

Horbury Prize Brass Band.

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An Appeal to the Tradesmen and others in the Township of Horbury.

DEAR SIR OR MADAM,

We, the Committee and members of the Band respectfully ask you for a donation to enable us to purchase a New Set of class A Silverplated and Engraved Instruments which have been ordered from MESSRS. JOSEPH HIGHAM LTD., Manchester.

We know there have been many calls upon the charitable recently, but we venture to hope for a continuance of your support, of which we have many times been the recipient. We feel justified in saying that this project will be a valuable acquisition to the Township, as a musical centre. There are other musical bodies in the Township which have gained a high reputation. And we hope by diligent work and sacrifice (both as to time and money) as far as our means will allow, to achieve a higher reputation.

We have already gained several prizes during the season 1911, and for which we are under an obligation to a neighbouring Band who kindly lent us some of their Instruments, as ours are old and worn out. Many of them in fact date from the Bands' formation, and several of these were second-hand when purchased, and have been in continual use ever since.

Given a fair chance, with suitable Instruments, we have no hesitation in saying that we can and mean to improve our position by reaching a higher place in the Brass Band world. As one of the leading Conductors in Yorkshire states, we have been badly handicapped for want of suitable Instruments. Mr. Angus Holden has given his views on our old set, and a copy of his letter will be found on page 3. The original may be seen at the bandroom.

The President has already started the List with £5 0 0 and several others have given smaller sums, a list of which will appear in the Local Press in due course. The cost of the New Set is £330, which is a large amount, but we as a body will strive our utmost, with your valuable assistance, to raise this amount, and justify the confidence you have placed in us.

A deputation will call upon you when the smallest contribution will be gratefully received and duly acknowledged.

On Behalf of the Committee of the Band,

I am, yours respectfully,

HORBURY, 1912.

W. E. CHARLESWORTH, *Secretary.*

7 Crawford Terrace,

Ashton-under-Lyne,

Lancashire.

March 5th, 1912.

Mr. W. E. Charlesworth.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours to hand, I am pleased to hear that you contemplate the purchase of a new set of Instruments, I know from past experience that you are severely handicapped with your present set, the majority of which were completely worn out years ago, and in consequence the Band cannot compete on the Contest Field with the same confidence as other Bands that are equipped with the best and latest up-to-date Instruments. I really must congratulate the Band on their success last season. I have not known the Horbury Band to work and try to be successful on the Contest Field so much for a good number of years, and I hope your appeal to the public of Horbury will meet with a hearty response, and enable you to get the required Instruments, so that you can have them to commence the Contesting Season.

Yours Sincerely

ANGUS HOLDEN.