and 1880s
West Pelton and District Band
  See: West Pelton Brass Band
West Pelton Brass Band - Durham
  Active in the 1890s to the late 1940s.
West Pelton Colliery Band - Durham
  Active in the 1950s
West Pelton Community Brass Band - Durham
  [current band] - Founded in 2007
West Pelton Volunteers Band - Durham
  Active in the 1880s
West Pinchbeck Brass Band
  See: Pinchbeck West Brass Band
West Rainton Brass Band - Durham
  Active in the 1850s through to the 1880s
West Riding and Silkstone Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  [previous name of current band] See: Altofts and Normanton Brass Band
West Riding County Fire Service Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  See: West Riding Fire Service Band
West Riding Fire Service Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1960s to the mid-1980s when it converted to a military band format. A number of its brass players went on to form West Yorkshire Brass in 1986
West Riding Home Guard Band, 26th - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  See: 26th West Riding Home Guard Band
West Riding Pauper Lunatic Asylum Brass Band - Wakefield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1860s, based at the Stanley Royd Hospital. Conductor Mr Lofthouse in 1860
West Sleekburn Brass Band
  See: West Sleekburn Colliery Brass Band
West Sleekburn Colliery Brass Band - Northumberland
  Active in the 1870s and the 1880s. Secretary Robert Curley in 1873
West Smethwick Adult School Band - Staffordshire
  Founded in 1904
West Smethwick Early Morning School Band - Staffordshire
  See: West Smethwick Adult School Band
West Smethwick Park Brass Band - Staffordshire
  Founded around 1898. Active into the 1910s. West Smethwick Park itself opened in 1895
West Somerset Brass - Somerset
West Stanley Brass Band - Durham
  Active in the 1860s to WW2. Conductor George Chaters in 1863. Known as West Stanley Town Band after WW1.
West Stanley Town Band
  See: West Stanley Brass Band
West Stockwith Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in the 1880s to 1900s

West Street Brass Band - St Helens, Lancashire
Affiliated with the West Street Independent Methodist Church.

West Tarring Brass Band - Sussex
Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Conductor Mr Chipper in 1894, Mr Moss in 1907

West Thorn School Brass Band - Lanarkshire
Active in 1917 through to the 1930s, it was based at the Parkhead Roman Catholic Reformatory for Boys, West Thorn, Tollcross, Glasgow.

West Thurrock Brass Band - Essex
Active in the 1880s

West Vale Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Greetland and West Vale Band

West Vale Works Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Greetland and West Vale Band

West Wickham Salvation Army Band - Cambridgeshire
The Corps was founded in 1886 and had a silver band almost right from the start. In 1950, John Simpkin, who had then been Bandmaster for all the band’s 64 years, reminisced that first instrument was a cornet bought new for 30 shillings and that the first drum, a relic of the Crimean War, was so strong it was used for many years as an open air pulpit! Those living in the village (pop. in 1881 was 455 and declining) were entirely dependant, directly or indirectly, on the land for their living, so most of the band members were agricultural labourers or tradesmen - John Simpkin, for example, was a blacksmith. The band played at open air or cottage meetings in all the surrounding villages, members walking or cycling some miles to do so. They also took part in village occasions such as the celebrations for Queen Victoria’s Diamond Jubilee in 1897, where they led the procession, and Armistice commemorations. The Corps, with its band, survived to celebrate its 100th anniversary in 1986 but the increasing age of its members and the cost of repairs needed to their Hall saw its close and absorption into the Haverhill Corps soon after.

West Worthing Brass Band - Sussex
Active in the 1860s to 1867

West Wycombe Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
[current band] - Founded in 1871 - Note: Formed by a group of handbell ringers

West Wylam Colliery Band - Northumberland
Active in the 1870s and 1880s. Conductor G. Cowing in 1883

West Yorkshire Brass - Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1986

West Yorkshire Fire Service Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: West Riding Fire Service Band

West Yorkshire Motors (Sharlston) Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Sharlston Colliery Band

West Yorkshire Police Band - Wakefield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1899 - Note: Police Bands have entertained the public in West Yorkshire for over a century. Bradford City Police Band was formed as long ago as 1899, with Leeds City following some fifteen years later. In 1974 the Leeds and Bradford forces amalgamated to form The West Yorkshire Metropolitan Police, and both bands
merged at that time to become The West Yorkshire Police Band. Initially military in style, with woodwind, brass and percussion, in 1984 a new ethos was agreed and from that date the band has been styled in the traditional Brass Band format.

**Westbourne School Brass Band** - Suffolk
- Active in the 1980s

**Westbury and Henbury Temperance Society Brass Band** - Gloucestershire
- Active in 1868, conductor J.O. Brooke. Still active in 1869

**Westbury Brass Band** - Gloucestershire
- See: Westbury-on-Severn Brass Band

**Westbury Imperial Brass Band** - Westbury-on-Severn, Gloucestershire
- Active in the 1900s

**Westbury Temperance Brass Band** - Gloucestershire
- See: Westbury and Henbury Temperance Society Brass Band

**Westbury-on-Severn Brass Band** - Gloucestershire
- Active in the 1850s to the 1900s

**Westerham Brass Band** - Kent
- Active from 1892 to the late 1920s. Conductor A.E. Newton in the early 1900s, W.E. Bennett in 1927

**Westerleigh Brass Band** - Gloucestershire
- [current band] - Founded in 2003

**Westfield Brass Band** - Midlothian
- See: Dalkeith and Westfield Trades Band

**Westfield Brass Band** - Somerset
- Active in the 1890s

**Westgate Band**
- See: Dalkeith Burgh Band

**Westgate Hall Methodist Church Silver Band** - Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland
- Formed in the 1900s. Disbanded in the late 1950's

**Westgate Hall Mission Band** - Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland
- See: Westgate Hall Methodist Church Silver Band

**Westgate Mission Band** - Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland
- See: Westgate Hall Methodist Church Silver Band

**Westgate-on-Sea Band** - Kent
- Active in the early 1900s

**Westhall Excelsior Band** - Suffolk
- [no information]

**Westham and Pevensey Brass Band** - Sussex
- Active in the 1900s, conductor R. Hargreaves.

**Westham Brass Band** - Sussex
- See: Westham and Pevensey Brass Band

**Westham School Brass Band** - Dorset
- Active in the 1970s

**Westhoughton Brass Band** - Lancashire
- Formed in 1854, the first event at which they are recorded attending was the peace celebrations for the Crimean War in 1856. A wit from the Westhoughton Journal and Guardian wrote in 1934, 'The band reached the summit of their achievements in the 1870's. The old Westhoughton factory was burned down by incendiaries and a new
factory was built on the site, opposite the White Lion. It was a larger and more ambicious building and boasted a high new chimney. When the mill was opened the band played on top of the chimney to celebrate the event! There is said to have been one 'chicken hearted' member who refused this glorious opportunity!' And what a clever man he was! Although formed many years before Wingates, Westhoughton Old had been for some years considered the 'nursery' for the bigger local bands, with many of its more gifted players going onto such bands as Wingates, Horwich RMI and Besses'. One final note of interest is that a draw took place in 1869 'to provide the Westhoughton Brass Band with military uniforms to enable it more efficiently to co-operate with the Westhoughton sub-division of the 27th L.R.V.' The list of prizes to be drawn follows. It includes a first prize of a harmonium, a fat pig, a sack of flour, a cheese, an iron bedstead and a live fat duck! The latest reference for the band is in 1936, it must have disbanded either during or shortly after the Second World War.

**Westhoughton British Legion Band** - Lancashire
Formed in 1921, active to the late 1940s

**Westhoughton Old Band** - Lancashire
See: *Westhoughton Brass Band*

**Westhoughton Public Brass Band** - Lancashire
Formed around 1890 in the Daisy Hill area, it was conducted by a Mr Joseph Chadwick, who later went to Australia and conducted two bands there. They rehearsed in a hut behind the Cross Guns pub. It would appear that they were a group of men who got together to enjoy making music and may never have performed in public. They seem to have disbanded around the First World War.

**Westleigh Brass Band** - Lancashire
Formed in June 1881, with John Brown as the leader. He was also the bandmaster of Blackrod Temperence Band. In 1884 they played in a contest in Leigh, organised by St Joseph's Brass Band, playing the quadrille “Jeanette”, but they gave only a moderate performance. In 1885 the Band won two 1st prizes at a contest in Cadishead. Still active in the late 1890s

**Westminster Road Industrial Schools Band** - Kirkdale, Lancashire
See: *Kirkdale Industrial Ragged School Brass Band*

**Westoe (STHCT) Band** - Durham
[previous name of current band] See: *Westoe Brass Band*

**Westoe Brass Band** - Durham
[current band] - Founded in 1890 - Former names: Tyne Dock Temperance Band (1890-1911), Harton Colliery Band, Harton and Westoe Colliery Band, Westoe Colliery Band (1985), Westoe (STHCT) Band (1993-2006) - Note: In 1911 Harton Colliery adopted the players of the Tyne Dock Temperence Band to form Harton Colliery Band. It became one of the finest bands in the country and won the British Open in 1919, the first colliery band to do so. It maintained its leading position for 25 years. until, in 1984, the miner's strike helped to precipitate its downfall and at one time the strike brought down the number in the band to only three and local school children were recruited to keep the practices going. Previously the Westoe colliery had re-opened and as the Harton and Westoe Colliery Band it continued until 1968 when, with the closure of Harton Colliery, it dropped the name Harton from its title. The end of the band was feared when the Westoe Colliery closed in 1991 but the determination of its members kept it going until 1993 when the South Tyneside Health Care Trust came to its rescue as a sponsor by
providing rehearsal facilities for them, and they in turn provided fund-raising concerts for the benefit of hospital patients.

**Westoe Colliery Band** - Durham  
[previous name of current band] See: *Westoe Brass Band*

**Weston (Bath) Brass** - Somerset  
Active in the 1920s to the 1960s.

**Weston All Saints Brass Band** - Bath, Somerset  
Formed in 1921 by W.J. Bray, who was their conductor for many years (probably until the mid 1930s). Still active at the start of WW2

**Weston Brass** - Somerset  
[current band] - Founded in 1963 - Former names: Weston Silver Band, Weston Concert Band (to 1994) - Note: Weston-Super-Mare

**Weston Brass Band** - Bath, Somerset  
See: *Weston (Bath) Brass*

**Weston Brass Band** - near Shavington, Cheshire  
Active in the 1880s to 1900s. Played at local garden parties. John Capper and his family were key members.

**Weston Brass Band** - Runcorn, Cheshire  
Active around 1900

**Weston Brass Band** - Weston Favell, Northamptonshire  
Active in the 1890s, conductor D. Law

**Weston Brass Band** - Weston under Penyard, Herefordshire  
Active in the 1880s, conductor S. Jackson.

**Weston Brass Band** - Weston-Super-Mare, Somerset  
Active in the 1850s

**Weston Brass Band** - Berkshire  
Active in the early 1860s (near Welford). Still active in 1868

**Weston Methodist Brass Band** - Runcorn, Cheshire  
Active in the 1930s

**Weston Mission Brass Band** - Bath, Somerset  
Formed in 1882. Still active in 1926

**Weston Point Salt Union Band** - Runcorn, Cheshire  
Active in the 1900s and 1910s. Conductor G. Robinson in 1902

**Weston Point Works Band**  
See: *Weston Point Salt Union Band*

**Weston Turville Brass Band** - Buckinghamshire  
Active in the 1880s to the 1920s. Conductor C. Axtell in 1891, W.T. Bishop in 1893-1910. Still active in 1923

**Weston Turville Temperance Band** - Buckinghamshire  
Active in 1898

**Weston Wesleyan Brass Band** - Weston, Runcorn, Cheshire  
Active in the 1860s, and at least until after WW1 when the band took part in the Runcorn Festival which was held to raise funds for the hospital.

**Weston Wesleyan School Band**  
See: *Weston Wesleyan Brass Band*

**Westoning Brass Band** - Bedfordshire  
Active in the 1890s
Weston-sub-Edge Brass Band - Gloucestershire
  Active in the 1870s, conductor Mr Court.

Weston-Super-Mare Blue Cord Brass Band - Somerset
  Active in the 1880s and 1890s

Weston-Super-Mare Brass Band - Somerset
  Active in 1864

Weston-Super-Mare British Legion Band - Somerset
  Active in the 1950s

Weston-Super-Mare Rifles Brass Band - Somerset
  Active in the 1860s

Weston-Super-Mare St John Ambulance Band - Somerset
  Active in the late 1940s

Westonzoyland Brass Band - Somerset
  Active in 1864, conductor Charles Cheen. Still active in 1868

Westow Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
  Active in 1858

Westside Town Band - Stockton-on-Tees, Durham
  Formed in the 1890s

Westwood Brass Band - Durham
  Active in the 1890s to 1910s

Westwood Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
  Active in 1895 and 1896. Conductor Mr Sansom. The band may have been connected to
  the Westwood National School.

Westwood Colliery Band - Durham
  Active in 1910s to 1930s

Wetherby and District Silver Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  [current band] - Founded in 1878 - Former names: Wetherby Brass Band, Wetherby Silver
  Band

Wetherby Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  [previous name of current band] See: Wetherby & District Silver Band

Wetherby Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1855. A successor band (the current Wetherby Band) was formed in 1878

Wetherby Silver Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  [previous name of current band] See: Wetherby & District Silver Band

Wetley Rocks Brass Band - Staffordshire
  Active in 1866, 1867

Wetton Band - Derbyshire
  Active before 1900

Wetwang Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
  Active in 1860

Weymann's Works Band
  See: Woking Brass Band

Weymouth Brass Band - Dorset
  Active in the 1860s

Weymouth Concert Brass - Dorset
  [current band] - Founded in 1985
Weymouth Military Band
See: Wyke Regis Silver Band

Weymouth Town Brass Band - Dorset
Active in the 1950s to 1970s. Also known as Weymouth Silver Band. A successor band was formed in 1985.

Weymouth’s Brass Band - Somerset
See: Brislington Brass Band

Whaddon Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
Active in 1866, 1889

Whaley Bridge Band - Derbyshire
Founded in 1865. Also known as Whaley Brass Band, Whaley Bridge Volunteer Band, Whaley Bridge Public Band. Amalgamated in 2002 with Chapel-en-le-Frith Town Brass Band to form High Peak Brass Band

Whalley and Billington Brass Band - Lancashire
See: Whalley Brass Band

Whalley Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1870s to the 1900s. J.T. Peters was conductor in 1881, J.E. Birtwell in 1887 and 1894, Mr Chamberlain in 1906

Whaplode Drove Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active from the early 1900s to 1913. Conductor Mr Beagles in 1905

Wharfedale Brass Band - near Otley, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1875

Wharncliffe Silkstone Colliery Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Rockingham Band

Wharncliffe Woodmoor Colliery Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from 1919 to 1929

Whatstandwell Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active from the 1890s to the 1920s. Conductor Thomas Flint in 1924. Known as Whatstandwell United Silver Band after WW1

Whatstandwell United Silver Band - Derbyshire
See: Whatstandwell Brass Band

Wheal Vor Brass Band - Breage, Cornwall
Active in 1858. Wheal Vor was a tin mine about a mile from Breage

Wheatley and Milton Brass Band - Oxfordshire
Active in 1848 and 1850

Wheatley Brass Band - Oxfordshire
Active in 1864 to 1894

Wheatley Hill and District Band - Durham
See: Wheatley Hill Colliery Band

Wheatley Hill Colliery Band - Durham
Formed in the 1890s. Conductor Mr Carlton in 1894. Robert Walker was the bandmaster in the 1920s and received an ebony and silver baton from the Wheatley Hill Workmans Social Club in 1922. “As with other mining villages, Wheatley Hill has a Brass Band, which was formed as far back as the year 1900. An amusing incident concerning the band is the tale of its drum being in prison. It was in the early 1900's. The band was playing away somewhere, some of the bandmen had too much to drink and the drummer and drum got separated. The drum landed up at Thornley Police Station for
the night. On another occasion the band went to the Durham Miner’ Gala and the drummer lost his drumsticks. As the band could not begin its march home without a drummer, someone suggested using a beer bottle, so thanks to a beer bottle the band played its way out of Durham City and back home.” 1968 - “Although the pit officially closes today, the Lodge banner has not been laid up. Tomorrow with the Wheatley Hill Miners’ Lodge Band, it will head the procession at the Easington Divisional Labour Party May Day demonstration.” The band folded in the late 1960s

**Wheel Brass Band**
Active in 1859, conductor Mr Cauwood, competed in a contest at Newcastle in June 1859.

**Wheelock Heath Brass Band** - Cheshire
Active in the 1870s to 1910s. Conductor J. Platt in 1876

**Whetstone Brass Band** - Leicestershire
Active in the 1920s to WW2.

**Whickham Brass Band (1)** - Durham
Active in 1859. In 1860 it headed a parade for the unveiling of a monument to John English

**Whickham Brass Band (2)** - Durham
Formed in the 1900s. “On Saturday July 18th 1914 the Swalwell Co-op celebrated its Jubilee in Axwell Park. A procession from the village headed by Whickham Brass Band started the proceedings at 2.30pm. Tea was provided and various games were played.” Probably disbanded in the 1930s

**Whickham Colliery Band**
See: *Whickham Brass Band*

**Whifflet Brass Band** - Lanarkshire
See: *Whifflet Mission Brass Band*

**Whifflet Mission Brass Band** - Lanarkshire
Active in the 1900s. Linked to the Hallelujah Mission in Whifflet

**Whins of Milton and Newhouse Brass Band** - Stirlingshire
See: *Whins of Milton Brass Band*

**Whins of Milton Brass Band** - Stirlingshire
Active in the 1850s to 1915. Conductor Archibald Forrest Jenkins in 1879

**Whiston Brass Band** - Staffordshire
Active in the 1870s

**Whiston Brass Band (1)** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from 1864 to the 1900s. A successor band (Whiston Lonsdale Brass) was formed in 1984

**Whiston Brass Band (2)**
See: *Whiston Lonsdale Brass*

**Whiston Lonsdale Brass** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in 1984, amalgamated with the Rotherham Town Band in 1989

**Whiston School Silver Band** - Lancashire
Active in the 1960s

**Whit Lane Brass Band** - Pendleton, Lancashire
Active in the 1890s through to the 1940s. In the 1910s it played in various parks in Salford (Ordsall Park, Peel Park, Albert Park, Claremont Park, Mandley Park and Buile Hill Park). In June 1922, conducted by Mr S Westwood, it took part in a musical festival in aid
of Salford Royal Hospital, which attracted some 30,000 people to the Castle Irwell Racecourse.

**Whit Lane Primitive Methodist Band**
See: *Whit Lane Brass Band*

**Whitbread Castle Eden Band** - Durham
Active in the 1980s

**Whitburn Band** - West Lothian
[previous name of current band] See: *Exchange Communications Whitburn Band*

**Whitburn Brass Band** - Durham
Active in 1868

**Whitburn Burgh Band** - West Lothian
[previous name of current band] See: *Exchange Communications Whitburn Band*

**Whitburn Colliery Band** - Durham
Formed in the 1890s but folded in the early 1900s

**Whitburn Miners Welfare Band** - West Lothian
[previous name of current band] See: *Exchange Communications Whitburn Band*

**Whitburn Public Silver Band** - West Lothian
Active in the 1900s. Reported, in 1919, that the band had been wound up.

**Whitburn Silver Band** - West Lothian
See: *Whitburn Public Silver Band*

**Whitburn Town Band** - West Lothian
[previous name of current band] See: *Exchange Communications Whitburn Band*

**Whitby Amateur Brass Band** - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Formed in 1851. Active into the 1860s. Conductor W. Mercer in 1860

**Whitby Brass Band** - Yorkshire (North Riding)
See: *Whitby Amateur Brass Band*

**Whitby Cliff Brass Band** - Yorkshire (North Riding)
See: *Whitby West Cliff Brass Band*

**Whitby Naval Brigade Band** - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in the 1900s. Conductor Mr Hebbron in 1904

**Whitby North Eastern Railway Band** - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in the 1900s. Conductor Mr Ainsley in 1904

**Whitby Operatic Brass Band** - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in 1895, secretary Richard Lyth.

**Whitby Volunteers Brass Band** - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in the 1880s

**Whitby West Cliff Brass Band** - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active in the 1850s to the 1880s, conductor J. Speedy in the 1850s, and H. Barraclough in the 1880s.

**Whitchurch Brass Band** - Buckinghamshire
Active from 1859 to the 1900s. Conductor John Impey in the 1890s

**Whitchurch Brass Band** - Dorset
See: *Winterbourne Whitechurch Brass Band*

**Whitchurch Brass Band** - Glamorgan
[previous name of current band] See: *City of Cardiff (Melingriffith) Brass Band*

**Whitchurch Brass Band** - Glamorgan
Active in the 1890s to WW1
**Whitchurch Brass Band** - Hampshire

Active in the 1850s and 1860s. Conductor L. Cook in 1907

**Whitchurch Brass Band** - Shropshire

Active from the 1840s to 1895. Conductor Mr Blagg in 1859, Mr Rogers in 1882. A successor band was formed in 1973

**Whitchurch Teetotal Brass Band** - Somerset

See: **Whitchurch Temperance Brass Band**

**Whitchurch Temperance Brass Band** - Somerset

Active in the early 1860s

**Whitchurch Town Band** - Shropshire

[current band] - Founded in 1973

**Whitchurch Wesleyan Mission Band** - Somerset

[no information]

**Whitchurch Temperance Brass Band** - Somerset

See: **Whitchurch Teetotal Brass Band**

**Whitchurch Temperance Brass Band** - Winterbourne Whitechurch, Dorset

Active in 1867

**White and Brothers’ Brass Band** - Swanscombe, Kent

See: **Messrs J.B. White and Brothers’ Brass Band**

**White Hart Brass Band** - Tingewick,

See: **Tingewick Brass Band (2)**

**White Leas Brass Band** - Roddymoor, Durham

See: **White Leas Colliery Brass Band**

**White Leas Colliery Brass Band** - Roddymoor, Durham

Active in the 1870s. Some of its members took Christopher Smith to court to recover 10 quineas, the cost of a drum, which was broken by his horse and cart running away, citing negligence. The judge, however, ruled that the band were negligent in carrying banners on the public highway.

**Whitechapel Division Police Brass Band** - Middlesex

See: **H Division Police Brass Band**

**Whitechapel Industrial School Brass Band** - Middlesex

Active in 1861 to 1868. The school was located in Forest Lane

**Whitechurch Brass Band** - Dorset

See: **Winterbourne Whitechurch Brass Band**

**Whitechurch Temperance Brass Band** - Winterbourne Whitechurch, Dorset

Active in 1867

**Whitefield Brass Band** - Lancashire

Active in the 1870s and 1880s

**Whitefield Original Band** - Lancashire

See: **Whitefield Brass Band**

**Whitehaven Artillery Band** - Cumberland

Active in the 1890s to 1910s

**Whitehaven Borough Prize Band** - Cumberland

[previous name of current band] See: **Whitehaven Brass Band**

**Whitehaven Brass Band** - Cumberland


**Whitehaven Grammar School Brass Band** - Cumberland

Active in the 1970s
Whitehaven Miners' Brass Band - Cumberland
   Founded in 1857, conductor Mr Hunt

Whitehaven Public Band - Cumberland
   [previous name of current band] See: Whitehaven Brass Band

Whitehaven Recreation Brass Band - Cumberland
   Active in the 1890s

Whitehaven Rifles Brass Band - Cumberland
   Active in the 1870s to 1890s

Whitehaven Volunteers Band - Cumberland
   See: Whitehaven Rifles Brass Band

Whitehawk County Secondary School Brass Band - Sussex
   Active in the 1970s

Whitehouse Street Mission Band - Walsall, Staffordshire
   [no information]

Whiteparish Brass Band - Wiltshire
   Active in the 1850s to the 1900s, conductor S. Chalk in 1851.

Whiterigg Brass Band - Roxburghshire
   Active in 1899

White's Cement Works Brass Band - Swanscombe, Kent
   See: Messrs J.B. White and Brothers’ Brass Band

Whiteshill and Ruscombe Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   See: Ruscombe and Whiteshill Brass Band

Whiteshill Brass Band - Gloucestershire
   See: Ruscombe and Whiteshill Brass Band

Whitestone Brass Band - Devon
   Active in 1891, conductor Mr Vinnicombe

Whiteway Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
   Active in 1861

Whitwell Vale Brass Band - Waterfoot, Lancashire
   Active in the 1890s to 1910s. Conductor T.H. Hoyle in 1897

Whitfield Brass Band - Glossop, Derbyshire
   Active from 1860 to the 1890s. Secretary (and drummer) Peter Leatherbarrow in 1876, when he died suddenly aged 22.

Whitfield Colliery Prize Band - Audley, Staffordshire
   Active in 1924

Whitham and Porritt's Brass Band
   See: Messrs Porritt and Witham’s Brass Band

Whitington Brass Band - Norfolk
   Active in 1899

Whitley Brass Band - Northumberland
   Active in the 1870s

Whitley Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Whitley Lower Brass Band

Whitley Bridge Subscription Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1940s and early 1950s

Whitley Lower Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1880s to the 1920s
Whitley's Brass Band  
See: Bramley Brass Band

Whitstable Bay Boy Scouts Brass Band - Kent  
Active in the 1920s and the 1950s

Whitstable Boy Scouts Band  
See: Whitstable Bay Boy Scouts Brass Band

Whitstable Brass - Kent  
[current band] - Founded in 1977

Whitstable Brass Band (1) - Kent  
Active in 1863, folded prior to October 1867 when a successor band was formed.

Whitstable Brass Band (2) - Kent  
Founded in October 1867, conductor Mr Wyver. Still active in 1878, folded prior to 1880 when a successor band was formed.

Whitstable Brass Band (3) - Kent  
Founded in 1888 by Sibert Saunders (who also opened the first bank in Whitstable). Bandmaster Harry Charles Wood in 1911 (who had been in that role for twenty years), W. Robinson in 1914. The band disbanded in 1914. In 1916 F.N. Headicar advertised in the local press requesting: “All persons having instruments belonging to the Whitstable Brass Band, to give them up as soon as possible.” A successor band was formed in 1977

Whitstable Church Schools’ Brass Band - Kent

Whitstable Town Band - Kent  
Founded in 1867. Active to the 1920s. Bandmaster G. Wyver in 1895, Mr Ougham in 1897, H. Wood in 1900, Tom Norris in 1908. Was weakened by WW1 and disbanded in the early 1920s. E.J. Hopkins was treasurer for 19 years in its latter days. He stated, in 1922, that “there has only been one Whitstable Town Band, although several others, both brass and military, have been formed at various times, but none lasting very long.”

Whittingham Asylum Brass Band - near Preston, Lancashire  
Active in the 1890s

Whittington Brass Band - near Kinver, Staffordshire  
Active in 1861

Whittington Brass Band - near Lichfield, Staffordshire  
Active from the mid-1870s to the late 1900s. Conductor T. Langton in 1878-1887, H. Langton in 1892-1908

Whittington Moor Brass Band - Derbyshire  
See: Old Whittington Brass Band

Whittington Resolution Brass Band - Derbyshire  
Active in 1869

Whittle Brass Band - Whittle-le-Woods, Lancashire  
Active in 1863

Whittlesea Brass Band - Cambridgeshire  
See: Whittlesey Brass Band

Whittlesea Town Band - Cambridgeshire  
See: Whittlesey Brass Band
**Whittlesey Brass Band** - Cambridgeshire

Formed in 1854, conductor Thomas Baker in 1856. Re-organised in 1860. Active through to the 1900s. Bandmaster O. Pentelow and conductor W.J.D. Trengrove in 1904. In January 1861 there was a grand skating match on “our Wash” at Whittlesey, with some 3,000 people on the ice at one time. The band played on the ice for the competitors. Known as Whittlesea Town Band in the 1900s

**Whittlesey King’s Dyke Brass Band** - Cambridgeshire
Active in the 1890s to 1930s

**Whitwell and Company Brass Band** - Stockton-on-Tees, Durham
Active from 1877 to the 1890s. Conductor in 1895 was J.C. Coatesworth

**Whitwell Brass Band** - Derbyshire
[current band] - Founded in 1900 - Former names: Old Whitwell Village Band, Whitwell Temperance Band, Whitwell Colliery Band, Whitwell Colliery Miners Welfare Band

- Note: A brass band was first known in the village in the 1860s. During the 1920’s the British Legion Band was formed with headquarters at the George Inn. The Whitwell Silver Prize Band followed, supported by the Colliery and conducted by Mr. Waiters until about 1936. The band was reformed under conductor Mr. West, at the Middle Club and in 1950, under the CISWO, moved to the Miner’s Welfare with conductors J. Harrison and J. Bright. Early in the 1960’s the band was reformed under Wilf Wheatley and the present conductor, Dennis Wheatley, took over in 1970.

**Whitwell Brass Band (1)** - Derbyshire
Active in the 1860s to WW1. Also known as Whitwell Temperance Band at some time.

**Whitwell Brass Band (2)** - Derbyshire
Formed in the mid-1920s, supported by the Colliery and conducted by Mr. Waiters until about 1936. Also known as Whitwell Colliery Brass Band. A successor band was formed around 1946.

**Whitwell Brass Band (3)** - Derbyshire
Reformed in 1946 under conductor Mr. West, at the Middle Club and in 1950, under the CISWO, moved to the Miner’s Welfare with conductors J. Harrison and J. Bright. Folded around 1963. A successor band (the current Whitwell Band) was reformed in the mid-1960s under Wilf Wheatley.

**Whitwell British Legion Band** - Derbyshire
Active in the 1920s and early 1930s - headquarters at the George Inn

**Whitwell Colliery Band** - Derbyshire
[previous name of current band] See: Whitwell Brass Band

**Whitwell Colliery Brass Band** - Derbyshire
See: Whitwell Brass Band (2)

**Whitwell Colliery Miners Welfare Band** - Derbyshire
[previous name of current band] See: Whitwell Brass Band

**Whitwell Colliery Miners Welfare Band** - Derbyshire
See: Whitwell Brass Band (2)

**Whitwell Temperance Band** - Derbyshire
[previous name of current band] See: Whitwell Brass Band

**Whitwell Temperance Brass Band** - Derbyshire
See: Whitwell Brass Band (1)

**Whitwell United Temperance Brass Band** - Derbyshire
See: Whitwell Brass Band (1)
**Whitwick Brass Band** - Leicestershire
Active from the early 1870s to the 1880s. Conductor T. Clay in 1879, A.B. Needham in 1885

**Whitwick Catholic Brass Band** - Leicestershire
Active in the 1890s

**Whitwick Colliery Brass Band** - Leicestershire
Active from the 1860s to the 1890s. Conductor Thomas Rolfe Cosgrove in 1866, T. Clay in 1889

**Whitwick Holy Cross Brass Band** - Leicestershire
Active in the 1910s

**Whitwood Colliery Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1870s to the 1920s

**Whitworth and Binchester Brass Band** - Durham
Active in the mid-1900s

**Whitworth Brass Band** - Spennymoor, Durham
Active in 1868, conductor T. Woods. It became Spennymoor Brass Band when the town of Spennymoor absorbed Whitworth. Conductor Thomas Snowdon in 1885. It became a Volunteer Band during the Boer War, and borrowed money from a local brewery in 1913 to purchase a new set of instruments, changing its name to the Spennymoor Silver Model Band. In 1926 monies were still owed to the brewery and, the band being down to eleven players, it was decided to allow woodwind players to join, and they became the Whitworth and Spennymoor Military Band. It did not take long for the debt to the brewery to be paid off and, as more brass players joined, the woodwind players left to do dance band and orchestral work, leaving the band all brass once more. After World War Two the band started contesting as the Spennymoor Silver Prize Band. It gained sponsorship in 1975, becoming Camerons Silver Prize Band, but the sponsorship was withdrawn after three years and the band folded in 1978. A successor band, Spennymoor Town Band, was formed in 1982. Another account states: “In the early 1870s the Whitworth Brass Band was formed, and the principal players were the members of the Raine family. Several of them became famous Band Conductors in various parts of the North of England. One year Whitworth Band entered 41 contests, winning 16, being second 13 times, and third 7 times. The late Tom Snowdon conducted this Band for many years. Before this he was appointed Conductor of the Tudhoe Colliery Band when he was only 18 years of age. Mr. Snowdon led the Band on to several notable musical victories in North Country contests. He worked in the mine at Tudhoe and at Dean Bank until an advanced age, and died in his 79th year shortly after celebrating his Golden Wedding. Mr. John Mutton, another famous bandsman, conducted the local Temperance Band for over 40 years, during which period they won many contests.”

**Whitworth Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active in 1856, playing its first concert on Brown Wardle Hill.

**Whitworth Church Institute Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active in the 1920s and 1930s

**Whitworth Colliery Band**
See: Whitworth Park Colliery Band

**Whitworth New Model Brass Band** - Spennymoor, Durham
Active in the 1850s. Conductor W. Lathern in 1859
Whitworth Parish Church Institute Brass Band
See: Whitworth Church Institute Brass Band

Whitworth Park Band
See: Whitworth Park Colliery Band

Whitworth Park Colliery Band - Spennymoor, Durham
Active in the 1840s to the 1880s. Conductor Mr Bluett in 1859

Whitworth Scouts Band - Spennymoor, Durham
[no information]

Whitworth Vale and Healey Band - Lancashire
[current band] - Founded in 1884 - Note: Healey Hall Band, which became defunct in 1884, amalgamated with the Whitworth Vale Band shortly afterwards to form the current band.

Whitworth Vale Brass Band - Lancashire
Founded in 1853. Amalgamated with the Healey Hall Band in 1884 to form the current Whitworth Vale and Healey Band

Whitworth Veterans Band - Lancashire
[current band] - Note: Made up of ex Whitworth Vale and Healey Band players and friends - meets only once a month between September and March and holds its annual concert in February.

Whixall Brass Band - Shropshire
Active in the 1890s to WW1. Conductor Mr Maddocks in 1904

Whorlton Brass Band - Yorkshire, North Riding
Active in 1905

Whyteleafe Mission Band - Surrey
Active in the 1900s

Whyteleafe Village Brass Band - Surrey
Active in the 1900s to 1939

Wibsey Brass and Reed Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Wibsey Brass Band

Wibsey Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in the 1970s - Former names: Wibsey Brass and Reed Band

Wick Brass Band - Caithness
Active in 1868

Wick Brass Band - Gloucestershire
See: Wyck Rissington Brass Band

Wicken Brass Band - Cambridgeshire
See: Wicken Wesleyan Brass Band

Wicken Coronation Band - Cambridgeshire
[current band] - Founded in 1911

Wicken Wesleyan Brass Band - Cambridgeshire
Formed in 1869, it was disbanded in 1885. A successor band was formed in 1911.

Wickersley Brass Band - near Rotherham, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1862, 1885

Wickham Brass Band - Berkshire
See: Welford and District Band

Wicklewood Enterprise Band - Norfolk
Active in 1904
Widcombe Parochial Brass Band - Somerset
   Active in the 1900s. In 1908 it went on strike because the vicar would not sanction dividing the Christmas money collected among the members. They bought new instruments in 1906.

Widdington Brass Band (1) - Essex
   Active in the 1880s, folded prior to 1909 when a successor band was formed.

Widdington Brass Band (2) - Essex
   Formed around 1909 by Rev. J.W. Court, and lasted through to WW2. For further details see “Widdington Brass Band” at www.ibew.co.uk

Widdrington Colliery Brass Band - Northumberland
   Active in 1877, conductor James Mordue, secretary Joseph Thompson

Widnes Borough Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1950s

Widnes Brass Band - Lancashire
   See: Widnes Subscription Brass Band

Widnes C. of E. Temperance Band - Lancashire
   Founded in 1883, conductor James Ainsworth, became Widnes Jubilee Temperance Band in 1887

Widnes Jubilee Temperance Band - Lancashire
   See: Widnes C. of E. Temperance Band

Widnes Soap Works Band - Lancashire
   See: Gossages Soap Works Band

Widnes St Mary's Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Conductor J.J. Brady in 1895

Widnes St Mary's Young Men's Society Brass Band - Lancashire
   See: Widnes St Mary's Brass Band

Widnes Star of Temperance Brass Band - Lancashire
   Report of the Penketh Methodist Church School in 1880: “For many years the Good Friday Tea Meeting was a great day in the School’s year. Its origin is interesting. It had become the custom for a fair to be held at Fiddler’s Ferry on that day and crowds came by train from Widnes and Warrington to enjoy a day in the country. The affair usually ended in alcoholic disorder and riot. It was, of course, a great attraction to the youth of the village and non-conformist consciences were deeply troubled. In 1880, in an attempt to provide a counter attraction, the first Tea Meeting was held. The Star of Temperance Brass Band from Widnes paraded through the village beforehand to publicise it, and played at the Penketh Methodist Church School during the evening.” Active to 1883 at least.

Widnes Subscription Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1890s to the 1930s

Widnes Wesleyan Mission Brass Band - Lancashire
   See: Widnes Star of Temperance Brass Band

Wigan and District Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1960s to the 1990s

Wigan Borough Brass Band - Lancashire
   Founded in the early 1880s. Active through to the 1900s, also in the 1940s

Wigan Boys Club Brass Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1950s and 1960s
Wigan Brass Band - Lancashire
See: Wigan Harmonic Brass Band

Wigan British Legion Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1920s to the 1940s

Wigan Harmonic Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1840s to the late 1860s. Conductor William James, leader H. Heylen in 1860.

Wigan Mission Band - Lancashire
Founded in 1905

Wigan Old Borough Band - Lancashire
See: Wigan Borough Brass Band

Wigan Rifles Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Pemberton Old Wigan Band

Wigan Rifles Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1860s to the 1900s

Wigan Schools Band - Lancashire
See: Metropolitan Borough of Wigan Schools Brass Band

Wigan St Catherine's Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1900s. Conductor Alfred Wallace in 1903. The church supported a boys' brigade band in the 1940s

Wigan St Patrick's Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1870s to the 1900s. Conductor James Farrimond in 1902

Wigan Temperance Band - Lancashire
Founded in 1907, conductor James Farrimond. Folded in 1908.

Wigan Youth Brass Band - Lancashire
[current band] - Founded in 1998

Wiggenhall Silver Band
See: Wiggenhall United Brass Band

Wiggenhall St Germans Band
See: Wiggenhall United Brass Band

Wiggenhall United Brass Band - Wiggenhall St Germans, Norfolk
Active pre-WW1 in 1910-1913. However, it was reported to have been formed in 1919 by Rayner Dent. He trained this small village band to such a high standard that one year they won first prize at the band contest, which was an annual event organised by the East Anglian Brass Band Association. On Sunday evenings, weather permitting, the band would stand in a half-circle, in the village centre, in front of the pub. People would assemble on the grass of the river bank and enjoy the music of Gilbert and Sullivan or maybe Noel Coward or Cole Porter. The band also provided the music at the annual garden fete, held in the grounds of the vicarage where competitions took place, such as cork stabbing, guessing the weight of the pig and hoop-la etc. Rayner Dent’s day-time job, in the Summer at least, was as a mole-catcher and, because he always wore a collar and tie, he was known as “The Gentleman Mole Catcher”. By the 1930s the band had adopted the name Wiggenhall Silver Prize Band. A postcard exists, dated September 30th 1912, showing the Wiggenhall United Brass Band.

Wigginton Brass Band - Hertfordshire
Active in the 1920s

Wight Brass - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
[current band] - Founded in 2009
Wigmore School Brass Band - West Bromwich, Staffordshire
   Active in 1892 to 1910. Conductor Mr Courbourd in 1907. Based at the Wigmore District School, Pennyhill Lane, Charlemont, it catered for pauper children to keep them out of the workhouses.

Wigston Adult School Brass Band - Leicestershire
   Active in the 1900s

Wigston Brass Band - Leicestershire
   [current band] - Founded in the 1890s - Former names: Wigston Wesleyan Mission Band, Wigston Temperance Silver Prize Band (from 1902 to the 1980s)

Wigston Brass Band - Leicestershire
   Active in the 1860s to the 1890s. The current Wigston Band started life as Wigston Wesleyan Mission Band in the early 1890s.

Wigston Excelsior Brass Band - Leicestershire
   Active in 1894

Wigston Institute Brass Band - Leicestershire
   See: Wigston Working Men’s Club Brass Band

Wigston Temperance Silver Prize Band - Leicestershire
   [previous name of current band] See: Wigston Brass Band

Wigston United Brass Band - Leicestershire
   Active in the late 1880s to 1911. Conductor A. Boulter in 1890, S. Matthews in 1891, A. Boulter in 1898

Wigston Wesleyan Mission Band - Leicestershire
   [previous name of current band] See: Wigston Brass Band

Wigston Working Men’s Club Brass Band - Leicestershire
   Active in the 1880s to 1900s

Wigton Brass Band - Cumberland
   Active in the mid-1860s to 1867

Wigton Foresters’ Brass Band - Cumberland
   Active in the 1850s

Wigton Town Brass Band - Cumberland
   Active in the 1880s, conductor John Pearson in 1886

Wigtown Brass Band - Wigtownshire
   Active in the 1900s through to WW1

Wigtown Burgh Band - Wigtownshire
   Active in 1925

Wilberforce High School Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in 1970s

Wilberforce Mission Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
   Active in 1886, bandmaster Mr Mowforth

Wilford Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
   Active in 1853 to 1860. Conductor Mr Shimmels in 1855. Also known as South Notts Yeomanry Band

Wilfreda Beehive Hatfield Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [previous name of current band] See: Hatfield Colliery Band

Willans and Robinson Works Band - Rugby, Warwickshire
   Active around 1910
Willenhall Brass Band  - Staffordshire
  See: Willenhall Britannia Brass Band

Willenhall Britannia Brass Band  - Staffordshire
  Active from 1860 to the 1880s

Willenhall Prize Band  - Staffordshire
  See: Willenhall Town Band

Willenhall Silver Prize Band  - Staffordshire
  See: Willenhall Town Band

Willenhall Temperance Band  - Staffordshire
  Formed around 1880, changed its name in 1897 to Willenhall Temperance Prize Band, following success in local Band competitions. Possibly merged with the Willenhall Silver Prize Band at some time. In a photograph of them, taken in 1880 on the Isle of Man, the names of some of the members were: Page, Sidebottom, Dunton, Lawrence, Bailey, Summerfield (4), Roberts (2), Proffit, Jolborn, E.J. Read, G. Read, Aston, Wolverson and Worthington. The band also performed in the Market Place, Willenhall on Christmas Eve 1885.

Willenhall Templars Band  - Staffordshire
  See: Willenhall Temperance Band

Willenhall Town Band  - Staffordshire
  Formed in the 1880s, changed its name by 1894 to Willenhall Silver Prize Band, following success in local Band competitions. Conductor A. Fisher in 1899, James Roberts in 1906. The Band continued to function well into the 1960's and practiced from their band room in Gomer Street until it was demolished when the area was cleared to make way for new development. Possibly merged with the Willenhall Temperance Band at some time.

Willenhall Volunteer Rifle Corps Band  - Staffordshire
  Active in the 1860s

Willesden Junction Brass Band  - Middlesex
  Active in the 1890s to the 1930s. Conductor E. Brophy in 1906. The Willesden Junction LMS Railway Steam Shed (Silver) Prize Band was engaged to play in Gladstone Park for £100 for the 1930 season. This was repeated in 1931, but the Council were concerned that in the depression as many unemployed musicians should be employed as possible, and the engagement went to the British Professional Military Band in 1933. It was known as Willesden Junction Town Band in the early 1920s, then Willesden Town Band and Willesden Borough Band in the later 1920s.

Willesden Junction LMS Railway Steam Shed (Silver) Prize Band
  Founded in 1907

Willesdon Borough Band
  See: Willesden Junction Brass Band

Willesdon Brass Band  - Middlesex
  From the News of the World, 12th September 1886: Railway Servants' Fete and Gala - Yesterday afternoon, the first annual fete and gala of the Metropolitan Railway Company's employees was held in a field near the Metropolitan Railway Station at Harrow, lent by Mr Atkins. The entertainments comprised an Old English Fair, athletic sports and a firework display. The Metropolitan Brass Band and the Willesdon Brass Band played selections of music. There was a large attendance.

Willesden Town Band
  See: Willesden Junction Brass Band
Willey and Company Brass Band - Exeter, Devon
Active in the 1900s. Conductor Mr Shobrooke in 1903. Willey and Company was an engineering works, primarily manufacturing gas meters for the whole country, but also munitions and equipment in both world wars.

William Davis Construction Group Band - Leicestershire
Formed in 1863 as the Snibston Colliery Band, later known as the Coalville Ebenezer Band, Ebenezer Chapel Band, Coalville Coronation Band, and Snibston Colliery Silver Prize Band from 1924. In 1970 it became sponsored by the Loughborough based building firm, William Davis Construction Group. From this time the band were permanently in the Championship Section and a regular competitor at the Open, National and All England Masters. The band were runners up (to Desford Colliery) at the Midlands Area contest in 1985, 1986 and 1987, winning in 1988, 1989,1990, 1991, 1993 and 1994. 1990 saw a 6th place finish at the Albert Hall on Odin. The band enjoyed less success at the British Open as a “mid-table” band until relegation in 1988; but the band returned after winning the Grand Shield comprehensively in 1993. Arguably the best result for the band was its 2nd place at the All England Masters in 1992, during which period the band reached the giddy heights of 12th in the Brass Band World rankings. Over this time several CDs and overseas tours were undertaken and the band enjoyed a busy concert schedule at key UK venues and were regularly guests on BBC's Listen to the Band. Hard times in the building industry led to a series of lay offs for the workforce of William Davis and the axe inevitably fell on the sponsorship of the band in 1996. The band continued unsponsored for a further year or so under the name of the Markfield Band, the village location of its band room, but failure to attract a full band led to its demise after the Midlands Area contest in 1997. During its 26 years William Davis Construction Group had five musical directors; Dr Jon Hall, Ian Bartram (1972-1975), John Berryman, Dr Keith Wilkinson, and John Hudson.

William Rhodes School Band
See: Rhodian Brass

William Sutherland Total Abstinence Mission Band - Marylebone, Middlesex
Active in the 1900s. In 1908 some band members were sued for the return of their instruments (value £10 5s) as not all were then teetotal.

William Tarn and Co.’s Brass Band - Newington, Surrey
Active in 1868. The firm was a department store with drapery, carpets, furnishings, furniture, etc., at Newington Causeway

Williams' Brass Band - Reading, Berkshire
Active in the 1840s - linked to the Williams Ironmongery and Tin Factory.

Williams Fairey Band - Stockport, Cheshire
[previous name of current band] See: Fairey FP (Music) Band

Williams Fairey Engineering Band - Stockport, Cheshire
[previous name of current band] See: Fairey FP (Music) Band

Williamson Street Primitive Methodist Brass Band - Hull, Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in 1883

Willingham Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in 1852, 1865

Willington Brass Band
See: Willington Temperance Band
Willington Colliery Band - Durham
See: Sunnybrow Colliery Band

Willington Orchestral Silver Band - Durham
Active in the 1900s

Willington Silver Prize Band
See: Willington Temperance Band

Willington Temperance Band - Durham
Formed in 1860, renamed Willington Silver Prize Band in 1891, Brancepeth Colliery Band in 1922 and Brancepeth Welfare Band in 1976. Merged with Aycliffe Brass Band in 1994 to form the new Aycliffe and Brancepeth Band. “Gresford”, the famous miners’ anthem, was first played by the Brancepeth Colliery Band at the Durham Miners’ Gala of 1938. The composer, Robert Saint, a former miner, came from Hebburn-on-Tyne, and he conducted the massed bands of 10 collieries in the Galas of 1947 and 1948.

Willis Shoe Works Brass Band - Worcester, Worcestershire
Active in 1863, 1864. A works band of 18 employees from the Cinderella Shoe Works factory in Copenhagen Street, owned by Henry and John Willis (later J.F. Willis Co.)

Willoughby Waterless Band
See: Willoughby Waterleys Brass Band

Willoughby Waterleys Brass Band - Leicestershire
Active in 1892

Willow Street Primitive Methodist Brass Band - Hackney, Middlesex
Active in 1899

Willows Brass Band - Kirkham, Lancashire
Active in 1861 to 1865

Wilmington Brass Band - Devon
Active in 1859

Wilmslow Brass Band
See: St Bartholomew’s Brass Band

Wilmslow Public Subscription Band - Cheshire
Formed after WW1 and active through the 1920s into the 1950s

Wilmslow Silver Band - Cheshire
[current band] - Founded in 1895

Wilnecote Brass Band - Warwickshire
Active in the 1890s to WW1. Conductor in 1899 was H. Williamson. In 1905 Frederick Titterton conducted the band at the Wilnecote Fete, during which there was a 'Band Race' - the band “toed the line and played a tune which they were supposed to continue while running. The big drummer (J. Young) would have won if he had not fallen over his drum near the winning-post, when T. Oakes, the piccolo player, went to the front. As there was plenty of time it was decided to run the race over again, and at the second attempt the drummer was given a good start so that he won rather easily. F. Sowerby, the euphonium player, was second.”

Wilnecote Victory Silver Band - Warwickshire
Formed in 1945, active into the 1950s. Conductor A. Ball in 1947

Wilpshire Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1890s to the 1920s. Conductor T. Johnson in 1900. Bandmaster George Hodgkinson in 1903
Wilsden and District Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1910s and 1920s. In 1927 the Goit Stock Cafe and Ballroom, where the band had been playing that afternoon, was destroyed by fire, taking with it the band’s instruments, value £180.

Wilsden Boys Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1930s and 1940s

Wilsden Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1870s and 1880s

Wilsden Evening Institute Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the late 1940s

Wilsden Subscription Band
   Founded in 1909

Wilsford Brass Band - Lincolnshire
   Active from 1900 to WW1. George Harrison bandmaster

Wilson Line (Hull) Band
   See: Thomas Wilson, Sons and Company Prize Brass Band

Wilson Son and Company Band
   See: Thomas Wilson, Sons and Company Prize Brass Band

Wilson Street Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
   Active in 1880

Wilson’s Brass Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   [no information]

Wilson’s Dye Works Amateur Brass Band - Hoxton, Middlesex
   Active in 1866 through to the 1880s. Also known as Hoxton Dye Works Band

Wilson’s Line Prize Band
   See: Thomas Wilson, Sons and Company Prize Brass Band

Wilton Amateur Brass Band - Wiltshire
   Active in 1849 and the 1850s

Wilton and District Schools Band - Wiltshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Wilton and District Youth Band

Wilton and District Youth Band - Wiltshire

Wilton Brass Band - Wiltshire
   Active in 1852 to 1866

Wilton Foresters’ Brass Band - Wiltshire
   Active in 1876, conductor E. Yeatman

Wilton School Band - Wiltshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Wilton and District Youth Band

Wilton Street Sunday School Band - Denton, Lancashire
   Active in the early 1900s. Conductor Mr Fairbrother in 1901

Wilts and Dorset (Motor Services Ltd) Band - Hampshire
   Active in the early 1950s - did not survive long.

Wiltshire Reformatory for Boys Band - Warminster, Wiltshire
   Active in the early 1900s.

Wimblebury Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1870s
Wimblebury White Star Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in 1899

Wimbledon Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners' Brass Band - Surrey
   Active in 1866

Wimbledon Battery R.A. Army Cadet Force Band - Surrey
   Active in the late 1950s

Wimbledon Brass Band - Surrey
   Active in the 1900s and 1920s. May have been the local Salvation Army Band, which was
   very prominent at this time.

Wimbledon Church Lads' Brigade Band - Surrey
   Active in the 1900s

Wimbledon Brass Band (1) - Dorset
   Active in the 1830s to around 1870

Wimbledon Brass Band (2) - Dorset
   Founded in 1880, W. Ward secretary. Also known as Wimborne Town Band. They
   obtained a new set of uniforms in 1881. Folded in 1887

Wimbledon Brass Band (3) - Dorset
   Formed in the early 1890s and active through to the 1930s. Also known as Wimborne
   Town Band. Link with Wimborne United Brass Band at some time?

Wimbledon Brass Band (4) - Dorset
   Active in the 1970s

Wimbledon British Legion Band - Dorset
   Active in the 1950s

Wimborne Town Band - Dorset
   See: Wimborne Brass Band (2)

Wimborne United Brass Band - Dorset
   Active in the 1930s

Wimborne Brass Band - Dorset
   Active in the 1900s

Wimborne Brass Band (1) - Dorset
   Active in the 1830s to around 1870

Wimborne Brass Band (2) - Dorset
   Founded in 1880, W. Ward secretary. Also known as Wimborne Town Band. They
   obtained a new set of uniforms in 1881. Folded in 1887

Wimborne Brass Band (3) - Dorset
   Formed in the early 1890s and active through to the 1930s. Also known as Wimborne
   Town Band. Link with Wimborne United Brass Band at some time?

Wimborne Brass Band (4) - Dorset
   Active in the 1970s

Wimborne British Legion Band - Dorset
   Active in the 1950s

Wimborne Town Band - Dorset
   See: Wimborne Brass Band (2)

Wimborne United Brass Band - Dorset
   Active in the 1930s

Wincanton Brass Band - Somerset
   [previous name of current band] See: Wincanton Silver Band

Wincanton Brass Band - Somerset
   Active in the 1850s to the 1870s. A successor band was formed in 1890 (still active today).

Wincanton Silver Band - Somerset
   [current band] - Founded in 1890 - Former names: Wincanton Brass Band - Note: Formed
   by a group of trustees who purchased a set of instruments for players to use. There are
   ancestors of these trustees in todays band. The Band has had much contesting success
   throughout its existance, including being West of England Champions in the 1940's. The
   Band regularly took part in contests at Crystal Palace and Belle View. Todays band is still
   very much a family orientated band, with 3 generations of one family, husband and wife
   partnerships and brothers amongst the members.

Wincham Brass Band - Cheshire
   See: Wincham Temperance Brass Band

Wincham Temperance Brass Band - Cheshire
   Active in the 1870s and 1880s

Winchburgh and District Brass Band - West Lothian
   Active in the 1920s to the 1960s. Conducted by Richard Pritchard in the 1950s and 1960s.

Winchburgh Public Band - West Lothian
   See: Winchburgh and District Brass Band
Winchcombe Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active from 1865 through to WW1 - it had disbanded prior to 1919.

Winchcombe Concert Brass - Gloucestershire
[current band] - Founded in 1984 - Former names: Winchcombe Town Band, Group 4
Winchcombe Concert Brass (1994-2000) - Note: Earlier Winchcombe Town Bands in early
20th century and also one formed in 1954

Winchcombe Town Band - Gloucestershire
[previous name of current band] See: Winchcombe Concert Brass

Winchcombe Town Band
Formed in January 1954. Instruments were scarce - some were donated by members of
the old band, some were obtained from the Parish Church Museum! Any advertisements
offering instruments were followed up and as a result a euphonium was bought from
Upton-on-Severn for £5.00 together with another euphonium and Eb bass from fifteen
shillings each. The latter two needed a little attention but were considered good enough
to learn on. Concerts were given in Winchcombe by Cheltenham Silver Band and the
Gloucester Sparkingham Trombone Quartet, the proceeds going towards Winchcombe
Band funds. Engagements became quite plentiful even as early as the summer of 1954.
Garden parties and fetes for the Royal British Legion, Red Cross Society, Girl Guide
Association, not to mention Bredon and Stanway Flower Shows. Local Cup Finals and
Armistice Parades featured also. In Cheltenham the band performed at the Rotary
Torchlight Procession and the Battle of Britain Parades. Coach parties were organised to
attend the National Championship Finals at the Royal Albert Hall, Mecca to all
bandsmen! Band Contests were held in 1957, 1958 and 1959. These were obviously
modeled on the famous Whit Friday Marches held in the Uppermill area of Lancashire.
The visiting bands were judged on deportment on the march from the Anchor to the
Babesmoor. Playing on the stand took place in Babesmoor. The first Bandmaster was
John Innes, who left in 1958 to join Morris Motors Band. Mick Sharpe took over in
December 1958. Unfortunately numbers declined and it became financially impractical
for him to continue. He left in January 1960. For the next twelve to eighteen months the
band still met weekly and played for their own pleasure until reduced to a quartet.
Eventually they decided to disband in 1961 and all available instruments were sold. A
successor band was formed in 1984

Winchelsea Brass Band - Sussex
Reformed on 21 Oct 1912, so there would have been an earlier band in the town.

Winchester Amateur Brass Band - Hampshire
See: Winchester City Amateur Brass Band

Winchester Brass Band - Hampshire
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Winchester City Amateur Brass Band - Hampshire
Founded in 1865, conductor William Pearce

Winchester Diocesan Training School Brass Band - Hampshire
Active in 1864, conductor Mr Carter

Winchester Police Brass Band - Hampshire
Active in 1915

Winchester Temperance Brass Band - Hampshire
Founded in 1885, bandmaster H.A. Adams. Active through to the 1900s
Winchester Training School Brass Band - Hampshire
See: Winchester Diocesan Training School Brass Band

Wincobank Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1858

Windermere Brass Band - Westmorland
Active in the 1850s. In 1856 it welcomed Admiral Pasley to Windermere, leading a parade for him from the station to his house, playing a few airs and partaking of refreshments on the lawn.

Windermere Steam Yacht Company Brass Band - Westmorland
Active in 1854, 1865

Windermere Steamers Brass Band - Westmorland
See: Windermere Steam Yacht Company Brass Band

Windermere Volunteers Brass Band - Westmorland
Active in the 1900s

Windlesham Band - Surrey
Pictures of the band are held in the Surrey Heath Museum.

Windlestone Colliery Band - Chilton, Durham
Active in the 1910s to 1930s

Windlesham Colliery Workmen’s Silver Band - Abertridwr, Glamorgan
Formed in 1903 as Aber Valley Band, then became the Windsor Colliery Silver Band in 1917. Its original conductor was Jim Radcliffe. He was followed by Morgan Jeremiah who conducted the band at their first successful competition, at St. John's in Cardiff, winning first prize. The music performed was from Iolanthe. The band was also successful at the Daily Herald National Area Competition, held at Llanelli, winning the premier award in their class. Other notable members of the band included George Simms, Tom Pitten, Jack Williams, Sam and George Adams, Bill Evans, Will Davis and Fred Creece. Tudor Llewellyn played the cornet to perfection even though he had lost his hearing. Sam Jones and his son Emlyn also gave great service to the Windsor Band. Glyn, another son, was active in the band until the 1930s when he joined the Enniskillen band. Another Abertridwr family with a long association with the band was the Hazell family. Another conductor of the band at one time was Harold Laycock, the famous trombone player. The last conductor of the band was Fred Hazel. When the Windsor Colliery closed in the early 1970s, all the miners were transferred to Bedwas Colliery and the instruments followed them. They subsequently started a band which in later years became the Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen Band.

Windsor Excelsior Brass Band - Berkshire
Active in 1869

Windsor Institute Brass Band - Salford, Lancashire
Formed in 1917 and was conducted by Mr J Dooley. Following a reformation in 1923 it was known as the Windsor Institute Silver Band, and conducted at that time by Mr Tom Eastwood. By 1927 it was being described as being one of the best in Lancashire, winning the Manchester and district amateur Brass Band Association challenge shield. Conductor Thomas Dooley worked with the band from after the war until the 1960's. It reinvented itself by training a group of children in the early 1970's to become NW champions and be invited to play at the British National Finals. The last mention of the Windsor Brass Band
is in the Manchester Evening News April 1986, and the band itself folded in the 1990s. A website, dedicated to the history of the band, can be found at www.facebook.com/groups/184842212490/  

**Windsor Salford Prize Band** - Salford, Lancashire  
See: *Windsor Institute Brass Band*  

**Windsor Silver Prize Band** - Salford, Lancashire  
See: *Windsor Institute Brass Band*  

**Windsor Temperance Brass Band** - Berkshire  
Active in 1864  

**Windsor Volunteer Town Band** - Berkshire  
Active around 1890  

**Windy Nook Temperance Band** - Durham  
Active in the 1890s, renamed Felling Colliery Silver Band some time before 1900. Active into the 1920s  

**Windygates Brass Band** - Fife  
Active in the 1900s and 1910s  

**Winewall Brass Band** - Lancashire  
Active in 1866  

**Winfield Transport Band** - Walsall, Staffordshire  
Active in the 1960s. Belonged to the Winfield Transport Company based at Wolverhampton Street, Walsall, which had a fleet of 112 lorries transporting coal from local pits to power stations, schools and factories  

**Winfield Walsall Band** - Staffordshire  
See: *Winfield Transport Band*  

**Winford Brass Band** - Somerset  
Active in 1862. Conductor Mr Smith in 1864  

**Winfrith Brass Band** - Dorset  
Active in 1856 to 1866  

**Wing Brass Band** - Buckinghamshire  
Active in 1863 to 1869  

**Wingate Colliery Band** - Durham  
See: *Wingate Grange Band*  

**Wingate Grange Band** - Durham  
Formed in the 1850s, associated with the Wingate Grange Colliery. Later known as Wingate Colliery Band (1891), Wingate Silver Model Band, and Wingate Colliery Band again up to the 1960s  

**Wingate Silver Model Band** - Durham  
See: *Wingate Grange Band*  

**Wingate Sons of Temperance Brass Band** - Durham  
Active in the early 1900s  

**Wingates Band** - Lancashire  

**Wingates Good Templar?s Band** - Lancashire  
[previous name of current band] See: *Wingates Band*
Wingates Temperance Band - Lancashire
[previous name of current band] See: Wingates Band

Wingrave Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
Active in 1892

Winkleigh Brass Band (1) - Devon
Active from the early 1870s. Conductor Henry John Dulling in 1887, Mr Frances in 1894. Folded in 1898.

Winkleigh Brass Band (2) - Devon
Founded around 1900, active through to the early 1920s - playing throughout WW1. Conductor John Mitchell in 1904. In 1908 it played at the High Bickington Sports, Bandmaster Fred Dulling. Percy Mitchell, euphonium player, was aged 29 at his death in 1921.

Winkleigh Subscription Brass Band - Devon
Active in 1887, conducted by W. Friend

Winlaton Brass Band - Durham
It was formed in about 1801 and linked to the 5th Volunteer Battalion of the Durham Light Infantry. Conductor Mr Groundy in 1867. Active through to the early 1900s. “Coffee Johnny” was a long time follower of the band but does not appear to have actually played in it. At his funeral, on the 7th April 1900, his body was brought to Blaydon station to be met by the Band who marched him up the hill to St Paul’s cemetery. At his request they played “When Johnny comes marching home.” Coffee Johnny has almost mythical status due to his appearance in the last verse of Blaydon races. This conferred on him a sort of immortality. Yet he was a real man, who was born, married and buried in Winlaton.

Winlaton Silver Band - Durham
Probably formed some time after WW1, active through the 1920s into the 1930s.

Winning Colliery Band
See: Blackwell and B Winning Colliery Band

Winnington Boy Scouts Band - Cheshire
See: I.C.I. (Alkali) Band

Winnington Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in 1858

Winnington Lads' Club Band - Cheshire
See: I.C.I. (Alkali) Band

Winsford Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in the 1860s to the 1890s

Winsford Brass Band - Somerset
Active in 1866, conductor Mr Perry

Winsford Temperance Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in the 1890s to the 1910s. Also known as Over and Winsford Temperance Band in its early years.

Winsford Terriers Band - Cheshire
Active in 1912

Winsford Volunteer Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in 1902

Winsford Volunteer Social Institute Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in the 1930s
Winsham Brass Band - Somerset
Active in the 1860s. A successor band was formed in 1902

Winsham Coronation Brass Band - Somerset
Founded in 1902, its founding members having been members of the Winsham Drum and Fife Band. Conductor G. Higgins in 1904, C. Phelps in 1922. It folded in 2010

Winslow Brass Band (1) - Buckinghamshire
Formed in the early 1860s. Conductor in 1865 was A. Nelson. President, Dr Newham in 1866. Active into the 1870s.

Winslow Brass Band (2) - Buckinghamshire
See: Winslow Town Band

Winslow Town Band - Buckinghamshire
Formed in 1901, active through into the 1910s. Conductor G. Emerson in 1905, J. Bathe in 1907, Mr Emerson in 1909

Winster Brass Band - Derbyshire
Active in the 1840s into the 1880s. It folded prior to 1900.

Winterborne Stickland Brass Band (1) - Dorset
Active in 1871, conductor I. Elford in 1893. Disbanded sometime between 1896 and 1900.

Winterborne Stickland Brass Band (2) - Dorset

Winterborne Zelston Brass Band - Dorset
Active in the 1890s

Winterbourne and Frampton Cotterell Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active in 1862

Winterbourne Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active in 1879. In 1893 took part in a temperance procession at Frenchay. Still active in 1910

Winterbourne Brass Band - Wiltshire
See: Winterbourne Dauntsey Brass Band

Winterbourne Dauntsey Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active in 1865 to 1872

Winterbourne Down Reed and Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active in 1899

Winterbourne Temperance Brass Band - Wiltshire
See: Winterbourne Total Abstinence Brass Band

Winterbourne Total Abstinence Brass Band - Winterbourne Dauntsey, Wiltshire
Active in 1862, conductor Samuel Barnes

Winterbourne Whitechurch Brass Band - Dorset
Active from 1862 to the late 1940s. Also known as Whitchurch Brass Band.

Winterley Brass - Cheshire
[current band] - Founded in 1938 - Former names: Winterley Methodist Brass Band

Winterley Methodist Brass Band - Cheshire
[previous name of current band] See: Winterley Brass

Winterslow Amateur Brass Band - Wiltshire
Formed in August 1860, bandmaster F.R. Hobbs. Still active in 1864

Winton Brass Band (1) - Hampshire
Active in the 1890s to the 1930s. Conductor J.H. Chapman in 1903, Mr Finch in 1908. Folded some time after 1934 - probably during WW2
Winton Brass Band (2) - Hampshire
  See: Winton British Legion Silver Band

Winton British Legion Silver Band - Hampshire
  Formed in 1925 as Southbourne Silver Band, became Bournemouth YMCA Silver Band in 1945, then Winton Brass Band in 1949. It went into decline in the 1950s and eventually amalgamated with the Bournemouth Silver Band in 1959.

Wire Brass - Warrington, Lancashire

Wirksworth Brass Band - Derbyshire
  Active from the 1840s to the 1910s. Obtained a new set of uniforms in 1884. Conductor E. Martin in 1899.

Wirksworth Primitive Methodist Brass Band - Derbyshire
  Active in 1894

Wirksworth Silver Prize Band - Derbyshire
  Active in the early 1960s. In 1964 it amalgamated with the Brassington and Middleton Victoria bands to form the BMW band, rehearsing at Wirksworth.

Wirksworth United Brass Band - Derbyshire
  Active from the 1880s through to the 1920s. Conductor J. Oxpring in its early years, W. Gallimore in 1902, H.B. Snow in the early 1920s.

Wirksworth Volunteer Brass Band - Derbyshire
  Active from the 1880s through to the 1900s. Conductor B. White in the late 1880s.

Wirral Brass - Cheshire
  [current band] - Founded in 2010

Wirral Brass Ensemble - Cheshire
  [current band] - Founded in 1997

Wisbech Brass Band - Cambridgeshire
  Active from the mid-1830s and through to the 1940s at least. Known as Wisbech Town Band from the late 1890s

Wisbech Oddfellows Brass Band - Cambridgeshire
  Founded in 1862. Its uniform was “the Garibaldian costume”

Wisbech Rifle Corps Brass Band - Cambridgeshire
  Formed in 1864.

Wisbech Town Band - Cambridgeshire
  See: Wisbech Brass Band

Wishaw Brass Band - Lanarkshire
  Active from the 1860s to the 1920s. New uniforms in 1867

Wishaw Ironworks Brass Band - Lanarkshire
  See: Wishaw Steel Works Brass Band

Wishaw Rifle Volunteers Band - Lanarkshire
  Active in the 1860s

Wishaw Steel Works Brass Band - Lanarkshire
  Active in the 1900s to 1910s

Wistanstow Brass Band - Shropshire
  Active in 1913 and 1937

Witham Brass Band - Essex
  Active in the early 1860s
Witham Metropolitan School Brass Band - Essex
Active in the 1890s to 1902. Conductor W. Muskett in 1900. The school was purchased from the Witham Union Workhouse in 1882 for use as an orphan home, accommodating 200 children. It closed in 1902, converting to an asylum for children with ringworm

Witham Poor Law School Band - Essex
See: Witham Metropolitan School Brass Band

Witham Town Band - Essex
Active from the early 1900s to the early 1930s. It was formerly disbanded in 1936, some years after it ceased playing, its remaining funds, £10, being divided among local organisations.

Witheridge Brass Band - Devon
Active in the 1840s to WW1. Conductor in 1875 was S. Hill. It was “resuscitated” in 1884, conductor C. Parish, though there does not seem to have been a major break in its activity just prior to then. Conductor in 1892 was S. Hill, Mr Palfreymand in 1897.

Witheridge Subscription Brass Band - Devon
See: Witheridge Brass Band

Withern Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in the 1880s to 1900s

Withernsea Brass Band (1) - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Founded in December 1895. Conductor Mr Arnott in 1896. Disbanded some time before 1905, when it was reported that there were plans to resuscitate the band - this time it was proposed to run it “on pious and non-alcoholic lines”. This attempt seems to have failed, the successor band not appearing until 1912

Withernsea Brass Band (2) - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Founded in 1912, making its playing debut in December

Withernsea Gospel Mission Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
Active in 1932

Withington Brass Band - Herefordshire
Active in 1896

Withington Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the late 1880s and early 1890s. The band received a “jubilee gift” from Mrs Richardson of Hillside, Fallowfield, of bandmaster’s baton in ebony and silver.

Withnell Fold Mill Band - Lancashire
Active from the 1880s to the 1930s. The mill at one time boasted a Silver “Prize” Band equipped with a full set of silver instruments and a handsome uniform. They were open for engagements and were very much sought after for events such as Walking Days, Garden Parties etc. The Band Master was Mr. Joseph Hargreaves who held that position for a great number of years. Other prominent members were Albert and William Nightingale. Robert and Joseph Marsden - both machine men at the mill in those days but later to become managers of other mills in the group - Jack Jones, Joseph Miller, Fred Fairhurst, Ralph Eccles, Eddie Ambrose, Harry Jones - just to mention a few. They had a room on the mill premises for practices which were held each week, but on summer evenings they rehearsed outside, often marching up and down the road preparing for walking days etc. Mr. Hargreaves was an excellent Band Master and at the same time a very 'droll' Lancashire man. If the band were not performing as well as he thought they ought he would say “Na cum on lads, put a bit o’ leet and shade in it, it’s like a white washed wa’”. The Band, like the Cricket team was also transported by the mill lorry
whenever playing in any of the surrounding towns, there being no other form of transport capable of carrying both men and instruments, plus some of the villagers who went along to support them, as we were all mighty proud of our Band!

**Withnell Fold Prize Band** - Lancashire

*See: Withnell Fold Mill Band*

**Witney and Burford Brass Band** - Oxfordshire

Active in 1866

**Witney Brass Band (1)** - Oxfordshire

Active in the late 1830s through to the 1840s. A successor band was formed in 1857

**Witney Brass Band (2)** - Oxfordshire

Founded in 1857, conductor John Woodcock, and active through to the 1900s. Also known as Royal Witney Brass Band. Conductor J. Crawford, leader T. Clarke in 1860, A. Titcomb in 1900. Known as the 5th Oxfordshire Rifles Brass Band for a time in the 1850s/1860s, it was “newly organised” in 1866. A successor band (Witney Town Band) was formed in the 1880s.

**Witney Primitive Methodist Brass Band** - Oxfordshire

Active in the 1880s

**Witney Temperance Band** - Oxfordshire

[previous name of current band] *See: Witney Town Band*

**Witney Temperance Brass Band** - Oxfordshire

Formed in 1850 and folded around 1875.

**Witney Town Band** - Oxfordshire

[current band] - Founded in 1850 - Former names: Witney Temperance Band

**Witton Park Brass Band** - Durham

Active in the 1890s and 1900s

**Witton Park Ironworks Brass Band** - Durham

Active in 1866, leader Mr Elgey. Bandmaster Philip White in 1875

**Witton Park Quadrille Brass Band** - Durham

Active in 1863

**Witton Temperance Band** - Durham

Active in the 1900s

**Witton Village Band** - Durham

*See: Witton-le-Wear Brass Band*

**Witton-le-Wear Brass Band** - Durham

Formed in the 1860s and folded in the 1950s. Conductor Mr Elgey in 1866

**Wiveliscombe and Milverton Rifle Corps Brass Band** - Somerset

Formed in 1865.

**Wiveliscombe Brass Band** - Somerset

Active in the 1860s to the 1900s. Conductor Mr Lewis in 1888

**Wiveliscombe Town Band** - Somerset

[current band] - Founded in the 1900s

**Wiveliscombe Volunteer Band** - Somerset

Active in 1896, when it gave a concert in Wellington

**Wivenhoe Alexandra Brass Band** - Essex

Active in 1863, becoming Wivenhoe Town Band by the end of the century. Also known as Royal Alexandra Brass Band. It possibly folded in the early 1900s - possibly becoming
the Band of the 2nd Volunteer Battery Essex Regiment. For more details, see “Grandad Played The Cornet: A History of Brass Bands in North East Essex”, by David Cawdell.

**Wivenhoe Brass Band** - Essex  
See: *Wivenhoe Alexandra Band*

**Wivenhoe Town Band** - Essex  
See: *Wivenhoe Alexandra Band*

**Wivenhoe Wesley Guild Band** - Essex  
Formed in 1907, disbanded at the outbreak of war in 1914. For more details, see “Grandad Played The Cornet: A History of Brass Bands in North East Essex”, by David Cawdell.

**WL Marriner's Private Brass Band**  
See: *Marriner's Band*

**Woburn Sands Band** - Buckinghamshire  
[current band] - Founded in 1885

**Woking Brass Band** - Surrey  
Formed in 1892 as Chertsey Town Band. Later became Chertsey Town Silver Prize Band. In September 1942 it merged with Addlestone Temperance Band and became attached to the Weymanns Coach Works, near the railway station at Addlestone, Surrey, not far from Chertsey. It was called Weymann's Works Band. Weymanns built bodies for London Transport buses, charabanc and coach bodies, and made very fine lightweight fabric bodies for Bentleys and similar prestige cars. The band and the coachworks were still active in the early 1960's, but the works closed in 1966. The band decided to continue independently and re-formed as the Chertsey and Addlestone Band. They competed in the 4th section in the late 60's and 70's, and were in the 3rd section by 1982. In 1988 they became the Genet Group Band (Chertsey) and finally Woking Brass Band in 1999, reflecting a five year agreement with the Borough of Woking. The band carried the Borough's coat of arms on its banners, wore new red, black and gold uniforms and performed a range of Borough events throughout the year. The band had a close link with the Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall, Twickenham, several of whose students would play as guest members and conductors. The band dissolved in early 2005. See the book by Vic and Jean Gale - “A Brass Heritage: 100 Years of Chertsey and Alderstone Village Bands”, 1993. An ex-member, Mike Sheehan, recalls that in the 1960s “we had a single token female in an otherwise all-male band. Rosie was a very presentable young woman who played Flugel (long before the release of “Brassed Off”!). She looked a treat in the short mess-kit pattern jacket and her above-the-knee skirt; this was, after all, the mini-skirted swinging sixties! To me as an impressionable teenager she was a goddess.

**Wokingham All Saints Brass Band**  
See: *Wokingham Amateur Brass Band*

**Wokingham Amateur Brass Band** - Berkshire  
Founded in 1871, under the leadership of W. Breach. Aligned to the parishes of All Saints and St Pauls in the town. Still active in the 1910s

**Wokingham Brass Band** - Berkshire  
Active in the 1850s and 1860s

**Wokingham Town Brass Band** - Berkshire  
Active in the 1890s through to the 1950s. Also known as Wokingham Town and British Legion Band in the 1930s, and Wokingham British Legion Band in the 1950s.
Wokingham Volunteers Brass Band - Berkshire
   Active in the 1900s. Known as the 1st Volunteer Battalion Berkshire Regiment Band

Wolborough Brass Band - Devon
   Active in the 1900s. In 1908 it merged with the Highweek Brass Band to form Newton Abbot Town Band

Woldingham Band - Surrey
   Competed in the SCABA contest in Chichester in April 1927.

Wolds Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   See: Malton and Driffield Band

Wollaston Brass Band - Northamptonshire
   Active in the 1860s to the 1880s. Conductor W. Jones in 1865

Wollaston Excelsior Brass Band - Northamptonshire
   Active in the 1890s through to WW1. Conductor J.K. Skinner in 1899, Andrew Reynolds in 1900, Frank Smart in 1904, F. Tyler in 1908. Renamed Wollaston Town Band after the war. In 1919 the band took over the uniforms of the Wellingborough Temperance Band, which had folded earlier during WW1. Active through to the early 1970s.

Wollaston Town Band - Northamptonshire
   See: Wollaston Excelsior Brass Band

Wollaston Village Brass Band - Northamptonshire
   Formed September 1881, conductor W. Lamb.

Wollaton Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
   See: Wollaton Colliery Brass Band

Wollaton Colliery Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Conductor H. Toynton in 1904.

Wolsingham Brass Band (1) - Durham
   Active from the 1830s to the 1860s. A successor band was formed in the 1880s

Wolsingham Brass Band (2) - Durham
   Formed in the 1880. Folded in the 1960s

Wolsingham Steel Works Band - Durham
   See: Wolsingham Brass Band (2)

Wolverhampton Alliance Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in 1865, conductor Mr Metcalfe

Wolverhampton Borough Band - Staffordshire
   Founded around 1904. Still active in 1912

Wolverhampton Brass Band - Staffordshire
   [previous name of current band] See: City of Wolverhampton Brass Band

Wolverhampton Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1950s to the 1990s

Wolverhampton British Railways Band - Staffordshire
   See: Wolverhampton Railway Works Band

Wolverhampton Excelsior Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the early 1900s

Wolverhampton G.W.R. Institute Band - Staffordshire
   See: Wolverhampton Railway Works Band

Wolverhampton Junction Works Band - Staffordshire
   See: Wolverhampton Railway Works Band
Wolverhampton Mechanics Institute Brass Band - Staffordshire
   See: Wolverhampton Railway Works Band
Wolverhampton Railway Works Band - Staffordshire
   The G.W.R. Institute - Stafford Road Railway Works, Wolverhampton. In 1858 a brass
   band was formed, the Institute to provide the required musical instruments, the teacher's
   fees to be paid by the members themselves. By 1860 fourteen instruments had been
   furnished for the band. A newly constituted band, complete with a distinctive uniform
   was formed in 1876 and held a brass band competition at the beautifully wooded
   grounds of Oxley Manor. Crowds of people lined the Stafford Road to see the event and
   a jolly time was had by all, thanks to the benevolence of the owner of land, the M.P.
   Alexander Staveley Hill. After the prize giving, won by the “Kidsgrove Real Excelsior
   Band” the entertainments went on into the evening with “Old English pastimes”, and
   dancing. Active through to the 1970s
Wolverhampton Tube Works Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1850s and 1860s.
Wolverhampton Union Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Founded in 1869 by Mr Willcock, of the boys in the union workhouse.
Wolverhampton Victoria Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1860s. Formed by Joseph Latham and his brother, they met two nights a
   week at the Queen’s Arms beerhouse to practise.
Wolverhampton Victoria Operatic and Quadrille Band - Staffordshire
   See: Wolverhampton Victoria Brass Band
Wolverhampton Victoria Saxhorn Band - Staffordshire
   See: Wolverhampton Victoria Brass Band
Wolverhampton and Stantonbury Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
   Active in 1866
Wolverton and Stantonbury Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
   See: Wolverhampton and Stantonbury Brass Band
Wolverton Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
   Active in 1867, 1868. Conductor Mr Foster in 1868
Wolverton British Railway and Town Silver Band - Buckinghamshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Wolverton Town Band
Wolverton Printing Works Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
   Active in the 1890s
Wolverton Rifle Volunteers Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s. Its remaining members went on to form the current
   Wolverton Band in 1908
Wolverton St Mary's Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
   Active in the 1890s. Conductor T. Sharpe in 1892
Wolverton Station Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
   Active in 1863
Wolverton Town Band - Buckinghamshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1908 - Former names: Wolverton Town Band, Wolverton
   British Railway and Town Silver Band (1951-1989)
Wolverton Wesleyan Mission Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
   Formed in 1887. Active in 1891
Wolverton Works Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
   Active in 1869
Wolvey Brass Band - Warwickshire
  Active in 1861

Wombwell and Houghton United Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  See: Wombwell Temperance Band

Wombwell Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active from the mid-1860s. Conductor Mr Crossley in 1883, E. Reeves in 1895. Still active in 1909

Wombwell British Legion Band
  See: Wombwell Town Band

Wombwell Main Colliery Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in 1859 to 1869

Wombwell Public Brass Band
  See: Subscription Brass Band

Wombwell Subscription Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active from the late 1870s to the 1900s. Still active in 1909

Wombwell Temperance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Founded in 1893. Conductor Amos Bastow in 1904. In 1906 it became Houghton Main Colliery Band, in which guise it remained active through to the 1980s. Known as Wombwell and Houghton United Brass Band during WW1, and Darfield District Band in its latter years.

Wombwell Town Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1900s through to the 1950s. In 1912, a Besson “Prototype” BBb bass was provided by the Wombwell Reform Club for the use of the Town Band in January that year. After WW2 it linked with the British Legion and was known as Wombwell Town and British Legion Band, and Wombwell British Legion Band

Wombwell's Brass Band
  A travelling “menagerie” band which was active from the 1840s through to WW1. Conductor J.S. Hartwell in 1858. Appeared with the “Lion Queen” at Hitchin in 1847, Loughborough in 1848, Tiverton in 1849, Aldershot in 1863 (by which time the ownership had passed to 'Edmonds', through the band remained “Wombwell's”. In 1917 the show was “Bostock & Wombwell’s Gigantic Combined Show” and it and the band were appearing in Aberdeen.

Women's Land Army Brass Band - London
  Active in 1917 and 1918 - it was used to publicise and attract people to the Land Army Enquiry Bureau at 135 Victoria Street.

Wonderbrass - Cornwall
  [current band] - Founded in 2011 - Note: Cornish women’s band

Wooburn Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
  Active in 1862

Wood End Brass Band - near Kingsbury, Warwickshire
  Formed before 1890. Active through to the 1950s. It became associated with the town working men's club when that was formed in 1905.

Wood End WMC Silver Band - near Kingsbury, Warwickshire
  See: Wood End Brass Band

Wood End Working Men’s Club and Institute Brass Band - near Kingsbury, Warwickshire
  See: Wood End Brass Band
Wood Green Adult School Band - Middlesex
   Active in the 1900s. Conductor Mr Bunting in 1907, George Williams in 1908

Wood Green and Southgate British Legion Band - Middlesex
   Active in the 1930s

Wood Green Excelsior Band - Middlesex
   Active in the 1900s to the 1950s. Conductor Wilfred L. Dolling and secretary Harry F.A. Hayward in the 1930s

Wood Green Federation Band - Middlesex
   Founded around 1908.

Wood Lane Brass Band - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1910s, pre-WW1, to the 1930s

Wood Newton Brass Band - Northamptonshire
   See: Woodnewton Brass Band

Wood Road Brass Band - Summerseat, Lancashire
   Founded in 1902, conductor Mr Wilkinson. Still active in 1909

Wood Street Mission Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire
   Active in the 1880s and 1890s

Wood Street Union Church Mission Band - Walthamstow, Essex
   Founded in 1906. Conductor Mr Roberts in 1909

Woodborough and Beechingstoke Brass Band - Wiltshire
   Active in 1864

Woodborough Brass Band (1) - Nottinghamshire
   Active in the 1850s to 1863

Woodborough Brass Band (2) - Nottinghamshire
   Formed in the early 1880’s when Arthur Wylde, a talented musician, was employed at Woodborough Hall as butler and handyman to the Parkyns family. Miss Parkyns recognised his potential and sent him to train for a year at the London School of Music where he was primarily a violinist but took cornet as his second instrument. On his return to Woodborough he became a local music teacher and also formed a village band. This band finished in 1901. For further details see www.woodborough-heritage.org.uk

Woodborough United Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
   Formed in December 1911 when Mr Charles Ernest Foster called a meeting at the Post Office and suggested that several young men of the village were in favour of reviving a village band. After 50 years of service to the village and district it disbanded in March 1962. For further details see www.woodborough-heritage.org.uk

Woodbridge Brass Band - Suffolk
   [previous name of current band] See: Woodbridge Excelsior Brass Band

Woodbridge Chapel Brass Band - Clerkenwell, Middlesex
   Active in the 1900s

Woodbridge Excelsior Brass Band - Suffolk

Woodbridge Temperance Band - Suffolk
   [previous name of current band] See: Woodbridge Excelsior Brass Band

Woodbury Brass Band - Devon
   Active in the 1880s
Woodchurch Brass Band - Kent
  Active from 1861. One year they were on a tour of the big houses in dense fog and played the tune “The Mistletoe Bough” in front of what they thought to be one such edifice, discovering it to be a haystack when they went to solicit alms. [Note: similar stories are told of Stinchcombe Band and Potterspury Bands!]. The band folded in the early 1930s.

Woodcock’s Well Brass Band - Mow Cop, Staffordshire
  Active in the 1890s to WW1.

Wooden Box Band - Derbyshire
  See: Woodville Brass Band

Woodfalls Concert Brass - Wiltshire
  [current band] - Founded in 1976 - Former names: Woodfalls Juniors Band

Woodfalls Juniors Band - Wiltshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Woodfalls Concert Brass

Woodfalls Silver Band - Wiltshire
  [previous name of current band] See: South West Trains Woodfalls Band

Woodfalls Temperance Band - Wiltshire
  [previous name of current band] See: South West Trains Woodfalls Band

Woodford Brass Band - Northamptonshire
  See: Woodford Britannia Brass Band

Woodford Britannia Brass Band - Northamptonshire
  Active in 1859 and from the 1870s to 1918. Jeremiah Holdsworth was engaged as Bandmaster in 1893. Folded for a short while in the late 1890s, but restarted again in 1899.

Woodford Halse Brass Band - Northamptonshire
  Active in the 1920s

Woodford Silver Band - Gloucestershire
  [current band]

Woodford United Military Brass Band - Essex
  Records of the band, from 1890-1946, are held by Essex Record Office

Woodgate Primitive Methodists Band - Worcestershire
  See: Woodgate Silver Band

Woodgate Silver Band - Worcestershire
  Founded in 1893 at the Woodgate Methodist Chapel. The men were all nailers or nailer’s sons. It later became known as the Woodgate Prize Band. The band practised in the Methodist Chapel school room in Adams Hill but when Birmetsals opened (1938) they were given the use of the canteen. When WW2 started they were unable to use the premises and the band was disbanded and never started up again. The Band would go through the streets playing carols at Christmas time. One resident as a young lad recalled shaking the 'box' down at Lapal but when they got to the Crown Pub in Woodgate the box was taken off him. Another recalls the band playing on Armistice Day. As each man left the band, his instrument had to be handed back to the secretary. Some names associated with the band:- Thomas Hall, his son Harold Hall, Aaron Smith, Freddie Andrews, Ephriam Henshaw, his son Stephen Henshaw, William Riley, Will Smith, Harvey Hackett, Frank Moore, Tom Inston, John Payne, Frank Guest, Dave Moore, Thomas Inston.
Woodhorn Colliery Band - Northumberland
Formed in March 1950, the band folded in the late 1970s prior to the pit closing in 1981. The instruments were passed on to the Ashington Colliery Band, which also inherited the Woodhorn Band's wooden practice hut - sadly burned down by vandals in July 2005.

Woodhouse (Cooke's) Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1880s

Woodhouse and Woodhouse Eaves Total Abstinence Band - Leicestershire
Formed in 1883

Woodhouse Carr United Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1870s

Woodhouse Perseverance Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Woodhouse Prize Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1853 - Former names: Handsworth-Woodhouse Band, Handsworth Woodhouse Prize Band - Note: In 1896 the band headed a Druids Church Parade at Worksop. They proceeded along Bridge Place, Eastgate, Priorswell Road, Potter Street to the United Free Methodist Church. After the church service the procession continued through Bridge Street, Westgate, Norfolk Street and Newcastle Avenue to the cricket ground, where the Band gave a concert, which included such items as: March - The Roman, Selection per Astra Fideles - Mayerbeer (with cornet solo), Variations - played by Mr E.Troun, Selection “Comfort ye my people” - Handel, Selection “Kyrie & Gloria” unknown composer. It was mentioned that the band had taken part in four contests that year and had won 5 prizes. Indeed, on the previous Saturday the Handsworth Band had won 2nd prize at Pleasley in the 'selection' and Mr E.Troun won a silver medal for the best cornet player in the test piece. Much of the success of the band was attributed to the conductor Mr J.W.Coupe. There was a further parade at 5.15pm which proceeded via Bridge Place, Potter Street on to the cricket ground, where the band gave another concert. The programme included the following items: March - The Cornet, Selection - Warce - R.Smith, Selection - Lucretia Borgia - H.Round, Selection - Trill the Lark - Metcalf, Selection - Mozart - H.Round, March - George the Fire - R.Smith.

Woodhouse Victoria Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1850s

Woodhouses Brass Band - Lancashire
Active from 1835 to the late 1900s. Conductor Robert Kenyon from 1835 to 1871

Woodland Brass Band - Durham
See: Woodland Colliery Band

Woodland Colliery Band - Durham
Active from the 1870s to the 1930s. Conductor Thomas Moore in 1881

Woodland Street School Brass Band - Smethwick, Staffordshire
Active in 1882

Woodlands Brass Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
Active in 1891

Woodlands Brass Band - Durham
See: Woodland Colliery Band

Woodlands Village Band - Doncaster, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Founded in 1909, bandmaster S. Bamford. Active to the 1920s
**Woodnewton Brass Band** - Northamptonshire  
Active in 1858, 1862

**Woodplumpton Brass Band**  
Mentioned in the Preston Chronicle, 17th May 1845, when they accompanied the “Amicable Society” during the Whit Tuesday Processions at Goosnargh. The earliest report of their activities is found in the Preston Pilot of the 25th May 1839 when “At Goosnargh on Tuesday the procession was headed by a colour and the Woodplumpton Band of Musicians”. The band played again at Goosnargh in 1846 and in 1847 when “After dinner at the Grapes Inn came the toasts and then the proceedings were enlivened by the merry strains of the excellent Woodplumpton Band which played at intervals throughout the afternoon.” The final known performance was shortly after the demise of the Society when in September 1847 at the coming of age of E. H. Stanley the celebrations by his tenants at Treales included a procession headed by the Woodplumpton Band.

**Woodside and Grandholm Brass Band** - Aberdeenshire  
See: *Grandholm Brass Band*

**Woodside Brass Band** - Aberdeenshire  
See: *Grandholm Brass Band*

**Woodside Brass Band** - Staffordshire  
Active in the 1880s and 1890s. Conductor E. Addis in 1892

**Woodside Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
Active in 1853 when it competed in the first British Open contest, conducted by J. Settle.  
Still active in 1855

**Woodside Ironworks Brass Band** - Dudley, Staffordshire  
Active in 1857

**Woodsome Brass Band** - near Highburton, Yorkshire (West Riding)  
Active in 1867

**Woodspeen Brass Band** - Berkshire  
Active in the 1870s and 1880s

**Woodstock Brass Band (1)** - Oxfordshire  
Formed in 1870, W.E. Embury was the first bandmaster, with the Marquis of Blandford providing 20 instruments. Active to 1886

**Woodstock Brass Band (2)** - Oxfordshire  
See: *Woodstock Town Band*

**Woodstock Town Band** - Oxfordshire  
Active in the 1930s to the 1950s. James Moss was the conductor in the 1930s

**Woodville Brass Band** - Derbyshire  
Founded in 1834. Originally known as the Wooden Box Band, nicknamed the Doodles Band, it was known as Woodville Orchestral Band by 1882 and Woodville United Silver Band by the 1900s. In 1905 it added “Prize” to its name in recognition of winning the Elkington, Hazelhurst and Gisborne Challenge Cup. It was still active in the 1920s

**Woodville Orchestral Band** - Derbyshire  
See: *Woodville Brass Band*

**Woodville United Silver Band** - Derbyshire  
See: *Woodville Brass Band*

**Woodville United Silver Prize Band** - Derbyshire  
See: *Woodville Brass Band*
Wookey Hole Brass Band - Somerset
Active in 1887

Wool Brass Band - Dorset
Active from the early 1860s to the 1930s. Conductor Joseph Cox in 1865, Mr Langford in 1873. Bandmaster Harry W. Stevens in 1905-1931

Wooldale Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active from the early 1860s to the 1900s. Conductor John Brook in 1885, F. Renshaw in 1894

Wooler Band - Northumberland
Active in 1910

Wooley Colliery Band - Stanley Crook, Durham
Active in the 1870s to the 1890s

Wooley Colliery Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1870s to the 1890s. The band was accused in 1953 of poaching players from Skelmanthorpe Silver Band. Geoffrey Hirst (soprano cornet), Peter Fretwell (principal cornet) and Bobby Whittles (principal euphonium) took jobs at the colliery. Followed soon after by Stewart Ferguson (principal trombone) and Ernest Wood (principal horn). Only Mr Hirst and Mr Wood had any mining experience. The band did then shortly after win the CISWO Yorkshire contest - so the new players obviously made a difference!

Woolley Pritchard Sovereign Brass - Smethwick, Staffordshire
[previous name of current band] See: Sovereign Brass

Woolpit Band - Suffolk
Active in the late 1830s and 1840s

Woolsthorpe and Belvoir Brass Band
See: Woolsthorpe by Belvoir Brass Band

Woolsthorpe Brass Band - Lincolnshire
See: Woolsthorpe by Belvoir Brass Band

Woolsthorpe by Belvoir Brass Band - Lincolnshire
Active in 1919, 16 players, secretary P. Pearce. Still active in 1923

Woolwich Borough Silver Band - Kent
Founded in 1906, conductor J. Reay, and active into the 1910s. The bandmaster was Arthur Prescott and the Secretary, Mr W. Knight in the early years.

Woolwich Dockyard Brass Band - Kent
Active in the 1840s and 1850s

Woolwich Dockyard Labour Club Brass Band - Kent
Active in the 1920s

Woolwich Police Brass Band - Kent
Formed in 1859 with 18 policemen doing duty at the Royal Arsenal.

Woolwich Tabernacle Band - Kent
Active in the 1900s. Conductor A. Prescott in 1906

Wootton Bassett Brass Band - Wiltshire
[previous name of current band] See: Royal Wootton Bassett Brass Band

Wootton Bassett Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active in the 1870s. A successor band was formed in 1980

Wootton Brass Band - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
Active in the 1880s to the 1900s
**Wootton Brass Band** - Northamptonshire
   Active in the 1900s

**Wootton Institute Brass Band** - Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire
   Active in the 1890s

**Worcester Brass Band** - Worcestershire
   See: **Worcester Saxhorn Band**

**Worcester City Band** - Worcestershire
   Founded in 1882, bandmaster H. Tyler. Still active in 1910

**Worcester Concert Brass** - Worcestershire
   [current band] - Founded in 1982 - Former names: Nunnery Wood Youth Band (to 1993)

**Worcester County Lunatic Asylum Brass Band** - Powick, Worcestershire
   Active in 1855. The director, Doctor Sherlock, spent £30 on eight brass instruments to enable the band for “the amusement of the patients”

**Worcester Excelsior Brass Band** - Worcestershire
   Active in 1883

**Worcester Municipal Band** - Worcestershire
   Active in 1934

**Worcester Railway Band** - Worcestershire
   See: **Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway Saxhorn Band**

**Worcester Railway Institute Band** - Worcestershire
   See: **Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway Saxhorn Band**

**Worcester Railway Literary Institute Band** - Worcestershire
   See: **Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway Saxhorn Band**

**Worcester Railway Operatic Band** - Worcestershire
   See: **Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway Saxhorn Band**

**Worcester Saxhorn Band** - Worcestershire
   Active in 1859 to 1868. Conductor Mr Border in 1868

**Worcester West Midland Railway Brass Band** - Hereford, Herefordshire
   See: **West Midland (Hereford) Brass Band**

**Worcester Working Man's Institute Brass Band** - Worcestershire
   Founded in December 1856, trained by F. Langdon, played their first concert in February 1857, when it was reported “the progress they have made is marvellous, though the noise from so many (35) instruments, and especially the clashing of the cymbals, was too much for any room”. Still active in 1859

**Worcester Working Men's Recreation Band** - Worcestershire
   See: **Worcester Working Man's Institute Brass Band**

**Wordsley Brass Band** - Staffordshire
   Active in the 1850s

**Wordsley Excelsior Brass Band** - Staffordshire
   Active in 1887

**Worfield Brass Band** - Shropshire
   Founded in 1908, conductor John White

**Working Man's Recreation Brass Band** - Worcester, Worcestershire
   See: **Worcester Working Man's Institute Brass Band**

**Workington Analine Brass Band** - Cumberland
   Active in the 1880s
Workington Artillery Volunteers Brass Band - Cumberland
Active in the 1880s to WW1. Conductor W.W. Williams in 1886, G. Lowden in 1895

Workington Catholic Brass Band - Cumberland
Active in the 1890s

Workington Catholic Young Men’s Society Brass Band - Cumberland
Active in 1867

Workington Discharged Sailors and Soldiers Band - Cumberland
Active in the 1920s

Workington Iron Works Brass Band - Cumberland
Active in 1861. This was formed of workers from the Workington Haematite Iron Company

Workington Rifle Volunteers Brass Band - Cumberland
Active in the 1870s and 1880s

Workington Saxhorn Band - Cumberland
Active in the 1860s and 1870s. Conductor T.A. Haigh in 1875. Still active in 1877

Workington St Cuthbert's Brass Band - Cumberland
Active in the 1880s to the 1900s. Conductor George Eastwood in 1908

Workington St John's Church Army Band - Cumberland
Active in the 1890s. Conductor J. Goddard in 1891

Workington Town Band - Cumberland
[current band] - Founded in 1913

Workington Town Brass Band - Cumberland
Formed in 1918 and active into the 1990s

Workington United Brass Band - Cumberland
Active in the 1920s

Workshops for the Blind Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
See: Liverpool Workshops for the Blind Band

Worksop Borough Band - Nottinghamshire
[previous name of current band] See: Worksop Miners Welfare Band

Worksop Brass Band - Nottinghamshire
[previous name of current band] See: Worksop Miners Welfare Band

Worksop Miners Welfare Band - Nottinghamshire

Worksop Primitive Methodist Mission Band - Nottinghamshire
Active in the 1900s

Worksop Town Band - Nottinghamshire
[previous name of current band] See: Worksop Miners Welfare Band

Worsbrough Brass - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Founded in 1993

Worsbrough Dale Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1870s to the 1900s. Bandmaster Eli Shaw in the 1870s. Conductor J. Stringer in 1905

Worsham Mill Brass Band - Witney, Oxfordshire
Formed by William Webley in the early 20th century. He often found places in his mill for people who were known to be good musicians, although they were expected to buy their own instruments from him in instalments. This unusual method of staffing the mill
may have contributed to the collapse of the business: one day Mr Webley took all the instruments to an Oxford pawnbroker and not long after the blanket making business failed.

**Worsley Brass Band** - Lancashire  
Active in 1860

**Worsley Wardley Grammar School Brass Band** - Wardley, Lancashire  
Active in the 1960s

**Worsthorne Brass Band** - Lancashire  
Active in 1863

**Worthing Borough Band** - Sussex  
Formed in the 1890s. Alfred Ham Snr. was a founder member of the newly formed Worthing Borough Band, together with an Albert Collins and an Edgar White, which got together after a lot of hard work as well as some assistance from one George Searle and other businessmen. Alfred Ham Jnr., together with his three brothers and his father, all played in the Borough Band. The band presented Hilda and Alfred with a timely gift on their wedding day in 1923. This inscribed clock that they received as a wedding present from the Borough Band is now on display in the wireless building at the Amberley Chalk Pits Museum. Around 1920, Hilda's brother Ronald Scott joined his uncle Alf Naldret in the Borough Band, having split from the Salvation Army band. They frequently went with friends from the Borough Band to London's Crystal Palace for the annual brass band contests. At Christmas time, the Borough Band played carols in Worthing Streets and at special house parties to raise funds. In the mid 1930s, as a result of injuries received at the battle of Arras in the war, Alfred Ham Snr. became a total invalid and died in 1944. A touching tribute from fellow bandsman Albert Collins in a local newspaper read, “Mr Ham, who had reached the useful age of 66 years, spent practically all his spare time for many years encouraging aspiring bandsmen. Bands and music was his life, apart from his daily employment as a well-known gardener.”

**Worthing Brass Band (1)** - Sussex  
Formed in 1851. Still active in 1890, possibly folded before the Worthing Borough Band was formed towards the end of the 1890s.

**Worthing Brass Band (2)** - Sussex  
Formed after WW2. Active through the 1950s. A successor band (arising from a local youth band) was formed in 1967.

**Worthing Corporation Band**  
See: *Worthing Borough Band*

**Worthing Silver Band** - Sussex  
[current band] - Founded in 1967 - Former names: St Andrew’s CE High School for Boys Band (Worthing) (to 1972), Worthing Youth Band (to 1977), Sovereign Silver Band

**Worthing Youth Band** - Sussex  
[previous name of current band] See: *Worthing Silver Band*

**Worthington’s Brass Band** - Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire  
See: *Messrs Worthington and Co.’s Brass Band*

**Wortley Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
Active from 1855 and into the 1870s. Conductor Mr Gant in 1869. Also known as Armley and Wortley Brass Band
**Wortley Forge and Thurgoland Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)

Active in 1892/3, and still playing in 1952, though probably did not survive long beyond that. Possibly linked to the Earl of Wharncliffe of Wortley Hall. Hylton Boothroyd, recalls: “I knew the Thurgoland Silver Band when I was 5-18 in Thurgoland between 1939-1952. It must not have been just a village band as I’d always imagined - it must have had the final stage of an industry-inspired band like all the colliery bands of the Yorkshire mining area whose western limits was just the other side of the Thurgoland-Wortley ridge. The River Don, a mile or so below the ridge, had had its Old Mill, New Mill, Top Forge, and Low Forge strung along it for a mile or two: named from C18 and C19. But by World War 2 only New Mill still flourished, with just the handful of men needed to run the machinery drawing finger-thick furnace-heated steel coil into the finest steel needle blanks. In my day the large black-tarred wooden Band Room, at the junction of Huthwaite Lane and the main road from Thurgoland to Deepcar (and lying 100 yards from the river between the Mills and the Forges), functioned also as an occasional community hall for those of us who lived in the valley. What had been Mill- and Forge-men's housing lay mostly along Old/New Mill Lane close to the river; what had been mainly quarrymen's housing mostly up Huthwaite Lane. The people who lived there were still working people, but nearly all catching workmen's buses running through Deepcar to the big steelworks in Stocksbridge or running to collieries on the road to Barnsley. Thurgoland’s school, church, and most shops were up on the ridge, as were Wortley’s. All we had down by the river were the pub, the Band Room, the small shop opposite, and a little Primitive Methodist chapel. That said, the band was part of the life of Thurgoland as a whole for Remembrance Day and I think also for the Whit Monday walk. For the Walk, the Prims processed up the hill with their banner, Wesleyans on the hill emerged with theirs, hymns and prayers in the open air in the centre of Thurgoland on the ridge, all processed down the hill past the Band Room to the road junction by the Top Forge, there they met the Methodists and their banner from the Green Moor chapel, all processed back to the roadside in front of the Band Room for the final big sing. I’d never really understood the joining up with Green Moor (technically a part of Wortley but on the ridge on the other side of the Don), but with the band playing a big role in earlier days, it seems to slot into place. The band didn’t long survive World War 2. Neither did the Wharncliffes at Wortley Hall -- a palatial pile that had outstripped their capacity to maintain it. Although I got to know the future earl during his vacations from Eton during my four years as organist at Wortley Church, the parents sadly had largely passed out of public life. The Band Room itself is now long gone. The Prim Chapel became a workshop years ago. The shop is just a house. But the pub flourishes as a place to aim at on heritage walks. And the Top Forge has become a heritage centre.”

**Wotton and District Silver Band** - Gloucestershire

[current band] - Founded in 1894 - Former names: Kingswood Abbey Band, Abbey Silver Prize Band (to 1968), Wotton-Under-Edge & District Silver Band

**Wotton-Under-Edge Amateur Brass Band** - Gloucestershire

Active in 1866 to 1869. Conductor Thomas Bruton in 1869

**Wotton-Under-Edge and District Silver Band** - Gloucestershire

[previous name of current band] See: Wotton & District Silver Band

**Wragby Brass Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)

Active in the 1880s to the 1900s. Conductor B. Benson in 1893
**Wrawby Brass Band** - Lincolnshire
Wrawby Brass Band formed in 1875 under the direction of George Twigg. It had 12 players. How long it had existed before this is uncertain, but in 1874 the Instrumental Music Society was mentioned as 'the only musical society in the town' and it seems likely that 1875 was when the Wrawby band was started. Before this there had been the 'excellent brass band recently formed by members of the Oddfellows and Foresters Societies'. The band was practising three evenings a week at the Gladiator in May 1862. By 1886 the Wrawby Brass Band was reported to have really improved during the previous couple of years. Took part in the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in Brigg in 1897. In 1900 it held its 'annual supper' at the Gladiator, and it was then stated to have 30 members. In the obituary to Alfred John Tapling (1911) it states: “It is interesting to recount the fact that the late Mr Tapling was the founder of the Brigg Subscription Band, which up to recent years was known as the Wrawby Prize band.” So, sometime between 1900 and 1911 it seems to have been renamed as Brigg Subscription Band. In 1913/1919 George Quarmby was the conductor, living in Bigby Street, Brigg. Still active in 1937 when it competed at Belle Vue.

**Wray Brass Band** - Lancashire
Active from the late 1850s to the 1920s. New uniforms in 1880. Edward Collings was a member in 1882, when he appeared in front of the magistrates for being drunk and disorderly. Rev. Edward Medland was secretary of the band at the time of his death in 1924.

**Wraysbury Wesleyan Mission Band** - Buckinghamshire
Active in the 1900s

**Wreaks Brass Band** - Birstwith, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1857. Possibly linked to the Wreaks cotton mill in Birstwith, which was operational from the 1790s to the 1860s (closing due to the cotton famine caused by the American Civil War)

**Wrecclesham Brass Band** - Surrey
Active in the 1930s

**Wrecclesham C.E.T.S. Band** - Surrey
Active in the 1900s to WW1

**Wrekin College Brass Band** - Wellington, Shropshire
Active in 1969

**Wrentham Band** - Suffolk
[current band] - Founded in 1919

**Wrentham Brass Band** - Suffolk
Active in the 1860s. A successor band was formed in 1919

**Wrexham Blue Ribbon Brass Band** - Denbighshire
Active in the 1880s, conductor H.R. Williams.

**Wrexham Borough Brass Band** - Denbighshire
Formed in April 1890 and active into the 1900s.

**Wrexham Brass** - Denbighshire
[previous name of current band] See: Wrexham Brass (Glyndwr)

**Wrexham Brass (Glyndwr)** - Denbighshire
Wrexham Brass Band - Denbighshire
Active in the 1840s to the 1880s

Wrexham Brass NEWI - Denbighshire
[previous name of current band] See: Wrexham Brass (Glyndwr)

Wright Memorial Band - Stirlingshire
Active from the early 1890s to the 1910s. As a breakaway from the Camelon Brass Band, Charlie Wright, who once owned the Canal Inn, formed the Wright Memorial Band. Mr Wright was a notable character in the area who resided in the first house in Blinkbonny Road. Each New Year’s morning he would come out and stand at his door and serenade the village with the tune “A Guid New Year to Ane and A’.”

Wrightington and Heskin Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Wrightington Subscription Brass Band - Lancashire
Active in the 1890s and 1900s. John Rutter conductor in 1904

Wright’s Brass Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
See: Universe Works Brass Band

Wright’s Brass Band - Worthing, Sussex
Active in the early 1890s

Wrinehill Brass Band - Staffordshire
Active in 1860, 1863

Wrington Brass Band - Somerset
Active from 1894 to 1910

Wrington Vale Brass Band - Somerset
See: Wrington Brass Band

Wroughton and District Band - Wiltshire
Active in 1938, when it competed in the National Band Festival at the Alexandra Palace in the Junior Shield “C” (2) section, against Wroughton Silver Band.

Wroughton Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active from the 1850s, still active in 1909. Conductor G. Andrews in 1879, F.O. Perrett in 1894. A successor band was formed after WW1. From his obituary: “Francis Cowdrey [of Wroughton] took a keen interest in music, and for many years was a member of the Village Band, and was the only surviving members of the old band. When George Frederick, a local trained horse, won the Derby in 1874, Mr Cowdrey was a member of the band that played the horse home from Swindon station.”

Wroughton Primitive Methodist Band - Wiltshire
Formed in 1902

Wroughton Silver Band - Wiltshire
[current band] - Founded in 1890 - Note: An earlier band existed in Wroughton sometime in the late 19th century

Wroughton Silver Band - Wiltshire
Active in 1938, when it competed in the National Band Festival at the Alexandra Palace in the Junior Shield “C” (2) section, against Wroughton and District Band.

Wroxall Prize Band
Active in 1910

Wyck Brass Band - Gloucestershire
See: Wyck Rissington Brass Band
Wyck Rissington Brass Band - Gloucestershire
  Active in 1848 to 1866

Wycliffe Brass Band - Lutterworth,
  See: Lutterworth Wycliffe Brass Band

Wycliffe Brass Band - Stonehouse, Gloucestershire
  Active in 1914

Wycliffe Brass Band - Warrington, Lancashire
  Active in the 1870s

Wycombe Brass Band (1) - Buckinghamshire
  Active in the 1840s to the 1900s. Conductor Mr Youens in 1888, Mr Sears in 1892-1903

Wycombe Brass Band (2) - Buckinghamshire
  Active in the 1860s

Wycombe Excelsior Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
  Active in the 1880s

Wycombe Victoria Brass Band - Buckinghamshire
  Active in 1914

Wye Brass Band - Kent
  Active in the early 1900s to the 1920s. Thomas Edward Worrell, (d. 1915) and a member of the 1st Kent Cyclist Battalion, was a member of Wye Brass Band.

Wye Village Band - Kent
  See: Wye Brass Band

Wyke Old Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Formed in 1856. Known as Wyke Operatic Band in 1863. In 1888 won 18 prizes, worth £260 16s., including coming 4th in the British Open that year and beating their local rivals, Wyke Temperance, at the Irish Exhibition contest in London. Sadly the band wound up shortly after that.

Wyke Operatic Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  See: Wyke Old Band

Wyke Regis Silver Band - Weymouth, Dorset
  Formed in 1922 as a British Legion band and renamed as Weymouth Military Band in 1924.

Wyke Teetotal Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  See: Wyke Temperance Band

Wyke Temperance Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Formed 1869 from the remnants of a Band of Hope Union drum and fife band with the enthusiasm of Ephraim Pearson. Conducted by William Rimmer and Edwin Swift, and were highly successful, winning the British Open in 1888, 1889 and 1898. Dropped “Temperance” from the title in the early 1890s. Remained a force through the 1900s to 1910 but thereafter seemed to disappear from view and probably folded prior to the Great War. Following a contest in 1895 where Wyke beat Black Dyke and Besses, a commentator wrote: “Then hurrah for the brave lads from Wyke; Thrice they’ve slated the warriors from Dyke, Likewise the champions who style themselves Besses, Showing more talent than either possesses!” There’s a story along the lines of when Temperance came home on the train sat on the front with the Open cup and celebrating their win Wyke Old (who had been in the pub!) stood on the bridge and hurled abuse at them!

Wykeham Brass Band - Yorkshire (East Riding)
  Active in 1853
Wylam Brass Band - Northumberland
See: Wylam Colliery Band

Wylam Colliery Band - Northumberland
Founded around 1850 and was supported by the colliery owners, the Blackett family, and also by subscription. It was administered by a committee comprising the colliery viewer (manager), the master of the band and a nominee of ‘the subscribers of five shillings and upwards per annum’. The band met at 8 p.m. each Saturday evening for practice and performed in the village square on the first Thursday in the month. Still active in 1863

Wylye Brass Band - Wiltshire
Active in 1863, 1905

Wymeswold Brass Band (1) - Leicestershire
Active in the early 1880s

Wymeswold Brass Band (2) - Leicestershire
Formed in 1901, active through to WW1. Conductor Mr Holwell in 1906

Wymondham Brass Band - Leicestershire
Active in the 1920s and 1930s. Conductor A. Alexander in 1923. J. Beecroft secretary in 1932

Wymondham Excelsior Brass Band - Norfolk
Active in the early 1900s

Wythenshawe Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in the 1940s to the 1970s

Wythenshawe Residents Brass Band - Cheshire
Active in the 1930s

Xylonite Works Band - Brantham, Suffolk
Active in the 1890s through to the 1930s. Conductor I.Naylor in 1893

Y.E.W.C.O. Works Band - Idle, Yorkshire (West Riding)
A band formed by a group of businessmen, in 1944, who bought the rights to use the name “St Hilda's Band”, was taken over by the Yorkshire Engineering and Welding Company in 1951. They achieved 5th place in the British Open in 1955 but disbanded soon after.

Y.M.C.A. Brotherhood Brass Band
See: Bristol Y.M.C.A. Band

Yalding Brass Band - Kent
Active in 1852 to 1869

Yalding Volunteer Band - Kent
Active in 1895

Yapton Brass Band - Sussex
Active from the late 1890s into the early 1900s. Conductor Mr Orborne in 1900

Yardley Albions Band - Northamptonshire
Active in the 1890s

Yardley Gobion Britannia Brass Band - Northamptonshire
Active in the 1890s to 1938. Conductor in 1893 was E.C.Gear. Joseph Lambert was conductor in 1899 and the 1900s. T. Horton in 1921, F. Horton in 1926.
Yarm and District Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Formed in 1945 as the Head Wrightson Works Band. Renamed Middlesborough (Dovecot) Brass in 1980 and Yarm and District Band in 1989. Merged in 1998 with Lingdale Silver Band to form Lockwood Band

Yarm Brass Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Active from 1861 to the 1920s. Conductor in 1899 was R.L. Wilford. Played at the centenary celebrations of the Stockton and Darlington Railway in 1920.

Yarm Temperance Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
Founded in 1883, bandmaster Charles Hudson

Yarmouth and Gorleston Silver Band - Norfolk
Active in the mid 1970s. After a decline, and without playing a concert for over a year, it became associated with the Shrublands Youth and Adult Centre, which gave it a new lease of life.

Yarmouth Victoria Brass Band - Norfolk
Active through the 1840s into the 1850s

Yarnton Band - Oxfordshire
[current band] - Founded in 1959

Yarwell and Nasington Britannia Band - Northamptonshire
[current band] - Founded in the 1970s - Note: Earlier band in Yarwell/Nassington dates back to early 19th century

Yate Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active from 1902 through to the late 1920s. Conductor Mr Duckfield in 1924. R. Cook was one of the band's founders. Also known as Yate British Brass Band

Yate British Brass Band - Gloucestershire
See: Yate Brass Band

Yate Village Band - Gloucestershire
Active in the 1880s

Yatton Brass Band - Somerset
Active from the early 1880s to the 1910s

YBS Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Hammonds Saltaire Band

YBS Concert Brass - Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band]

Yeadon Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
See: Yeadon Old Band

Yeadon Old Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Formed in 1850, it was first organised by William Hudson and William Taylor. Conductor Francis Gray in 1860. In 1862, the band was re-organised, and some ten years later an effort was made to procure more efficient instruments. This resulted in the purchase of four from Mesgham and Co. in Manchester. Later other instruments were obtained, but in procuring them a few at a time from different makers meant that the tone was never quite equally balanced. It was then in 1900 that an entire new set of electro plated instruments were purchased from Boosey and Co at a total price of £220. In the early days the band rehearsed in the old school which stood opposite the Yeadon Town Hall, this however was later pulled down in 1880. It then rented rooms at Well Hill, for about ten years and then at the Yeadon Trades Hall. Since then a number of small rooms have been rented in the area. In 1931 the band’s contest results were: 28th
March: 1st Prize and Cup in March, Yeadon. 28th March; 4th Prize in Selection, Yeadon. 26th May; 5th Prize in Selection, Huddersfield. 27th June; 2nd Prize in Selection, Yeadon. 15th August; 1st Prize and Cup, 1st Selection, Ripley and 12th September; 1st Prize, Guiseley. In 1950 the Yeadon Old Brass Band claimed the title of Prize Band. Under the conductor of Mr Walter Jackson the band had won thirty-seven prizes, including eleven trophies and prize money to the value of £200. The band disbanded in 2004.

Yeadon United Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1864

Yeovil Brass Band - Somerset
Active in 1853 to 1865

Yeovil Corporation Band - Somerset
Formed in 1870 as the 16th S.V.R. Band, later known as Pettres Works Military Band (1930s) and Yeovil Corporation Band (1930s to 1967). A splinter group from Yeovil Corporation Band formed Yeovil Working Men's Band in 1949. Merged with Yeovil Working Men's Band in 1967 to form the current Yeovil Town Band.

Yeovil Imperial Band - Somerset
Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Yeovil Primitive Methodist Brass Band - Somerset
Active in 1913

Yeovil Saxhorn Band - Somerset
Active in 1871, secretary James Pardy

Yeovil Town Band - Somerset
[current band] - Founded in 1967 - Note: Merger of Yeovil Working Men's Band and Yeovil Corporation Band

Yeovil Town Band - Somerset
Active from the early 1880s to the 1910s. Conductor Mr Beare in 1884, Mr Perry in 1903

Yeovil Volunteers Brass Band - Somerset
Active in the 1870s and 1900s. Conductor T.D. Jones in 1904

Yeovil Working Men's Band - Somerset
Formed in 1949 from a splinter group from Yeovil Corporation Band. Merged with Yeovil Corporation Band in 1967 to form the current Yeovil Town Band.

YEWCO Band
See: Y.E.W.C.O. Works Band

Yiewsley and West Drayton Band - Middlesex
[current band] - Founded in 1890 - Former names: Yiewsley Wesleyan Band of Hope Brass Band

Yiewsley Wesleyan Band of Hope Brass Band - Middlesex
[previous name of current band] See: Yiewsley & West Drayton Band

Ynysdarren Brass Band - Ystalyfera, Glamorgan
Active in the 1890s

Ynyshir (Stacks of Tiles) Band - Glamorgan
[previous name of current band] See: Ynyshir Band

Ynyshir and Wattstown Colliery Band - Glamorgan
[previous name of current band] See: Ynyshir Band

Ynyshir Band - Glamorgan
Ynyshir Brass Band - Glamorgan
   See: Ynyshir Standard Colliery Silver Band

Ynyshir St John Ambulance Band - Glamorgan
   Active in the 1930s

Ynyshir Standard Colliery Silver Band - Glamorgan
   Formed in 1898 as the Ynyshir Drum and Fife Band, became associated with the Ynyshir Colliery and converted to a brass band. Bandmaster Mr Kemp in 1905. It may have disbanded in 1906, to be revived in 1908. Later adopting Ti Mawr into its name, in 1920 it won the South Wales and Monmouthshire Championship Shield and the Royal National Eisteddford at Barry. It disbanded at the start of the Second World War. A successor band (originally a youth band) was formed in 1946.

Ynyshir Welfare Band - Glamorgan
   [previous name of current band] See: Ynyshir Band

Ynysybwl Town Band - Glamorgan
   Founded in 1899, conductor F. Beechey

Ynysybwl Workmen's Brass Band - Glamorgan
   Active in the 1910s to 1930s

York Amateur Brass Band - Yorkshire
   Active in 1859

York and District Mission Band
   See: Ebor Excelsior Silver Band

York Blind School Brass Band - Yorkshire
   Founded in 1843 at the Yorkshire School for the Blind. Revived in 1861

York Boys' Industrial School Band - Yorkshire
   Active in 1882 through 1913. Played at a garden party at Bishopthorpe Palace in July 1910. Conductor Mr Bates in 1902

York City Brass Band - Yorkshire
   Formed 1906 or earlier. Merged, in 1952, with Ebor Excelsior Silver Prize Band to form the current York Railway Institute Band.

York City Model Brass Band
   See: York Model Brass Band

York Cocoa Works Band - York, Yorkshire
   [previous name of current band] See: Shepherd Building Group Brass Band

York Excelsior Brass Band
   See: Ebor Excelsior Silver Band

York Foresters' Brass Band - Yorkshire
   Active in 1858

York Groves Wesleyan Band - Yorkshire
   Active in the early 1900s

York Home Guard Association Band
   See: Ebor Excelsior Silver Band

York Industrial School Brass Band
   See: York Boys' Industrial School Band

York Model Brass Band - Yorkshire
   Active in the 1860s and 1875

York N.U.R. Silver Band - Yorkshire
   Active in the 1920s
York Operatic Brass Band - Yorkshire
Active in the 1850s to 1858

York Piano-Forte Brass Band - Yorkshire
Founded in September 1859, conductor Mr Potter, who was the publican at the Gardener's Arms, Townend Street.

York Postal Brass Band - Yorkshire
Active in the 1930s to the 1950s

York Railway Institute Band - York, Yorkshire
[current band] - Founded in 1952 - Note: Formed by merger of the York City Brass Band and the Ebor Excelsior Silver Band

York Railway Institute Golden Rail Band - York, Yorkshire
[current band] - Founded in 1963

York Rifles Brass Band - Yorkshire
Active in the 1860s to the 1900s

York St Paul's Brass Band - Yorkshire
Known to be active between 1900 and 1904, later known as St Paul's New Silver Band

York Street Brass Band - St Helen’s, Lancashire
Active in the 1890s

York Subscription Silver Band - Yorkshire
Active from the early 1900s to WW1. Bandmaster Mr Newby 1906-1909, George Walker in 1910

York Temperance Band - Yorkshire
Active between 1882 and 1885

York Tramways Band - Yorkshire
Active in 1913, bandmaster Mr Taylor. Mr Reeves bandmaster in 1914

York United Brass Band - Yorkshire
Active in 1865, conductor Mr Bean

Yorkley Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Active in 1853. Conductor H. Phipps in 1864

Yorkley Concert Band - Gloucestershire
Active in the 1970s

Yorkley Excelsior Band - Gloucestershire
Formed in 1860, still active in 1907

Yorkley Onward Brass Band - Gloucestershire
Formed in 1903, bandmaster Horace Jones. Disbanded in 1993 and the few remaining players amalgamated with Coleford Town Band in 1994 to form Forest of Dean Brass. Also known as Yorkley Onward Kear's Group Band for a short time in the early 1990s

Yorkshire Building Society Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: Hammonds Saltaire Band

Yorkshire Building Society Community Brass - Yorkshire (West Riding)
[current band] - Former names: Hammonds Junior Band (to 1993)

Yorkshire Building Society Concert Brass - Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding)
[previous name of current band] See: City of Bradford Brass Band

Yorkshire Bus Company Band
See: Yorkshire Transport Band

Yorkshire Coking and Chemical Works Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1930s
Yorkshire Co-op Brass Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)

See: Yorkshire Co-operatives Band

Yorkshire Co-operatives Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)

Formed in 1998 by the merger of Jayess '87 Band and Jayess (Queensbury) Band. Folded in 2010. Also known as United Co-op Yorkshire Brass Band

Yorkshire Copper Works Band

See: Yorkshire Imperial Band

Yorkshire Electricity Drighlington Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)

[previous name of current band] See: Drighlington Brass Band

Yorkshire Engineering and Welding Company Band

See: Y.E.W.C.O. Works Band

Yorkshire Evening Post (Sharlston) Band

See: Yorkshire Evening Post Band

Yorkshire Evening Post Band - Leeds, Yorkshire (West Riding)

Formed on 10th February 1856 by Richard Smith, as Leeds Model Band. There was a smaller brass band, part of the Leeds Model Band, called the Hearts of Oak Brass Band, which was active in 1862. In 1864 it came third in the British Open Championship. It was later known as the Cameron Ironworks Band. One of its most successful periods was in the mid 1960s when in a three year period in seventeen contest appearances it won fifteen first prizes and two second prizes. In common with an increasing number of bands, in the 1970s it sought financial assistance through sponsorship to meet the dramatic rise in operating costs. This led to successful periods first as the John Waddington Band (the games manufacturers) and then as the Yorkshire Relish Band (within the Hammonds Sauce Group), before becoming associated with the Yorkshire Evening Post. The band merged with Sharlston Colliery Band around 2000, to form Yorkshire Evening Post (Sharlston) Band, but then disbanded in 2002. The band’s contest achievements included the Radio Leeds Knockout Brass Champions, Second section Regional champions, prize winners at the finals of the National Championships of Great Britain, the Pontins National Championships, The Isle of Man Brass Band Festival, the Telford New Town Entertainment Contest, and featured in the prize lists of many local contests. Some memories of the Leeds Model Band, which rehearsed in the Royal Hotel in Lower Briggate, Leeds, from Robert Thomas of Seacroft: I was “borrowed” by the band on a number of occasions to stand in for absent players. The bandmaster at the time was Jack Parish and I was paid a ‘handsome’ reward - sometimes as much as £2. I attended the odd rehearsal at the band HQ - a small room over an alleyway between Lower Briggate and The Calls. It is still there but the murky back lane I remember now has a trendy wine bar in it. The band was always busy and I recall playing at Burton’s Sports and at Cliffe Castle Gardens in Keighley where I played the tenor horn in the afternoon and the cornet in the evening. The afternoon concert opened with the march Round Tower and when we’d finished the conductor announced over his microphone to the large audience the band had just played its signature march. “How long has that been your signature march?” I asked the chap next to me. “Since about five minutes ago!” was his reply. In between the two concerts most of the band ‘disappeared’ - they’d gone for a pint or two. My pal and I were given directions to the hostelry and told to knock three times on the back door and ask for Leeds Model. This, of course, was in the days of strict licensing laws when no pub would be open early Sunday evening. When
we were admitted we were under age and out of hours! I have good memories of a hard-
working and friendly band who always produced the “big sound”.

**Yorkshire Imperial Band** - Stourton, Yorkshire (West Riding)
- Formed in 1931 as Yorkshire Copper Works Band, from members of the Stourton
  Memorial Band, later known as Band of the Yorkshire Imperial Metals (1958), Yorkshire
  Imperial Metals Band, Yorkshire Imperial Band, Yorkshire Imperial Band (1980), I.M.I. Yorkshire Imperial Band,
  DUT Yorkshire Imperial Band. Merged with Rothwell Band in 1999 to form DUT
  Yorkshire Imperial Rothwell Band.

**Yorkshire Imperial Metals Band**
- See: *Yorkshire Imperial Band*

**Yorkshire Imperial Urquhart Travel Band** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
- [current band] - Founded in 1999 - Note: Amalgamation of DUT Yorkshire Imperial Band
  and Rothwell Band

**Yorkshire Main Band**
- See: *Yorkshire Main Colliery Band*

**Yorkshire Main Colliery Band**
- Formed after World War 1. Still active in the mid 1990s. Also known as Ceramia
  Goldthorpe Colliery Band, Goldthorpe (Ceramia) Band, Edlington N.U.M. Silver Prize
  Band.

**Yorkshire Main Goldthorpe Colliery Band**
- See: *Yorkshire Main Colliery Band*

**Yorkshire Relish Band**
- See: *Yorkshire Evening Post Band*

**Yorkshire School for the Blind Brass Band** - York, Yorkshire
- See: *York Blind School Brass Band*

**Yorkshire Steel and Iron Works Brass Band** - Penistone, Yorkshire (West Riding)
- Active in the 1870s to the 1890s

**Yorkshire Traction Band**
- See: *Yorkshire Transport Band*

**Yorkshire Traction Honley** - Yorkshire (West Riding)
- [current band] - Founded in 1997

**Yorkshire Transport Band** - Dewsbury, Yorkshire (West Riding)
- Formed in September 1935. Also known as the Busman’s Band, Yorkshire Bus Company
  Band, Yorkshire Woollen District Transport Sports Club Band. Merged with Honley
  Band in 1997 to form Yorkshire Traction Honley Band

**Yorkshire Transport Sports Club Band**
- See: *Yorkshire Transport Band*

**Yorkshire Woollen District Transport Sports Club Band**
- See: *Yorkshire Transport Band*

**Youlgrave Silver Band** - Derbyshire
- [current band] - Founded in the early 1860s - also known as Youlgreave Silver Band

**Young Lancashire Brass** - Lancashire
- [current band] - Founded in 1960

**Youth Brass 2000** - Corby, Northamptonshire
- [current band] - Founded in 1990

**Yoxall Band** - Staffordshire
- Active in 1904
Yr Eifl and Trefor Brass Band
   See: Trefor Brass Band

Ysbyty Ystwyth Brass Band
   Active c. 1910

Ysguborwen Brass Band
   See: Aberdare Town Band

Ystalyfera Brass Band - Glamorgan
   [previous name of current band] See: Ystalyfera Public Band

Ystalyfera Public Band - Glamorgan
   [current band] - Founded in 1865 - Former names: Ystalyfera Temperance Silver Band,
   aka Blue Ribbon Band - Note: The first brass band in the Swansea Valley.

Ystalyfera Public Brass Band - Glamorgan
   Formed in the 1920s, active through to the 1980s

Ystalyfera Temperance Brass Band - Glamorgan
   Active in the 1900s through to the 1970s - contemporary with Ystalyfera Public Brass
   Band

Ystalyfera Temperance Silver Band - Glamorgan
   [previous name of current band] See: Ystalyfera Public Band

Ystalyfera Town Brass Band - Glamorgan
   Formed in the 1920s, active through to the 1980s - contemporary with Ystalyfera Town
   Brass Band

Ystrad Mynach and District Band - Glamorgan
   Active in the 1980s and 1990s

Ystrad Rhondda Brass Band - Glamorgan
   Active in the 1890s

Ystrad Volunteers Brass Band - Glamorgan
   Active in the 1890s

Ystradgynlais Brass Band - Brecknockshire
   Active in the 1880s, disbanding in the 1890s. A successor band was formed in 1903

Ystradgynlais Public Band - Brecknockshire
   [current band] - Founded in 1903 - Former names: Ystradgynlais Public Prize Band

Zealley’s Brass Band - Aston, Staffordshire
   Conductor Mr Zealley. Became Aston Excelsior Band in 1907.

Zeals St Martin’s Silver Band - Wiltshire
   Active in 1923, secretary B. Maidment

Zeals Temperance Band - Wiltshire
   Formed before the First World War, provided music at many local functions. By 1930 the
   abstaining zeal of its members had waned and it was renamed the Zeals St. Martins
   Silver Band

Zennor Brass Band - Cornwall
   Active in 1856

Zetland Brass Band - Laurieston, Stirlingshire
   See: Laurieston Zetland Brass Band

Zion Brass Band - Colne, Lancashire
   See: Mount Zion Brass Band (Colne)

Zion Brass Band - Oldham, Lancashire
   See: Cobden Chadwick Band
Zion Congregational Brass Band - Hyde, Cheshire  
Active in the 1900s

Zion Methodists Band - Oldham, Lancashire  
See: Cobden Chadwick Band

Zone One Brass Band - London  
[current band] - Founded in 2002 - Note: Founded by students of the Royal College of Music

1st Battalion Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T.A.) Band - Bedfordshire  
Active in the 1960s

1st Battalion Cheshire Home Guard Band - Cheshire  
Active in 1944

1st Breconshire Rifle Volunteers Band - Brecknockshire  
Active in the 1880s

1st Buckinghamshire Rifle Volunteers Band - Buckinghamshire  
See: Wolverton Rifle Volunteers Brass Band

1st Cadet Battalion Royal Fusiliers [City of London Regiment] Band - Middlesex  
Active in the 1920s and 1930s

1st Cheshire Artillery Volunteers Band - Cheshire  
Active in the 1860s and 1870s

1st Cheshire Engineers Band - Cheshire  
Active in the 1860s

1st Cheshire Home Guard Brass Band - Altrincham, Cheshire  
Active during WW2

1st Clackmannan and Kinross Rifle Volunteers Band - Alva, Clackmannanshire  
Active in the 1880s

1st Derby Company Boys Life Brigade Brass Band - Derby, Derbyshire  
Active in 1904, secretary Mr Selvey.

1st Derbyshire Rifles (Heanor) Band - Heanor, Derbyshire  
See: Derby Rifles Brass Band

1st Devon Rifle Volunteers Band - Dawlish, Devon  
See: Dawlish Rifles Brass Band

1st Devon Rifle Volunteers Band - Exeter, Devon  
Active in the 1860s to 1880s

1st Devon Rifle Volunteers Band - Exmouth, Devon  
Active in the 1860s

1st Dorset Artillery Regiment Brass Band - Dorset  
Active in the 1900s

1st Duke of Cornwall’s Rifles Band - Penzance, Cornwall  
See: Penzance Rifles Band

1st Durham Artillery Band - Sunderland, Durham  
Active in the 1900s

1st Durham Volunteer Rifles Band - Stockton-on-Tees, Durham  
Active in the 1860s to 1890s

1st Essex Artillery Volunteer Brass Band - Hornchurch, Essex  
Formed in 1881.

1st Fifeshire Artillery Brass Band - Tayport, Fife  
Active in the 1880s, conductor W. Hogg.
1st Flintshire Volunteers Band - Flintshire
  Active in the 1900s

1st Glamorgan Rifles Band - Risca, Glamorgan
  Active in the 1880s

1st Gloucestershire Artillery Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
  Active in the 1900s

1st Gloucestershire Engineers Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
  Active in the 1880s

1st Haslington Boys Brigade Brass Band - Lancashire
  Active in the 1970s

1st Hereford Rifle Corps Band - Herefordshire
  Active in 1884

1st Heywood St Johns Scouts Brass Band - Lancashire
  Active in the 1930s

1st Hunts Cyclist Battalion Band - Huntingdonshire
  Active in WW1. Many members were formerly with the Fletton Victoria Prize Band, most of who joined up in 1914 to become bandmen. Sgt. Joe Hackney, formally the Fletton Bandmaster took control of the band. They were also used as stretcher-bearers, but later on were used to carry out full soldiers' duties.

1st Kidderminster Rifle Corps Band - Worcestershire
  See: Kidderminster Brass Band (1)

1st Lanarkshire Rifle Volunteers Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
  Active from the early 1860s. Originally a bugle band it eventually became a brass band for the second battalion of the regiment but had improved so much by 1887 that it was promoted to the band for the 1st Battalion, the professional band which had previously existed being done away with.

1st Lancashire Artillery Volunteers Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
  Active in the 1870s and 1880s

1st Lancashire Rifle Volunteers Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
  Active in the 1860s to the 1880s

1st Leicester Army Cadets Brass Band - Leicestershire
  Active during WW2.

1st Lincolnshire Artillery Volunteer Band - Boston, Lincolnshire
  Active in the 1860s

1st Lincolnshire Rifles Band - Gainsborough, Lincolnshire
  See: Gainsborough Rifles Band

1st Lincolnshire Rifles Band - Lincoln, Lincolnshire
  Active in the 1860s to 1880s. Conductor F.M. Ward in 1860.

1st Lincolnshire Volunteer Battalion Band - Frodingham, Lincolnshire
  Active in the 1890s

1st Linlithgow Rifles Brass Band - West Lothian
  Active in the 1860s

1st Neston Boys Brigade Brass Band - Cheshire
  Active in the 1930s

1st Newcastle-on-Tyne Volunteers Brass Band - Northumberland
  Active in the 1860s
1st Newport Volunteers Brass Band - Monmouthshire
Active in the 1880s

1st North Yorkshire Volunteer Artillery Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
See: Guisbrough Artillery Volunteers

1st Peebleshire Rifle Volunteer Band - Peebleshire
[previous name of current band] See: Peebles Burgh Silver Band

1st Renfrew and Dumbarton Artillery Volunteers Band - Renfrewshire
See: Greenock Thistle Brass Band (2)

1st Renfrewshire Rifle Volunteers Brass Band - Renfrewshire
See: Greenock Rifles Brass Band

1st Southampton Albion Boy Scouts Band - Hampshire
Active in the 1920s

1st Staffordshire Artillery Brass Band - Staffordshire
See: Etruria Artillery Brass Band

1st Suffolk Rifle Volunteers Brass Band - Ipswich, Suffolk
Active in the 1860s

1st Sussex Artillery Volunteers Brass Band - Brighton, Sussex
Active in the 1860s

1st Tower Hamlets Volunteers Brass Band - Kent
Active in the 1870s

1st Volunteer Battalion Berkshire Regiment Band - Wokingham, Berkshire
See: Wokingham Volunteers Brass Band

1st Volunteer Battalion Brass Band - Ilford, Essex
Active in the 1890s

1st Volunteer Battalion Hampshire Regiment Band - Alton, Hampshire
Active in the 1900s, conductor Mr Withers

1st Volunteer Battalion Lancashire Band - Ulverston, Lancashire
Active in the 1900s

1st Volunteer Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers Band - Lancashire
See: Bury Public Silver Band

1st Volunteer Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers Band - Northumberland
See: Acomb Brass Band

1st Volunteer Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers Band - Wrexham, Denbighshire
Active in the 1880s

1st Warwickshire Militia Brass Band - Warwickshire
Active in the 1860s

1st Wessex Boys Brigade Brass Band - Yeovil, Somerset
Active in the 1920s and 1930s

1st West Riding Artillery Brass Band - Bramley, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in 1863

1st West Yorkshire Volunteers Band - Pudsey, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Active in the 1860s

1st West Yorkshire Yeomanry Band - Doncaster, Yorkshire (West Riding)
Conducted for many years around 1900 by Lieutenant Samuel Suckley.

1st Whitstable Scout Group Band - Kent
[current band] - Founded in 1921 - Note: Drum and bugle band started in 1919
2nd Battalion Monmouth Regiment (T.A.) Band - Monmouthshire
   Active in the 1950s and 1960s. Competed in the 1964 West of England Regional
   Championships (3rd Section), conducted by W.O.I. Roy Lee

2nd Cheshire Rifle Volunteers Band - Cheshire
   Active in the 1860s

2nd Cumberland Artillery Band - Cumberland
   Active in 1864

2nd Derbyshire Rifle Volunteers Band - Derbyshire
   See: Uttoxeter Brass Band

2nd Devon Volunteer Rifles Band - Devonport, Devon
   Active in the 1860s

2nd Enfield Boys Brigade Brass Band - Middlesex
   Active in the 1930s to the late 1960s

2nd Glamorgan Rifles Band - Dowlais, Glamorgan
   See: Dowlais Brass Band

2nd Glamorgan Volunteers Band - Glamorgan
   See: Mountain Ash Volunteers Band

2nd Gloucestershire Volunteer Engineers Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire
   Active in the 1860s

2nd Hammersmith Boys Brigade Brass Band - Middlesex
   Active in the 1930s

2nd Hampshire Volunteers Brass Band
   See: Southampton Amateur Brass Band

2nd King’s Own Staffordshire Militia Band
   See: Smethwick Volunteers Brass Band

2nd Lanarkshire Rifle Volunteers Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
   Active in the 1860s

2nd Lanarkshire Royal Engineers Band
   See: Milnwood Brass Band

2nd Lancashire Artillery Volunteers Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
   Active in the 1880s

2nd Lancashire Rifle Volunteers Band - Clitheroe, Lancashire
   Active in the 1880s

2nd Lancashire Rifle Volunteers Band - Darwen, Lancashire
   See: Darwen Rifle Corps Band

2nd Middlesex Rifles Volunteers Band - Waltham Green, Middlesex
   Active in the 1890s

2nd Northumberland Artillery Volunteers Band - Percy, Northumberland
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s

2nd Rossendale Scout Group Band - Bacup, Lancashire
   [current band] - Founded in 1965

2nd Royal Arsenal Rifle Volunteers Band - Woolwich, Kent
   Active in the 1860s

2nd Shropshire Volunteer Rifles Band
   Active in the 1860s

2nd South Essex Boys Brigade Brass Band
   Active in the 1930s and the 1960s
2nd Sussex Artillery Volunteers Band
   Active in the 1890s

2nd Tower Hamlets Volunteer Rifles Band
   Active in the 1860s

2nd Volunteer Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment Band - Berkhamstead, Hertfordshire
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s

2nd Volunteer Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment Band - Gloucester, Gloucestershire
   Active in the 1890s and 1900s

2nd Volunteer Battalion North Staffordshire Regiment Band
   See: Rugeley Volunteers Band

2nd Volunteer Battalion South Wales Borderers Band - Newport, Monmouthshire
   Active in the 1880s

2nd Volunteer Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment Band
   Active in the 1880s and 1890s

2nd Waltham Forest Boys Brigade Brass Band - Essex
   Active in the 1960s

2nd West Yorks Royal Engineers Band
   See: Leeds Engineers’ Band

2nd West Yorkshire Artillery Band
   Active in the 1860s

3rd Brigade (Welsh Division) Royal Artillery Band - Carmarthenshire
   Active in the 1880s

3rd Carrickfergus Boys' Brigade Band
   Formed in 1958, under the direction of Mr D J McCartney. The band went from strength to strength and won the Marching Bands Competition in Belfast three years in a row as well as featuring in the major Brass Band contests throughout Northern Ireland. The Band eventually disbanded in 1968 as the boys got older and left the BB.

3rd Devon Artillery Volunteers Band - Teignmouth, Devon
   Active in the 1860s

3rd Dorset Volunteers Band - Bridport, Dorset
   Active in the 1860s

3rd Duke of Cornwall's Rifle Volunteers Band - Falmouth, Cornwall
   Active in the 1860s

3rd Durham Rifles Band
   Active in the 1900s

3rd East Anglian Royal Army Medical Corps Territorial Band
   Active in the 1910s

3rd Glamorgan Rifles Band - Swansea, Glamorgan
   Active in the 1880s

3rd Hertfordshire Rifle Volunteers Band
   Active in the 1860s

3rd Lancashire Artillery Volunteers Band - Chorley, Lancashire
   Active in the 1870s and 1880s

3rd Lancashire Artillery Volunteers Band - Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire
   Active in the 1880s to 1900s. Also known as Church and Oswaldtwistle Temperance Band
3rd Lancashire Rifle Volunteers Temperance Band
  Active in 1885

3rd Lancashire Volunteer Regiment Band
  See: Accrington Old Band

3rd Lincolnshire Artillery Band - Louth, Lincolnshire
  Active in the 1860s

3rd Lincolnshire Volunteer Rifles Band - Grantham, Lincolnshire
  Active in the 1860s

3rd Manchester Rifles Band - Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire
  Active in the 1900s

3rd Monmouth Battalion Band
  Active in the 1900s to WW1

3rd Peebleshire Volunteer Brass Band - Innerleithen, Peebleshire
  Formed in 1866, conductor Mr Millar.

3rd Suffolk Volunteers Band - Woodbridge, Suffolk
  Active in the 1860s

3rd Tower Hamlets Volunteer Rifle Corps Band
  Active in the 1860s

3rd Volunteer Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment Band - Biggleswade, Bedfordshire
  Active in the 1900s

3rd Volunteer Battalion Gloucester Regiment Band
  See: Bristol Britannia Band

3rd Volunteer Battalion Kings Own Scottish Borders Band
  Active in the 1890s

3rd Volunteer Battalion Welsh Regiment Band
  Active in the 1900s

3rd Volunteers Royal Welsh Fusiliers Band - Flintshire
  [previous name of current band] See: Rhyl Silver Band

3rd West Yorkshire Artillery Band - Saltaire, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  Active in the 1860s

3rd West Yorkshire Rifle Volunteers Band - Bradford, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  See: Bradford Brass Band

4th Ayrshire Rifle Volunteers Band - Largs, Ayrshire
  Active in the 1860s

4th Battalion 22nd Cheshire Regiment T.A. Brass Band
  Active in the 1960s

4th Battalion King’s Shropshire Light Infantry (T.A.) Brass Band
  Active in the 1960s

4th Battalion Queen’s Own Royal West Kent (T.A.) Brass Band
  Active in the 1930s

4th Brigade Lancers Volunteer Artillery Corps Band
  Active in the 1860s

4th Devon Rifle Volunteers Band - Modbury,
  Active in the 1860s

4th Durham Artillery Band
  See: West Hartlepool Old Operatic Brass Band
4th Lancashire Artillery Volunteers Band  
Active in the 1860s and the 1880s

4th Lancashire Rifle Volunteers Band - Bacup, Lancashire  
See: Bacup Old Band

4th Lancashire Rifle Volunteers Band - Chowbent, Lancashire  
Active in the 1880s

4th Lancashire Rifle Volunteers Band - Newchurch, Lancashire  
See: Newchurch Brass Band (1)

4th Lancashire Rifle Volunteers Band - Orrell,  
Active in the 1880s

4th Lincolnshire Volunteer Rifle Corps Band - Boston, Lincolnshire  
Active in the 1860s

4th Northamptonshire Rifle Volunteers Band  
Active in the 1860s

4th Nottingham Rifle Volunteers Band  
Active in 1896, when on May 8th, under the direction of Bandmaster Belcher, they led the annual Volunteer Church Parade at the Priory Church and in the afternoon the band played a selection in the Marker Square.

4th Rifle Volunteers Royal Scots Band  
Formed in 1868, active in the 1880s

4th Roxburgh Rifles Brass Band - Hawick,  
Active in the 1860s and 1870s

4th Staffordshire Home Guard Brass Band - Hanley, Staffordshire  
Active during WW2

4th Staffordshire Rifle Corps Band  
See: Walsall Rifle Corps Brass Band

4th Suffolk Rifle Volunteers Band - Bungay,  
Active in the 1860s

4th Volunteer Battalion Essex Regiment Band  
Active in the 1890s

4th Volunteer Battalion Hampshire Regiment Band  
Active in the 1900s

4th Volunteer Battalion South Wales Borderers Band - Newport, Monmouthshire  
Active in the 1880s

4th Volunteer Battalion Welsh Regiment Band - Llanelli, Carmarthenshire  
Active in the 1910s to WW1

4th West Lancs R.F.A. Band  
Active in the 1900s and 1910s

4th West Yorkshire Volunteer Rifles Band  
See: Halifax Rifle Volunteers Band

5th Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment (T.A.) Band  
Active in the 1960s

5th Battalion Manchester Regiment Band - Wigan, Lancashire  
Active in the 1930s

5th Battalion Shropshire Home Guard Band - Shropshire  
Active in 1944
5th Battalion Welsh Regiment (T.A.) Band
   Active in the 1930s and the 1960s. Competed in the 1964 West of England Regional Championships (3rd Section), conducted by T.W. Morgan

5th Cheshire Artillery Volunteers Band
   Active in the 1860s

5th Durham Rifle Volunteers Band - Gateshead, Durham
   Active in the 1880s

5th Fife Volunteer Artillery Brass Band - Kirkcaldy, Fife
   Formed in 1862, conducted by Herr Roch.

5th Gloucestershire Royal Artillery Band
   See: Clevedon Silver Band

5th Lanarkshire Rifle Volunteers Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
   Active in the 1860s

5th Lancashire Artillery Volunteers Band - Church, Lancashire
   Active in the 1870s

5th Lancashire Rifle Volunteers Band - Accrington, Lancashire
   Active in the 1870s

5th Northamptonshire Rifle Volunteers Band
   Active in the 1860s and the 1870s

5th Oxfordshire Rifles Brass Band - Witney, Oxfordshire
   See: Witney Brass Band

5th Seaham Old Scouts Brass Band - Durham
   Active in the late 1940s and 1950s

5th Volunteer Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment Band
   Active in the 1900s

5th West Medway Boy Scouts Brass Band - Kent
   Active in the 1950s

5th West Yorkshire Rifle Volunteers Band - Wakefield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1870s

6th Battalion South Staffs Regiment Band - Wolverhampton, Staffordshire
   See: John Thompson Works Prize Band

6th Battalion Welsh Regiment (T.A.) Band
   Active in the 1920s and the 1960s. Competed in the 1964 West of England Regional Championships (4th Section), conducted by Tom Jones

6th Cambridgeshire Volunteer Rifle Corps Band
   Active in the 1860s

6th Devon Artillery Volunteers Band - Dartmouth, Devon
   Active in the 1860s

6th Dorsetshire Volunteer Rifle Corps Band - Dorset
   Active in the 1860s

6th Dumfriesshire Rifle Volunteers Band - Moffat,
   Active in the 1870s

6th Hampshire Rifle Volunteers Band
   Active in the 1860s

6th Lancashire Artillery Volunteers Band
   Active in the 1890s
6th North Liverpool Scouts Brass Band
  Active in the late 1940s

6th North Yorkshire Volunteer Rifle Corps Band - Scarborough, Yorkshire (North Riding)
  See: Scarborough Rifle Volunteers Band

6th Northamptonshire Volunteer Rifles (Peterborough) Band
  See: Peterborough Rifles Band

6th Staffordshire Rifle Volunteers Band - Burslem,
  Active in the 1870s and 1880s

6th Suffolk Rifle Volunteers Band - Stowmarket, Suffolk
  Active in the 1860s

6th Sussex Rifle Volunteers Band - Sussex
  Active in the 1860s

7th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (TA) Band - Bonnybridge,
  See: Bonnybridge Silver Band

7th Battalion 22nd Cheshire Regiment T.A. Band
  Active in the 1960s

7th Battalion King’s Lancashire Regiment Band - Southport, Lancashire
  Active in 1909

7th Duke of Cornwall’s Rifle Volunteers Band - Helston, Cornwall
  Active in the 1860s to 1890s

7th Durham Rifle Volunteers Band
  Active in the 1860s

7th Lancashire Rifle Volunteers Band - Accrington, Lancashire
  See: Accrington Old Band

7th Lancashire Rifle Volunteers Band - Enfield, Lancashire
  Active in the late 1860s

7th Lancashire Rifle Volunteers Band - Oldham, Lancashire
  See: Oldham Rifles Band

7th Shropshire Rifle Volunteers Band
  Active in the 1860s

7th Stirlingshire Rifle Volunteers Band - Lennoxtown, Stirlingshire
  Active in the 1860s

7th Sussex Rifle Volunteers Band
  See: Horsham Foresters’ Brass Band

8th Cambridgeshire Rifle Volunteers Band
  Active in the 1860s

8th Durham Rifle Volunteers Band
  Active in the 1870s

8th Essex Rifle Volunteers Band
  Active in the 1870s

8th Surrey Rifles Band - Surrey
  See: Mitcham Brass Band

8th West Yorkshire Rifle Volunteers Band - Rotherham, Yorkshire (West Riding)
  See: Rotherham Volunteers Band

9th Battalion Home Guard Band - Leicester, Leicestershire
  [previous name of current band] See: Foresters Brass 2000
9th Dorsetshire Volunteer Rifle Corps Band  
Active in the 1860s

9th Durham Rifle Volunteers Band  
Active in the 1870s

9th Lanarkshire Rifle Volunteers Band - Kirkmuirhill, Lanarkshire  
Active in the 1880s

9th Lancashire Artillery Volunteers Band  
Active in the 1860s

9th Lincolnshire Rifle Corps Saxhorn Band - Horncastle, Lincolnshire  
Active in the 1860s

9th Sussex Volunteer Rifle Corps Band  
Active in the 1860s

9th Wiltshire Volunteer Rifle Corps Band - Bradford-upon-Avon, Wiltshire  
Active in the 1860s

10th Battalion Manchester Regiment Oldham Rifles Prize Band - Lancashire  
See: Oldham Rifles Band

10th Fife Artillery Volunteers East Wemyss Band - Fife  
See: East Wemyss Brass Band

10th Forfar Highland Rifle Volunteers Band - Fife  
Active in the 1870s

10th Lanarkshire Rifle Volunteers Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire  
Active in the 1860s

10th Lancashire Rifle Volunteers Band - Lancaster, Lancashire  
Active in the 1870s

10th Manchester Regiment Band - Lancashire  
See: Oldham Rifles Band

10th Tower Hamlets Rifle Volunteer Band - Kent  
Active in the 1860s

11th Dunbartonshire Rifle Volunteers Band - Dunbartonshire  
See: Cumbernauld Brass Band

11th Durham Rifles Band - Durham  
Active in 1861

11th Lancashire Rifle Volunteers Band - Preston, Lancashire  
Active in the 1860s

11th Northumberland Volunteers Band - Corbridge,  
See: Acomb Brass Band

11th Staffordshire Rifles Band - Staffordshire  
Active in 1863

11th Suffolk Volunteer Rifles Band - Sudbury, Suffolk  
Active in the 1860s

12th Battalion Royal West Kent Guards Band - Kent  
See: Chatham Town Band

12th Devon Artillery Volunteers Band - Devonport, Devon  
Active in the 1860s

12th Glamorgan Rifle Volunteers Band - Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan  
Active in the 1870s
12th Gloucester Home Guard Brass Band - Bristol, Gloucestershire  
Active during WW2

12th Lancashire Artillery Volunteers Band - Liverpool, Lancashire  
Active in the 1860s and 1870s

12th Middlesex Rifle Volunteers Band - Barnet, Middlesex  
Active in the 1860s

12th North Yorkshire Rifle Volunteers Band - Redmire, Yorkshire (North Riding)  
Active in the 1860s

13th Cheshire Rifle Volunteers Band - Stalybridge, Cheshire  
Active in the 1860s

13th Glamorgan Rifle Volunteers Corporation Band - Glamorgan  
[previous name of current band] See: *City of Cardiff (Melingriffith) Brass Band*

13th Lancashire Rifle Volunteers Band - Lancashire
See: *Southport Rifles Brass Band*

14th Battalion Lancashire Home Guard Brass Band - Horwich, Lancashire  
Active during WW2

14th Durham Rifle Volunteers Band - Felling, Durham  
Active in the 1870s and 1880s

14th Glamorgan Rifle Volunteers Band - Glamorgan  
Active in the 1870s

14th Suffolk Rifle Volunteers Band - Beccles, Suffolk  
Active in the 1860s

14th West Riding Home Guard Brass Band - York, Yorkshire  
Active during WW2

15th Durham Rifle Volunteers Band - Darlington, Durham  
Active in the 1860 to the 1880s

15th Lancashire Artillery Volunteers Band - Lancashire  
Active in the 1860s

15th Lancashire Rifle Volunteers Band - Liverpool, Lancashire  
Active in the 1860s to the 1880s

15th Staffordshire Home Guard Brass Band - Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire  
Active during WW2

16th Kent Rifle Volunteers Band - Kent  
Active in the 1860s

16th Somerset Rifle Volunteers Band - Somerset  
See: *Yeovil Corporation Band*

16th West Yorks Rifles Band - Yorkshire (West Riding)  
See: *Silsden Brass Band*

17th Derbyshire Rifle Volunteers Band - Clay Cross,  
See: *Clay Cross Volunteer Band*

17th Devon Rifle Volunteers Band - Totnes, Devon  
Active in the 1860s

17th Duke of Cornwall Rifle Volunteers Band - Redruth, Cornwall  
Active in the 1860s

17th Kent Rifle Volunteers Band - Kent  
Active in the 1860s
17th Lancashire Artillery Volunteers Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1860s
17th West Riding Rifle Volunteers Band - Knaresborough, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1850s and 1860s
18th Devon Rifle Volunteers Band - Okehampton, Devon
   Active in the 1860s
18th Lancashire Rifle Volunteers Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1880s
19th Battalion Durham Light Infantry Home Guard Band - Durham
   Active during WW2
19th Lanarkshire Rifle Volunteers Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
   Active in the 1860s
20th Armoured Car Corps Brass Band - Kirkcaldy, Fife
   Active in the 1930s
20th Duke of Cornwall's Rifles Band - St Just, Cornwall
   Active in the 1860s to the 1880s
20th North Yorkshire Rifle Volunteers Band - Yorkshire (North Riding)
   See: Guisborough Rifle Volunteers Band
20th Staffordshire Rifle Volunteers Band - West Bromwich, Staffordshire
   Active in the 1860s and 1870s
20th West Riding Yorkshire Volunteer Rifles Band - Doncaster, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1860s
21st Lancashire Rifle Volunteers Band - Lancashire
   Active in the 1880s
21st London Regiment Band (1st Surrey Rifles) - Surrey
   Active in the 1930s
21st West Yorkshire Volunteer Rifles Band - Doncaster, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1860s
22nd Lancashire Artillery Volunteers Band - Church, Lancashire
   Active in the 1860s and 1870s
22nd Lancashire Rifle Volunteers (Oldham) Band - Lancashire
   See: Oldham Rifles Band
22nd West Riding Home Guard Brass Band - Brighouse, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active during WW2
23rd Derbyshire Rifle Volunteers Band - Glossop, Derbyshire
   See: Glossop Volunteers Band
23rd Lancashire Rifle Volunteers (Oldham) Band - Lancashire
   See: Oldham Rifles Band
24th Kent Rifle Volunteers Band - Kent
   Active in the 1860s
24th Lancashire Rifle Volunteers (Rochdale) Band - Rochdale, Lancashire
   See: Rochdale Rifles Band
25th Kent Rifle Volunteers Band - Kent
   Active in the 1860s
25th Lanarkshire Rifle Volunteers Band - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
   Active in the 1860s and 1870s
25th Lancashire Rifle Volunteers Band - Liverpool, Lancashire
   Active in the 1860s
25th Staffordshire Volunteer Rifles (Stafford) Band - Stafford, Staffordshire
   See: Stafford Rifles Brass Band
26th Middlesex Rifle Volunteers Band - Middlesex
   Active in the 1860s
26th West Riding Home Guard Brass Band - Huddersfield, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active during WW2
27th Devon Rifle Volunteers Band - Colyton, Devon
   Active in the 1860s
27th Manchester Company Boys Brigade Old Boys Silver Band - Manchester, Lancashire
   Active in the late 1940s
27th Warwickshire Home Guard Brass Band - Birmingham, Warwickshire
   Active during WW2
29th Lanarkshire Rifle Volunteers Band - Lanarkshire
   See: Airdrie Union Band
29th West York Rifle Volunteer Band - Dewsbury, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   See: Dewsbury Rifle Corps Band
30th Middlesex Rifle Volunteers Band - Ealing, Middlesex
   Active in the 1860s
31st Lancashire Rifle Volunteers (Oldham) Band
   See: Oldham Rifles Band
32nd Lancashire Battalion Home Guard Band - Bacup, Lancashire
   Active in 1940s
32nd Oldham Troop Boy Scouts Band
   See: Chadderton Christ Church Brass Band
34th Staffordshire Rifle Volunteers Band
   See: Wednesbury Brass Band
34th West Yorkshire Rifle Volunteers Band - Saddleworth, Yorkshire (West Riding)
   Active in the 1870s and 1880s
35th Cheshire Home Guard Brass Band - Hyde, Cheshire
   Active during WW2
35th Cheshire Rifle Volunteers Band - Bromborough Pool, Cheshire
   Active in the 1860s
36th Middlesex Rifle Volunteers Band
   Active in the 1860s
37th Lancashire Rifle Volunteers Band
   Active in the 1870s
38th Cheshire Home Guard Brass Band - Stockport, Cheshire
   Active during WW2
41st Boys Brigade Old Boys Brass Band - Turnpike Lane, London (North)
   Active in the 1960s
41st Coy London Boys Brigade Brass Band
   Active in the 1940s and 1950s
41st Lancashire Home Guard Brass Band - Prestwich, Lancashire
   Active during WW2
41st West Yorkshire Rifle Volunteers (Mirfield) Band  
See: Mirfield Old Band

42nd (Boots) Silver Band  
See: Boots Plaisaunce Band

44 (HC) Signal Regiment (Cinque Ports) Brass Band  
Active in the 1960s

48th Lancashire Home Guard Brass Band - Ardwick, Lancashire  
Active during WW2

49th Lancashire Home Guard Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire  
See: Crossley Brothers Brass Band

50th Duke of Lancaster's Home Guard Brass Band - Ancoats, Lancashire  
Active during WW2

50th Signal Regiment T.A. Brass Band - Darlington, Durham  
Active in the 1960s

51st Lancashire Volunteer Rifle Corps Band  
Active in 1860s

55th Royal Engineers T.A. Brass Band - Lancashire  
Active in the 1920s

71st A.A. Searchlight Regiment Brass Band - Manchester, Lancashire  
Active in 1939

82nd Lancashire Rifle Volunteers Band - Hindley, Lancashire  
See: All Saints Brass Band (Hindley)

82nd Wandsworth Squadron ATC Band  
A set of brass band instruments was given to the ATC. The Bandmaster was WO Johnstone-Harrhy who had been invalided out of the RAF Central Band, following 12 years service with the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry Band.

84th Lancashire Rifle Volunteers Padiham - Lancashire  
Active from the 1860s to the 1880s

88th Lancashire Rifle Volunteers Band  
See: Haslingden Rifle Volunteers Band

95th Squadron A.T.C. Crewe Band  
See: Crewe Squadron A.T.C. Band

105 Corps Engineer Regiment T.A. Band - Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland  
Active in the 1960s, conducted by Walter Wilson.

114 Army Engineer Regiment R.E. (T.A.) Hackney Brass Band - Middlesex  
Active in the 1950s

115 Army Construction Regiment R.E. (T.A.) Brass Band - Fareham, Hampshire  
Active in the 1950s and 1960s

118th Glasgow Boys? Brigade Band - Lanarkshire  
[previous name of current band] See: King’s Park Brass

150th Liverpool Scouts Brass Band - Lancashire  
Active in the 1930s

150th Northumbrian Column Territorial Army Band - Northumberland  
See: West Hull Prize Band
176 (Heavy Battery) Royal Artillery (TA) Band - Harwich, Essex
  Formed in Harwich by those who left the Harwich Town Band in 1936. Bandmaster was Stan Whitmore. When the Territorials were called to the Colours, the members were dispersed and the band went out of existence after just 3 years.

256th Wessex Royal Artillery (TA) Band - Devon
  Active in the late 1950s and early 1960s

279th Royal Artillery (TA) Band - Kilmarnock, Ayrshire
  Active in the early 1960s

283rd Field Regiment Royal Artillery (TA) Band - Cardiff, Glamorgan
  Active in the late 1950s and early 1960s

308th Suffolk and Norfolk Yeomanry Band
  See: Suffolk Yeomanry Brass Band

383rd Field Regiment Royal Artillery (T.A.) Band - Portsmouth, Hampshire

608 North Riding Fighter Squadron Auxiliary Air Force Band - Thornaby-on-Tees, Yorkshire
  North Riding
  Based at Thornaby-on-Tees. Active in 1937. The Band Master was Mr Suttill

1024 (East Wight) Squadron A.T.C. Silver Band - Hampshire (Isle of Wight)
  Active in 1951-1952

1881 Squadron ATC Brass Band - Marlow, Buckinghamshire
  Active in 1945