

Brass Bands of the Northern Contesting Area



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Introduction

This research on the brass bands of the Northern Area is certainly incomplete, hence I have referred to it as a working document that requires the input of others to correct and extend.

The area covered is basically that defined by the National Brass Band Championships as the current Northern Area, however over the years this area has changed so it should only be taken as a rough guide. Some bands may have been overlooked and perhaps some should not have been included.

I have tried only to include bands that originated or developed into all-brass combinations at some point in their history.

I have also only included basic information, overlooking many anecdotes and band “stories” to keep the document workable. It is possible, and indeed has been done, to write whole books on the histories of the better-known bands.

Likewise, the alphabetical list includes likely duplications of the same band operating under different titles. Bands often went under several different names even at the same point in their existence. This list should therefore be taken as a rough reference document only.

This is certainly also the case with the list of contest results which is based on very limited information available to me. I have only included “National” contests overlooking local ones and listed those bands which featured “in the frame” – usually in the first 6 places.

Any additional information that could be added to any parts of this document would be most gratefully received via email.

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The Origins of the “All-Brass” Band

Some Observations and Summary

The origin of the Brass Band as we know it today can be considered from three major aspects: the music played; the instruments used and the instrumentation adopted.

Music

Early brass bands played bespoke arrangements often made by their bandmaster for the forces at his disposal at any given time. Even when a piece was set for a contest, the bands played their own arrangements, with adjudicators at early contests being known to comment on the quality of the bands' arrangements as well as their actual playing.

Robert Cocks and Company published “Eight Popular Airs for Brass Band” by McFarlane in 1836, which is regarded as the first British publication specifically for an all-brass band.

From the 1840s Brass Band Journals began to be published. Instrumentation was flexible with alternative parts provided for different instruments. The arrangements were generally workmanlike and functional.

Some of the earliest surviving music for brass band consists of parts of Wessel & Co's “Journal for Brass Band”. The arrangements were by William Childe and date from the early 1840s. Instrumentation varies slightly between pieces but typically was:

One cornet a piston in Eb or Db (instruments were usually supplied with crooks)

Two cornets in Ab

One cornet in Ab & Bb

Two French horns in Eb

One valve trumpet in Eb

One alto trombone

One tenor trombone

One bass trombone

One ophicleide

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c.1850 saw the expansion of printed brass band music probably reflecting a growing demand from all-brass bands and also indicating some early standardisation of the type of brass instruments being played if not yet a standardised instrumentation.

However, bands still continued to play “personalised” arrangements from their own band books and “Professors of Music” continued to offer their services as arrangers of band music.

These arrangements were probably made from piano reductions or short scores that were readily available. For example, James Smyth’s brass band arrangement of the overture to “La Forza Del Destino” by Verdi was in circulation within a few months of the opera’s first performance at St Petersburg in 1862.

Brass Band Journals themselves also provided material for re-arrangement either simplified or elaborated depending on the ability of the band concerned.

Thus a typical process could be:

Composer’s Original → Short Score → Journal Arrangement → Re-arrangement

The first Brass Band Journal to standardize instrumentation for publication purposes was the Champion Band Journal started by Richard Smith in 1857. This step was only possible after Adolphe Sax had established the family of saxhorns (see later) which, with the addition of cornets and trombones constituted the entire band. This also meant that contests could have a compulsory set test piece in an agreed arrangement to allow a fairer comparison.

By the 1880s publishers of brass band music had reached a consensus on the instrumentation of brass bands virtually the same as today (see later).

Instruments

It can be argued that all-brass instrumental groups have existed since the invention of brass instruments: groups of fanfare trumpets; corps of hunting horns etc but by the brass band we mean a fully chromatic varied instrumental ensemble. Obviously this could only happen when fully chromatic brass instruments became available.

Fully chromatic trombone ensembles have always been a possibility, hence their use in religious music, most notably the trombone choirs of the Moravian religion, but that is a specialist area of research distinct from the brass band.

Chromatic keyed trumpets were in existence from the 1780s but these were only played by specialist/professional players.

The first chromatic brass instrument to be widely used was the keyed bugle invented and patented by Halliday in 1810. In theory this could have provided a melody line to simple harmony provided by non-chromatic brass

instruments. In reality there is no evidence that any brass bands were formed with all the upper parts played by keyed bugles. Reed instruments continued to provide the main melodic lines. Also in military band music of the time keyed bugles were usually given an inner voice rather than a soprano or solo line.

In 1814 Heinrich Stölzel introduced valved instruments and the Stölzel valve would continue to be used on cheaper instruments for another 100 years.

Between 1824 and 1827 John Shaw experimented with a valved trumpet.

About 1828 the cornet, called the cornopean in Britain, was invented. This was essentially a conical bore posthorn equipped with valves. The “Shepherd Crook” cornet shape became the standard British cornet after the mid-1850s.

In theory a fully chromatic all brass ensemble using ophicleides (essentially a bass keyed bugle) as a bass instrument along with trombones was now a possibility.

This seems to be backed up by the writings of the early brass band entrepreneur Enderby Jackson who claims that the first two bands in Britain to become all brass in 1832 were the Blaina and Pontybydran bands in Wales, both attached to Iron Works.

Little is known of the latter band but Blaina continued to have a long history.

Bands would now increasingly convert to all brass instrumentation although brass and reed bands would still continue to exist.

As indicated earlier when discussing the music played by these early bands the instruments used were very varied, stories of home-made instruments were common!

The move towards a standardised instrumentation (see later) pivots around the development of the saxhorn family by Adolphe Sax in 1844.

Sax did not invent valve instruments, as we have seen, but he did create a family of brass instruments of a homogeneous design available in varying sizes and pitches which could be used alongside cornets, trombones and euphoniums (not actually a saxhorn) to create the brass band as we know it today.

Enderby Jackson described the advantages of the new saxhorns thus:

“full and free power and good intonation and, more especially, for their ease in blowing and simple fingering”

Sax produced well-made instruments in a family of consistent design and graded sizes. This gave bands a uniformity of sound quality that seemed to be desired by bands especially after the success of “Saxhorn” bands at brass band contests – this success was probably due to the more balanced and blended

sound along with better intonation when compared to bands of varying instruments.

A further boost probably came when Mossley Temperance Band purchased a full set of saxhorns in 1853 and proceeded to win First Prize at the Belle Vue Contest that same year.

Likewise the popularity of saxhorns was also helped when the Distin Family adopted saxhorns for their small professional family band and toured widely promoting the instruments.

The rapidly increasing demand for brass instruments of uniform design is reflected in the dates of the establishment of large-scale manufacturers of brass instruments:

Bison – 1837

Higham – 1842

Distin - 1846

As stated earlier the potential for a standardised instrumentation for a brass band was now present, the question is when did this standardisation of instrumentation actually happen?

Instrumentation

As we have seen the earliest all-brass bands had a varied instrumentation depending on the instruments / instrumentalists at their disposal. Early printed and manuscripted music reflects this variety.

We can gain some idea of the variety of early band instrumentation from the contest at Burton Constable in 1845:

Lord Yarborough's Brocklesby Yeomanry Band:

4 Cornopeans; 2 Sax Tenors; 3 Trombones; One Sax Bass; 2 Ophicleides

Holmes Hull Tannery Brass Band:

Similar instrumentation but the leader played a Sax cornet-a-pistons

Hull Flax and Cotton Mills Band:

Again similar instrumentation with the leader James Bean also playing a cornet-a-pistons

Malton and Driffield Band (entered as Wold Brass Band):

The leader James Walker played a Db Soprano Cornet. Other instruments were – 1 Sax cornet-a-pistons; 2 Cornopeans; 2 Valved French Horns; 3 Trombones; 1 Ophicleide; 1 Solo Valved Bass; 1 Valved Tuba

Patrington Band:

3 Cornopeans; 1 Trumpet; 2 Trombones; 1 Ophicleide; 3 Serpents

The presence of several saxhorns is noteworthy within one year of their introduction in 1844.

Entry forms for some early Brass Band Contests are preserved in the Archive of the Enderby Jackson Papers. 34 surviving forms from the 1860 Crystal Palace Contest show that the average band (18 players) consisted of:

1-2 Soprano Cornets – mostly in Db but some in Eb
5 Cornets – mostly in Ab but some in Bb
0-1 Alto Saxhorns in Ab
2-3 Tenor Saxhorns or Alt Horns – mostly in Db but some in Eb
1-2 Baritones – mostly in Ab but some in Bb
1 Tenor Trombone – mostly in C but some in Bb
1 Bass Trombone – mostly in G
1-2 Ophicleides – mostly in C but some in Bb
1 Sax Bass or Euphonium – mostly in Bb or Ab but some in C
2 Contrabass Saxhorns or Bombardons – Mostly in Eb but some in Db

Distin's Journal published by Boosey from 1869 was for:

1st and 2nd Cornets in Bb; 1st Cornet in Eb; 1st and 2nd Tenors in Eb; Euphonium; Bombardon; Side and Bass Drums

additional parts were available for:

Repiano Cornet in Bb; Cornets 3 & 4 in Bb; Solo Tenor in Eb; 2nd Baritone in Bb; 1st and 2nd Trombones in Bb; Bass Trombone; and Contra Bass in Bb

Whilst designed for small bands, which at the time would have still been in the vast majority, the additional parts indicate the potential to virtually cover the instrumentation of the “modern” brass band. They also indicate a much greater uniformity in pitch of instruments compared to the 1860 Crystal Palace Contest.

In a letter concerning the contests at Belle Vue, Manchester, written to the Brass Band News in the early years of the 20th Century the famous Brass Band Conductor, John Gladney, recalled:

“In 1871, when I conducted Burnley, the bands had no fixed instrumentation – the average band numbered fifteen or sixteen. Ophicleides had been in use

right up to then. Keyed bugles and clarinets were in use up to the 1860s, but none were used at the 1871 contest. When I took up Meltham in 1873 I at once remodelled the instrumentation to lines thought out and discussed, ie to a band of twenty-four, with three slide trombones, in fact the same as are now in use. The great success of Meltham soon made all the other bands fall in line. I may say I had great difficulty in getting some bands to give up the valve trombone and adopt the slide. In 1873, valve trombones were used for the last time at a contest, when Mr Phineas Bower of Black Dyke won both the trombone and euphonium prizes”

Largely because of this last incident alluded to and possibly under Gladney’s influence in 1873 the rules for the Belle Vue Contest were tightened and the present-day contesting band instrumentation was basically established from this date.

This was reinforced in 1893 when the British Amateur Band Association met for the first time. Among other things its rules stipulated a maximum of 24 brass players per band in contests.

Therefore within the last three decades of the 19th Century the instrumentation of the full-size brass band had become standardised. However, it should be said, whilst this instrumentation was adopted by the “Top” bands these were massively outnumbered by village bands of limited playing members whose instrumentation would change as members came and went – these bands continued to play from their favourite journals.

Summary

All-brass bands with limited harmonic/melodic capacity were a possibility from 1810 but the first all-brass bands allegedly date from 1832 and certainly the 1830s saw a growth in all-brass bands.

The introduction of the saxhorn family of instruments from 1844 paved the way for an increasing standardisation of instrumentation

A standardised instrumentation was desirable for contesting and music publishing purposes and the essential instrumentation of the modern brass band was established by the last two decades of the 19th Century.

An Annotated Compendium of Brass Bands Past and Present of the Northern Contesting Area

Acomb (Northumberland)

Acomb Brass Band

Active in 1864 when it played at Hexham Flower show. Also active in 1887 and possibly as late as 1922.

Acomb Colliery Band

Active in 1892

Notes:

The bands above are probably the same organisation.

Acomb is a village on the north bank of the river Tyne about 2 miles north from Hexham.

The village in the 19th Century was mainly occupied with lead and coal miners. It was described by The Newcastle Weekly Chronicle in December 1873 as: “a chaotic mixture of a mining settlement, with prosperous lead and coal mines working nearby and agricultural village with pens and stockyards spilling out on to the main street”

The main employer in the 19th Century was The Fallowfield Lead Mine which closed in 1913 (1911?) probably due to flooding and competition from more profitable mines.

There was also a colliery at Acomb. Documents relating to the colliery date from the 1770s. The colliery closed in 1952. At various times the colliery employed from about 20 to over 300 people.

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Aikton (Cumbria)

Aikton (Temperance) Brass Band

Active in 1893 when mentioned in the “Primrose League Gazette” July 15, 1893:

“The annual meeting of this (Aikton) Habitation was held in the Parish Room on the 12th ult. Afterwards the **Aikton Temperance Brass Band** under the leadership of Mr Walker played several pieces for dancing”

Also in June 1903 the band promoted the latest of a series of Annual Picnic and Sports at Wiggonby. The bandmaster at the time was Mr Thompson.

Notes:

Aikton is a village, once in Cumberland now Cumbria 3 miles NE of Wigton near Carlisle

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Aislaby (North Yorkshire)

Aislaby Brass Band (North Yorkshire)

Active in 1859 when it took part in the Lofthouse Grand Village Band Contest conducted by R. Corney. The band was placed 5th. It had 9 performers and played La Sonnambula by Bellini and the test piece Grand Parade March by Jones (see Appendix 1)

Notes:

Aislaby is a small village near Pickering in Ryedale, North Yorkshire.

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Allendale (Northumberland)

Allendale Town Silver Band

Active in 1858 and between 1904 and 1938. Also known as **Allendale Saxhorn Band**.

An **Allendale Band** also competed at the Allendale Contest of 1950.

From the Diary of Joseph Pearson (see Appendix II):

18 June 1858 – The Band Contest – 7 Bands met at Alston. To play for £50.

The judges from Leeds and Stockton – **Allendale Town Band**
all brass and Alston Town reeds.

Braes of Allendale

Formed in the early 1900s. Contested from August 1929 to March 1951 including North of England Area Qualifying Contests. Same as **Braes of Allen Band**. Probably the same organisation as the **Allendale Town Band**.

Notes:

Allendale Town is a village in the valley of the River East Allen 11 miles from Hexham. The area has a history of lead mining. Coal was also mined locally.

A Town Band is often mentioned in descriptions of the Allendale Tar Barrel Carrying custom of New Year:

From www.information-britain.co.uk

Allendale Tar Barrel Carrying (Northumberland)

“Does a tradition gain in power somehow according to its antiquity? The Allendale tar barrel custom almost certainly dates from 1858, making this magical procession a callow youth compared to many others in the country. But the sight is extraordinary, and the pride that comes with involvement is enormous.

As so often elsewhere claims of pagan roots or strange Viking ceremonies have attached to the Allendale event, but the reality is that it started when the town’s silver band parade on New Year’s Eve, normally lit by candles, took place on a night of gusty winds that made candles impractical.

Some bright spark (sorry) seemingly solved the problem with barrels of lighted tar carried on the heads of the town’s strongest men. The flames were protected from the wind, the hefty barrels were stable once aloft, and a tradition was born”

However there are other versions of this custom:

From the Hexham Courant (www.hexham-courant.co.uk)

“Newsletters dating back to 1858 are said to record some men of Allendale singing en route to a watch night service at the Methodist chapel.

They found the tallow candles used for lighting their music kept blowing out in the high wind, so it was suggested that a tar bar’l, which could easily be found in Allendale due to their use in sheep dipping, might be set alight as a means of illumination for the music.”

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Allenheads (Northumberland)

Allenheads Band

Active in 1931

Notes:

Allenheads is a village in the Tynedale District of the County of Northumberland about 18 miles from Hexham.

It has a history of lead mining especially in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Allenheads is reputedly the highest altitude village in England although the residents of Nenthead may beg to differ!

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Alnwick (Northumberland)

Alnwick Town Band

Active between 1904 and 1913

The records of the Captain Scott Memorial Fund include a donation from the **Alnwick Town Band** in 1913 – it is possible that this is how the assets of the band were disposed of after its demise.

Notes:

Alnwick is an historic market town in Northumberland 35 miles North of Newcastle.



(Alnwick Town Band – Date unknown)

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Alston (Cumbria)

Alston Band

Formed around 1850 and may have been renamed to the **Alston (Mountain Rifles) Volunteer Band** which in turn became **Alston Town Band** around 1902.

It became a Home Guard Band during World War II performing its last public engagement in 1946. It was finally wound up in 1960.

From the Diary of Joseph Pearson (see Appendix II):

14 June 1852 – Monday. **Alston Band** on a visit to Haltwhistle, Rose Hill (Greenhead); Brampton etc. Returned on Wednesday the 16th.

30 July 1852 – (Election celebrations held on Cross Fell)
There were 4 or 5 Bands of Music and 4 or 5 thousand persons of all trades and grades from M.Ps to sweeps and beggars. The **Alston** and **Garrigill Bands** both with flags played the M.Ps from the Gentlemens Well to the summit, playing alternately amid thousands which made a most imposing effect.

18 May 1853 – Oddfellows, Druids and Forresters Walk and Dinner held at Penrith
when the **Alston Band** for the Oddfellows bore away the Palm.

26 August 1854 – **Alston Band** on a visit to Newcastle.

25 August 1855 - The Miners Cheap Trip to Newcastle leaving Alston ½ past 7. Arrived Newcastle ¼ before 10. The **Alston Band** accompanying the train which had on board about 400 person.

18 June 1858 – The Band Contest – 7 Bands of Music met at Alston. **Alston Band** at the Angel Inn. To play for £50 – the judges from Leeds and Stockton – **Allendale Town Band** all brass and Alston Town reeds. (Alston band were placed 5th conducted by John Featherston)

From “The Alston Herald” 21st August 1875:

- (The Alston Mountain Rifles) – VOLUNTEER REVIEW AT CARLISLE – Alston comprised Captain, 2 Lieutenants, 3 Officers; 4 Sergeants, 12 Buglers and Band, 3 rank and file, 57 in total.

25th August 1875 – **Volunteer Band** played at the wedding of Mr J.P. Walton

From an unidentified newspaper article from 1960 (presumably reporting the demise of the band):

“The band was formed in 1902 from the old **Volunteers Band**. It fulfilled a variety of engagements and operated during the 1939-45 war under the auspices of the Home Guard. The last public appearance of the band was in 1946 and it was finally wound up in 1960”

Photograph (1909):



An anonymous handwritten note accompanied this photograph stating:

“The Town Band had a tradition of playing every Christmas Morning. This one was particularly dull and wet”

Notes:

Alston is a small market town in Cumbria on the confluence of the River South Tyne and the River Nent.

The area has been mined for lead, silver, zinc, coal and fluorspar. The biggest mine owner in the area being the London Lead Company.

The last mine closed in the 1950s but as of 2005 Ayle Colliery was still active as a small family concern.

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Amble (Northumberland)

Amble and Radcliffe Colliery Brass Band

This came into being in the 1930s when the **Radcliffe Netherton Band** (formerly **Radcliffe Colliery Band**) merged with **Amble Town Band** to

form the Amble and Radcliffe Colliery Band (see Radcliffe). Last known contest appearance was in 1950 at the Northumberland Brass Band League Contest, conducted by John Martin.

Amble Town Band

Active in 1907. Became **Amble & Radcliffe Colliery Band**. (see above)

Notes:

Amble is a small coastal town in Northumberland, 30 miles north of Newcastle.

The town grew in the 19th Century as collieries were opened in the area and there was an increasing need for coal-exporting ports.

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Ambleside (Cumbria)

Ambleside Town Band

Active around the 1900s. Had a fairly full complement of players in the 1950s.

Notes:

Ambleside is a town in Cumbria at the head of Lake Windermere. Now a tourist destination in the past forestry was the primary source of employment.



(Ambleside Band – 1893)

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Amotherby (North Yorkshire)

Amotherby Band

Attended the Kirkdale Contest of August 1866

Notes:

Amotherby is a village in the Ryedale district of North Yorkshire about 3 miles west of Malton.

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Annfield Plain (County Durham)

Annfield Plain Band

First known contest appearance was in September 1869 at Harperley, placed 2nd. Last known contest appearance was at the Newcastle Musical Tournament (Section 2) in June 1922 where they were placed 3rd under the baton of G. Haigh. The band may have still been active in 1931 but had probably folded by the time of WW2.

Also known as **Annfield Plain & District Band** and was probably also the same as:

Annfield Plain Colliery Band

Active in 1887 and also 1931

In fact there was no specific "Annfield Plain Colliery" although several collieries did operate in the area. The references to **Annfield Plain Colliery Band** could well therefore be to another or other local colliery bands eg South Derwent Colliery Band (see below).

Annfield Plain Wifflan Wafflan Prize Band

The **Wifflan Wafflan Prize Band** commenced possibly in the Mafeking celebrations (May 1900) and carried on for some time obtaining a considerable sum for charitable purposes. The leader was called Mr Parker, better known as "Gallopier"

Photograph (1900):



(Wiffan Wafflan Prize Band photographed in 1900 at Annfield Plain and presumably based there)

Morrison Busty Colliery Band

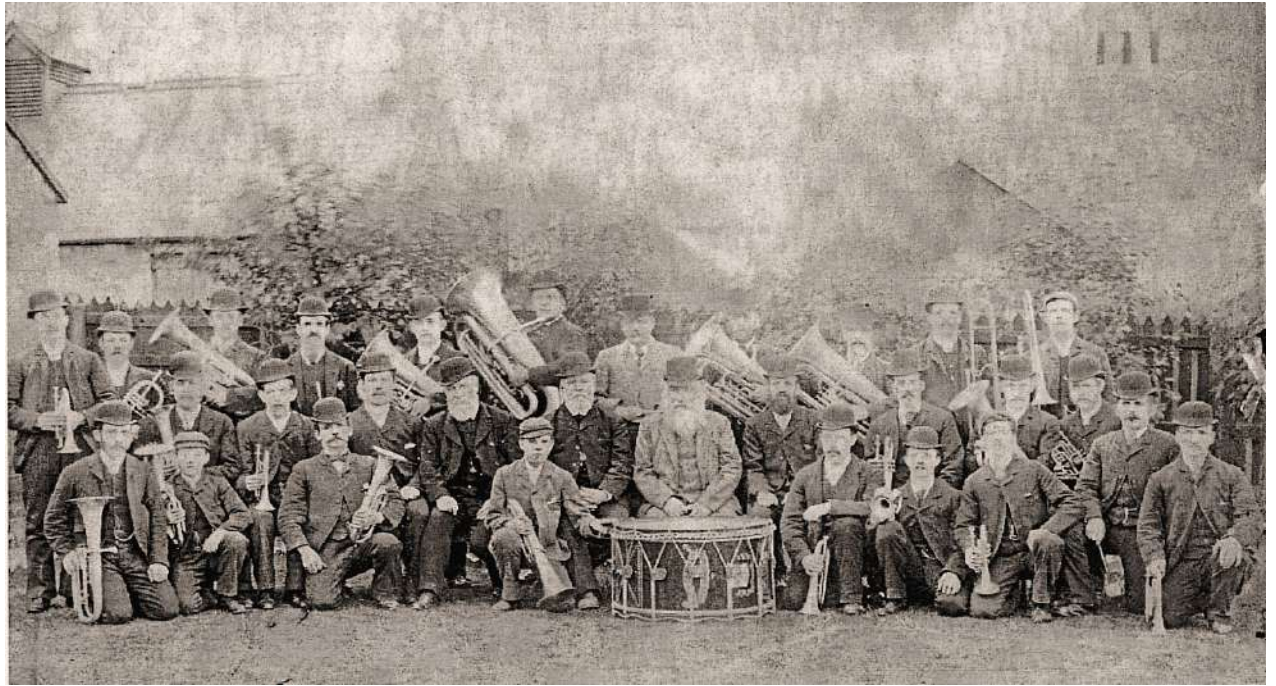
Formed in the 1920s and competed at the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s.

Also known as **Morrison and Busty Collieries Band** and **Morrison Busty Lodge Band**.

Renamed **Consett Band** (see Consett) in 1974.

South Derwent Colliery Band

Formed in 1891. First known contest appearance was at the South Shields Contest of June 1878. The band then contested regularly locally until the Coxlodge Contest of September 1913 conducted by R.H. Cooper. Still active in the 1930s



(South Derwent Band – 1895)

Notes:

Annfield Plain is a village near Stanley in County Durham.

The area was once heavily mined for coal.

Morrison Busty Colliery opened in 1927 and closed in October 1973.

South Derwent Colliery was in operation between the 1860s and 1940s

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Appleby (Cumbria)

Appleby (Prize) Brass Band

There is documentary evidence for the existence of a brass band in Appleby as far back as 1855 and in 1858 Appleby Brass Band led the St Peters Day Rushbearing parade at Warcop.

The Westmorland Gazette, on the 19th of July 1890, reported under the heading Appleby Brass Band - "This newly re-organised band played a choice selection of music in the Main Street of Appleby on Wednesday Evening, under the leadership of J.H.Parkin".

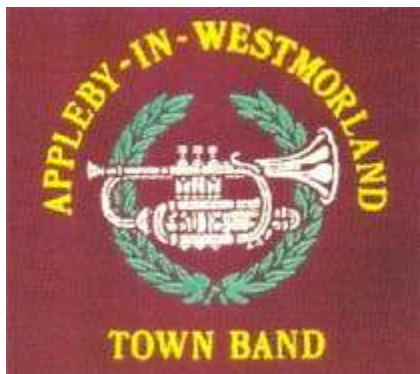
The Cumbria Record Office holds a poster for the Appleby and North Westmorland Agricultural Society's Annual Show in 1905 which states:

“The Appleby Prize Band in attendance”

The band still continues (2014) under the title Appleby in Westmorland Band.

Also attended the Hardraw Scar Contest from 1976 to 1980 and also in 1983, usually conducted by M.G. Walton.

The band still continues (2014) under the title **Appleby in Westmorland Town Band** as a non-contesting outfit.



(Appleby Band – Date Unknown)

Notes:

Appleby-in-Westmorland, Cumbria was originally simply called Appleby when it was the county town of Westmorland. With the local government reorganisation of 1974 the town adopted its current name.

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Appleton-le-Moors (North Yorkshire)

Appleton-le-Moors Band

The band was started in 1870 by John Tomlinson and continued until the early 1930s providing music for many village activities and also in surrounding villages.

The band consisted of between 9 and 12 players who purchased their own instruments. The Tomlinson family, father and four sons provided the nucleus of the band.



(Appleton-le-Moors Band – 1930)

Notes:

Appleton-le-Moors is a village in the Ryedale district of North Yorkshire.

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Arkengarthdale (North Yorkshire)

Arkengarthdale Band

Attended a contest at Richmond in July 1863 being placed 3rd and still active in 1907.



(Arkengarthdale Band – 1907)

Notes:

Arkengarthdale is a dale of the Arkle Beck about 8 miles in length. Near to Reeth, it was once at the heart of the North Yorkshire lead mining area.

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Ashington (Northumberland)



(An early Ashington Brass Band – Actual name and date unknown)

Ashington Colliery Band (1)

The original **Ashington Colliery Band** was active in the late 1800s before becoming defunct. Ashington Colliery itself was opened in 1867. The first recorded contest appearance of this band was at Seghill in August 1883 conducted by Thomas Floyd. The band appears to have ceased contesting in 1895. A contest appearance at the Northumberland Miners' Picnic of 1935 is on record but this may have been the **North Seaton Colliery Band** – (see **Ashington Colliery Band (2)** below).

Ashington Colliery Band (2)

This came into being in 1961 when the Ashington Colliery Group took over the **North Seaton Colliery Band** on the closure of that colliery. The original band attached to North Seaton Colliery had previously been the **Seaton Hirst Excelsior Band**. This band experienced difficulties in 1935 with the result that North Seaton Colliery now offered support to the struggling **Ashington Public Band**. Put simply Ashington Public Band became the “new” North Seaton Colliery Band. Ashington Public Band in turn may have had its roots in the **New Central Band**. (see the Newspaper Article about Jim Locker below).

Ashington Colliery Band supplied the backing music to the famous Hovis Bread television advertisement of the 1970s. The band made a 7” vinyl recording in 1978 on the MAM label (Mam183), The tracks being: “Ragsy” and “Brown Bread”

After the closure of Ashington Colliery in October 1986 Wansbeck Council provided financial support for the band which then adopted its present title of **Wansbeck's Ashington Colliery Band**. (see below).

From the Newcastle Journal Newspaper Oct 16 2002, by Peter Adams:

Trombonist Jim Locker is a one-band man and proud of it. There are few musicians who are able to say that they have been in the same band for 69 years, but the Ashington born-and-bred pensioner is one who can.

Jim's story begins as a 10-year-old when he started playing with the town's Public Band in 1933 alongside his father and two elder brothers. It continues to this day as the top trombonist of what is now the **Wansbeck Ashington Colliery Band**.

The Public Band could trace its origins to the **New Central Band** in which Jim's father played, and from its inception, always struggled to make ends meet.

The band approached the Ashington Group of Collieries to ask for a levy but they wouldn't entertain it. Finances may have been tight but the band was able to raise enough funds to go to the National Band Championships in 1934 at London's Crystal Palace.

The Public Band's days were numbered, but its luck was about to change for the better when, in 1935, an approach was made by a number of senior committee members of the faltering **North Seaton Colliery Band**. Because many of its members were in the Territorial Army and were needed elsewhere, the **North Seaton Band** was unable to play in the colliery's banner at the Miner's Picnic to be held in Blyth.

Jim says "They said there would be money for uniforms and for instruments. Although they were one of the smallest pits in the area, they looked after us well"

The band's destiny was to return to Ashington in 1961 after the North Seaton Colliery had closed when Ashington Colliery asked it to come under its umbrella.

When the pit closed in 1988 (?), Wansbeck Council gave the band its financial backing.

Ashington Duke Band

First recorded contest appearance was at Pelton Fell in September 1883. Also active in 1892

Ashington Model Band

First recorded contest appearance was in August 1894 at Mickley conducted by George F. Birkinshaw Snr. and placed 2nd. Then contested locally until May 1913 probably folding in WW1. Sometimes known as **Ashington Silver** or **Ashington Silver Model Band**.

Ashington Public Band

May have its origins in the **New Central Band**. The **Public Band** was in existence in the early 1900s, became **North Seaton Colliery Band** in 1935. The **Public Band** contested between May 1932 and February 1936 including the Crystal Palace (Junior Shield –A) Contest of 1935. The usual conductor was W.S. Bond.

Ashington Temperance Band

Attended 4 local contests in 1896 conducted by Thomas Floyd.

New Central Band:

See **Ashington Colliery Band (2)** above – Newspaper article.

North Seaton Colliery Band (1)

The original **North Seaton Colliery Band** was active in 1866. In January that year it played for the launching of the new Newbiggin lifeboat and also at the Woodhorn and Newbiggin Poultry & Pigeon Show in July of the same year. The band presumably folded prior to 1905.

North Seaton Colliery Band (2)

This band was originally the **Seaton Hirst Excelsior Band** which was formed in 1906. It was also known as the **North Seaton Workmen's Prize Band**.

The band's first known contest appearance was at Pegswood in July 1909 (As **Seaton Hirst Excelsior Band** – see below) where they were placed 2nd conducted by W. MacKenzie. They continued to contest under this name until 1960 when they were placed 1st in Section A of the Northumbria Brass Band League Contest, conducted by Harold Laycock. In 1961 the band became **Ashington Colliery Band** on the closure of North Seaton Colliery.

North Seaton Workmen's (Prize) Band

Sometime name of the **North Seaton Colliery Band** (see above)



(North Seaton Workmen's Prize Band – 1938)

Seaton Hirst Excelsior Band

Formed in 1906 and later became **the North Seaton Colliery Band** which in turn became **Ashington Colliery Band** in 1961.

Photograph:



(Seaton Hirst Brass Band - 1913)

Wansbeck's Ashington Colliery Band

The current name taken by **Ashington Colliery Band** in 1988 when it received financial support from Wansbeck Council after the closure of Ashington Colliery.

Photograph (c2000):



(Wansbeck's Ashington Colliery Band - c2000)

Notes:

Ashington is a town in the Wansbeck district of Northumberland 15 miles north of Newcastle. It was once at the heart of the Northumberland coalfield.

Ashington Colliery was opened in 1867 and closed in October 1986.

North Seaton is a colliery village on the edge of Ashington. The sinking of North Seaton Colliery began in 1859 and it closed in 1961.

Hirst is a district of Ashington where the Miners Welfare Hall is/was located.

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Askam in Furness (Cumbria)

Askam Town Silver Band

Formed in 1888 and currently active – Registered Charity No: 1014809 and filing accounts as of November 2008.

First known contest appearance was when they were placed 3rd under the baton of T. Moss at the Crosby Ravensworth Contest in August 1890.

Askam Band Hall is a popular entertainment venue in the town.

- [North West Evening Mail](#)

Askam Town Silver Band forced to cancel Christmas gig

Last updated at 12:00, Thursday, 05 December 2013

CHRISTMAS will be a silent night in Askam this year after the town band canceled its annual carol concert due to lack of numbers.



APPEAL Askam Town Silver Band needs new members to continue

But the Askam Town Silver Band are determined to return to full strength in time for their 125th anniversary next year and are even offering music lessons to anyone willing to sign up.

From www.whitehaven-news.co.uk Thursday 11th December 2008:

A carol concert will be held tomorrow to mark the refurbishment of Askam's Band Hall.

Askam Town Silver Band's annual carol concert is being held in the hall, which has recently been treated to a £30,000 revamp.

Alan Benson, secretary of the band, which was established in 1888, said: "It is now more energy efficient and proofed against the elements for the future, thus safeguarding the hall for the benefit, not only for the band, but for the various community events which are held in it."

From <http://cumbrianwarmemorials.blogspot.com>:

Lost Memorial – Askam in Furness

On May 25, 1920 an article appeared in the Barrow News describing the unveiling of a war memorial at Askam in Furness commemorating 16875 Pte George Henry Jones, 1st Bn KORL, "Fell in Action, Ypres May 24, 1915" – a former member of the town band. It was placed on what is described as the "band stand" on the top floor of the Assembly Rooms beside the place where George, a cornet player, habitually stood.



(Askam Town Band – 1911)

Notes

Askam in Furness is a coastal town in Cumbria which owes its existence to iron ore and the resulting industry it brought. In 1850 H.W. Schneider discovered the second largest iron ore deposit in the country near the village. Named Park Mine, it produced upwards of 7 million tons of ore by the time it closed in 1918. To process the ore, furnaces were established in 1864, and the smelting process began in 1867. Terraces of houses were erected for the industry workers.

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Aspatia (Cumbria)

Aspatia Colliery (Collieries) Band

First known contest attended was at Workington in August 1918 conducted by George Hawkins and the last known contest appearance was at Dearham in August 1933 conducted by W.J. Atkinson.

Aspatia Town Band

The first known contested attended was at Penrith in June 1893 and the last at Brampton in June 1950. However the band was still apparently active in the period 1957-1964.

Aspatria Volunteer Fire Brigade Brass Band

Contest appearances are recorded for 1893 and 1899.

Notes:

Aspatria is a small town in the Allerdale district of Cumbria some six miles from the coast.

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Backworth (Northumberland)

Backworth Collieries Band

The initial name of the **Backworth Colliery Band** (see below)

Backworth Collieries Workmen's Prize Band

Name used by **Backworth Colliery Band** from approximately 1950 to 1970.

Backworth Colliery Band

The band was formed in 1886 (however a **Backworth Band** is recorded as attending a contest at North Shields in June 1878) and was part of the social element of the surrounding mine workings. The band was originally a wind band but became wholly brass in the 1920s.

The band was initially known as "**Backworth Collieries Band**". Between approximately 1950 and 1970 the band was known as the "**Backworth Collieries Workmen's Prize Band**" (see above)

In 2000 the band attracted sponsorship from the Five Rivers Group and adopted the title "**Five Rivers Brass**" (see below). The sponsorship only lasted one year but the band retained the name until 2007 before reverting to the name of **Backworth Colliery Band**.

The Band rehearsed originally in the Miner's Welfare, then moved across the road into Backworth Club, which served to house the band for nearly 80 years until 2004 when it moved into the "Into Change Centre" in Moorside, Backworth

At this time a junior band was also formed (see below)

Photograph (1930s)



Backworth Colliery Band outside Backworth Hall in the 1930s



Backworth Colliery Band at Easingwold Contest, 2008

Backworth Institute Band

A sometime name used by the **Backworth Colliery Band**

Five Rivers Brass

The name adopted by **Backworth Colliery Band** until 2007 after it gained sponsorship from the Five Rivers Group in 2000.

Notes:

The village of Backworth in Northumberland lies some six miles to the north east of Newcastle and was once a major mining centre.

Mining commenced at Backworth in 1813 and continued until 1980.

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Bainbridge (North Yorkshire)

Bainbridge Band

Active in 1911 when 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.

My grandfather, Guy Metcalfe, played in Bainbridge Brass Band; nearly half the band were Metcalfes, all related. One of my ancestors (on my mother's side) was the famous hornblower on the village green.

A memory of [Bainbridge](#) by Vicky Young



(Bainbridge Band at Middleham Castle – 1911)

Notes:

Bainbridge is a village in the Richmondshire district of North Yorkshire.

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Bardon Mill (Northumberland)

Bardon Mill Colliery Band

Active until 1947 – probably the same organisation as **Bardon Mill Silver Band** and may have reverted to this name in its later years.

Bardon Mill Silver Band

First known contest appearance was at the Newcastle upon Tyne Olympia Contest in December 1894 and the last known contest attended was the Northumbria Miners Picnic of July 1947 by which time the band had become Bardon Mill Colliery Band (see above).

Active in 1956-1970. Documents relating to the band for this period (Committee Minute Book and a Cash Book) are deposited at the Northumberland Records Office.

A Registered Charity No: 255466 titled “Bardon Mill Brass Band Trust for the Elderly” may be a surviving legacy of the village band and probably was a way of legally folding the band.

Notes:

Bardon Mill is an industrial village near Hexham in Northumberland. Village industries have included a Woollen Mill; Tilery and Colliery.

Bardon Mill Colliery was opened in 1940 and closed on 5th November 1973.

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Barlow (North Yorkshire)

Barlow Band

Photograph:



(Barlow Band – date not known)

Notes:

Barlow is a village in North Yorkshire, 3 miles from Selby. The village has been the site of a brickworks, an airship factory and a Royal Ordnance Depot.

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Barnard Castle (County Durham)

Barnard Castle Band

The current name of a band which was formed in 1860 as the **Barnard Castle Subscription Band** (see below).

About 1890 during the Boer War the band was renamed the **Barnard Castle Volunteers Band** (see below). When the Boer War ended in 1902 the band took the title **Barnard Castle Silver Band** (see below).

In 1939 the band were one of the prize winners at the National Championships held at Crystal Palace, London and thereafter adopted the name Barnard Castle Prize Silver Band (see below).

In 1967 the band suffered a severe player shortage and ceased operating until it was re-started in 1973 under its present title of Barnard Castle Band.

Photograph:



(Barnard Castle Band c2008)

Barnard Castle Prize Silver Band

The name adopted by Barnard Castle Silver Band after success at the National Championships in 1939, which the band retained until its temporary demise in 1967 (see Barnard Castle Band above)

Barnard Castle Silver Band

The name of Barnard Castle Band from c1902 to 1939 (see Barnard Castle band above)

Barnard Castle Subscription Band

In 1860 funds to buy instruments were raised by public subscription hence the name of the band. This name was retained until the Boer War period when the name was changed to the Barnard Castle Volunteers Band (see below).

Barnard Castle Volunteers Band

About 1890 during the Boer War most of the members of the Barnard Castle Subscription Band joined the local Volunteers and the band name was changed to Barnard Castle Volunteers Band. When the war was over the band adopted the name Barnard Castle Silver Band along with a new set of uniforms.

Notes:

Barnard Castle is an historic market town in Teesdale, County Durham/

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Barnetby (North Lincolnshire)

Barnetby Silver Band

The band was formed in 1876. The original players appear to have been members of the United Ancient Order of Druids but later non-“Druids” were admitted.

There is an interesting selection of photographs existing showing the band at various times during its history:

Photographs:



(Barnetby Silver Band 1912)



(Barnetby Silver Band c1920)



(Barnetby Silver Band 1930s)



(Barnetby Silver Band – Carolling 1959 or 1960)



(Barnetby Silver Band – Northern Area Contest, 2001)

Barnetby Silver Junior Band

A feeder band for the Senior Band

Barnetby Silver Training Band

A beginners' group

Notes:

Barnetby is a village in North Lincolnshire between Scunthorpe and Grimsby

Once an important railway junction the village was a product of the coming of the railway in 1848

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Barrow-in-Furness (Cumbria)

BAE Systems (Marine) Band

One of the many names adopted by the **Barrow Shipyard Band** (see below) used from 2000 until the sponsorship was terminated in 2002.

Barrow-in-Furness Youth Clubs Band

Active in the 1940s

Barrow Iron and Steelworks Brass Band

The name used by the current **Barrow Steelworks Band** (see below) from 1888 until the 1950s when the actual ironworks closed.

The band was at the peak of its contesting form in the 1930s winning the 100 Guineas Gold Championship Challenge Cup at Belle Vue, Manchester in 1933.

Barrow Shipyard Band

The name taken in 1945 of a band originating as **Barrow Temperance Band** (see below)

In 1908 the band was re-named **Barrow Shipyard Prize Band** (see below). The shipyard was now under the ownership of Vickers Sons and Maxims.

In 1958 in order to reflect its sponsor's name the band was called **Vickers-Armstrong Works Band**. In 1960 this was changed to **Vickers Shipbuilding and Engineering Band**. There then followed a period of more frequent name changes including: **Vickers Works Band**; **Vickers Barrow Works Band** and then **British Shipbuilders Band** in 1980.

Further name changes included: **GEC Band** and **VSEL Band** until the title **BAE Systems (Marine) Band** (see above) was adopted in 2000.

BAE terminated sponsorship in 2002 and a Derbyshire based company Cedar Finance Limited offered to support the band. At this point it was unanimously decided to adopt the title that restored links to the band's history – The Barrow Shipyard Band – its current name.

At the start of 2009 the band was struggling for survival due to player shortage and placed appeals for players in the local press (article in North West Evening Mail for 20.01.09) as well as on the internet.

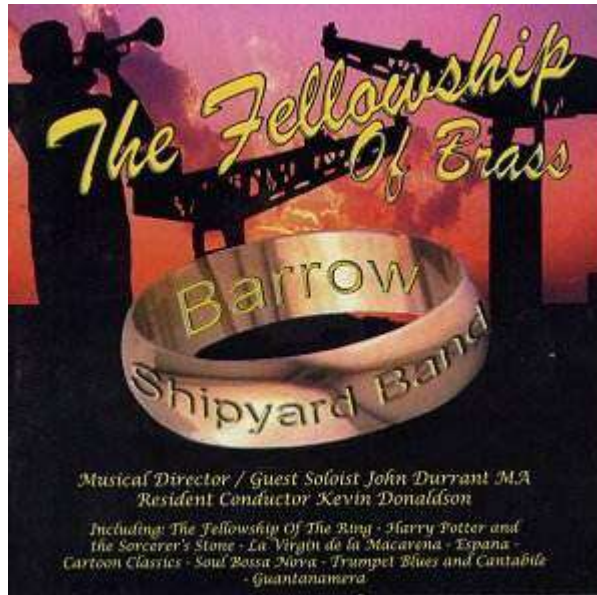
Recordings:

1949 - 78rpm - Grimes label BB 1024/25 – Les Preludes (Liszt) – 4 parts on 2 records

1949 – 78rpm – Grimes BB 1026/27 – Lilac Time (Schubert) – 4 parts on 2 records

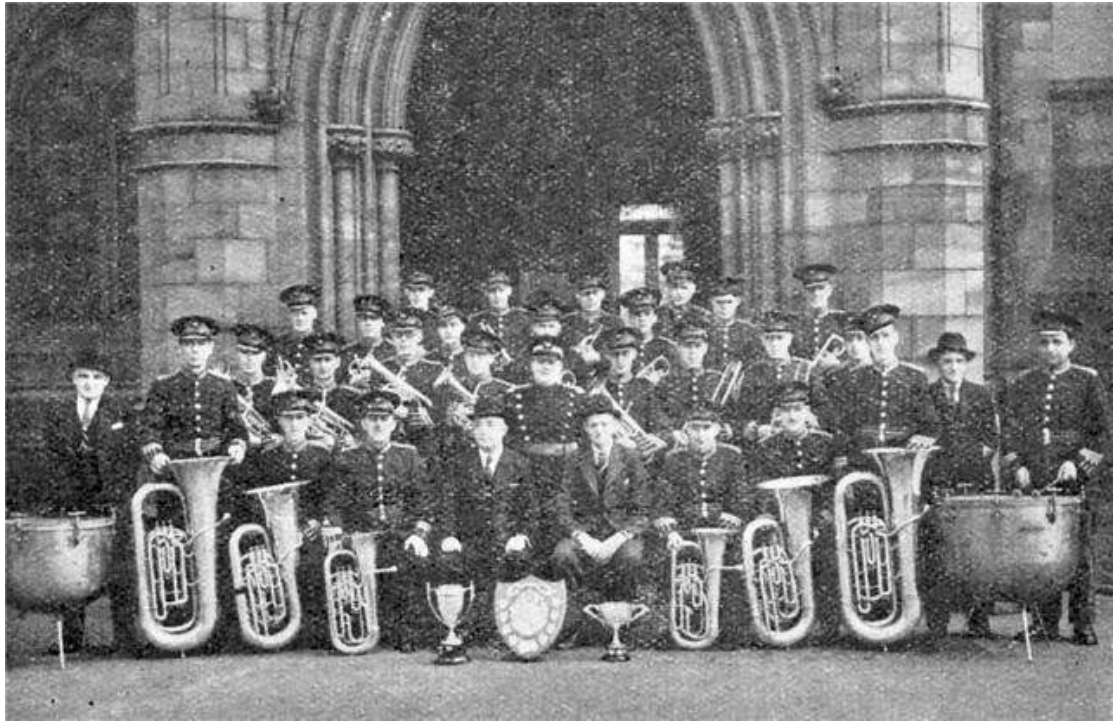
The above were recorded under name “Barrow Shipyard (Vickers-Armstrong) Band.

c2003 – CD – Amadeus Label AMS063 – The Fellowship of Brass



The band also recorded vinyl LPs under the name Vickers Barrow Works Band (see below)

Photograph:



(Title to photograph is - Barrow Shipyard Silver Band 1943)

Barrow Shipyard Prize Band

The name taken by the **Barrow Temperance Band** when it came under the sponsorship of the shipyard owners – Vickers Sons and Maxim Ltd.

Photograph:



(Barrow Shipyard Prize Band)

Barrow Steelworks Band

The Band has its origins in the **Rising Star Lifeboat Crew Brass Band** (see below) formed in 1884 by a local church organist.

In 1888 it was renamed the **Barrow Iron and Steelworks Band** (see above) and later in the 1950s as the **Barrow Steelworks Band** after the closure of the Barrow Ironworks.

The Barrow Steelworks closed in 1983 but the band continues to this day.

Photograph:



(Barrow Steelworks Band 1993)

Barrow Temperance Band

Formed in 1892, becoming the **Barrow Shipyard Prize Band** (see above) in 1908.

Barrow Youth Brass Band

Formed as a junior section of the Vickers (Barrow) Shipyard Band but became independent when BAE terminated their sponsorship of the Senior Band in 2002.

Due to dwindling membership the band ceased to exist in 2008. As a registered charity it was decided to distribute its assets to other youth and junior bands in the area.

British Shipbuilders Band

A name change adopted in 1980 of the Vickers Barrow Works Band (see below)

GEC Band

The renamed British Shipbuilders Band (see above) made sometime after 1980.

Rising Star Lifeboat Crew Brass Band

Formed in 1884 by Mr Nimrod Wood, the organist of the local St James' Church. In 1888 it was renamed as the Barrow Iron and Steelworks Brass Band (see above).

Vickers-Armstrong Works Band

Name taken by the Barrow Shipyard Band (see above) in 1958 to reflect the band's sponsorship.

Vickers Barrow Works Band

Another name used by the current Barrow Shipyard Band (see above) sometime between 1960 and 1980. The following LP recordings were made under the name Vickers Barrow Works Band:

“A Musical Portrait by the Shipbuilders” – Hollick/Taylor HT/LPS 1543 – 1977

“Superb Brass” – Look LK/LP 70 – 1982

“Prelude to a New Age” – Triton TRN5806 – 1985”

VSEL Band

The name of the current Barrow Shipyard Band (see above) used in the 1990s. The band were operating under this name at their Annual Christmas Concert in Barrow in 1999.

Vickers Works Band

A name sometimes used by the current Barrow Shipyard Band (see above) between 1960 and 1980.

Notes:

Barrow-in-Furness is an industrial town and seaport at the tip of the Furness Peninsular in Cumbria.

A product of the industrial revolution, the traditional industrial base of the town was iron and steel production as well as shipbuilding.

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Barrow-upon-Humber (North Lincolnshire)

Barrow Britannia Band

Merged with **Barton Town Band** (see below) in the 1960s

Barrow Concert Band

Attended the Northern Area Contest in 2008, competing in the 3rd section and gaining 4th place.

An article in the Scunthorpe Telegraph (May 29 2007) mentions that there has been a brass band in Barrow-upon-Humber for about 100 years.

Notes:

Barrow-upon-Humber is a village near the coast in North Lincolnshire 3 miles south of the River Humber.

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Barton upon Humber (North Lincolnshire)

Barton Cycle Works Silver Band

Formed in 1903/4 by Mr F. Hopper of the Barton Cycle Works. Disbanded by their sponsor c.WWI after the band drunkenly disgraced themselves at a band contest.

Barton Model Band

Later name adopted by Hall's Ropery Band (see below). Probably folded during World War One.

Barton Town Band

The current name of a band which can trace its origins to the **Barton Town Prize Subscription Brass Band** (see below). The current name was adopted following a merger with the **Barrow Britannia Band** (see above) in the 1960s.

Photograph:



(Barton Town 2006)

Barton Town Prize Band

Former name of the current Barton Town Band adopted after World War Two.

Barton Town Prize Subscription Brass Band

Active in the 1920s . Winners at a Belle Vue Contest, Manchester in 1932. After World War Two shortened their name to Barton Town Prize Band (see above).

Hall's Ropery Band

The first band in Barton, possibly formed as early as 1873. Later became **Barton Model Band** (see above).

Notes:

Barton is a small town in North Lincolnshire on the South Bank of the River Humber.

Employers associated with bands have included Hopper's Cycle Works and Hall's Ropery.

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Beamish (Co Durham)

Beamish Colliery Band

Formed in 1898

Notes:

Beamish, now the site of a world-famous Industrial Heritage Museum was a small mining village in County Durham 8 miles from Newcastle upon Tyne.

Beamish Colliery opened in 1763 and closed in 1966.

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Bearpark (County Durham)

Bearpark Colliery Band

The band was active in 1899 but appears to have been reformed in 1920, eventually folding c. 1948

A photograph of Bearpark Colliery Band “during its first year (1920)” is in Durham Record Office – Ref No. D/X 696 8/9

N.B. – The current **Bearpark and Esh Colliery Band** is based in Esh Winning and traces its history from the **Esh Winning Colliery Band** based in Esh Winning (see Esh Winning)

Photograph:



(Bearpark Colliery Band – no date)

Notes:

Bearpark Colliery is a mining village n County Durham 2 miles WNW of Durham City

The colliery was opened in 1872 and closed in 1984.

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Bebside

Bebside Temperance Band

Attended a contest at Newcastle in June 1882 and at Seghill in August 1883

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Bedale (North Yorkshire)

Bedale Brass Band

At least four brass bands have existed under the title Bedale Brass Band. A so-named band was active in the late 1800s but disbanded in the early 1900s.

A second band was formed in 1949 but only existed until 1954.

A new band was reformed in 1963 but this too folded in 1975.

The current Bedale Brass Band was formed in 1987 and as a community organisation is going strong with a Senior and Junior Band. The Senior Band recently produced a CD recording titled: "A Musical World Tour"

Notes:

Bedale is a small historic market town in North Yorkshire 7 miles SE of Northallerton.

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Bedlington (Northumberland)

Barrington Colliery Band

Active in 1898. Competed at the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s.

Changed name to **Bedlington Colliery Band** (see below) in 1936.

Band records are held in the Northumberland County Record Office.

Barrington Colliery in Bedlington was opened in 1821 and closed c.1948

Photograph:



(Barrington Colliery c.1900)

Bedlington Brass Band

Band records are deposited at the Northumberland County Record Office.

Between 1890 and 1899 sixty members joined the band. The normal playing strength was about 19 players with a core of 8 long-serving members.

This was a subscription band with one of the subscribers being the Bedlington Coal Company.

At this period of time band members also personally contributed 6d a fortnight to band funds.

Bedlington Colliery Band

A name change adopted in 1936 by the Barrington Colliery Band (see above)

Bedlington Colliery opened in 1838 and closed in 1971.

Bedlington Doctor Pit Band

Bedlington Colliery was made up of several pits during its operational life. The most important of these, certainly up to 1920, was the Doctor Pit (D Pit). This pit was opened in 1855 and closed in 1968.

The band was active as early as 1899 and folded c.1947.

Photograph:



(Bedlington Doctor Pit Band – no date given)

Bedlington Iron Works Band

Attended a contest at Newcastle in June 1882 under James Amers.

Bedlington Temperance Band

Active in 1899. Possibly the same organisation as the Doctor Pit Band (see notes below)

Notes:

Bedlington is a small town 10 miles north of Newcastle in the Wansbeck District on Northumberland.

Traditional industries were coal mining and iron production.

It is possible that the bands in Bedlington were connected. The original Bedlington Brass Band may well have been the same organisation as the Temperance Band. This in turn may have become the Doctor Pit Band. Presumably the Barrington Colliery Band was a separate band but when this adopted the name Bedlington Colliery Band this may have been an amalgamation / merger with the Doctor Pit Band – this needs confirmation / clarification.

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Bellingham (Northumberland)

Bellingham Brass Band

A photograph from “Northumberland Archive Sources” shows a band outside the Rose and Crown Hotel (still operating today). The photograph is dated 1909.

Photograph:



(Bellingham Band 1909)

Notes:

Bellingham is a small market town on the River North Tyne in the Tynedale District of Northumberland.

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Beverley (East Riding of Yorkshire)

Beverley Borough Band

The initial name of the current band used when it was formed in 1969.

Beverley Brass Band

The present day band which was formed in 1969 and was initially called Beverley Borough Band (see above) changing to its present name in 1996.

Photograph:



(Beverley Brass Band – 2008)

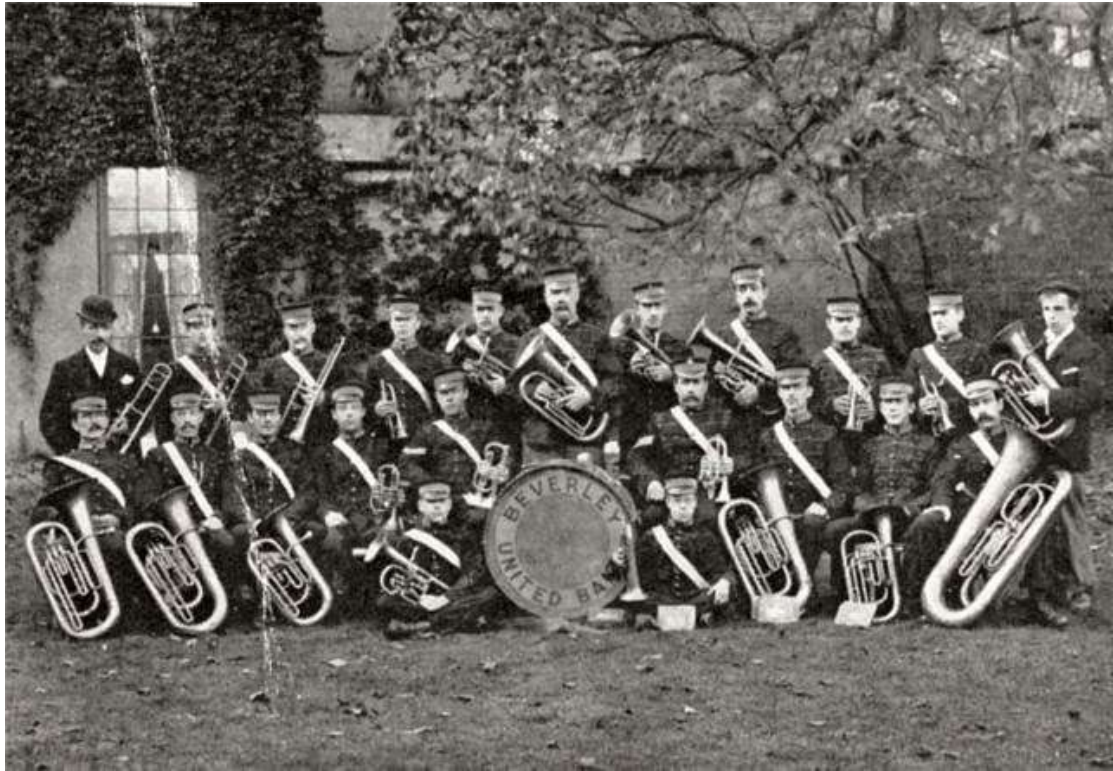
Beverley Town Prize Band

A name sometimes used for the Beverley United Prize Band (see below)

Beverley United Prize Band

Active in the late 19th Century. Disbanded c.1930 when the instruments were handed over to the newly formed **Hodgson's Recreational Club Silver Band** (see below)

Photograph:



(Beverley United Prize Band – 1900)

Hodgson’s Recreational Club Silver Band

Formed c.1930 with instruments from the defunct Beverley United Prize Band (see above). The band lasted until 1938 when it had become a brass and reed band.

The remaining brass instruments eventually were used to help start the current Beverley Brass Band (see above) when it was reformed in 1969.

Hodgson Chemicals Ltd is/was a major employer in the town, specialising in, amongst other things, leather production.

Notes:

Beverley is an historic market town in the East Riding of Yorkshire, 8 miles NW of Hull.

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Billingham (Stockton on Tees (County Durham))

Billingham New Silver Band

The name taken in 1966 when **Stockton on Tees Malleable Works and Institute Band** (see Stockton on Tees) moved to rehearsal facilities in Billingham

Billingham Silver Band

Name of the current band taken in 1970 when the “New” was dropped from the band’s title.

Photograph:



(Billingham Silver Band c2008)

Recordings:

December 2005 - CD - Deep Harmony

December 2005 – CD – Christmas Single

December 2001 – CD – Christmas Single

2001 – CD – Blaze Away “60th Anniversary”



1982 – LP – Billingham Silver Band – Bullseye Records BLP 031
(now also available as a CD transfer)

Notes:

Billingham is a town in the Borough of Stockton on Tees. The town grew with the development of the Chemical Industry.

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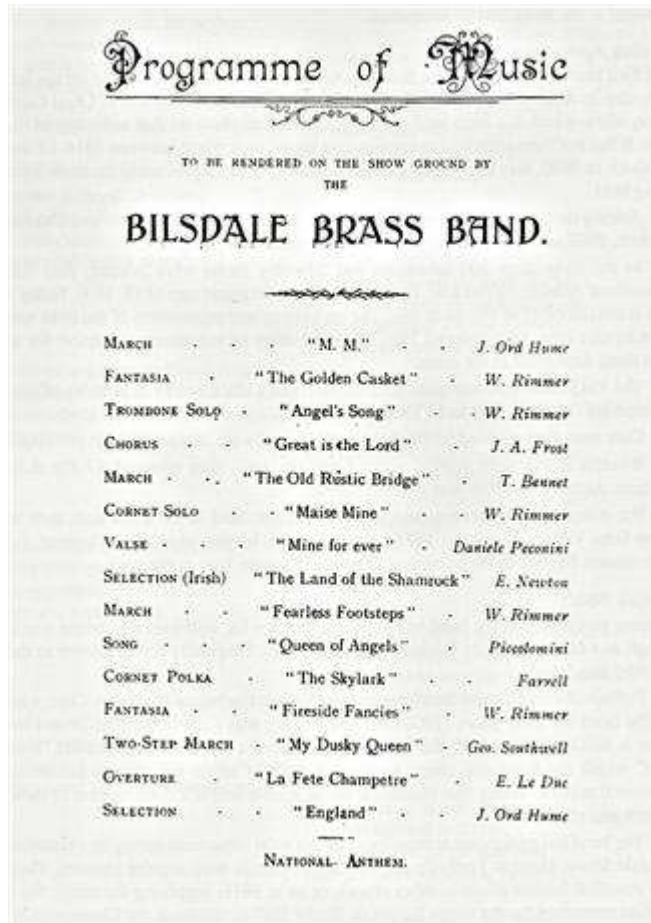
Bilsdale (North Yorkshire)

Bilsdale Silver Band

Formed in the 1850s and still active with a thriving Junior Band and an excellent website.

Now a non-contesting band Bilsdale actually took part in an early Brass Band Competition – The Lofthouse (Loftus) Band Contest of 1859 (see appendix 1). The band consisted of 12 players led by Mr W. Hart and performed a selection from the “Twelfth Mass” by Mozart.

Photographs:



(Programme from 1911)



(Bilsdale Silver Band c1912)

**Back Row: Will Wood; Geo. Teasdale; Alf Atkinson; Jim Allison;
Tom Johnson
Front Row: Harold Noble; Will Atkinson; Bob Bentley; Steve
Hinton; Jack Atkinson)**



(Bilsdale Silver Band – Ryedale Festival 2008)

Notes:

Bilsdale is an agricultural dale in the North Yorkshire Moors National Park. Iron-working also once took place in the area.

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Binchester (County Durham)

Binchester Band

Active c1908

Notes:

Binchester was a colliery village 1 mile North of Bishop Auckland.

It is now best known as the site of an important Roman fort.

Binchester Colliery opened in 1855 and closed in 1908. The band may well have had some connection to the colliery.

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Birdsall (North Yorkshire)

Birdsall Band

At some point the band practised at the pub in nearby Langton.

Notes:

Birdsall is a village in the Ryedale District of North Yorkshire, 4 miles South of Malton.

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Birtley (Tyne & Wear)

Birtley and Ouston Band

No information discovered

Birtley League of the Cross Band

Formed in 1898 and probably folded at the start of World War One. May have continued however or been reformed as the Birtley St Joseph Band (see below).

St Joseph's is the Catholic Church in Birtley.

From the Parish History of St Josephs – www.stjosephs-birtley.co.uk

“In 1895, for instance, Father Benedict Scannell founded the League of the Cross, originally a Catholic organisation to support temperance, but Birtley's League soon developed its own fine brass band attached to St. Josephs.”

In view of the purpose of the League of the Cross it is very likely that this is the same band sometimes called Birtley Temperance Band (see below)

Birtley Pit Colliery Band

Active in the 1930s (see notes below)

Birtley St Joseph Band

Active in the 1920s. May be connected with the Birtley League of the Cross Band (see above)

Birtley Temperance Band

Active in 1898. May be same organisation as the Birtley League of the Cross Band (see above).

Birtley Town Prize Band

Active in 1908 – see photograph below.

An undated photograph (see below) shows the Town Band preparing for Durham Miners Gala – this could mean that the Town Band was the same as the Colliery Band (see above)

Photographs:



(Birtley Town Band preparing for Durham Gala – date unknown)



(Birtley Town Prize Band 1908)

Notes:

Birtley is an industrial town 5 miles south of Newcastle upon Tyne. Now in Tyne & Wear but historically in County Durham.

The Birtley Iron Company had 10 pits in the area surrounding Birtley. However, coal mining had all but ceased in the area by the mid-1900s.

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Bishop Auckland (County Durham)

Auckland Park Colliery Band

Active between 1891 and 1920.

Auckland Park Colliery opened in 1864 and closed in 1946.

Auckland Silver Band

Active in the early 1900s

Photograph:



(Auckland Silver Band – date unknown)

Bishop Auckland Band

Active in 1907

Bishop Auckland British Legion Band

Active in 1907

Black Boy Colliery Band:

Active in 1879.

Black Boy Colliery opened in 1830 and closed in 1939.

West Auckland and St Helens Silver Band

Formed originally as **West Auckland and St Helens Temperance Band** (see below).

Probably same organisation as **West Auckland Town Band** (see below).

A photograph (possibly the one below) is in Durham County Record Office under title “St Helens and West Auckland Prize Band, Sept 18th 1909, in front of St Helens Reading Room” - Ref No. D/Ph 419/3

Photograph:



(West Auckland and St Helens Band)

West Auckland and St Helens Temperance Band

Formed on Good Friday 1909 by the Independent Order of Good Templars and Rechabites.

West Auckland Town Band

Probably a continuation or sometime name of the above bands. Active between 1928 and 1936.

Still rehearsing in a pub in West Auckland in the early 1970s

Notes:

Bishop Auckland is an historic market town in County Durham 12 miles SW of Durham City.

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Bitchburn (County Durham)

Bitchburn Colliery Band

Active in 1905

Notes:

North Bitchburn (Bitchburn) is a former mining village in County Durham near Howden-le-Wear and Crook.

North Bitchburn Colliery opened in 1845 and closed in 1966. It is also called North Beechburn Colliery (in earlier days)

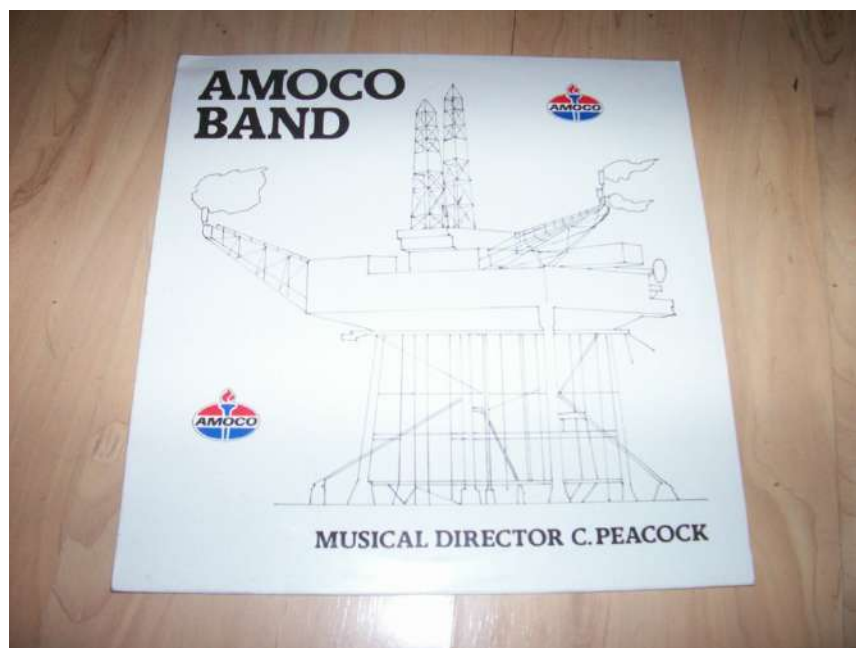
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Blackhall (County Durham)

AMOCO (Blackhall Youth Band)

Blackhall Youth Band (see below) obtained sponsorship from the American oil company AMOCO in 1982 and adopted its name. AMOCO had earlier sponsored the **Crookhall Colliery Band** (see below) but these two “AMOCO” bands are not connected..

As the AMOCO Band Blackhall Youth made an LP recording. The sleeve is shown below:



(AMOCO Band – previously Blackhall Youth Band)

Blackhall Colliery Band

The band was active in 1921. It appears to have been reformed in 1926 and folded in the 1960s.

It was the Northern Area Champions in 1945.

In 1950 the band recorded Pageantry by Herbert Howells on the Grimes Label (78rpm)

Photographs:



(Blackhall Colliery Band – 1930s)



(Blackhall Colliery Band – date unknown)

Blackhall Youth Brass Band

Originally formed in the 1960s as a feeder band for the ailing Blackhall Colliery Band.

The band was reformed as an independent organisation (presumably when the colliery band folded) in 1969. Eventually the band competed at a senior level reaching 2nd Section status and also competing in the Senior Cup at Belle Vue, Manchester in 1980.

In 1982 the band obtained sponsorship from AMOCO and became the **AMOCO Band** (see above).

When AMOCO ran down its operations the band obtained sponsorship from the Bentley Car dealership Broughtons and continues to this day as the **Broughtons Band** (see below)

The band privately produced a series of LP recordings including:

- Christmas Greetings to All – 1978
- Blackhall's Own
- Music to Entertain – 1979
- Present Local Brass

Notes:

Blackhall is a former colliery village on the coast of County Durham between Hartlepool and Horden

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Blaydon (Tyne & Wear)

Blaydon Comrades Victory Band

Active in 1921 and probably formed by survivors of the Great War.

Blaydon Silver Band

Two slides of the band, dated 1964, are deposited in Durham County Record Office – Ref No. D/WI 1/3/73 (12 & 13)

Stella Collieries Workmen's Band

Active in 1900s and folded after World War II

Notes:

Blaydon is a town in Tyne and Wear, historically in County Durham

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Blyth (Northumberland)

Blyth and Cowpen Operatic Band

Formed in 1894 and active in 1900.

Blyth and District Band

Active 1904 to 1909.

Blyth LNER Band

Formed in 1921 and still active in 1950s. Also called Blyth NE Railway Band (see below)

Blyth NE Railway Band

Sometime name of Blyth LNER Band

Cambois Colliery Band

Formed in the early 1900s and lasted until 1950s/60s

Photograph:



(Cambois Colliery Band 1927)

Cowpen and Crofton Band

Formed in the 1890s as Cowpen Colliery Band (see below).

The band was also called Cowpen and Crofton Workmen's Band (see below).

Between 1959 and 1962 the band rose from 4th to 1st Section in successive years – the first band to do so.

The band folded in 1983.

Cowpen and Crofton Workmen's Band

A sometimes name of the Cowpen and Crofton Band (see above)

It was under this title that the band made a radio broadcast for the BBC from Newcastle City hall in December 1964 conducted by Sidney Torch as guest conductor.

Cowpen Colliery Band

Initially active in 1867. Probably reformed in 1890s.

Photograph:



(Cowpen Colliery 1900)

Notes:

Blyth is a coastal town and port in Northumberland 13 miles NE of Newcastle. The town's development was based on coal mining and the coal trade.

Cowpen Colliery opened c.1800 and the last pit in Blyth, Bates Pit, closed in 1986.

Crofton Mill Colliery opened in 1885 and closed in 1969.

Cambois Colliery closed in 1968.

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Boldon Colliery (South Tyneside)

Boldon Colliery Band

Formed in 1911 as Boldon Colliery Workmen's Band (see below)

Folded in 2004 due to declining membership.

Boldon Colliery Workmen's Band

Original name of Boldon Colliery Band (see above)

Notes:

Boldon Colliery is a former mining village, now in South Tyneside but historically part of County Durham.

Boldon Colliery opened in 1869 and closed on 24th June 1982.

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Boroughbridge (North Yorkshire)

Boroughbridge British Legion Band

No information currently available.

Notes:

Boroughbridge is a small town in North Yorkshire 13 miles NW of York.

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Bowes (County Durham)

Bowes Band

Attended the Swaledale Contest of September 1929 conducted by T.L. Gargett.

Notes:

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Brampton (Cumbria)

Brampton & District Silver Band

Still in existence and rehearsing in Brampton. The band led the Remembrance Day Parade in Hexham in 2008. In 2013 were struggling with only 8 regular players according to a newspaper article in the local press.

Brampton Total Abstinence Brass Band

Records of the band from 1892-1899 are in the Cumbria Records Office. After beating illustrious rivals Carlisle St Stephen's at a contest the concept of "Total Abstinence" was completely forgotten and the band was subsequently disbanded.

Notes:

Brampton is a small market town in Cumbria 9 miles east of Carlisle

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Brancepeth (County Durham)

Brancepeth Colliery Band

The origins of this band lie in the **Willington Temperance Band** (see Willington) formed in 1860. This became the **Willington Silver Prize Band** in 1891. In 1922 this band adopted the title Brancepeth Colliery Band.

In 1976 the name was changed again to **Brancepeth Welfare Band** (see below). This name continued until difficulties in recruiting players saw a merger with **Aycliffe Brass Band** about 1994 to form **Aycliffe and Brancepeth Band** which is still in existence (see Newton Aycliffe).

Photograph:



(Brancepeth Colliery Band, 1931)

Brancepeth Welfare Band

A name change adopted in 1976 by the Brancepeth Colliery Band (see above).

New Brancepeth Colliery Band

Originally the Sleetburn Colliery Band (see below)

Oakenshaw Band

Formed in 1899 and active through to 1931

Sleetburn Colliery Band

Formed in the 1890s and later known as New Brancepeth Colliery Band. Still active in 1914.

Notes:

Brancepeth is a village in County Durham about 5 miles from Durham City.

Brancepeth Colliery opened in 1840 and closed on 22nd July 1967.

New Brancepeth (Sleetburn) Colliery opened in 1858 and closed in July 1953.

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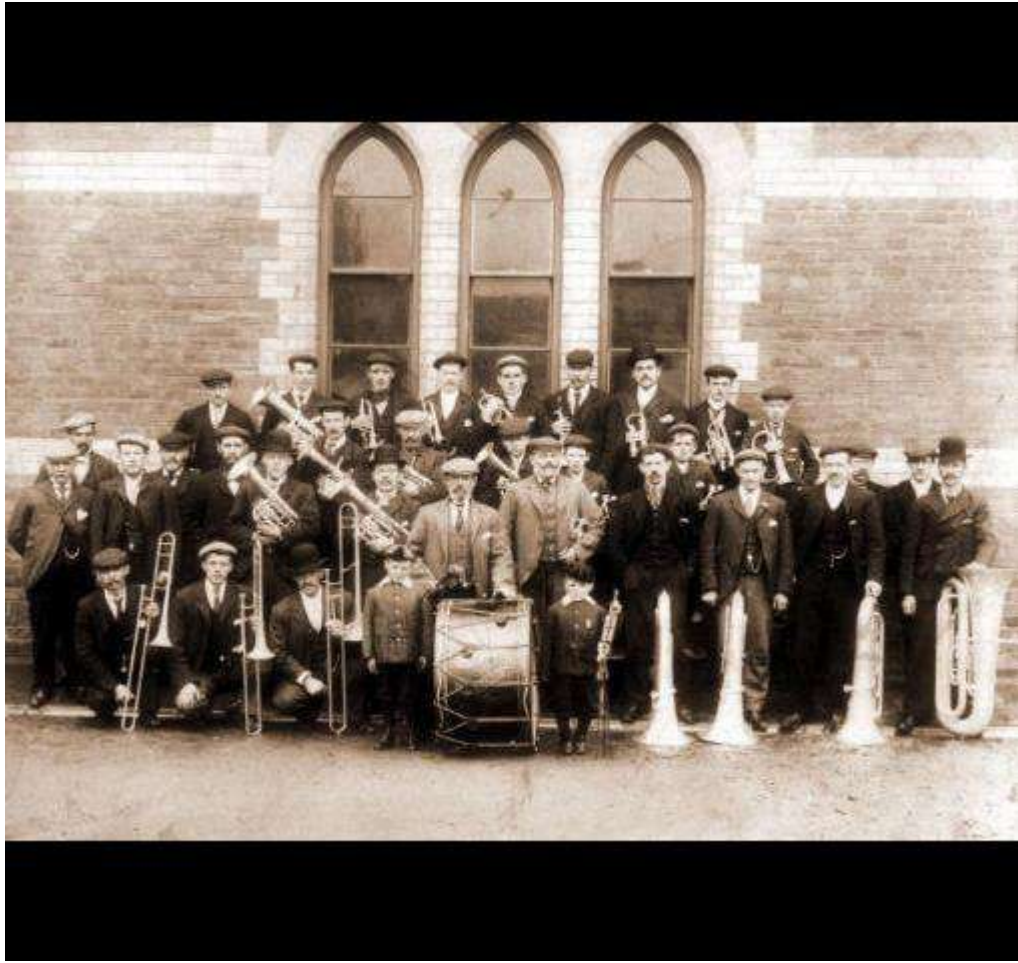
Brandon (County Durham)

Brandon Colliery Silver Prize Band

Founded in 1890 and still active in the 1970s.

There are a number of photographs (see below) showing the band over the years.

Photographs:



(Brandon Colliery – 1900)



(Brandon Colliery Band – 1908)



(Brandon Colliery Band – 1929)



(Brandon Colliery – Palace Green, Durham – 1960)



(Brandon Colliery – Brandon Village – Gala Day – 1968)

Browney Colliery Band

From information provided by John R. Kitching:

1872(?) Browney Colliery Opened

1873 Browney Colliery Band and Banner attended the Miners' Gala

1938 Colliery closed due to flooding. Colliery band disbanded.

Notes:

Brandon is a village in County Durham near Durham City.

Brandon Colliery opened in 1856 and closed 15th March 1968.

Browney Colliery was opened in 1871 and closed July 1938.

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Bridlington (East Riding of Yorkshire)

Bridlington Borough Prize Band

Active in 1912. May be the same as Bridlington Excelsior Band (see below).

Bridlington Excelsior Band

Active in 1893. Also known as **Bridlington Excelsior Brass Band** and **Bridlington Excelsior Silver Band** (c.1910).

A local paper report mentions their centenary being celebrated in 2006. The band were still performing locally at Christmas 2008.

Photograph:



(Bridlington Excelsior Band – 1913)

Notes:

Bridlington is a seaside resort town in the East Riding of Yorkshire.

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Brigg (North Lincolnshire)

Albright & Wilson Brigg Band

Name adopted by Brigg Town Brass Band (see below) when it enjoyed a period of sponsorship from the Albright & Wilson Company (dates needed)

Brigg Brass Band

An early band in the town.

**From The History, Gazetteer and Directory of Lincolnshire, 1856
(Entry for Brigg):**

“Brigg Brass Band is celebrated for musical talent, being established many years ago, under the patronage of the late Earl of Yarborough”

Brigg Subscription Silver Band

Active 1913/1919. Had its origins as the **Wrawby Brass Band** (see Wrawby) which was formed in 1875 or earlier and was renamed as Brigg Subscription Silver Band sometime between 1900 and 1911

Brigg Town Brass Band

The demise of the band was announced in the local press in December 2008 due to a lack of membership.

Notes:

Brigg is a small market town in North Lincolnshire.

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Broomhill (Northumberland)

Broomhill and Chevington Collieries Brass Band

Active in 1912. Some band memorabilia is in the Woodhorn Colliery Museum, Ashington

Photograph:



(Broomhill and Chevington Colliery 1912)

Broomhill Colliery Band

Probably formed in the 1880s. Active in 1900 through to the 1950s but disbanded by 1961.

Photograph:



(Broomhill Colliery 1906)

Notes:

Broomhill is a village in Northumberland SW of Amble.

Broomhill Colliery was sunk in 1849 and closed in 1961.

Chevington Colliery, near to Broomhill, was sunk c.1880.

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Brotton (Redcar & Cleveland)

Brotton Old Silver Band

Active in 1906 – (see notes below)

Brotton Temperance Band

Formed in the 1890s and probably folded during the Great War – (see notes below)

Notes:

Brotton is a former ironstone mining village in the Authority of Redcar & Cleveland, historically in North Yorkshire

From the Memoirs of David Taylor born in Brotton in 1893:

“1906 – I am thirteen years of age, I have started work The Brotton Old Silver Band was based in the Crown Hotel, the Brotton Temperance Band was based in the Primitive Methodist Chapel and the Salvation Army Band in the Salvation Army Hall – Yes Brotton had its three bands at that time. The Bands, at one time or another, both the Old Band and the Temps, reached the All England Band Contest Finals at Crystal Palace, the Old Silver once winning the March, and gaining second place in the test piece.”

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Burneside (Cumbria)

Burneside Brass Band

Formed in 1993 as a community band and still in existence.

Photograph:



(Burneside Brass Band – 2000s)

Notes:

Burneside is a small village in Cumbria North of Kendal.

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Burnhope (County Durham)

Burnhope Colliery Band

Founded in the late 1890s and folded in the 1950s

Notes:

Burnhope is a village in County Durham 6 miles NW of Durham City.

Burnhope Colliery was opened in 1850 and closed 22nd July 1949.

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Burnopfield (County Durham)

Burnopfield and District Band

Information needed

Burnopfield Colliery Band

Active between 1903 and 1939

Burnopfield Silver Model Band

Notes:

The three bands above may have been the same organisation.

Burnopfield is a village in county Durham 7 miles SW of Newcastle.

Burnopfield Colliery opened in 1742 and closed 9th August 1968.

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Burradon (Tyne & Wear)

Burradon Colliery Band

Formed in the 1890s and folded by end of 1960.

On May 15th 1921 **Burradon Brass Band** gave a concert in Gosforth Park in aid of the Soup Kitchen for striking miners.

Burradon Silver Model Band

Probably the same as the Colliery Band

Notes:

Burradon is a village in Tyne and Wear but traditionally in Northumberland about 5 miles NNE of Newcastle.

Burradon Colliery opened in 1820 and closed on November 5th 1975

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Burton Leonard (North Yorkshire)

Burton Leonard Brass Band

Active in 1908

Photograph:



(Burton Leonard Brass Band – 1908)

Notes:

Burton Leonard is a village in North Yorkshire about 6 miles south of Ripon.

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Butterknowle (County Durham)

Butterknowle Prize Silver Band

Active in 1887

Butterknowle Silver Colliery Band

Formed in the 1890s. Likely to have been a continuation of the Butterknowle Prize Silver Band (see above). Probably folded in the 1950s

Notes:

Butterknowle is a village in County Durham 14 miles SW of Durham City.

A Colliery at Butterknowle owned by the Bishopric of Durham is mentioned existing in 1652.

Butterknowle Colliery closed in 1950

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Byers Green (County Durham)

Byers Green Brass Band

Deposited in the County Durham Record Office is a booklet titled "Notes on Byers Green Brass Band between 1919 and 1922 compiled by J. Scarrett in 1981" – Ref No. D/X 1356/5

Notes:

Byers Green is a village in County Durham about 6 miles SSW of Durham City.

Byers Green Colliery opened in 1841 and closed in June 1931.

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Carlisle (Cumbria)

Border Regiment Association Band

Contested from March 1977 to March 1995.

Caldew Vale Band

Contested from August 1914 to July 1931. Possibly based in Carlisle or some other location presumably on the River Caldew.

Carlisle City Prize Band

Originally formed in the 1850s, disbanded and reformed several times over the next century

Carlisle St Stephens Silver Band

From the band's website:

"The band was formed in 1904 and started its life in a tin-roofed hut on Arthur Street. The noise of the rehearsals was not appreciated by the local residents, who threw stones on the roof to express their displeasure. Eventually the vicar of St Stephens Parish Church came to the rescue, offering rehearsal space in exchange for our services each month in church.

The band grew from there, and reformed after the First World War. By the mid 1920's the band had become one of the most respected names in British Brass Banding, winning the World Championships in 1927 and 1929, obtaining a 2nd place in 1926 and a 3rd in 1928."

The band recorded the 1927 test piece, the White Rider by Dennis Wright, on Regal G8967 in 1927.

Photograph:



(Carlisle St Stephens Band 1929)

Carr's Biscuit Works Band

Active in the 1940s/1950s

Notes:

Carlisle is a City in Cumbria. Traditional industries include textiles, engineering and food manufacturing.

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Carthorpe (North Yorkshire)

Carthorpe Excelsior Brass Band

Formed in 1868

Notes:

Carthorpe is a small village in North Yorkshire about 4 miles south of Bedale

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Castle Eden (County Durham)

Castle Eden Colliery Band

Formed in 1890 or possibly earlier as a newspaper report of 1886 makes reference to the band.

Still active in the 1950s and probably folded when the colliery closed in 1959.

Notes:

Castle Eden is a village in County Durham just south of Peterlee.

Castle Eden Colliery opened in 1842 and closed in February 1959.

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Castleside (County Durham)

Castleside Band

Formed in 1906 and active in the 1920s

Castleside Brass Band

Active in 1901

These two bands are likely to be the same organisation.

Notes:

Castleside is a village just SW of Consett in County Durham

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Castleton (North Yorkshire)

Castleton Brass Band

Active 1856

From the Births, Deaths and Marriages - Malton Messenger 18th October 1856:

Married:

On the 11th inst. At the Danby Parish Church, by the Rev. J.C. Atkinson, incumbent, Mr James Raw, member of the Castleton Brass Band, Danby, to Miss Elizabeth Mitchinson, Ayton, Roseberry

Notes:

Castleton is a village in North Yorkshire on the River Esk some 15 miles SE of Middlesbrough

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Catchgate (County Durham)

Catchgate Band

Attended the Shildon Show Contest in August 1884.

Notes:

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Catterick (North Yorkshire)

Catterick Brass

A band drawing on local players and personnel from the military garrison at Catterick. This band contested from March 2010 to March 2013. By 2014 the band was defunct probably due to a reorganisation of the military music services at that time involving the re-deployment of military personnel.

Catterick British Legion

Contested locally in 1937 and again in 1952. Could have been attached to the local military garrison.

Notes:

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Charltons (Redcar & Cleveland)

Charlton & Guisborough Band

Probably the same organisation as the band below

Charlton Star of Hope Band

Active in 1900/1907

Notes:

Charltons is a village in the Borough of Redcar & Cleveland, historically in North Yorkshire.

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Chester-le-Street (County Durham)

Chester-le-Street Temperance Band

Formed in 1875 and still active in 1920

Chester-le-Street Town Band

Active 1899/1905

Photograph:



(Chester-le-Street Town Band – 1905)

NASUWT Riverside Band

Formed in 1877 as **Pelton Fell Methodist Band** (see Pelton), soon becoming **Pelton Fell Colliery Band** (see Pelton).

In 1975 gained sponsorship and became the **Newcastle Brown Ale Band** then with a change of sponsors to Durham County Cricket Club became the **Chester-le-Street Riverside Band**.

In March 2005 under another change of sponsorship became the **Tavistock Chester-le-Street Riverside Band** and then under new sponsorship again the band is Currently titled NASUWT Riverside Band.

Photograph:



(NASUWT Riverside Band – c2008)

Pelaw Colliery Band

Connected to South Pelaw Colliery just to the north of Chester-le-Street.

Formed in the early 1900s and still active in 1913

South Pelaw (Colliery) Band

Contested locally between June 1903 and July 1909. May be same as **Pelaw Colliery Band** (see above)

Notes:

Chester-le-Street is a town in County Durham 7 miles south of Newcastle.

South Pelaw Colliery opened in 1890 and closed in January 1964

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Chester Moor (County Durham)

Chester Moor Band

Attended local contests in 1877 & 1879. May also have been known as Chester South Moor Band

Notes:

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Chevington (Northumberland)

Chevington Model Band

Linked to Chevington Colliery and active from 1914-1933

Notes:

Chevington is a village in Northumberland.

Chevington Colliery was sunk in 1880

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Chilton (Co Durham)

Chilton and Windlestone Band

Active in 1934

Chilton Band

Same as Chilton Colliery Band (see below)

Chilton Colliery Band

Active in 1906 and 1925

Photograph:



(Chilton Colliery Band c.1925)

Windlestone Colliery Band

Active in 1933

Photograph:



(Windlestone Colliery Band – 1933)

Notes:

The first three bands above are likely to be continuations / alternative names of the same organisation.

Chilton is a former mining village in County Durham between Durham and Darlington.

Chilton Colliery opened in 1872 and closed in January 1966.

Windlestone Colliery was operating in the 1870s and closed in 1924. Windlestone was in essence the southern part of Chilton village.

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Choppington (Northumberland)

Choppington Brass Band

Active in 1887

Choppington Colliery Band

Formed in the 1900s and likely to be a continuation of Choppington Brass Band (see above). Still active in the 1950s.

Notes:

Choppington is a former mining village in Northumberland 5 miles east of Morpeth.

Choppington Colliery opened in 1857 and closed in July 1966.

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Chopwell (Tyne & Wear)

Chopwell Colliery Band

Formed in the late 1890s. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s and still active in the 1950s.

Photograph:



(Chopwell Colliery Band – Durham Gala – 1950s)

Notes:

Chopwell is a former County Durham mining community now in Tyne & Wear, about 9 miles WSW of Newcastle.

Chopwell Colliery was opened in 1781 and closed in November 1966.

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Cleethorpes (North East Lincolnshire)

Kingsway Printers Cleethorpes Brass Band

According to the Grimsby Evening Telegraph **Cleethorpes Brass Band** was active in 1897, probably the year of its formation. Now sponsored by Kingsway Printers the band is still active.

Previous names have included: **Cleethorpes New Brass Band**; **Cleethorpes Silver Prize Band** (to 1936); **Cleethorpes Borough Band** (to 1974); **Cleethorpes Band**.

Photograph:



(Kingsway Printers Cleethorpes Band – Date Unknown)

Notes:

Cleethorpes is a town in North East Lincolnshire on the Humber Estuary.

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Cockermouth (Cumbria)

Cockermouth Borough Band

Presumably a one time band in the town judging from the inscription on the photograph below.

Photograph:



(Cockermouth Borough Band)

Cockermouth Mechanics' Brass Band

Formed in 1825 and still active as a non-contesting community band.

Photograph:



(Cockermouth Mechanics' Brass Band)

Cockermouth Volunteer Brass Band

Active in 1882 as evidenced by the following newspaper report.

From The Maryport Advertiser – June 23 1882:

“Cockermouth and District News

Pic-nic at Piel Wyke. – Yesterday afternoon Mr J. Bowes, of the Pheasant Hotel, held a pic-nic in a field called Castlehow, near Bassenthwaite Lake. A special train from Cockermouth conveyed a large number of pleasure-seekers to the pic-nic. Refreshments were provided by Mr Bowes, and music for dancing was supplied by the Cockermouth Volunteer Brass Band, but the enjoyment of the pic-nickers was greatly marred by the unfavourable weather.”

Notes:

Cockermouth is a town in the Allerdale Borough of Cumbria.

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Cockfield (County Durham)

Cockfield Prize Silver Band

Sometimes simply known as **Cockfield Band**. Formed in the 1890s and active into the 1930s.

A photograph is known to exist of the band in 1908. There is/was also a traditional if irreverent local expression “like Cockfield Band, just buggering about” !!

Notes:

Cockfield is a village in County Durham 5 miles west of Bishop Auckland in an area once extensively mined for coal.

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Consett (County Durham)

Blackhill St Mary’s Band

Active in 1907 to 1931. Attended a contest at Tow Law in July 1912 conducted by G. Hays. St Mary’s is a Catholic Church in the Blackhill area of Consett.

Blackhill Teetotal Band

An early band in the town which became **Consett Iron Works Band** (see below)

Blackhill Workmen’s Band

Active in 1914

Consett Band

Originally the **Morrison Busty Colliery Band** (see Annfield Plain). Became **Consett Steel Works Band** in 1974 and the **Consett BSC Works Band**.

In 1980 sponsorship was obtained from the Whitbread Brewery and the band became **Consett Whitbread Band** and then **Whitbread Castle Eden Band**.

The band folded in 1988.

Consett Brass

Formed in 1973 in Consett Junior School and now has three bands – Consett Brass; Consett Youth and Consett Junior Brass.

The organisation is non-competitive community based.

Photograph:



(Consett Brass – Date not known)

Consett BSC Band

Later name of the **Consett Steel Works Band** (see below)

Consett Colliery Band

Active in 1931. There was no actual Consett Colliery so the name could apply to any of the pits in the area.

Consett Iron Works Band

Formed as **Blackhill Teetotal Band** (see above). Active in 1884 when it organised a band contest.

Photograph:



(Consett Iron Works Band c.1888)

Consett Mission Band:

Active 1906 to 1936

Consett Steel Works Band

Name taken in 1974 by the **Morrison Busty Colliery Band** (see Annfield Plain)

Consett Temperance Band

Active in 1933.

Consett Town Band

Formed in 1936

Consett Whitbread Band

Name taken by **Consett BSC Band** (see above) when it obtained sponsorship in 1980

Derwent Vale Band

Attended contests at Newcastle and Walbottle in 1894 & 1895. Possibly based in Consett or some other location on the River Derwent.

Whitbread Castle Eden Band

Re-naming of the **Consett Whitbread Band** reflecting the main Whitbread brewery in the area at Castle Eden. The band was never based in Castle Eden itself.

Notes:

Consett is a town in North West County Durham. The town expanded rapidly on the basis of lead and coal mining along with iron and steel production.

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Copley (County Durham)

Arnghyll and Cowley Colliery Band

Active in 1907

Notes:

Copley is a village in County Durham a few miles to the West of Bishop Auckland

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Cornsay Colliery (County Durham)

Cornsay Colliery Silver Band

Active as early as 1878 eventually folding around 1950.

Alternatively known as **Cornsay Colliery Band** and **Cornsay Institute Band**

A photograph of the band c.1930 is in the County Durham Record Office: Ref No. D/Ph 108/1

Cornsay Orchestral Band

Active in 1891

Notes:

Cornsay Colliery is a village in County Durham a few miles west of Durham City.

Cornsay Colliery was opened in 1868 and closed in September 1953.

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Cottingham (East Riding of Yorkshire)

Cottingham Band

Formed in 1859. Defunct by 2014.

Notes:

Cottingham is a large village in the East Riding of Yorkshire just NW of Kingston upon Hill.

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Coundon (County Durham)

Coundon Band

Now defunct – (more information needed)

Photograph:



(Coundon Band – unknown date)

Coundon Star Band

Active in 1887

Notes:

Coundon is a former mining village in County Durham just to the east of Bishop Auckland.

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Cowshill (County Durham)

Cowshill Band

Active as early as 1835. During the second half of the 19th Century merged with other Weardale village bands to form the **Upper Weardale Band** (see Weardale). This folded after World War One.

Photograph:



(Cowshill Band – outside Cowshill Hotel – c. 1886)

Notes:

Cowshill is a village in County Durham at the top of Weardale between Lanehead and Wearhead.

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Coxhoe (County Durham)

Coxhoe Silver Band

Formed in the 1890s and supported by Coxhoe Colliery. Folded in the late 1930s.

Coxhoe Temperance Band

Active in 1876 when it competed at a contest in Hartlepool on 6th June

Notes:

Coxhoe is a former mining and quarrying village in County Durham a few miles south of Durham City.

Coxhoe Colliery opened in 1843

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Craghead (County Durham)

Craghead Colliery Band

Formed in 1910. When the colliery closed in 1969 the Ever Ready Company sponsored the band which was then renamed the **Ever Ready Band** (see Stanley).

Photograph:



(Craghead Colliery Band – 1924)

Photograph:



(Ever Ready Band – 1985)

The latest Craghead Colliery Band is a revival of the **Sacriston Colliery Band** (see Sacriston) in 2005

Notes:

Craghead is a former County Durham mining village just to the south of Stanley.

Craghead Colliery opened in 1839 and closed in April 1969.

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Cramlington (Northumberland)

Cramlington Colliery Band

Contested im April 1859 and then in 1878, 1879 and 1897

Notes:

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Crook (County Durham)

Pease’s West Colliery Band

Formed in 1898 at Jobs Hill Colliery and named after the colliery owner Mr Joseph Pease. Still active in 1919

Wooley Colliery Band

Contested locally from 1896 to 1903

Notes:

Crook is a small market town in County Durham 10 miles SW of Durham City.

Pease's west Colliery (Roddymoor Colliery) opened in 1844 and closed in August 1963.

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Crookhall (County Durham)

Crookhall Bradley Band

The name of the Crookhall Colliery Band (see below) in the period 1966/67.

Crookhall Colliery Band

Founded in 1924 as the **Victory Pit Crookhall Colliery Band**.

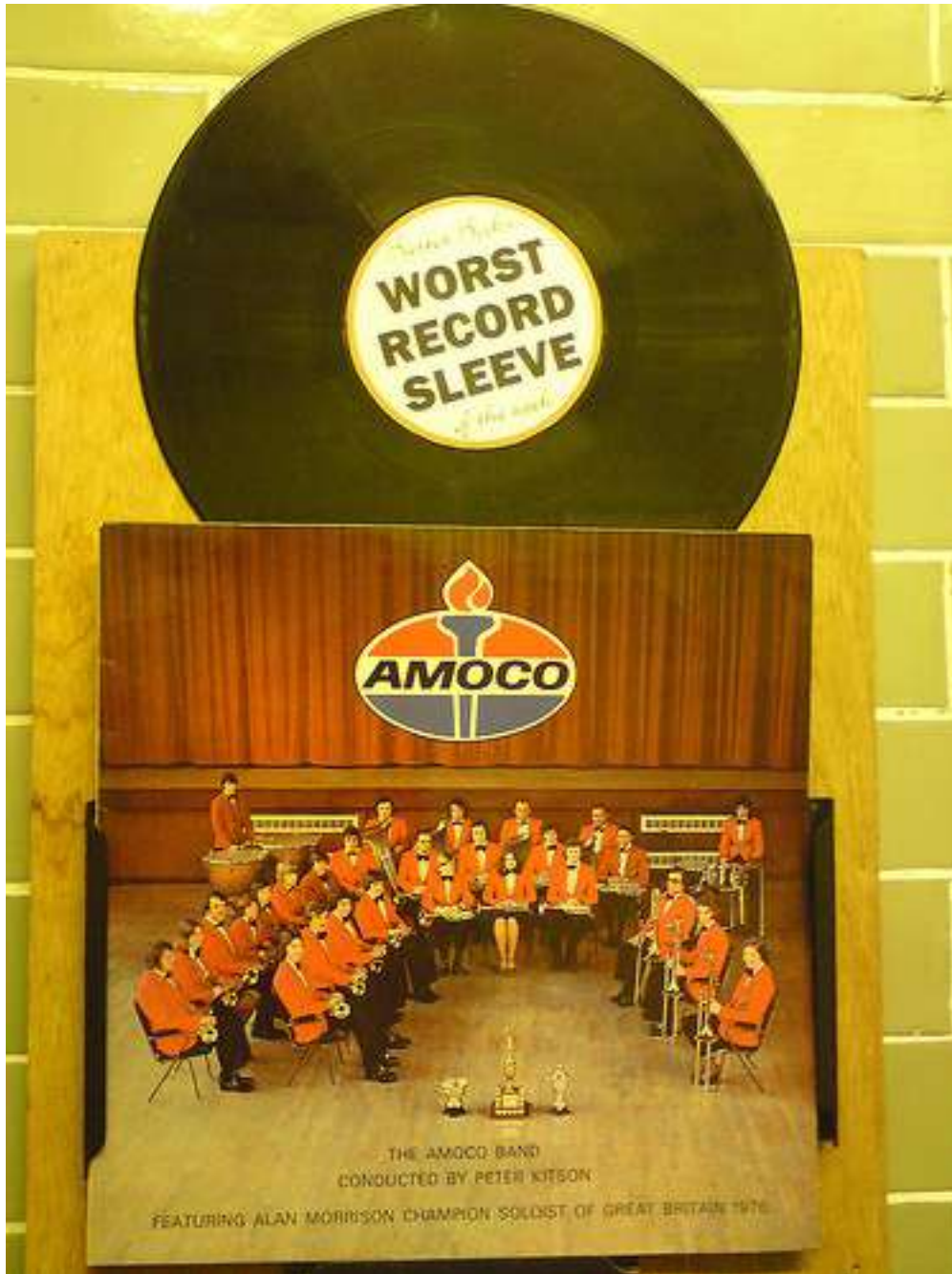
After the closure of Crookhall Colliery sponsorship was obtained from the American Company Patchogue Plymouth and the band was renamed **Patchogue Plymouth AMOCO Band**.

The name was shortened to the **AMOCO Band** in 1976 and the band folded in about 1980.

A document titled "A Short History of Crookhall Colliery Band, 1924-1965" is deposited in the County Durham Record Office. Ref No. D/X 727/5.

Also deposited are various photographs and contest certificates covering the period 1931-1961.

Photograph:



AMOCO Band – LP Record Sleeve (c.1976)

Notes:

Crookhall is a village in County Durham between Consett and Delves.

Crookhall Colliery opened in 1930 and closed in November 1963.

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Dalton (Cumbria)

Dalton Amateur Band

Formed in 1897. A breakaway from Dalton Town Band (see below) following a disagreement among players of that band.

Dalton Town Band

Formed in 1870 and still active. Also sometimes known as Dalton Town Prize Band.

Photograph:



(Dalton Town Band – 1995)

Notes:

Dalton is a small town in Cumbria NE of Barrow-in-Furness.

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Danby (North Yorkshire)

Danby Brass Band

Active in 1856

From the Malton Messenger 26th July 1856:

“Married:

On the 19th inst. At the parish church, Danby, by the Rev. J.C. Atkinson, incumbent, Mr Robert Duck, leader of the Danby Brass-band, to Miss Ann Raw, eldest daughter of Mr Robert Raw, farmer, all of that place.”

Notes:

Danby is a traditional North Yorkshire village located in the heart of the Yorkshire Moors.

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Darlington (County Durham)

Cockerton Band

The band was formed in 1863 as **Cockerton Saxhorn Band**.

In 1905 the band bought a set of silver-plated Besson instruments from the defunct **Rise Carr Rolling Mills Band** (see below) and adopted the title **Cockerton Silver Band**.

About 1921 the name was changed to **Cockerton Prize Silver Band**. Now usually known simply as Cockerton Band.

Photograph:



(Cockerton Band – Northern Area Contest – 2007)

Darlington Borough Band

Active in 1930 through to the 1950s

Darlington British Railways Band

A later name of **Darlington N.E.R. Brass Band** (see below)

Darlington Forge Band

Active from 1921 to 1932. Also known as **Darlington Forge Company Band**.

Photograph:



(Darlington Forge Band – no date)

Darlington N.E.R. Brass Band

Formed in the late 1830s and all brass in 1860. Active up to 1948. Also known as **Darlington N.E. Railway Band**.

Photograph:



(Darlington N.E.R. Brass Band – 1913)

Darlington Philharmonic Band

Active in 1864

Darlington Saxhorn Band

Formed in 1858 and active in 1876. Finalist at the Crystal Palace Contest of 1860. Probably same as **Hoggett's Saxhorn Band** as Mr H. Hoggett was conductor of the Darlington Saxhorn Band in 1860.

Darlington Temperance Band

Formed in 1890 and active in 1920

Darlington Volunteer Band

Active in 1904

Hoggett's Saxhorn Band

See **Darlington Saxhorn Band** above

Rise Carr Rolling Mills Band

Disbanded in 1905 when instruments were sold to Cockerton Band (see above)

Rise Carr was a former industrial area in the north of the town.

Notes:

Darlington is a Railway and Industrial town in the south of County Durham.

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Dawdon (County Durham)

Dawdon Band

Originally the Dawdon Lodge Silver Band (see below) until c. 1931.

Dawdon Lodge Silver Band

Formed in the early 1900s and renamed the Dawdon Band by 1931. Active in the 1950s and 60s.

Photographs of the band are deposited in the Durham County Record Office, listed as:

Photograph of Dawdon Colliery Silver Prize Band 1962. Ref No. D/Ph 327/215

And

July 1948 "Dawdon Lodge Silver Prize Band" Ref No. D/Ph 419/10

Photograph:



(Dawdon Band 1955)

Notes:

Dawdon is a former mining community just south of Seaham in County Durham.

Dawdon Colliery opened in 1907 and closed in July 1991

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Deaf Hill (County Durham)

Deaf Hill Colliery Band

Formed in the early 1900s and still active in 1947.

Sometimes known as **Deaf Hill Colliery Miners' Welfare Band**

Notes:

Deaf Hill is an alternative name for the County Durham Village, Trimdon Station about 7 miles ESE of Durham City.

Deaf Hill Colliery was opened in 1877 and closed in February 1967.

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Dearham (Cumbria)

Dearham Band

Established as a Drum & Fife Band in 1881 **becoming Dearham United Brass Band** (see below) in 1896. Still in existence.

The band made a CD recording in 2006 titled “A Tribute” in memory of long-serving conductor Joe Ireland

Photograph:



(Dearham Band – Date Unknown)

Dearham United Band

The name adopted when the Dearham Band became all-brass in 1896

Notes:

Dearham is a village and former coal mining community in Cumbria 2 miles east of Maryport.

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Dinnington

Dinnington Colliery Band

Active in 1921 but may have been in existence earlier. Bought the instruments from Marsden Colliery Band when it disbanded in 1930

Notes:

Dinnington is a village in North Tyneside, Tyne & Wear.

Dinnington Colliery opened in 1867 and closed in February 1960

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Dipton (County Durham)

Dipton Colliery Band

No information currently available.

Notes:

Dipton is a village in the Derwentside District of County Durham 9 miles SW of Newcastle.

Dipton Colliery opened in 1855 and closed in November 1940.

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Driffield (East Riding of Yorkshire)

Driffield Silver Band

Formed as a Brass and Reed Band in 1828 becoming all-brass in 1857. Originally named Driffield Town Band. Still in existence.

Photograph:



(Driffield Band – Date Unknown)

Driffield Town Band

Original name of Driffield Silver Band

Notes:

Driffield is a market town in the East Riding of Yorkshire.

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Drigg (Cumbria)

Drigg and Irton Brass Band

The photograph of the band below was taken outside the historic Irton Hall and dates from about 1865.

Photograph:



(Drigg & Irton Band – c.1865)

Notes:

Drigg is a small village in Cumbria

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Dudley (Northumberland)

Dudley Colliery Band

Formed in 1890. Re-named **Hartley Main Colliery Band** before 1939 but reverted to original name in 1947.

Alternative names include:

Dudley Colliery Excelsior Brass Band

Photograph:



(Dudley Colliery Excelsior Brass Band – No Date)

Dudley Colliery Workmen's Prize Band

Dudley Workmen's Silver Model Prize Band

Hartley Main Colliery Band

Name adopted by Dudley Colliery Band (see above) for some time around World War Two.

Notes:

Dudley is a former mining village in Northumberland now on the edge of Cramlington New Town.

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Dufton (Cumbria)

Dufton Band

Active in 1858 when it took part in the Lofthouse Band Contest

From the Diary of Joseph Pearson (Appendix II):

18th June 1858 – The Band Contest – 7 Bands of music met at Alston. Alston Band at the Angel Inn, Allendale Town Band at the Golden Lion, Warwickbridge at the Blue Bell; Dufton at the Greyhound, Haydonbridge at the Sun, Nenthead at the Globe, Weardale at the Queen’s Head.

Notes:

Dufton is a village in Cumbria in the Eden Valley

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Dunston (Tyne & Wear)

Dunston Silver Band

Formed in 1902 as Dunston Temperance Band and still in existence. During World War Two became a Home Guard Band.

Photograph:



(Dunston Silver Band – No Date)

Dunston Temperance Band

Origin of the current Dunston Silver Band (see above)

Dunston Wesleyan Band

Active in 1907

Notes:

Dunston was originally an independent village on the south bank of the River Tyne, now part of the county of Tyne & Wear.

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Durham (County Durham)

Belmont Grange Band

Attended a contest at Thornley in July 1895. Belmont Grange was the name of a colliery on the outskirts of Durham City in the area of modern Belmont. Presumably the band was attached to this colliery.

Durham City Band

Active from 1894 into the 1930s

Durham Constabulary Band

Originally the **Sunderland Borough Police Band** (see Sunderland) which was formed in 1863. Became **Durham Constabulary Band** when Sunderland Borough Police amalgamated with Durham County Police in 1967.

Photograph:



(Durham Constabulary Band c.2007)

Durham Shakespeare Prize Band

Founded in 1910. In 1939 the band enlisted en-masse as the Band of the 11th Durham Light Infantry. After World War Two the band reformed but probably folded in the late 1940s.

Durham Shakespeare Temperance Band

A sometime name of the Durham Shakespeare Prize Band.

Durham University Band

Formed in 2001

Grange Iron Works Brass Band

The Grange Iron Works was established in 1867 and closed in 1926 when the band presumably folded.

Old Durham Band

Contested locally in 1876 & 1878

Notes:

Durham City is the County Town of County Durham at the heart of the once important Durham coal field.

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Easington (County Durham)

Easington Colliery Band

Formed by colliery management in 1913 and still in existence.

Photograph:



(Easington Colliery Band – 1939)

Easington Colliery Youth Band

Formed in 1915. Became the **National Fire Service Band** during World War Two and then **Easington Public Band**. Merged with Easington Colliery Band in 1956.

Easington Public Band

Came into existence when the National Fire Service Band was renamed after World War Two (see Easington Colliery Youth Band) above.

Merged with Easington Colliery Band in 1956

Photograph:



(Easington Public Band – 1951)

Notes:

Easington is a former coal mining town near Peterlee in County Durham

Easington Colliery was opened in 1899 and closed in May 1993

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Easington Lane (Tyne & Wear)

Easington Lane Band

Attended a contest at Hetton-le-Hole in May 1871 and were placed 2nd.

Elemore Colliery Band

Formed in the 1900s and active in 1909.

Notes:

Easington Lane is a former County Durham mining village now in Tyne & Wear, 5 miles ENE of Durham City.

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Easingwold (North Yorkshire)

Easingwold Town Band

A traditional small town band now non-contesting but still in existence. Sometime called **Easingwold Brass**

Photograph:



(Easingwold Town Band – 1912)

Notes:

Easingwold is a small market town in North Yorkshire 13 miles North of York

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East Howle (County Durham)

East Howle Colliery Band

Active in 1888

Notes:

East Howle is a former coal mining village near Ferryhill in County Durham

East Howle Colliery opened in 1872 and closed in 1905

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Ebchester (County Durham)

Ebchester Band

Active in 1907

Notes:

Ebchester is a village in County Durham North of Consett

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Eggleston(e) (County Durham)

Eggleston Brass Band

Active in 1914

Notes:

Eggleston is a village in County Durham a few miles NW of Barnard Castle in a former lead mining area.

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Egremont (Cumbria)

Egremont Town Band

Egremont Town Band Committee was officially formed in 1904 and a new set of Besson instruments were purchased in the same year.

The band continues to exist as a traditional small-town non-contesting organisation.

Photograph:



(Egremont Town Band – No Date)

Notes:

Egremont is a small, former industrial, town in Cumbria, south of Whitehaven.

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Eldon (County Durham)

Eldon Colliery Band

Formed in the 1900s and active in 1932



Notes:

Eldon is a village near Shildon in County Durham.

Eldon Colliery opened in 1829 and closed in July 1932

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Ellington (Northumberland)

Ellington Colliery Band

The original band was active in 1914 and probably folded during World War One.

The present band was reformed in 1925 and is currently sponsored by Northumbrian Water with the title **Northumbrian Water Ellington Colliery Band.**

Photograph:



(Ellington Colliery Band – 2001)

Notes:

Ellington is a village on the coast of Northumberland 4 miles from Ashington.

Ellington Colliery was opened in 1909 and closed in January 2005

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Esh Winning (County Durham)

Bearpark and Esh Colliery Band

Originally the **Esh Colliery Band** (see below) which received support from Bearpark Colliery and adopted its present title in 1979

Esh Colliery Band

Originally in existence before World War Two but then folded. Re-formed in 1950 as the **Esh Winning Colliery Welfare Band**. In 1970 the name was shortened to Esh Colliery Band becoming Bearpark and Esh Colliery Band in 1979 (see above).

Photographs of the band from the 1930s and 1970s are in the Durham County Record Office.

Notes:

Esh Winning is a former colliery village in County Durham 5 miles west of Durham City.

The village was founded by the Pease family in the 1850s to service their new mine on the Esh Estate.

Esh Colliery opened in 1866 and closed in June 1968.

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Eston (Redcar and Cleveland)

Eston Miners' Old Brass Band

Active between 1900 and 1920

Notes:

Eston is a town in the borough of Redcar and Cleveland, historically in North Yorkshire, about 5 miles from Middlesbrough.

Once an important ironstone mining community, Eston ironstone mine opened around 1850 and closed in 1949.

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Etherley

Etherley Silver Band

Active in 1903 through to 1913

Notes:

Etherley is a village in County Durham 4 miles West of Bishop Auckland.

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Evenwood (County Durham)

Evenwood Colliery Band

Active between 1899 and 1937. Appears to have merged with **Hunwick Colliery Band** at some point. One source (an ex-conductor) claims the band folded in 1963.

Notes:

Evenwood is a former mining village in County Durham near Bishop Auckland and some 13 miles SW of Durham City.

Evenwood Colliery itself opened in 1836 and closed in 1912. However, Randolph Colliery, the main mine in Evenwood, opened in 1893 and did not close until 1962.

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Farndale (North Yorkshire)

Farndale Band

Took part in the Brass Band Contest at Lofthouse (Loftus) in 1859 (see Appendix I) when the band had 11 players and performed a selection from “Lucrezia Borgia” by Donizetti. Known variously as **Farndale Brass** or **Farndale Silver Band**.

Photographs:



(Farndale Silver Band – 1931)

Notes:

Farndale is a valley in the Ryedale District in the North Yorkshire Moors Country Park.

The bandroom, basically a large shed, built in the 1920s at Low Mill, is still in use as a novel intimate concert venue.

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Felling (Tyne & Wear)

Felling Band

Formed in 1873 as **Heworth Colliery Band** (see Heworth). When Heworth Colliery closed in 1963 became the **Washington Glebe Band** (see Washington). When Washington Glebe Colliery closed in 1972 adopted its current name of The Felling Band.

Photograph:



(Felling Band – No Date)

Felling Chemical Works Band

Active in the 1870s

Felling Colliery Band

Active between 1904 and 1920

Felling Temperance Band

Active in 1898

Felling Town Silver Band

At some point merged with Heworth Colliery Band which in turn became the current Felling Band.

Notes:

Felling is an area of Tyne & Wear on the south bank of the Tyne. Traditional industries of the area included coal mining and chemical works.

Felling Colliery opened in 1779 and closed in 1931

Heworth Colliery opened in the 1700s and closed in June 1963

Washington Glebe Colliery opened in 1904 and closed in August 1972

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Ferryhill (County Durham)

Dean Bank Band

Formed in the early 1900s and still active in 1915. Probably did not survive the Great War.

Dean and Chapter Colliery Band

Active between 1907 & 1947

Durham Colliery Mechanics Band

Name of the current Ferryhill Town Band (see below) between 1979 and 1994

Ferryhill and Dean Bank Band

Active between 1907 and 1935

Ferryhill Temperance Band

Active between 1907 and 1911

Ferryhill Town Band

Originally formed in 1909 as Mainsforth Colliery Band (see below). Adopted current title in 1994.

Photograph:



(Ferryhill Town Band – 2009)

Mainsforth Colliery Band

Formed in 1909. Became **Mainsforth Colliery and Tursdale Workshops Band** between 1970 and 1979 and then **Durham Colliery Mechanics Band** between 1979 and 1994 before becoming the current Ferryhill Town Band.

Notes:

Ferryhill is a small town in County Durham which grew rapidly in the 1900s around the coal mining industry.

Dean and Chapter Colliery opened in 1904 and closed in January 1966.

Mainsforth Colliery opened in 1872 and closed in December 1968.

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Filey (North Yorkshire)

Filey Brass Band

Active in 1905. Defunct by 1979 when some members helped reform the **Hunmanby Silver Band** (see Hunmanby)

Notes:

Filey is a small town on the North Yorkshire Coast

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Fishburn (County Durham)

Fishburn Band

Formed in the early 1950s as the Fishburn Colliery Welfare Band. Other names have included:

National Smokeless Fuels (Fishburn) Band

National Smokeless Fuels Band

NSF (Coal Products) Band

Coal Products CPL Band

The band has made two LP recordings and more recently two CD recordings "Durham's Pride" (2000) and "Aurora" (2003)

Photograph:



(Fishburn Band 2007)

Notes:

Fishburn is a village in County Durham a few miles to the west of Hartlepool.

Fishburn Colliery opened in 1910 and closed in November 1973.

The Fishburn Coking Plant closed in 1986.

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Flimby (Cumbria)

Flimby Saxhorn Band

Confirmation is needed that this band is still in existence.

Photograph:



(Flimby Saxhorn Band – 1981)

Notes:

Flimby is a village in Cumbria near Maryport.

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Flookburgh (Cumbria)

Flookburgh Band

Formed in 1909 as **Flookburgh Village Hall Brass Band** becoming **Flookburgh Silver Band** in 1937

Photograph:



(Flookburgh Band 2008 – Grange Over Sands)

Notes:

Flookburgh is a Cumbrian fishing village on the Cartmel Peninsula

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Framwellgate Moor (County Durham)

Framwellgate Moor Colliery Band

Active in the early 1900s

Notes:

Framwellgate Moor is a village on the northern edge of Durham City.

Framwellgate Moor Colliery closed in November 1924

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Frizington (Cumbria)

Frizington St Pauls Band

Active from 1895 to 1947. Possibly the same as **Frizington Town Band.**

Notes:

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Frosterley (County Durham)

Frosterley Band

Formed in 1898 and still active in 1933.

The Durham County Record Office holds a poster advertising the opening of Frosterley Institute in November 1909 including a performance by **Frosterley Brass Band** – Ref No D/X 1674/1

Notes:

Frosterley is a village in Weardale County Durham 18 miles west of Durham City.

Famous for the quarrying of Frosterley Marble.

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Garrigill (Cumbria)

Garrigill Band

Active in 1852.

From Joseph Pearson's Diary (see Appendix II):

“30th July 1852 – (Election celebrations held on Cross Fell) .. there were 4 or 5 Bands of Music and 4 or 5 thousand persons of all trades and grades from M.P.s to sweeps and Beggars. The Alston and Garrigill Bands both with flags played the M.P.s from the Gentlemens well to the summit, Playing alternately amid Thousands which made a most imposing effect”

Notes:

Garrigill is a former lead mining village in the North Pennines in Cumbria

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Gatebeck (Cumbria)

Gatebeck Brass Band

Active in 1865.

Notes:

Gatebeck is a village in Cumbria near Kendal

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Gateshead (Tyne & Wear)

Abbot Memorial Band

Attended the Newcastle upon Tyne Olympia Contest in December 1894 conducted by R. Smith.

Axwell Park Colliery Band

Active in 1907

Gateshead Borough Band

Formed in then 1890s and still active in 1938. Gave a concert in Saltwell Park, Gateshead in 1896

Gateshead Brass

Formed in 1975 as **Northumbria Police Band** becoming Gateshead Brass in 2001. Now defunct.

Gateshead British Legion Band

Active in 1938

Gateshead LNER Band

Active in 1932

Gateshead Police Band

Information needed

Photograph:



(Gateshead Police Band – Date Unknown)

Gateshead St Paul's Band

Active between 1898 and 1913

Gateshead Wesleyan Methodist Young Men's Vigilance Band

Minute book covering 1860-1867 is deposited in the Durham County Record Office:

Ref No D/X 821/4

Northumbria Police Band

See Gateshead Brass

Redheugh Colliery Band

Formed in the 1890s and folded in the late 1920s. Sometimes called **New Redheugh Colliery Band**

Teams Euphonic Brass Band

Active in 1887

Westwood Colliery Band

Contested from 1895 to 1933

May have been the same as **Whickham Colliery Band** (see below)

Whickham Brass Band

Formed in the 1900s and active in 1914. Probably folded in the 1930s. Also known as **Whickham Colliery Band**.

Notes:

Gateshead is a town in Tyne & Wear on the south bank of the River Tyne opposite Newcastle

Axwell Park Colliery opened in 1839 and closed in August 1954.

Redheugh Colliery was opened in 1872 and closed in 1927

Whickham Colliery was in operation from the 1860s to the 1890s

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Giggleswick (North Yorkshire)

Giggleswick Brass Band

Active in 1902. Amalgamated with Settle Brass Band (see Settle) in 1952 to form the Giggleswick and Settle Band

Giggleswick and Settle Brass Band

Formed in 1952 when Giggleswick and Settle Bands merged. Confirmation needed if still in existence

Notes:

Giggleswick is a village in North Yorkshire near Settle

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Grangetown (Redcar & Cleveland)

Grangetown Steelworks Band

Entered local contests in 1908

Notes:

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Grange Villa (County Durham)

Twizell Colliery Band

Formed in the 1890s and disbanded in 1930s

Notes:

Grange Villa is a village in County Durham between Stanley and Chester-le-Street.

Twizell Colliery opened in 1844 and closed in August 1938

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Grasmere (Cumbria)

Grasmere Band

Active in the 1880s when it took part in the GrasmereRushbearing Festival.

Notes:

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Great Ayton (North Yorkshire)

Ayton Band

Active in 1906

Notes:

Great Ayton is a village in the Hambleton District of North Yorkshire

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Greatham (County Durham_

Greatham Ward Band

Contested locally in 1893, 1895 & 1909

Notes:

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Grimsby

Grimsby Band

Competed in the Championship Section of the Tetley Open Championships at Leeds in 1984. For some time known as **Primo Windows Grimsby Band**. Confirmation needed that this band is still in existence

Notes:

Grimsby is a seaport on the Humber Estuary in North East Lincolnshire

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Grosmont (North Yorkshire)

Grosmont Band

Attended a contest at Pickering in June 1886 where they were place 2nd

Notes:

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Guisborough (Redcar and Cleveland)

Boosbeck Colliery Band

Active c. 1907

Guisborough Brass Band

Took part in the Lofthouse (Loftus) contest of 1859 See Appendix I) where a band of 12 players performed a Selection from Il Trovatore by Verdi

Guisborough Priory Prize Silver Band

Formed in 1902 and still active in 1920

Photograph:



(Guisborough Priory Prize Silver Band – No Date)

Guisborough Volunteer Band

Active in 1900

Notes:

Guisborough is a market town in the Borough of Redcar & Cleveland, historically in North Yorkshire

Boosbeck Colliery was an ironstone mine opened in 1873 and closing in 1886

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Gunnerside (North Yorkshire)

Gunnerside Band

Attended the Swaledale Contest of September 1929 and were placed 4th with G.L. Baker conducting

Notes:

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Haltwhistle (Northumberland)

Haltwhistle Old Silver Band

Formed in 1938 and disbanded in August 2004 due to waning local interest

Haltwhistle Rifles Band

Active in 1902 and 1947

Haltwhistle Volunteers Band

Active in 1904. Probably the Rifles Band renamed.

Notes:

Haltwhistle is a small town in Northumberland 10 miles east of Brampton

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Hamsteels (County Durham)

Hamsteels Colliery Band

Formed in the 1890s and still active in 1938. Appear to have reformed in 1950 and apparently still in existence when the pit closed in 1958.

Notes:

Hamsteels is a village in County Durham about 5 miles west of Durham City.

Hamsteels Colliery opened in 1868 and closed in 1958

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Hamsterley (County Durham)

Hamsterley Colliery Band

Formed in the late 1890s

Notes:

Hamsterley is a village in County Durham near Consett about 9 miles WSW of Newcastle

Hamsterley Colliery opened in 1864 and closed in February 1968

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Handenhold (County Durham)

Handenhold Colliery Band

Active between 1955 and 1976

Notes:

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Harrogate (North Yorkshire)

Harrogate Band

Formed in 1970, still active

Photograph:



(Harrogate Band – 2000s)

Harrogate Borough Band

Formed c.1900 and disbanded in 1939

Photograph:



(Harrogate Borough Band – Valley Gardens, Harrogate – 1910)

Harrogate St John's Ambulance Band

Further information needed

Harrogate Temperance Band

Formed in 1888 becoming **Harrogate Silver Prize Band** in the 1930s. Broke up during World War Two, reforming in 1947 but disbanded in 1956

Photograph:



(Harrogate Temperance – 1895)

Harrogate Volunteer Band

Further information needed

Photograph:



(Harrogate Volunteer Band – No Date)

Starbeck Brass Band

Formed in 1904

Photograph:



(Starbeck Brass Band – No Date)

Notes:

Harrogate is a Spa Town in North Yorkshire

Starbeck is an area of Harrogate

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Hartlepool (County Durham)

Hartlepool Borough Band:

Originally **Hartlepool Temperance Band** (see below) becoming the Borough Band in 1900. Still active in 1914

Hartlepool Old Boys Band:

Active in 1921

Hartlepool Public Prize Band

Possibly the same as Hartlepool Silver Band (see below)

Hartlepool Silver Band

Formed in 1925 as the **West Hartlepool Mission Band** (see below)

Hartlepool Temperance Band

Formed in 1899 becoming **Hartlepool Borough Band** in 1900

West Hartlepool Borough Band

Formed in 1890

West Hartlepool Mission Band

Formed in 1925 later becoming Hartlepool Silver Band

West Hartlepool Old Operatic Prize Silver Band

Formed in 1851 and folded in the 1950s. Also known more simply as **West Hartlepool Operatic Band**

Notes:

Hartlepool is a seaport in County Durham.

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Haswell (County Durham)

Haswell Colliery Band

Contested locally in 1894 & 1895

Notes:

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Hauxley (Northumberland)

Hauxley Colliery Band

Contested locally between 1956 and 1965. The conductor was primarily C.E. Badman.

Notes:

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Haverigg (Cumbria)

Haverigg St Lukes Band

Contested locally in Cumbria between 1890 & 1900

Notes:

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Haverton Hill (Stockton-on-Tees)

Haverton Hill Silver Band

Formed in 1898 but folded in the late 1940s / early 1950s. Reformed in 1971 but folded prior to 2000.

Notes:

Haverton Hill is an area of the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees historically in County Durham.

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Hawes (North Yorkshire)

Hawes Good Templars

More information needed.

Hawes (Prize) Silver Band

Contested at Hardraw Scar in 1924. Still active as a non-contesting band.

Notes:

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Hawnby (North Yorkshire)

Hawnby Silver Band

Merged with **Bilsdale Band** about 1910 (see Bilsdale)

Photograph:



(Hawnby Band – 1907)

Notes:

Hawnby is a small village in North Yorkshire 7 miles NW of Helmsley

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Haydon Bridge (Northumberland)

Haydon Bridge Band

Active between the 1860s and 1947.

In 1863 the Haydon Bridge Spa Well was opened and “On this occasion **Haydon Bridge Brass Band** played the National Anthem numerous times and everyone adjourned to a marquee for tea”

Notes:

Haydon Bridge is an agricultural village in Northumberland about 7 miles west of Hexham.

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Hebburn (Tyne & Wear)

Hebburn Colliery Band

Formed in 1874 (possibly 1860) folding sometime between 1920 and 1939.

National Champions (Crystal Palace) in 1904.

Photographs:



(Hebburn Colliery – 1904)



(Hebburn Colliery - 1904)

Also had a Junior Band

Photograph:



(Hebburn Colliery Junior Band – No Date)

Hebburn Harmonic Band

Active in 1907 and 1937

Hebburn Town Band

Formed in 1874 and still active in 1915

Notes:

Hebburn is a small town in South Tyneside, Tyne & Wear

Hebburn Colliery opened in 1792 and closed in 1932.

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Helmsley (North Yorkshire)

Helmsley Band

Active from 1857 to 1889

Notes:

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Helton (Cumbria)

Helton Band

Active in 1913

Notes:

Helton is a small village in Cumbria near Penrith

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Hensingham (Cumbria)

Hensingham Band of Hope Brass Band

Active in 1893

Notes:

Hensingham is a village on the edge of Whitehaven in Cumbria

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Herrington (Tyne & Wear)

New Herrington Colliery Band

Formed in the 1900s becoming a military style band after World War One

Notes:

Herrington is an area of four villages 4 miles SW of Sunderland in Tyne & Wear but historically in County Durham

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Hessle (East Riding of Yorkshire)

Hessle British Legion Band

Probably now defunct (confirmation needed)

Psalm 104 for Voices and Brass Band by Anthony Hedges was premiered by the band in Beverley Minster in April 1974.

Notes:

Hessle is a town in the East Riding of Yorkshire 5 miles west of Hull

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Hetton (Tyne & Wear)

Hetton Colliery Band

Formed in the 1890s and still active in 1914

Hetton Silver Band

Formed in 1887. National Champions 2nd Section in 1947

Photograph:



(Hetton Silver Band – 1947)

Notes:

Hetton is in Tyne & Wear, historically in County Durham

Hetton Colliery opened in 1822 and closed in July 1950.

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Heworth (Tyne & Wear)

Heworth Colliery Band

Formed in 1873, eventually amalgamating with **Felling Town Silver Band** (see Felling), possibly on closure of the colliery.

Notes:

Heworth is an area of Tyne and Wear 3 miles SE of Newcastle. The traditional industries of the area were mining and quarrying.

Heworth Colliery opened in the 1700s and closed in June 1963

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Hexham Church of England Temperance Band

Formed in the 1890s became Hexham Excelsior Band, folding in the 1950s

Photograph:



(Hexham Church of England Temperance Band – 1909)

Hexham Excelsior Band

Originally Hexham Church of England Temperance Band (see above).

Also called **Hexham Excelsior Town Band**.

Hexham Union Band

Active in 1864

Hexham Volunteer Band

Active in 1864 and probably the same as Hexham Union Band

Notes:

Hexham is a market town in Northumberland

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Horden (County Durham)

Horden Colliery Band

The band managed to continue after the closure of the colliery in 1986 until sponsorship was obtained in 2003 and the name became **BHK (UK) Ltd Horden Band**. Now defunct

Photograph:



(Horden Colliery Band – 1925)

Notes:

Hornden is a former mining village in County Durham 10 miles SSE of Sunderland.

Hornden Colliery opened in 1900 and closed in February 1896.

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Houghton – le – Spring (Tyne & Wear)

Houghton Brass Band

Has its origins in the Houghton Schools Band formed in 1973 becoming Houghton Brass Band in 1983

Houghton Colliery Band

Formed in the 1890s folded c.1939

Notes:

Houghton – le – Spring is a town in Tyne & Wear, traditionally in County Durham, 7 miles SW of Durham City

Houghton Colliery opened in 1820 and closed in September 1981

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Howden – le – Wear (County Durham)

Howden Colliery Band

Active in 1900

Howden Excelsior Band

For a short time a name used by **Howden-le-Wear Band** (see below)

Howden-le-Wear Band

Formed in 1898 and still active in 1934

Notes:

Howden-le-Wear is a village in County Durham one mile south of Crook

Howden Colliery opened in 1845 and closed in 1966

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Hull (East Riding of Yorkshire)

City of Hull Band

Formed in 1989 becoming **East Yorkshire Motor Services (EYMS) Band** (see below) in 1992

East Riding of Yorkshire Band

Formed in 1987 as **East Yorkshire Brass**. In 1999 after obtaining sponsorship were known as **Aunt Bessie's East Yorkshire Brass Band**. After the termination of sponsorship now called East Riding of Yorkshire Band.

Photograph:



(East Riding of Yorkshire Band – Date Unknown)

East Yorkshire Motor Services (EYMS) Band

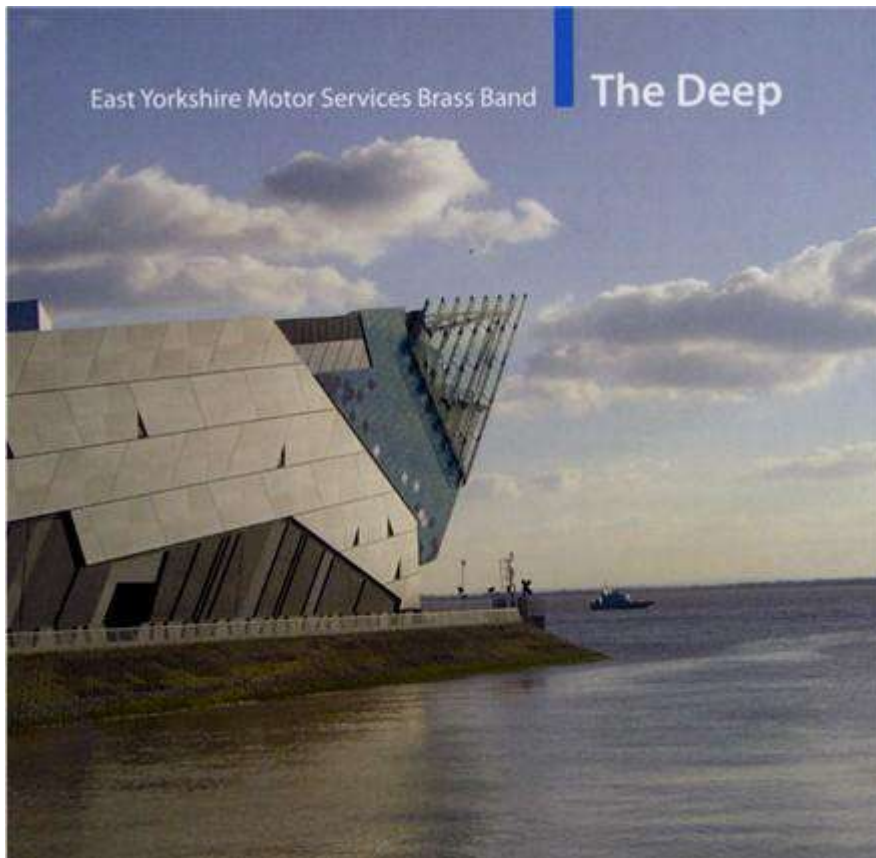
Originally the City of Hull Band (see above).

Have produced several recordings most recently CDs titled “The Deep” and the “Reformers”

Photographs:



(EYMS – Albert Hall – 2008)



(CD cover for The Deep – EYMS Band)

Hull City Brass Band

Active in 1913

Hull Kingston Cotton Mills Band

Formed in 1855

Photograph:



(Hull Kingston Cotton Mills Band – No Date)

Hull Railwaymen’s Band

Active in 1954

Hull Silver Prize Band

Active in the early 1900s

Hull Sons of Temperance Prize Band

Active c.1910

Hull Waterloo Band

Active in 1916 and 1930. Also called **Hull Waterloo Prize Silver Band**

Sissons Bros Band

More information needed

West Hull Excelsior Silver Band

Information needed

Photograph:



(West Hull Excelsior Band – No Date)

West Hull Prize Band

Active in 1937. Also known as the **150th (Northumbrian) Column Territorial Army Band**

Notes:

Hull, (properly Kingston upon Hull) is a city and port in the East Riding of Yorkshire

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Hunmanby (North Yorkshire)

Hunmanby Silver Band

A Hunmanby Silver Band existed before 1880. After World War One, prominent local business man Sir Dennis Bayley supplied a full set of instruments and uniforms to the now titled **Dennis Bayley Hunmanby Silver Band**. This band folded about 1959.

In 1979 a new band was formed with some players from the defunct **Filey Brass Band** (see Filey). The bands full title being the **Dennis Bayley Hunmanby and District Silver Band**.

Notes:

Hunmanby is a large village just south of Filey in North Yorkshire

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Hunsonby (Cumbria)

Hunsonby Brass Band

Active in the 1880s

Photograph:



(Hunsonby 1880)

Notes:

Hunsonby is a village in Cumbria near Penrith.

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Hunwick (County Durham)

Hunwick Colliery Band

Formed in the 1890s and at some time merged with **Evenwood Colliery Band** (see Evenwood). Also known as **Hunwick Silver Band**. Probably folded in the 1950s.

Photograph:



(Hunwick Colliery Band 1921)

Rough Lea Colliery Band

Formed in the 1890s and still active in 1915

Notes:

Hunwick is a village in County Durham between Bishop Auckland and Crook.

Hunwick Colliery closed in 1921

Rough Lea Colliery (Hunwick) opened in 1858 and closed in 1931

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Hutton Rudby (North Yorkshire)

Hutton Rudby Band

Attended the Bilsdale Contest in 1887 and again in 1888 when they were awarded 3rd place.

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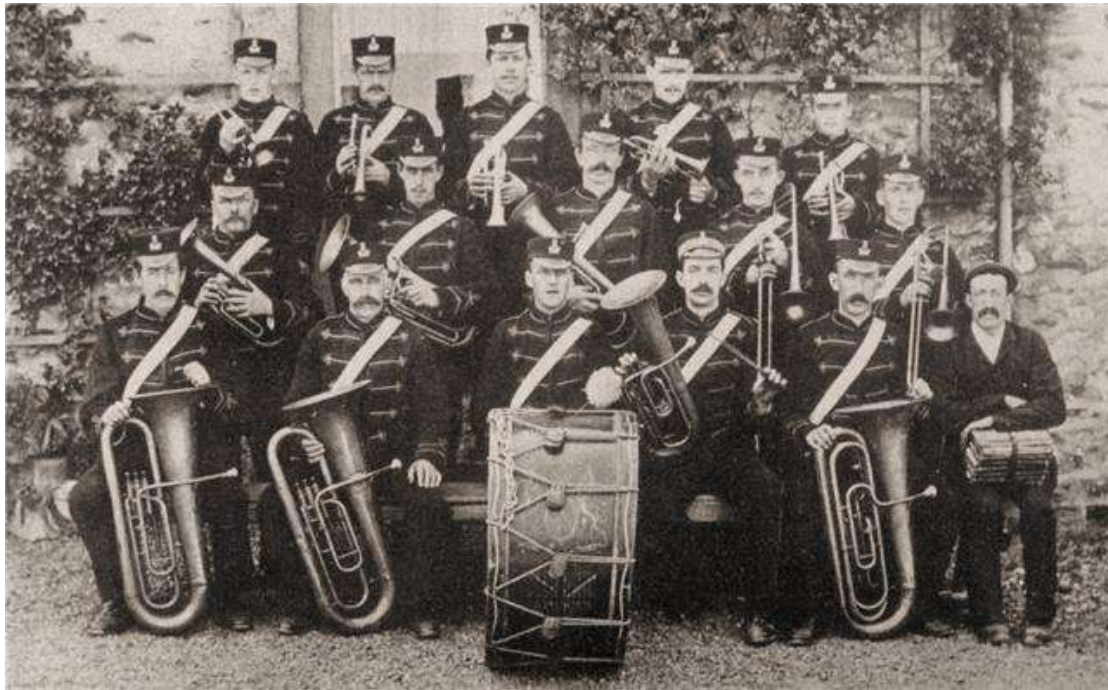
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Ingleton (North Yorkshire)

Ingleton Band

Active in 1898

Photograph:



(Ingleton 1898)

Notes:

Ingleton is a village in the Craven District of North Yorkshire

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Jarrow (Tyne & Wear)

Jarrow Borough Silver Prize Band

Formed in the 1890s and still active in 1935

Photograph:



(Jarrow Borough 1905)

Jarvis Band

Originally **Palmer's Prize Band**. (see below). When Palmer's Shipyard closed Sir John Jarvis bought the yard in the 1930s hopefully to stimulate employment. The Palmer's Prize Band then became known as the **Jarvis Band** probably folding in the 1950s/1960s.

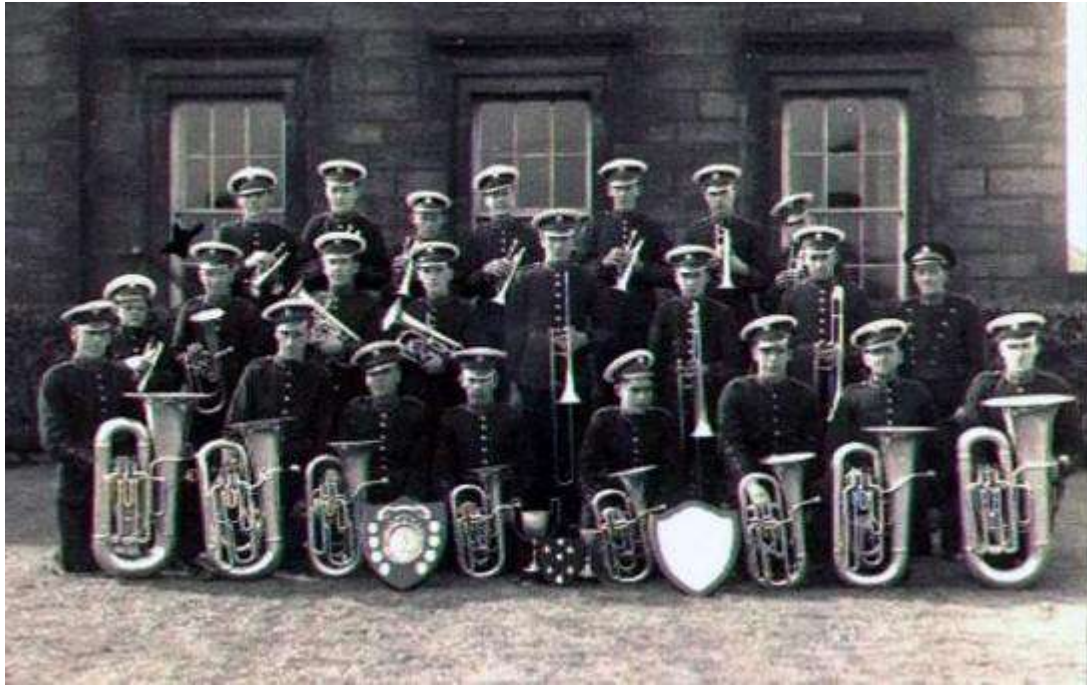
Palmer's Naval Band

Active in 1905 and probably an alternative name for Palmer's Prize Band

Palmer's Prize Band

Active in the 1900s and on the closure of Palmer's Shipyard became the Jarvis Band (see above)

Photograph:



(Palmer's Prize Band – No Date)

Notes:

Jarrow is a town in Tyne & Wear, historically in County Durham

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Keekle (Cumbria)

Cleator Moor Band

A non-contesting band formed in April 2007. Actually based in the hamlet of Keekle.

Notes:

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Kendal (Cumbria)

Kendal Borough Band

Active in 1912 and at least until 1941

Notes:

Kendal is a market town in the South Lakeland District of Cumbria

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Kibblesworth (Tyne & Wear)

Kibblesworth Colliery Band

Formed in the 1890s and still active in 1947. Probably folded in the 1960s

Photograph:



(Kibblesworth Colliery Band – No Date)

Notes:

Kibblesworth is a village in Tyne & Wear 5 miles south of Newcastle, historically in County Durham.

Kibblesworth Colliery opened in 1842 and closed in October 1974.

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Kirkby Lonsdale (Cumbria)

Kirkby Lonsdale Brass Band

Formed in 1821 and still active

Notes:

Kirkby Lonsdale is a small town in Cumbria 13 miles SE of Kendal

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Kirkbymoorside (North Yorkshire)

Kirkbymoorside Town Brass Band

The first records of the band are from 1815. It is still active and supports a healthy junior band.

Photographs:



(Kirkbymoorside Band – 1898 – Castle Howard)



(Kirkbymoorside Band – 2008 – Easingwold March Contest)

The band has made commercial recordings including two LPs in the early 1980s titled Moorside Brass Volumes 1 and 2.

Notes:

Kirkbymoorside is a small market town in the Ryedale District of North Yorkshire

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Kirkby Stephen (Cumbria)

Kirkby Stephen Silver Band

Active in the 1870s and still in existence

Notes:

Kirkby Stephen is a small town in Cumbria

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Kirkhouse (Cumbria)

Kirkhouse Band

Attended the Carlisle Contest (local section) in 1894, 96 & 96. Also competed at a contest at Haltwhistle in May 1895.

Notes:

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Knaresborough (North Yorkshire)

Knaresborough Silver Band

First references in the local press date to 1842. The band is still active

Photograph:



(Knaresborough Band – 1900)

Notes:

Knaresborough is a market and spa town in North Yorkshire 4 miles east of Harrogate.

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Lanchester (County Durham)

Lanchester Brass Band

Formed in 1978 and for a time c. 1982 known as **Lanchester Grouud Band**. Still active.

Notes:

Lanchester is a village in County Durham 8 miles west of Durham City

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Langcliffe (North Yorkshire)

Langcliffe Brass Band

Active in the 1900s but disbanded about 1938

Notes:

Langcliffe is a village in North Yorkshire just north of Settle

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Langley Park (County Durham)

Langley Park Band

In existence in 1921 when they got their first set of CISWO instruments. Folded in 2004. Also called **Langley Park Colliery Band**.

Photograph:



(Langley Park Band – 1983 – Gala Day in Coxhoe)

Notes:

Langley Park is a village in County Durham 4 miles west of Durham City.

Langley Park Colliery opened in 1873 and closed in October 1975.

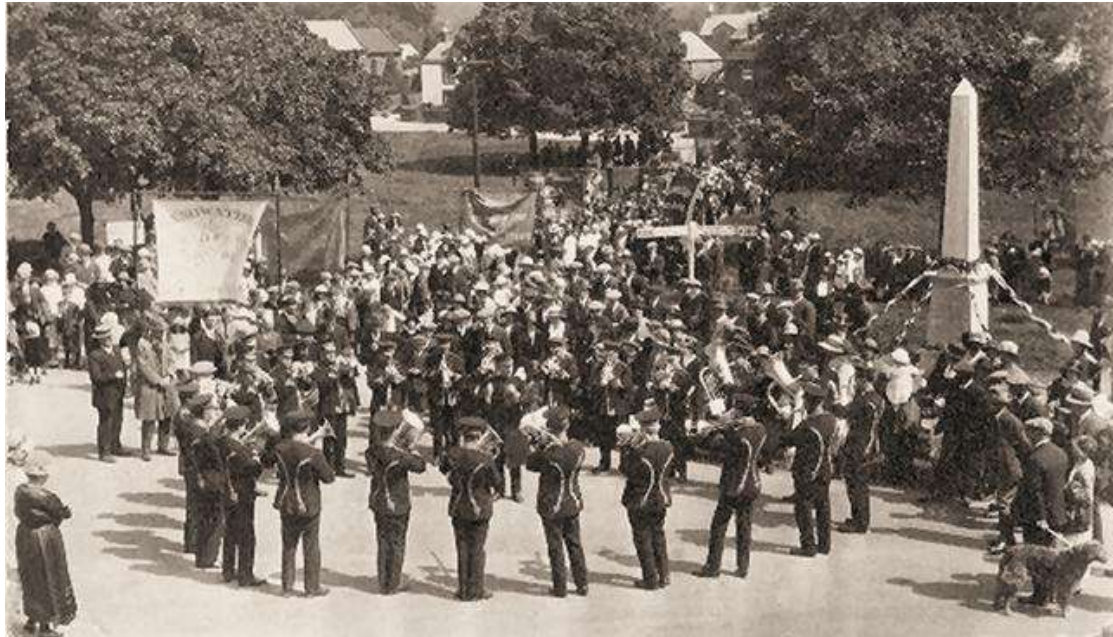
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Langwathby (Cumbria)

Langwathby Band

Band now defunct – more information needed

Photograph:



(Langwathby Band – No Date)

Notes:

Langwathby is a village in the Eden District of Cumbria 5 miles NE of Penrith.

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Leadgate (County Durham)

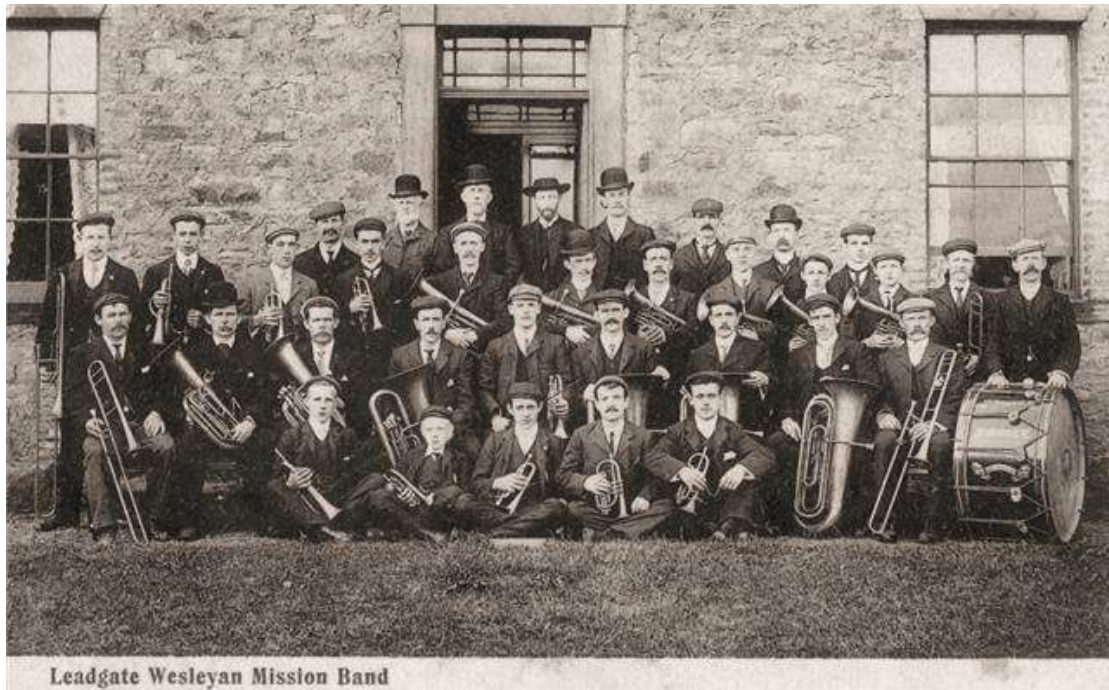
Leadgate Colliery Band

Also called **Leadgate Workmen's Band** (There is no actual Leadgate Colliery). Formed in the 1900s and still active in 1931.

Leadgate Wesleyan Mission Band

Active in 1903 through to 1934

Photograph:



(Leadgate Wesleyan Mission Band – No Date)

Notes:

Leadgate is a village in County Durham just to the North East of Consett

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Leasingthorne (County Durham)

Leasingthorne Colliery Prize Band

Formed in the 1900s and still active in 1937

Notes:

Leasingthorne is a small village in County Durham to the east of Bishop Auckland near Coundon

Leasingthorne Colliery opened in 1836 and closed in October 1967.

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Leyburn (North Yorkshire)

Leyburn Band

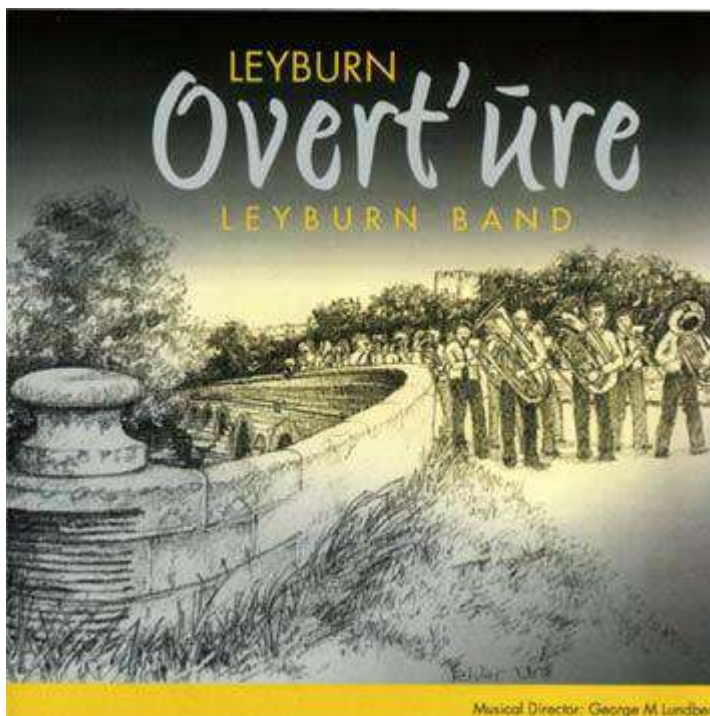
Formed in 1841 and folded in 1994. Re-formed in 2003 and recently produced a CD Recording “Leyburn Overture”

Photograph:



Leyburn Band –Date Unknown)

Photograph:



(Leyburn Band CD Cover – c.2008)

Notes:

Leyburn is a market town in North Yorkshire near Richmond

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Lincoln (Lincolnshire)

Lincoln Beevor Band

Formed in 1975 as a youth band but has developed into a senior band also

Photograph:



(Lincoln Beevor Brass – Date Unknown)

Lincoln City Band

Active in 1919 and still in existence

Photograph:



(City of Lincoln Band – 2009)

Lincoln Excelsior Brass Band

Active in 1897

Lincolnshire Hospitals Band

Formed in 1976 as a non-contesting band

Photograph:



(Lincolnshire Hospitals Band – Date Unknown)

Lincolnshire Fire Brigade Band

More information needed about this organisation – possibly a military band?

Lincoln Iron and Steel Works Band

Active in the 1890s through to the 1920s. Also called **Lincoln Ironworks Band**.

Notes:

Lincoln is the county town of Lincolnshire

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Lingdale (Redcar and Cleveland)

Lingdale Ironstone Miner's Band

See Lingdale Silver Band (below)

Lingdale Silver Band

Formed in 1851 as the **Lingdale Ironstone Miner's Band**. Later known as Lingdale Silver Band and from 1986 as **Lingdale Silver (ICI Chemical Products) Band**.

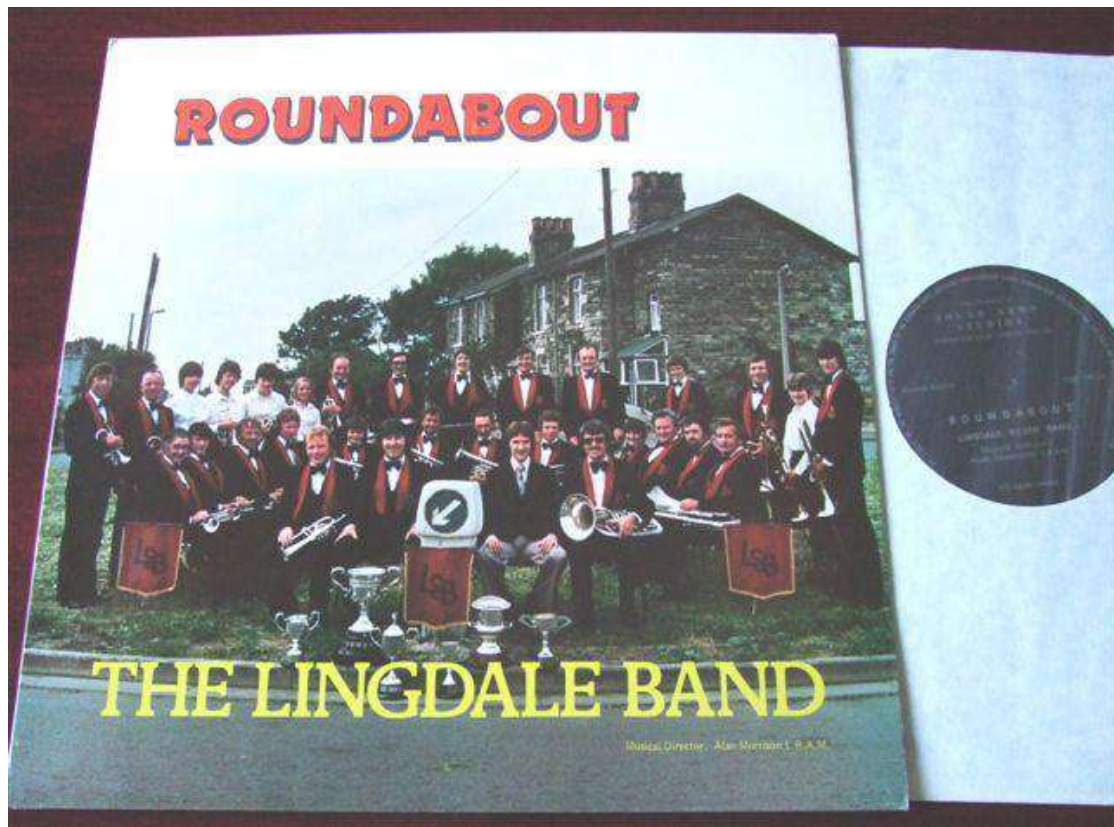
Merged with **Yarm & District Band** (see Yarm) to form Lockwood Brass in 1998 (see below)

The Band made a number of LP and CD recordings:

Photographs:



(Lingdale Silver Prize Band – 1955)



(Lingdale LP Recording – c1970s)

Lockwood Brass

Formed in 1998 as a merger between Lingdale and Yarm & District Bands

Photograph:



(Lockwood Brass – c.2008)

Notes:

Lingdale is a village in Redcar & Cleveland, traditionally in North Yorkshire.

The village was built largely for miners in the 19th century.

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Linton (Northumberland)

Linton Colliery Band

Active c.1904

Notes:

Linton is a small village near Morpeth in Northumberland built for the miners at Linton Colliery.

Linton Colliery was opened in 1894 and closed in 1968.

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Loftus (Redcar & Cleveland)

Loftus Saxhorn Band

Took part in the Lofthouse (Loftus) Contest of 1859 (see Appendix I) where a band of 10 players performed the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah

Loftus Iron Works Band

Founded in 1900 and still active in 1913

Notes:

Loftus is a town in Redcar & Cleveland, historically in North Yorkshire and formerly known as Lofthouse.

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Longtown (Cumbria)

Longtown Brass Band

Active in 1910 and 1914

Notes:

Longtown is a town in Cumbria near Carlisle

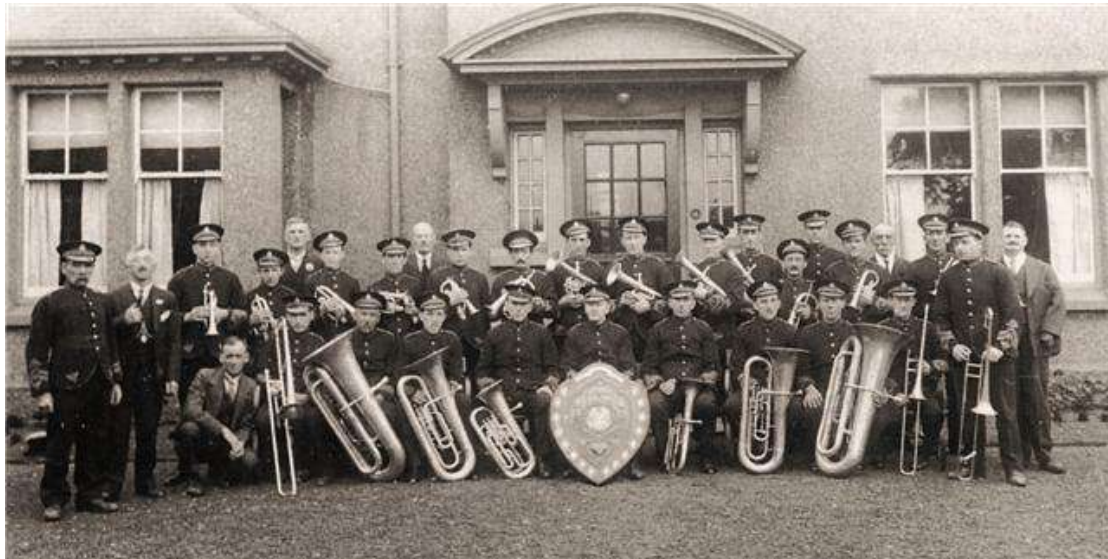
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Lumley (County Durham)

Lumley Colliery Band

Formed in the 1890s and folded in the 1960s

Photograph:



(Lumley Colliery Band – 1928)

Lumley Methodist Church Brass Band

Formed in 1963 and still active. Known variously as **Lumley Bethel Band;**
Lumley Church Band and **Lumley Methodist Band.**

Photograph:



(Lumley Methodist Band – 1970)

Lumley Temperance Band

Active in 1898

Lumley Town Band

Active in 1925

Notes:

Lumley is a village in County Durham near Chester-le-Street.

Lumley Colliery opened in the 1790s and closed in January 1966

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Lynemouth (Northumberland)

Lynemouth Colliery Band

At some point (probably in 1940s) merged with **Newbiggin Colliery Band**
(see Newbiggin by the Sea)

Notes:

Lynemouth is a village 3 miles NE of Ashington

Lynemouth Colliery opened in 1927 and closed in 1994

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Malton (North Yorkshire)

Malton Amateur Brass Band

Formed by John Gibson in 1877 and folded in 1884. Sometimes known as **Gibson's Malton Amateur Brass Band**

Malton Messenger Saxhorn Band

Founded in 1857. In 1860 re-named Malton Rifle Volunteers Band (see below). Re-named again in 1887 as **New Malton Town Band** and as such still in existence in 1902.

Malton Rifle Volunteers Band

Originally **Malton Messenger Saxhorn Band** (see above). However, a different band with the same name was formed in 1894 and disbanded in 1899.

Malton Temperance Band

Formed in 1899 and re-named **Malton White Star Band** in 1900 and as such still in existence (see below)

Photograph:



(Malton Temperance Band – 1899)

Malton United Brass Band

Founded in 1857 and active in the 1860s

Malton White Star Band

Originally **Malton Temperance Band** (see above) and still active.

Photograph:



(Malton White Star Band – 1912)

New Malton Town Band

Formed in 1887 by John Gibson and folded in the early 1900s

United Christian Army Band

Formed in 1883 and disbanded in 1888

Notes:

Malton is a Market Town in the Ryedale District of North Yorkshire

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Marley Hill (Tyne & Wear)

Marley Hill Colliery Band

The same as **Marley Hill Silver Prize Band**. Formed in 1890 and still active in 1939.

Photograph:



(Marley Hill Colliery Band – 1932)

Notes:

Marley Hill is a former mining village in Tyne and Wear, historically in County Durham, 5 miles SW of Newcastle upon Tyne

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Marske (Redcar and Cleveland)

Marske Brass Band

This was originally the **Upleatham Mines Band** (see Upleatham) which was formed in 1875. On the closure of the mines the band was re-named **New Marske Band** in 1937, later becoming **New Marske Silver Prize Band**. From 1966 to 1994 the band was called **Marske & District Prize Silver Band**. It is now known simply as Marske Brass Band.

Photograph:



(Marske Band – 1947)

Notes:

Marske is a town in Redcar and Cleveland. Historically in North Yorkshire.

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Maryport (Cumbria)

Grasslot Miners Welfare (Colliery) Band

Contested (CISWO North East) between May 1964 and May 1969. Their conductor was usually R. Martin

Maryport Silver Band

Active in the 1930s and 1940s. May also have been known as **Maryport Albion**. Appears to have been known as **Grasslot Miners Welfare** in its last years (see above)

Maryport Town Brass Band

Active in 1891 may have also been known as **Maryport Artillery**.

Notes:

Maryport is a town and port on the Cumbrian coast.

Grasslot is an area of the town.

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Medomsley (County Durham)

Medomsley Cottage Homes Band

The cottages were built by the N.E. Railway and the band was formed in the 1900s.

Notes:

Medomsley is a village in County Durham to the NE of Consett

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Mickleton (County Durham)

Mickleton Band

Formed in the early 1900s and still active in 1931

Photograph:

Notes:

Mickleton is a village in Teesdale, County Durham but historically in the North Riding of Yorkshire'

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Mickley (Northumberland)

Mickley Tynedale Temperance Band

Formed in 1899 and still active in 1947

Notes:

Mickley is a hamlet in Northumberland near Prudhoe

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Middlesbrough (Teesside)

Ayresome Quoit Club Band

Active in the 1920s. Placed second at a contest at Sedgfield in July1927.

Belling Band

Active in 1906

Cargo Fleet Ironworks Band

Formed in the 1900s and still active in the late 1940s

Cargo Fleet Steelworks Band

Active in the 1960s and 70s. Possibly a continuation of the Ironworks Band.

Cleveland Steelworks Band

Formed in 1888 and still active in 1920s

Durham Street Mission Band

Formed in the 1900s and still active in 1931

Erimus Works Band

Formed in 1898 and still active in 1913

Hopkins, Gilkes & Co Works Band

Active in 1865

From the Archives of the Northern Echo:

“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.”

Middlesbrough Artillery Band

Active in 1887 when it appeared at the British Open Championships at Belle Vue, Manchester (September) conducted by the well-known band conductor of the time Edwin Swift.

Middlesbrough Borough Silver Prize Band

Formed in 1901 as **Middlesbrough Trades Band** and still active in the 1950s

Middlesbrough Dovecot Brass

Formerly **Head Wrightson Works Band** (see Stockton-on-Tees) until 1980 becoming **Yarm and District Band** in 1989 (see Yarm)

Middlesbrough National Reserve Band

Active in the 1930s

Middlesbrough Postal Band

Active in 1913

Photograph:

Middlesbrough Temperance Band

Formed in 1898

Middlesbrough Trades Band

Formed in 1901 and at some point became Middlesbrough Borough Silver Prize Band (see above)

North Ormesby Band

Formed in 1898 and still active in 1911

South Bank Band

Still active – more information needed

Teesside Bridge Engineering Band

More information needed

Teesside Constabulary Band

Formed in 1971. Active in the early 1970s attending the Regional Contest in 1973. Currently (2014) called Cleveland Police Band and non-contesting.

Notes:

Middlesbrough is an industrial town near the mouth of the River Tees. Historically in North Yorkshire

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Middleton-in-Teesdale (County Durham)

Middleton and Teesdale Band

In existence prior to 1883 and still active

Photograph:



(Middleton & Teesdale Band – 1928)

Notes:

Middleton-in-Teesdale is a small market town in County Durham near Barnard Castle and once the Head Quarters of the London Lead Company.

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Millom (Cumbria)

Holborn Hill Royal Silver Band

Still active with a junior section

Millom Town Band

May have been the same as **Millom Ironworks** and **Millom Wesleyan Bands**.

Contested locally in 1879, 1893 and 1896

Notes:

Millom is a town on the estuary of the River Duddon in Cumbria

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Moor Row (Cumbria)

Moor Row Old Band

Contested locally from 1896 to 1939

Notes:

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Moresby Parks (Cumbria)

Moresby (Parks) Colliery Band

Contested locally from 1921 to 1954

Notes:

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Morpeth (Northumberland)

Morpeth Borough Brass Band

Active in 1901

Morpeth V.B.N.F. Band

Active in 1889

Notes:

Morpeth is the County Town of Northumberland

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Muker (North Yorkshire)

Muker Silver Band

Formed in 1897 and still active

Photograph:



(Muker Silver Band – Date Unknown)

Notes:

Muker is a village in Swaledale, North Yorkshire. Traditionally the village economy has been based on agriculture, lead mining and hand-knitting.

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Murton (County Durham)

Murton Colliery Band

Formed in 1884 as Murton Gospel Temperance Blue Ribbon Army Band becoming Murton Colliery Band in 1895

Photograph:



(Murton Colliery Band – Date Unknown)

Murton Gospel Temperance Blue Ribbon Army Band

Formed in 1884 became Murton Colliery Band in 1895

Notes:

Murton is a village in County Durham 6 miles east of Durham City

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Nenthead (Cumbria)

Nenthead Band

Active in 1858. Photographs also exist from 1902 and 1905.

From the Diary of Joseph Pearson (Appendix II):

18th June 1858 – The Band Contest – 7 Bands of music met at Alston. Alston Band at the Angel Inn, Allendale Town Band at the Golden Lion, Warwickbridge at the Blue Bell; Dufton at the Greyhound, Haydonbridge at the Sun, Nenthead at the Globe, Weardale at the Queen’s Head.

Photograph:



(Nenthead Band 1902 – At Rampgill Mill)

Notes:

Nenthead is a purpose built lead mining village in Cumbria

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Netherton (Northumberland)

Netherton Band

Netherton Band attended a contest at Bedlington in 1910 and continued contesting until 1976 under the following names:

Netherton Colliery Band

Netherton Workmen's Band

Brentford Nylons Band (1974-76)

Notes:

Netherton is a village in Northumberland near Morpeth

Netherton Colliery was in operation before 1828 and closed in 1974

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Newbiggin-by-the-Sea (Northumberland)

Greggs Bakery Band

The current name of the original **Newbiggin Colliery Band** (see below).
Defunct by 2014.

Photograph:



(Greggs Bakery – 2000s)

Newbiggin Colliery Band

Formed in 1913. In the 1940s became **Newbiggin & Lynemouth Band** then in 1968 became simply **Lynemouth Colliery Band** (see Lynemouth).

In 1985 when Lynemouth Colliery closed the band adopted the title Newbiggin Welfare Band.

In 1994 sponsorship was obtained from Greggs the Bakers and the band became Greggs Bakery Band (see above)

Notes:

Newbiggin-by-the-Sea is a small town on the Northumberland coast

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Newbottle (Tyne & Wear)

Newbottle Colliery Band

Active in the 1890s

Notes:

Newbottle is a village 5 miles SW of Sunderland, now in Tyne & Wear but historically in County Durham.

Newbottle Colliery opened in 1774 and closed in 1956

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Newbrough Band (Northumberland)

Newbrough Band

Active in 1864 when they played at Hexham Flower Show

Notes:

Newbrough is a village near Hexham in Northumberland

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Newcastle (Tyne & Wear)

Benwell and District Band

Active in the 1920s

Coxlodge Colliery Band

Also called **Coxlodge Institute Band**. Possible formed in 1808 and folded in the 1950s

Photograph:



(Coxlodge Institute Band – 1923)

Coxlodge and Hazelrigg Colliery Band

Active in the early 1960s when it rehearsed in the “Victoria and Comet” pub opposite Newcastle Central Railway Station

Lemington Glass Works Prize Band

Active in the 1930s when it competed at the Crystal Palace Championships

Newcastle and Gateshead Railway Band

Formed in 1925 and still active in 1947 when the LNER took over

Photograph:



(Newcastle and Gateshead Railway Band – 1930s)

Newcastle City Police Band

Formed in 1930 and still active in 1948

Newcastle Corporation Transport Band

Originally the Newcastle Tramways Band (see below) formed in 1907 and still active in 1947

Newcastle East End Band

Formed in the early 1900s

Newcastle Industrial (Engineers) Band

Formed in the 1900s

Newcastle Locomotive Works Band

Active in 1865

Newcastle People's Band

Active in 1914

Newcastle Royal Brass Band

Active in 1890

Newcastle Tramways Band

Formed in 1907 and became Newcastle Corporation Transport Band (see above)

Scotswood Band

Active in 1906

Scotswood Temperance Band

Active in 1933

Spencer's Steel Works Band

Active in 1853 and through to the 1900s

Photograph:



(Spencer Steel Works Band – No Date)

Walker Neptune Band

Active in 1900 through to 1914

Westgate Hall Methodist Church Silver Band

Formed in the 1900s and disbanded in the late 1950s. Also known as **Westgate Mission Band**

Notes:

Newcastle upon Tyne is a city in Tyne & Wear

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Newton Aycliffe (County Durham)

Aycliffe Brass Band

Originally **Newton Aycliffe Town Band** becoming Aycliffe Brass Band in 1984

Aycliffe and Brancepeth Band

A merger about 1994 of Aycliffe Brass Band (see above) and **Brancepeth Welfare Band** (see Brancepeth)

Photograph:



(Aycliffe & Brancepeth Band – Date Unknown)

Newton Aycliffe Town Band

Formed in 1960 becoming Aycliffe Brass Band in 1984

Notes:

Newton Aycliffe is a town in County Durham near Darlington

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New York (Tyne & Wear)

New York and District Band

Formed in the 1900s and folded during World War One

Notes:

New York is a small village in North Tyneside, Tyne & Wear

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Norham (Northumberland)

Norham Village Band

Still currently active

Photograph:



(Norham Village Band – 2006)

Notes:

Norham is a village in Northumberland just South of the Scottish Border

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Northallerton (North Yorkshire)

Alverton Brass

A non-contesting band formed in 2007. The band has a website.

Northallerton Band

Formed in the 1900s and still active in 1936. Probably folded during or after World War Two

Photograph:



(Northallerton Town – 1937)

Northallerton Borough Band

Active in 1875

Photograph:



(Northallerton Borough Band 1875)

Northallerton Silver Band

Formed in 1962 and still active as a non-contesting band. Sometimes known as **Northallerton and District Silver Band**

Photograph:



(Northallerton Silver Band – 2000s)

Northallerton Temperance Band

Active in 1887 when they played at the Kirkby Fleetham Feast

Notes:

Northallerton is a market town in the Hambleton District of North Yorkshire

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North Shields (Tyne & Wear)

North Shields and District Band

Active around 1900

North Shields N.E.R. Band

Active in the early 1900s

St Andrews Band

Formed in 1900s and folded about World War Two

Salem Mission Band

Active in the 1900s and 1910s

Smith's Dock Brass Band

Information needed

Photograph:



(Smith's Dock Band – No Date)

Wellington Street Mission Band

Formed in the 1890s became **Wellington Silver Band** in the 1920s but soon folded.

Notes:

North Shields is a town in North Tyneside, Tyne & Wear

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North Skelton (Redcar and Cleveland)

Lanbaurgh Brass

Sometime name of the current North Skelton Band (see below)

Photograph:



(Langbaurgh Brass – Date Unknown)

North Skelton and District Band

Formed in 1969. In 1984 renamed **North Skelton (British Steel) Band**, then **British Steel Company North Skelton Band**, **Teesside Brass** and finally **British Steel Teesside Band**. Folded in the late 1990s.

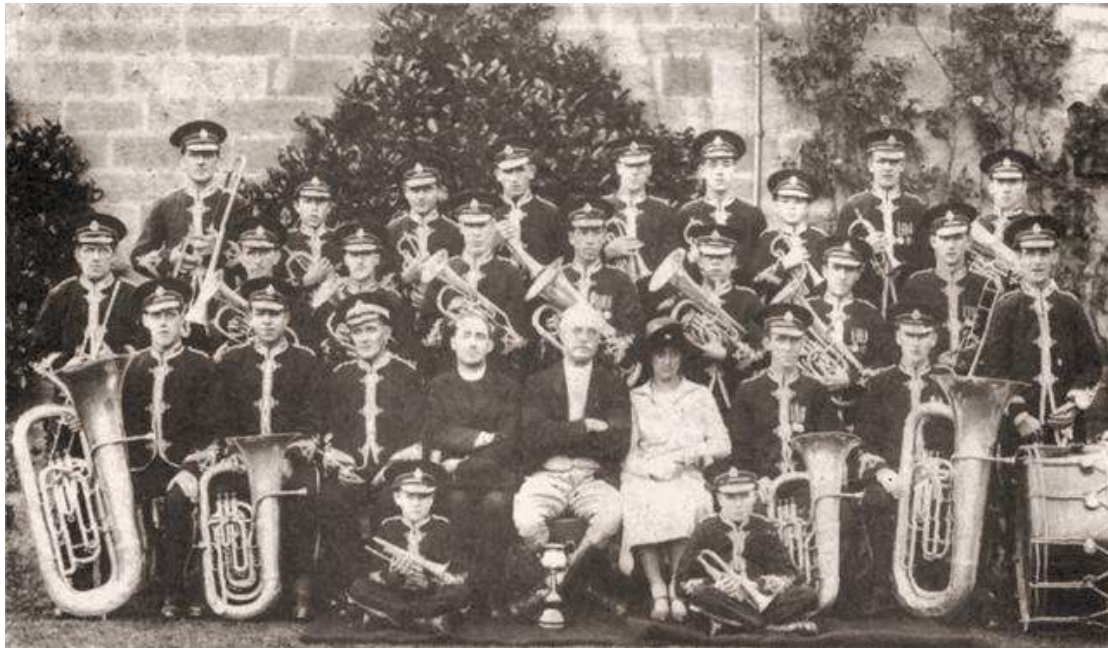
North Skelton Band

Originally North Skelton Junior Band formed in 1983. Known as **North Skelton Concert Band** from 1987 to 1990 and the **Langbaugh Brass** from 1990 to 2008 taking the name **North Skelton Band** in 2008. NB: There was an earlier **North Skelton Band** (see below – **Teesside Temperance Band**)

Teesside Temperance Band

Formed in the 1890s and also known as **North Skelton Band**, folded in the 1950s

Photograph:



(North Skelton Band – No Date)

Notes:

North Skelton is a village in Redcar & Cleveland, traditionally in North Yorkshire

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Norton (North Yorkshire)

Norton Brass Band

Active in 1881 and folded in 1888

Notes:

Properly, Norton-on-Derwent is a town in the Ryedale District of North Yorkshire

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Norton (Teesside)

Norton-on-Tees Coronation Band

Active in 1911

Notes:

Norton is a village in the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees, Teesside

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Osmotherley (North Yorkshire)

Osmotherley Band

Active in the early 1900s

Osmotherley Silver Jubilee Band

Formed in 1977 and still active in 2007

Notes:

Osmotherley is a village in the Hambleton District of North Yorkshire

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Oughterside (Cumbria)

Oughterside and District Band

More information needed

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Ouston (County Durham)

Ouston Colliery Band

Active in 1938

Photograph:



(Ouston Colliery Band – Date Unknown)

Notes:

Ouston is a village 5 miles SW of Newcastle in County Durham.

Ouston colliery was operating before 1815 and closed in January 1959

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Ovington (Northumberland)

Ovington Prize Brass Band

Formed in 1862 becoming Ovington Tynedale Band in 1986 (see below)

Ovington Tynedale Band

Formed in 1986 as a merger between **Ovington Prize** and **Ovington Tynedale Bands** (see Tynedale)

Notes:

Ovington is a village near Hexham in Northumberland

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Pegswood (Northumberland)

Pegswood Colliery Band

Formed in the 1890s and later known as **Pegswood Brass**. Folded in 2000.

Notes:

Pegswood is a former coal mining village in Northumberland 2 miles east of Morpeth

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Pelton Fell (County Durham)

Alma Colliery Band

Active in 1907

Pelton Colliery Band

Formed in the 1890s and still active in 1920. Probably the same as Pelton Fell Colliery Band (see below)

Pelton Fell Colliery Band

Originally Pelton Fell Methodist Band (see below)

Pelton Fell Methodist Band

Formed in 1887 and became Pelton Fell Colliery Band, eventually becoming Newcastle Brown Ale Band currently called NASUWT Riverside Band (see Chester-le-Street)

West Pelton Colliery Band

Active in the 1950s

West Pelton Volunteers Band

Active in 1887

Notes:

Pelton Fell is a village to the NW of Chester-le-Street.

Pelton Colliery opened in 1835 and closed in February 1965

Alma Pit was part of West Pelton Colliery which opened in 1858 and closed in 1921

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Penrith

Penrith Brass Band

Active in the 1900s

Photograph:



(Penrith Brass Band – No Date)

Penrith Town Band

Still active

Notes:

Penrith is a market town in Eden Valley, Cumbria

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Penshaw (Tyne & Wear)

Penshaw Colliery Band

Formed in the 1890s

Notes:

Penshaw is a village in Tyne and Wear historically in County Durham

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Percy Main (Tyne & Wear)

Percy Main N.E.R. Band

Formed in the 1900s and still active in 1914

Notes:

Percy main is a village in North Tyneside, Tyne & Wear

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Peterlee (County Durham)

GT Group Peterlee Band

Formed in 1974 as **Peterlee Town Band**. Gained sponsorship from GT Group in 1993 when it adopted its current title

Photograph:



(GT Group Peterlee Band – 2000s)

Notes:

Peterlee is a New Town in County Durham founded in 1948

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Philadelphia (Tyne & Wear)

Philadelphia Colliery Band

No information available

Notes:

Philadelphia is a village in Tyne and Wear.

Philadelphia Colliery opened in 1874 and closed in December 1985

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Pica (Cumbria)

Pica Brass Band

Active in 1895

Notes:

Pica is a village near Workington in Cumbria in a former coal mining area.

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Pickering (North Yorkshire)

Pickering Band

Formed in 1890s and folded in the 1950s

Notes:

Pickering is a market town in Ryedale, North Yorkshire

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Pittington (County Durham)

Pittington Brass

Formed in 1992 and still active

Photograph:



(Pittington Brass – 2008)

Notes:

Pittington is a village in County Durham to the SE of Durham City

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Prudhoe (Northumberland)

Prudhoe Colliery Band

Formed in the 1900s and defunct by 1914

Notes:

Prudhoe is a small, former mining, town in Tynedale, Northumbria

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Quarrington Hill (County Durham)

Quarrington Hill Temperance Band

Formed in 1890s and probably folded in the 1920s

Notes:

Quarrington Hill is a village in County Durham

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Quebec (County Durham)

Quebec and Hamsteels Band

Active in 1905

Notes:

Quebec is a former mining village in Derwentside, County Durham.

Hamsteels Colliery was once the major employer for the village.

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Radcliffe (Northumberland)

Radcliffe and Pilkington Public Brass Band

Formed in 1893 and became Radcliffe Colliery Band (see below)

Radcliffe Colliery Band

Originally Radcliffe and Pilkington Public Brass Band (see above) became Radcliffe Netherton Band (see below)

Radcliffe Netherton Band

Originally Radcliffe Colliery Band (see above) merged withy Amble Town Band in the 1930s to become Amble and Radcliffe Colliery Band

Notes:

Radcliffe is a village in Northumberland 1 mile south of Amble.

Radcliffe Colliery opened in 1836 and closed in August 1896

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Rainton

Rainton Band

Letters and papers concerning the sale of the instruments to the 2nd Durham Artillery Regiment with valuation of the instruments are deposited in the Durham County Record Office – Ref No: D/40/F509

Notes:

Rainton is a village in County Durham near Houghton le Spring

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Ravensworth (County Durham)

Ravensworth Colliery Band

Formed in the 1890s and disbanded 1960s

Photograph:



(Ravensworth Colliery Band – No Date)

Notes:

Ravensworth is a hamlet near Lamesley in County Durham famous for Ravensworth Castle (now demolished).

Ravensworth Colliery opened in 1850 and closed in 1962

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Redcar (Redcar and Cleveland)

Dorman Long & Co Works Band

Formed in the early 1900s and still active in 1950

Redcar Rolling Mills Band

Formed in the 1890s and folded in 1905 when its instruments were sold to the Cockerton Band

Redcar Steelworks Band

Formed in the 1900s and still active in the 1920s

Notes:

Redcar is a seaside town in Redcar and Cleveland, traditionally in North Yorkshire

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Reeth (North Yorkshire)

Reeth Brass Band

Still active

Photograph:



(Reeth Brass Band – Date Unknown)

Notes:

Reeth is a small town and the principal settlement of Swaledale in North Yorkshire.

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Richmond (North Yorkshire)

Richmond Silver Band

Active c.1920

Photograph:



(Richmond Silver Band – c.1920)

Notes:

Richmond is a market town in North Yorkshire

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Rillington (North Yorkshire)

Rillington Band

More information needed

Notes:

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Ripon (North Yorkshire)

Ripon City Band

Formed as a Volunteer band in 1860 and still active. Called variously **Ripon City Prize Band; Ripon City Silver Band; City of Ripon Band**

Photograph:



(Ripon City Band – c.1928)

Ripon Excelsior Brass Band

Active in 1868

Theakston Wakeman Brass

Active in the late 1980s and early 1990s when it attended the Area Contests

Notes:

Ripon is a Cathedral City in North Yorkshire

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Rookhope (County Durham)

Rookhope Band

There were originally two bands in Rookhope which merged with other local bands in the 2nd half of the 19th Century to form the Upper Weardale Band (see Weardale)

Photograph:



(Rookhope Band – No Date)

Notes:

Rookhope is a former lead and fluorspar mining village in County Durham

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Rosedale Abbey (North Yorkshire)

Rosedale Brass Band

Active in 1900

Photograph:



(Rosedale Brass Band – No Date)

Rosedale Temperance Band

Active in the early 1900s. Probably the same as **Rosedale Abbey Temperance Band** and **Rosedale “Blue Ribbon” Temperance Band** which was active in 1895

Photograph:



(Rosedale “Blue Ribbon” Temperance Band – No Date)

Notes:

Rosedale Abbey is a village in the centre of Rosedale, North Yorkshire, a former iron ore mining area

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Rowlands Gill (Tyne & Wear)

Rowlands Gill Band

Probably associated with the Lilley Drift Mine at the village. Formed in 1900s.

Notes:

Rowlands Gill is a former coal mining village, now in Tyne and Wear but historically in Count Durham

The Lilley Drift Mine opened in 1877 and closed in January 1957

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Ryhope (Tyne & Wear)

Ryhope Colliery Band

The original band was active in 1883 and 1898 but probably folded before or during World War One. A new band was started in 1921. In the 1980s having gained sponsorship the name was changed to **Echo Ryhope Colliery Band** which folded by 2000

Notes:

Ryhope is a village in Tyne & Wear near Sunderland, historically in County Durham

Ryhope Colliery opened on 1857 and closed in November 1966

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Ryton (Tyne & Wear)

Emma Colliery Band

Formed in the 1890s and active through to 1938

Ryton and Prudhoe Methodist Circuit Brass Band

Still active – more information needed

Notes:

Ryton is a small town in Tyne & Wear, historically in County Durham

Emma Colliery (Ryton) opened in 1845 and closed in April 1968

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Sacrison (County Durham)

Sacrison Colliery Band

Originally formed before 1900 folding about 1939. Re-formed in 1967 and adopted the name Craghead Colliery Band in 2005 although the band has no connection with the original Craghead Colliery Band

Notes:

Sacrison is a village in County Durham 3 miles North of Durham City

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St Bees (Cumbria)

St Bees Brass Band

Founded about 1860 and disbanded in 1929

Notes:

St Bees is a coastal village in the Copeland District of Cumbria

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Scarborough (North Yorkshire)

Falsgrove Temperance

Contested between June 1892 and August 1896

Scarborough Borough Prize Band

Active in 1926

Scarborough Rifles Band

More information needed.

Scarborough Town Band

Active in the 1970s

Notes:

Scarborough is a coastal resort town in North Yorkshire

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Seaham (County Durham)

Seaham Colliery Band

Active in 1880

Seaham Ex-Sailors and Soldiers Band

Active in 1882

Photograph:



(Seaham Ex-Sailors and Soldiers Band – No Date)

Seaham Harbour Bottle Works Band

Also known as Candlish's Bottle Works Band. The Bottle works being established by John Candlish. Contested locally under this title from December 1894 to August 1897.

Seaham Harbour Catholic Band

Active in the 1900s

Seaham Harbour Town Band

Active in 1914

Seaham Philharmonic Brass

Name taken by Seaham Town Band (see below) in 1989

Seaham Town Band

Formed in 1985 became Seaham Philharmonic Brass in 1989 and folded in 2004

Seaham Volunteer Band

Active in 1906

Vane Tempest Colliery Band

Active in the 1950s

Notes:

Seaham was formerly known as Seaham Harbour and is a small coastal town in County Durham 6 miles south of Sunderland

Seaham Colliery opened in 1849 and closed in 1988

Vane Tempest Colliery opened in 1926 and closed in June 1993

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Seaton (Cumbria)

Seaton Silver Band

Active in 1930

Notes:

Seaton is a large village next to Workington in Cumbria

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Seaton Burn (Tyne & Wear)

Seaton Burn Colliery Band

Active in 1867 and 1869

Notes:

Seaton Burn is a village in Tyne & Wear North of Newcastle and traditionally in Northumberland

Seaton Burn Colliery opened in 1844 and closed in August 1965

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Seaton Delaval (Northumberland)

Seaton Delaval Colliery Band

Formed in the 1890s and folded in the 1950s

Notes:

Seaton Delaval is a village in the Blyth Valley District of Northumberland.

Seaton Delaval Colliery opened in 1838 and closed in May 1960

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Sedbergh (Cumbria)

Sedbergh Town Band

Formed in 1999 and still active

Photograph:



(Sedbergh Town – 2003)

Notes:

Sedbergh is a small town in Cumbria 7 miles east of Kendal

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Seghill

Seghill Temperance Band

Active in 1915

Notes:

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Selby (North Yorkshire)

Selby Rifle Volunteer Band

Active in 1897

Selby Shipyard Band

Active in 1924

Selby Town Band

More information needed

Notes:

Selby is a town in North Yorkshire 12 miles south of York

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Settle (North Yorkshire)

Settle Brass Band

First recorded event was in 1854. Merged with **Giggleswick Band** (see Giggleswick) in 1952 to form the **Giggleswick and Settle Band** (see Giggleswick)

Notes:

Settle is a small market town in the Craven District of North Yorkshire

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Shap (Cumbria)

Shap Silver Band

Active in the 1930s but probably did not survive World War Two

Notes:

Shap is a village in the Eden District of Cumbria 10 miles from Penrith

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Sherburn Hill (County Durham)

Sherburn Hill Colliery Band

Founded in the 1890s and folded in the 1960s

Notes:

Sherburn Hill is a village in County Durham 4 miles north of Durham City

Sherburn Hill Colliery opened in 1835 and closed in August 1965

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Shilbottle (Northumberland)

Shilbottle Colliery Band

Formed in 1891

Notes:

Shilbottle is a village 3 miles SE of Alnwick.

Coal Mining began in the area about 1728 and Shilbottle Colliery closed in 1982

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Shildon (County Durham)

North East Industries Band

Information needed – could be same as **South Durham Industries Band** (see below)

Shildon British Railways Band

Originally the **Shildon Saxhorn Band** (see below) formed in the 1890s, later becoming the **Shildon Wesleyan Band** and then **Shildon LNER Works Band** and finally **Shildon British Railways Band**. Folded in the 1980s when the railway works closed.

Photograph:



(Shildon LNER Works Band 1937)

Shildon Saxhorn Band

Formed in the 1890s and became Shildon Wesleyan Band (see below)

Shildon Town Band

Formed in 1937

Shildon Wesleyan Band

Originally **Shildon Saxhorn Band** (see above) and in turn became **Shildon LNER Works Band**. Active in 1909 and up to 1946.

The Durham County Records Office contains the following:

A photograph from 1909 Ref No: D/ph 419/4

Accounts for 1928-1946 Ref No: M/Sh 627-639

South Durham Industries

Formed in 1988 – more information needed

Notes:

Shildon is a town in County Durham 2 miles SE of Bishop Auckland

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Shiney Row (County Durham)

Shiney Row and District Silver Prize Band

Active in the 1900s through to 1929

Photograph:



(Shiney Row and District – 1929)

Notes:

Shiney Row is a village in Tyne & Wear next to Houghton-le-Spring, traditionally in County Durham

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Shotton Colliery (County Durham)

Shotton Colliery Band

Active in the early 1900s probably disbanding in World War One.

Reformed in 1920 and disbanded 1972. Also known as **Shotton Model Silver Band**.

Reformed again in 1981 and disbanded around 1995.

Shotton Model Silver Band

A sometime name of Shotton Colliery Band (see above)

Notes:

Shotton Colliery is a village in County Durham just to the west of Peterlee.

Shotton Colliery opened in 1840 and closed in September 1972

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Silksworth (Tyne & Wear)

Silksworth Colliery Band

Formed in 1884 as **Lord Londonderry's Volunteer Temperance Band** becoming **Silksworth Colliery Band** in 1905.

Later sponsorships saw the band called **Vaux Samson Band** and then **Pride Valley Brass**. Now defunct

Photograph:



(Silksworth Colliery Band – 1931)

Photograph:



(Pride Valley Brass)

Notes:

Silksworth is a village now in the City of Sunderland, Tyne and Wear but historically in County Durham

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Silloth (Cumbria)

Silloth Artillery Brass Band

Active in 1895

Notes:

Silloth is a port town on the Solway Firth in Cumbria

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Skelton (Redcar and Cleveland)

Skelton Old Band

Active between the 1900s and 1920s. Also known as Skelton Volunteer Band

Skelton Volunteer Band

Alternative name for Skelton Old Band (See above)

Notes:

Skelton is a small town in Redcar & Cleveland, traditionally in North Yorkshire

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Skinningrove

Skinningrove Iron and Steel Works Band

Formed in the 1890s and active through to 1930s. Folded about World War Two

Notes:

Skinningrove is a village in Redcar and Cleveland historically in North Yorkshire

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Skipton (North Yorkshire)

Skipton Brass

Formed about 1870 as Jack Guy's Skipton Mission Band, renamed as **Skipton Prize Band** in 1919. More recently known as **Skipton Properties Band** and still in existence as Skipton Brass



(Skipton Prize Band – No Date)

Notes:

Skipton is a Market Town in the Craven District of North Yorkshire

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Slaley (Northumberland)

Rye Hill Mission Band

Active in the 1900s

Notes:

Slaley is a village in the Tynedale District of Northumberland

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South Cave (East Riding of Yorkshire)

South Cave Subscription Silver Band

Active in 1925

Notes:

South Cave is a town in the East Riding of Yorkshire 10 miles west of Hull

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South Hetton (County Durham)

Broughtons Brass Band

Formed in 1970 as Blackhall Youth Band. Sponsorship was obtained from the AMOCO Company in 1982 and the name was changed to the AMOCO Band.

The band are now called **Broughtons Brass** after their sponsor, the Bentley Car Dealership, Broughtons

Photograph:



(Broughtons Band – Date Unknown)

Notes:

South Hetton is a former mining village in County Durham a few miles to the east of Durham City

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South Milford (North Yorkshire)

South Milford Brass

Formed in 1982 as **Hambleton Brass**. On gaining sponsorship became **ASDA Manufacturing Band** in 1989 and South Milford Brass in 1992

Photograph:



(South Milford Band – Malton Contest – 2006)

Notes:

South Milford is a small village in the District of Selby, North Yorkshire

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South Moor (County Durham)

South Moor Colliery Silver Prize Band

Formed in the 1890s and folded in the 1960s

Photograph:



(South Moor Colliery Band – 1907)

Notes:

South Moor is a village in County Durham to the west of Stanley

South Moor Colliery opened in 1818 and closed in October 1973

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South Shields (Tyne & Wear)

Albert Edward Operatic Band

Contested locally between 1896 and 1904.

Dennison's Borough / Dennison's Family Band

Early names of a band formed in 1869 that would become St Hilda Colliery Band (see below)

Harton Colliery Band

Originally **Tyne Dock Temperance Band** (see below) which became **Harton Colliery Band** in 1911. Became **Harton and Westoe Colliery Band** in 1985 and **Westoe (STHCT) Band** between 1993 and 2006. Now the current **Westoe Brass Band** (see below)

Photograph:



(Harton Colliery Band – 1919)

Marsden Colliery Band

Originally **South Shields Temperance Band** (see below) formed in the 1850s. Folded in 1930.

Photograph:



(Marsden Colliery Band – No Date)

Marsden St Andrews Band

Formed in 1930 by some members of the previous Marsden Colliery Band but probably did not last beyond 1939.

St Hilda Colliery Band

Adopted this name in 1905. Turned professional in 1927 and disbanded in 1937.

Another St Hilda Band was formed in 1930, disbanding in 1940.

The name was bought by a group of businessmen in 1944 and their St Hilda Band became the YEWCO Band in Yorkshire.

Photograph:



(St Hilda Band – 1926)

South Shields Borough Band

Formed in 1888 and was a forerunner of St Hilda Colliery Band (see above)

South Shields Corporation Transport

Information needed

Photograph:



(South Shields Corporation Transport Band – No Date)

South Shields Garibaldi Band

Formed in 1899 and still active in 1907

South Shields Harmonic Band

Formed 1889 and still active in 1914

South Shields Model Band

Active 1931 to 1934

South Shields People's Mission Band

Formed 1899 and still active

Photograph:



(People's Mission Band – 1920)

South Shields Police Band

Active between 1908 and 1915

South Shields Temperance Band

Formed in the 1850s and became Marsden Colliery Band

Tyne Dock and Jarrow Temperance Band

Active between 1887 and 1913

Tyne Dock Temperance Band

Became (adopted by) Harton Colliery Band in 1911 (see above) and the origin of the current Westoe Brass Band (see below)

Westoe Brass Band

Originally Tyne Dock Temperance Band which became Harton Colliery Band in 1911.

This then became Harton and Westoe Colliery Band and the simply Westoe Colliery Band in 1985.

On the closure of Westoe Colliery sponsorship was obtained from South Tyneside Health Care Trust and from 1993 to 2006 the band was called Westoe (STHCT) Band.

Currently known as Westoe Brass Band

Photograph:



(Westoe Band – 2005)

Notes:

South Shields is a coastal town in Tyne and Wear at the mouth of the River Tyne, traditionally in County Durham

Colliery	Opened	Closed
Harton Colliery	1844	July 1969
Marsden Colliery	1879	May 1968
St Hilda Colliery	1810	1940
Westoe Colliery	1909	May 1993

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Spennymoor (County Durham)

Camerons Silver Band

Name adopted in 1975 after their sponsors of the current **Spennymoor Town Band** (see below)

Spennymoor and Whitworth Band

Sometime name of the current Spennymoor Town Band (see below)

Photograph:



(Spennymoor & Whitworth Band – No Date)

Spennymoor Brass Band

Originally **Whitworth Band** (see below)

Spennymoor Silver Model Band

Name taken in 1913 of the current Spennymoor Town Band (see below)

Spennymoor Sons of Temperance Band

Active in 1887 through to the 1930s. Also known as **Spennymoor Temperance Band**

Spennymoor Town Band

Originally Whitworth Band formed in the 1800s (possibly early 1870s) becoming **Spennymoor Brass Band**. In 1913 became **Spennymoor Silver Model Band**

In 1926 changed into a military band but soon reverted to all brass as the **Whitworth and Spennymoor Band**.

After World War Two was known as **Spennymoor Silver Prize Band**. In 1975 after gaining sponsorship was called **Camerons Silver Prize Band** but folded in 1978.

Reformed in 1982 under its current title Spennymoor Town Band.

Photograph:



(Spennymoor Town Band – c2009)

Whitworth Band

Formed in the 1800s, possibly in the early 1870s, and the origin of the current Spennymoor Town Band (see above)

Notes:

Spennymoor is a town in County Durham 7 miles south of Durham City

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Staindrop (County Durham)

Staindrop Band

Active in 1900s up to 1930s

Notes:

Staindrop is a village in County Durham to the east of Barnard Castle

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Stanhope (County Durham)

Stanhope Silver Band

Probably formed in 1823. A donation was made to **Stanhope Band** by the London Lead Company in 1825.

The band participated in the first Crystal Palace Contest in 1860 under the name **Stanhope Saxhorn Band**.

In 1904 the band was re-named Stanhope Silver Band, its current title.

Notes:

Stanhope is a small market town in Weardale County Durham

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Stanley (County Durham)

Reg Vardy Band

Formed in 1910 as the Craghead Colliery Band (see Craghead).

Obtained sponsorship from the Ever Ready Company in 2003 and became the **Ever Ready Band**

Since 2003 sponsored by the Reg Vardy Group and called the Reg Vardy Band

Photograph:



(Reg Vardy Band – 2009)

Stanley Colliery Band

Active in the 1890s through to 1938

Stanley Methodist Mission Band

Active in 1893

Notes:

Stanley is a former colliery town in the Derwentside District of County Durham

West Stanley Colliery opened in 1832 and closed in 1936

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Stape (North Yorkshire)

Stape Silver Band

Formed in 1884 and still active

Photograph:



(Stape Silver Band – c.2008)

Notes:

Stape is a hamlet in North Yorkshire 4 miles north of Pickering

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Staveley (Cumbria)

Staveley Silver Band

Active in the 1950s

Photograph:



(Staveley Band – 1953)

Staveley Volunteers Band

Possibly a forerunner of Staveley Silver Band – more information needed

Photograph:



(Staveley Volunteers Band – 1910)

Notes:

Staveley is a village in South Lakeland in Cumbria

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Stockton-on-Tees (Teesside)

Alderson Band

Active in 1890

Blair & Co Engine Works (Stockton) Band

Contested from August 1878 to August 1896. Edwin Swift conducted on several occasions.

Head Wrightson Works Band

Formed 1945 became **Yarm & District Band** (see Yarm)

Stockton Borough Band

Active in 1910

Stockton Catholic Band

Formed in the 1890s

Stockton Druids Band

Active in 1906

Stockton Home Guard Band

Formed in 1941 became Stockton Malleable Works and Institute Band (see below) in 1945

Stockton Malleable Works and Institute Band

Originally Stockton Home Guard Band (see above) and formed in 1945. In 1966 became **Billingham New Silver Band** (see Billingham Silver Band)

Stockton Model Band

Active in the 1890s

Stockton Municipal Band

Active in 1937

Stockton Simonettes Volunteer Band

Formed in the 1890s

Westside Town Band

Formed in the 1890s

Notes:

Stockton-on-Tees is a Teesside market town, historically in County Durham/North Yorkshire

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Summerbridge and Dacre (North Yorkshire)

Summerbridge and Dacre Band

Formed 1902 and still active

Photograph:



(Summerbridge and Dacre Band – No Date)

Notes:

Summerbridge and Dacre are adjacent villages in Nidderdale North Yorkshire

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Sunderland (Tyne & Wear)

Castletown Colliery Band

Originally Hylton Colliery Band (see below)

City of Sunderland Band

Active in the 2000s. Current status and further information needed

East End Brass Band

Formed in 1887 and still active in 1893

Hylton Colliery Band

Formed in the 1900s and active to 1911, probably did not survive World War One.

At some point renamed Castletown Colliery Band (see above)

Hylton Colliery Silver Band

Formed in 1949 and renamed Monkwearmouth Lodge Band in 1980 (see below). Folded in 2000.

Monkwearmouth Lodge Band

Originally Hylton Colliery Silver Band (see above) became Monkwearmouth Lodge Band in 1980 and folded in 2000.

Southwick Public Works Band

Active in the 1900s

Sunderland Borough Police Band

Formed in 1866 and still active in 1940. Often known as **Sunderland Police Band**.

Documents relating to the inspection and march past of Sunderland Police Band April 1947 are in the Durham County Record Office Ref No: CCP 13/349

Became **Durham Constabulary Band** in 1967 (see Durham)

Sunderland British Legion Band

Formed after 1918

Sunderland Highways Silver Prize Band

Formed 1946

Sunderland Naval Band

Active from 1899 to 1916

Sunderland Shipbuilders Band

Possibly formed in the early 1900s and active in 1923

Sunderland Transport Band

More information needed.

Sunderland Youth International Concert Band

Active in the late 1960s and early 1970s

Notes:

Sunderland is a City in Tyne & Wear

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Swainby (North Yorkshire)

Swainby Village Band

Active in 1905 and 1913

Photograph:



(Swainby Band – 1913)

Notes:

Swainby is a village in North Yorkshire 8 miles N E of Northallerton

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Swalwell (Tyne & Wear)

Swalwell Band

Formed in the 1890s and folded in 1920s. Also known as the **Swalwell and Derwent Valley Band.**

Notes:

Swalwell is a village in Tyne & Wear near Gateshead

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Swinton (North Yorkshire)

Swinton and District Excelsior Band

Formed in 1936 and still active.

Photograph:



(Swinton & District Excelsior Band – No Date)

Notes:

Swinton is a village near Malton in North Yorkshire

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Tanfield Lea (County Durham)

Tanfield Lea Colliery Band

Formed in the 1890s and folded in the 1950s

Notes:

Tanfield Lea is a village in County Durham north of Stanley

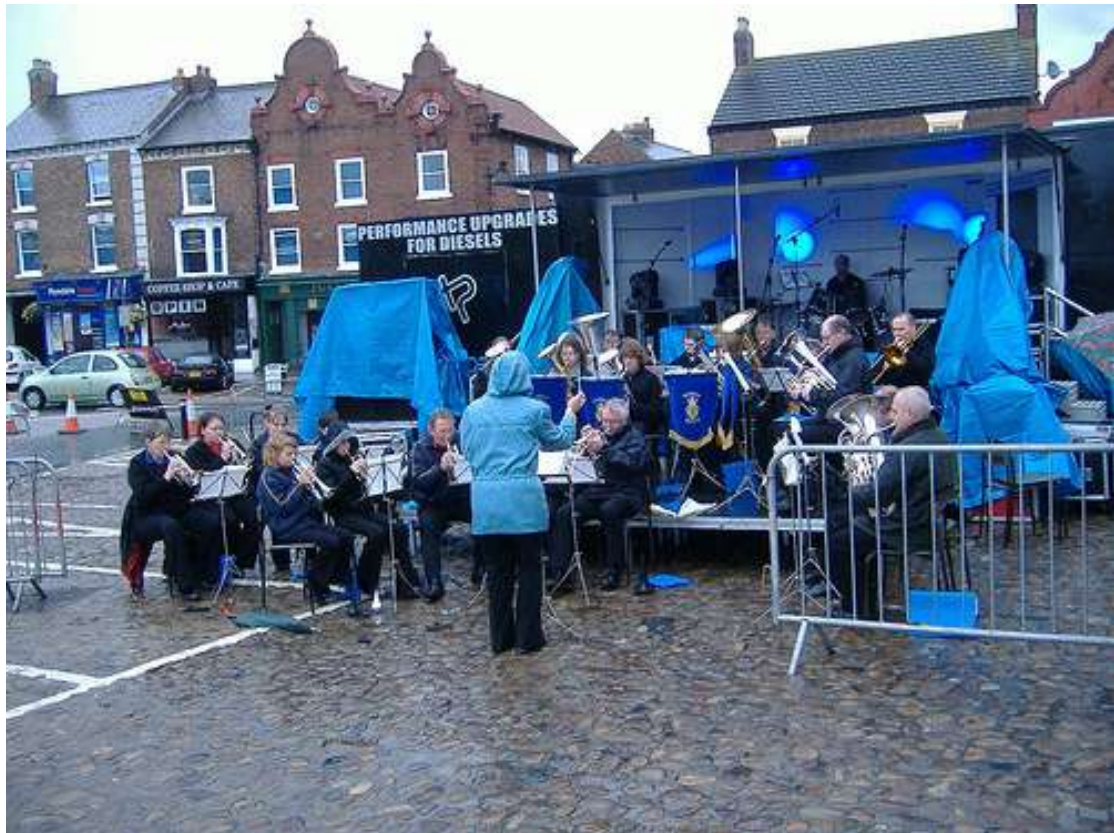
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Thirsk (North Yorkshire)

Thirsk and District Royal British Legion Band

Still active. More information needed

Photograph:



(Thirsk RBL Band – 2008)

Thirsk and Sowerby Prize Silver Band

Formed in the 1900s, suspended during World War II. Attempts made to reform but disbanded in the 1950s

Notes:

Thirsk is a small market town in the Hambleton District of North Yorkshie

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Thornaby (Teesside)

Thornaby Borough Band

Active in 1923

Thornaby District Soldiers Band

Formed in the 1890s

Thornaby Iron Works Band

More information needed

Thornaby People's Mission Band

Active in 1905

Thornaby Temperance Band

Active in 1913

Notes:

Thornaby is a town in the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees on Teesside.

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Thornley (County Durham)

Thornley Colliery Band

Formed in 1870 and disbanded in 1914.

Re-formed in 1919 and active through to 1960s

Re-formed again in early 1990s as Trimdon Concert Brass (see Trimdon)

Photograph:



(Thornley Colliery Band – 1923)

Notes:

Thornley is a village in County Durham 5 miles east of Durham City

Thornley Colliery opened in 1835 and closed in January 1970

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Throckley (Tyne & Wear)

Throckley Colliery Band

Founded in the 1890s and folded during/after World War II

Notes:

Throckley is a village in Tyne & Wear 5 miles west of Newcastle

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Tow Law (County Durham)

Sunniside Colliery

Folded after World War II

Tow Law Colliery Band

Formed in 1860

Tow Law Wesleyan Band

Active in the early 1900s and also called **Tow Law Wesley Mission Band**

Notes:

Tow Law is a town in the Wear Valley District of County Durham

Tow Law Colliery did not actually exist but several pits operated in the town.

Sunniside Colliery opened in 1867 and closed in April 1925

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Trimdon (County Durham)

Trimdon Concert Brass Band

Re-formation/continuation of **Thornley Colliery Band** (see Thornley) from the early 1990s and still active

Photograph:



(Trimdon Concert Band – Date Unknown)

Notes:

Trimdon is a village in County Durham 9 miles west of Hartlepool

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Tudhoe (County Durham)

Tudhoe Colliery Band

Active in 1876

Notes:

Tudhoe is a village in County Durham 8 miles south of Durham City

Tudhoe Colliery opened in 1864 and closed in September 1935

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Tynedale (Northumberland)

Tynedale Band

Founded in 1860s and merged with **Ovington Band** to form **Ovington Tynedale Band** in 1986 (see Ovington)

Notes:

Tynedale was a local government district in south west Northumberland

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Tynemouth (Tyne & Wear)

Tynemouth Royal and Union Band

Formed in the 1900s and still active in 1948

Notes:

Tynemouth is a town in Tyne & Wear at the mouth of the River Tyne

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Ulverston (Cumbria)

Ulverston Town Band

The first records are from 1850 and the band is still active

Photograph:



(Ulverston Town Band – Area Contest – Darlington – 2004)

Notes:

Ulverston is a market town in South Lakeland, Cumbria

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Upleatham (Redcar & Cleveland)

Upleatham Mines Band

Formed in 1875 and the origin of the current Marske Band (see Marske)

Notes:

Upleatham is a village in Redcar & Cleveland traditionally in North Yorkshire

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Urpeth (County Durham)

Urpeth Colliery Band

Formed in the 1890s and still active in 1933

Notes:

Urpeth is a village in County Durham near Beamish

Urpeth Colliery opened in 1835 and closed in March 1957

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Ushaw Moor (County Durham)

Ushaw Moor Colliery Band

Formed in the 1890s

Notes:

Ushaw Moor is an old pit village in County Durham to the west of Durham City

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Usworth (Tyne & Wear)

Usworth Colliery Band

Active in 1873 and possibly went defunct as another Usworth Colliery Band was formed in the 1890s and was still active after World War II

Notes:

Usworth is a former colliery village in Tyne & Wear but traditionally in County Durham

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Vale of Lyvennet (Cumbria)

Vale of Lyvennet Silver Band

Active in the 1880s and 1890s. May have been based in Crosby Ravensworth

Notes:

The Vale of Lyvennet is a river valley in Cumbria beginning near Shap

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Walbottle (Tyne & Wear)

Walbottle Temperance Band

Contested locally from May 1894 to October 1896 with some success.

Notes:

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Wallsend (Tyne & Wear)

Rising Sun Colliery Band

Also known as Wallsend Colliery Band (see below) formed in the 1900s

Swan Hunter Band

Formed in the 1900s becoming **Swan Hunter and Wigham Richardson Band** in 1937 also known as **Wallsend Shipyard Band**. As **Swan Hunter Silver Prize Band** still active in 1977.

Wallsend Borough Band

Originated as Wallsend Colliery Band (see below)

Wallsend Colliery Band

Formed in the 1900s and still active in 1930. Also known as **Rising Sun Colliery Band** (see above); **Wallsend Miners' Band** and **Wallsend United Collieries Band**. Later known as Wallsend Borough Band (see above)

Notes:

Wallsend is a town in North Tyneside, Tyne & Wear

The Rising Sun Colliery was operating in the 1910s and closed in 1969

Wallsend Colliery was operating before 1782 up to the 1930s

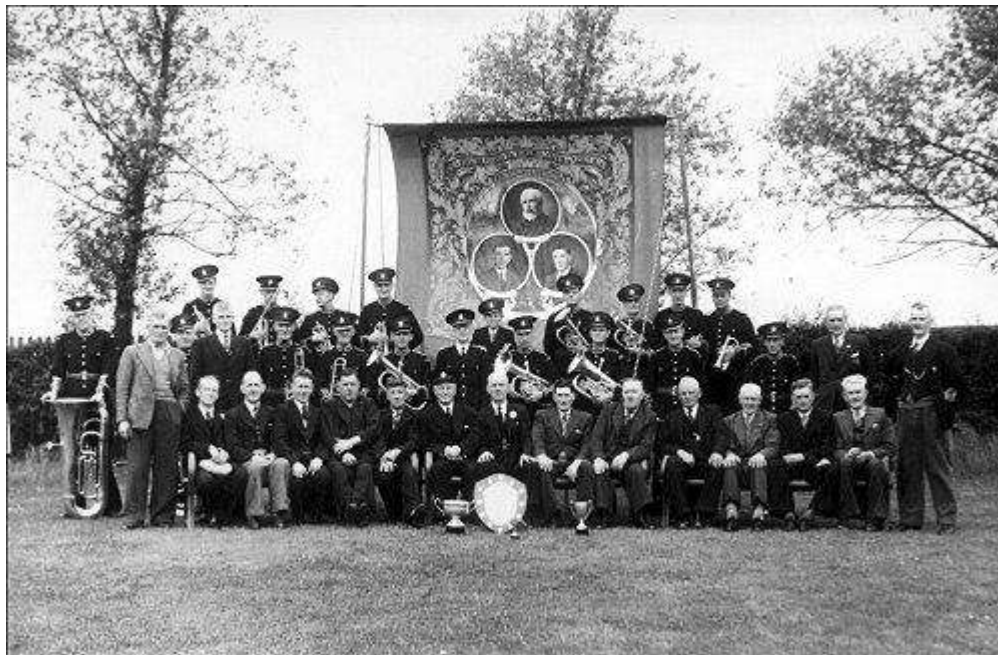
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Wardley (Tyne & Wear)

Wardley Colliery Band

Formed in 1890s and still active in 1950s

Photograph:



(Wardley Colliery Band – 1953)

Notes:

Wardley is a former mining village in Tyne & Wear

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Warrenby (Redcar and Cleveland)

Warrenby Brass Band

Formed in the 1900s but did not survive World War 1. Also known as **Warrenby and Loftus Band**.

Notes:

Warrenby is a village in Redcar and Cleveland, historically in North Yorkshire

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Warwick Bridge (Cumbria)

Warwickbridge Band

Active in 1858 when it took part in the Lofthouse Band Contest

From the Diary of Joseph Pearson (Appendix II):

18th June 1858 – The Band Contest – 7 Bands of music met at Alston. Alston Band at the Angel Inn, Allendale Town Band at the Golden Lion, Warwickbridge at the Blue Bell; Dufton at the Greyhound, Haydonbridge at the Sun, Nenthead at the Globe, Weardale at the Queen's Head.

Notes

Warwick Bridge is a village in Cumbria on the River Eden

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Washington (Tyne & Wear)

Washington and District Band

Active between 1907 and 1911

Washington Brotherhood Band

Formed in 1923 and later known as **Washington Colliery Band** (or **Washington F Pit Band**). In 1968 became **Washington Glebe Colliery Band** and finally **Washington Welfare Band**. Disbanded in 1997.

Notes:

Washington is a town in Tyne & Wear but historically in County Durham.

Washington F Pit opened in 1777 and closed in June 1968

Washington Glebe Colliery opened in 1904 and closed in August 1972

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Weardale

Upper Weardale Band

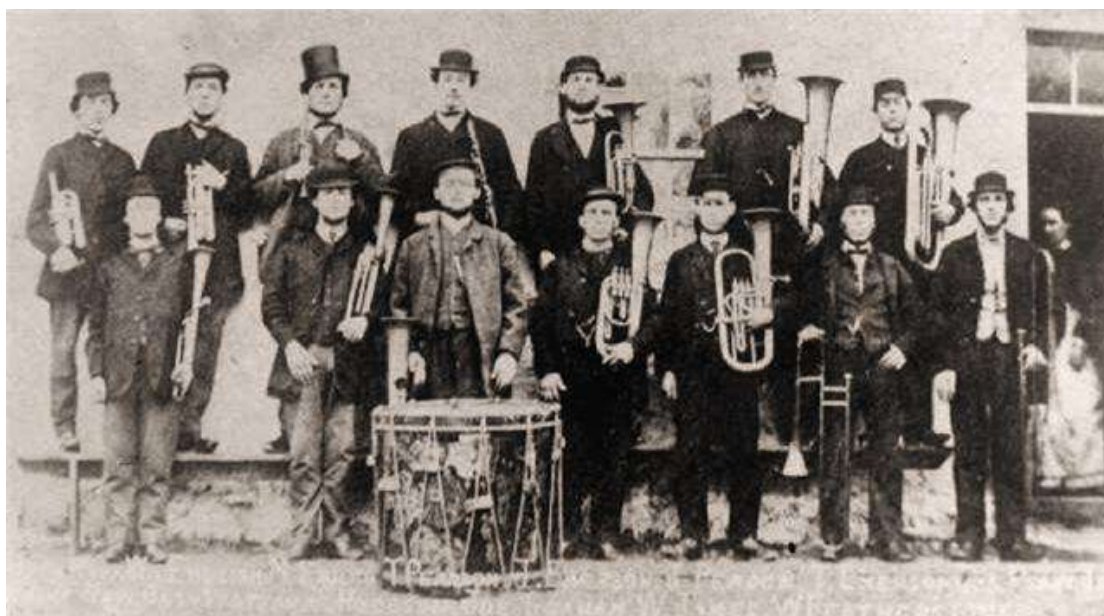
See **Weardale Band** below.

Weardale Band

Active in 1858 when it took part in the Lofthouse Band Contest winning a prize of £7 (see Appendix II)

Sometime in the second half of the 19th Century merged with other Weardale bands to form the **Upper Weardale Band**. Folded after World War One.

Photograph:



(Weardale Band -1860s)

Notes:

Weardale is a Pennine Dale in County Durham once important for lead mining.

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Wheatley Hill (County Durham)

Wheatley Hill Colliery Band

Formed in the 1890s and folded in the 1950s

Photograph:



(Wheatley Hill Colliery Band – 1940s)

Notes:

Wheatley Hill is a village in County Durham to the west of Peterlee

Wheatley Hill Colliery opened in 1869 and closed in May 1968

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Whitburn (Tyne & Wear)

Whitburn Colliery Band

Formed in the 1890s but folded in the early 1900s

Notes:

Whitburn is a village in South Tyneside, Tyne & Wear, near Sunderland

Whitburn Colliery opened in 1879 and closed in May 1968

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Whitehaven (Cumbria)

Copeland Borough Band

Information needed

Whitehaven Brass Band

Formed in 1856 as “**Black’s Band**” soon becoming **Whitehaven Public Band** and then **Whitehaven Borough Band** in 1894. . Since 1993 has been Whitehaven Brass Band

Photograph:



(Whitehaven Borough Band – 1905)

Notes:

Whitehaven is a town and port on the Cumbrian Coast

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Whorlton (County Durham)

Whorlton Brass Band

Active in 1905

Notes:

Whorlton is a village in County Durham to the east of Barnard Castle

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Willington (County Durham)

Sunnybrow Colliery Band

Formed in the 1890s and folded during/after World War Two

Willington Colliery Band

Possibly alternative name for Sunnybrow Colliery Band (The same colliery)
More information needed

Willington Orchestral Silver Band

Active in the 1900s

Willington Temperance Band:

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 to form Aycliffe and Brancepeth Brass (see Newton Aycliffe)

Notes:

Willington is a former pit town in County Durham near Crook

Willington or Sunnybrow Colliery opened in 1860 and closed in 1932

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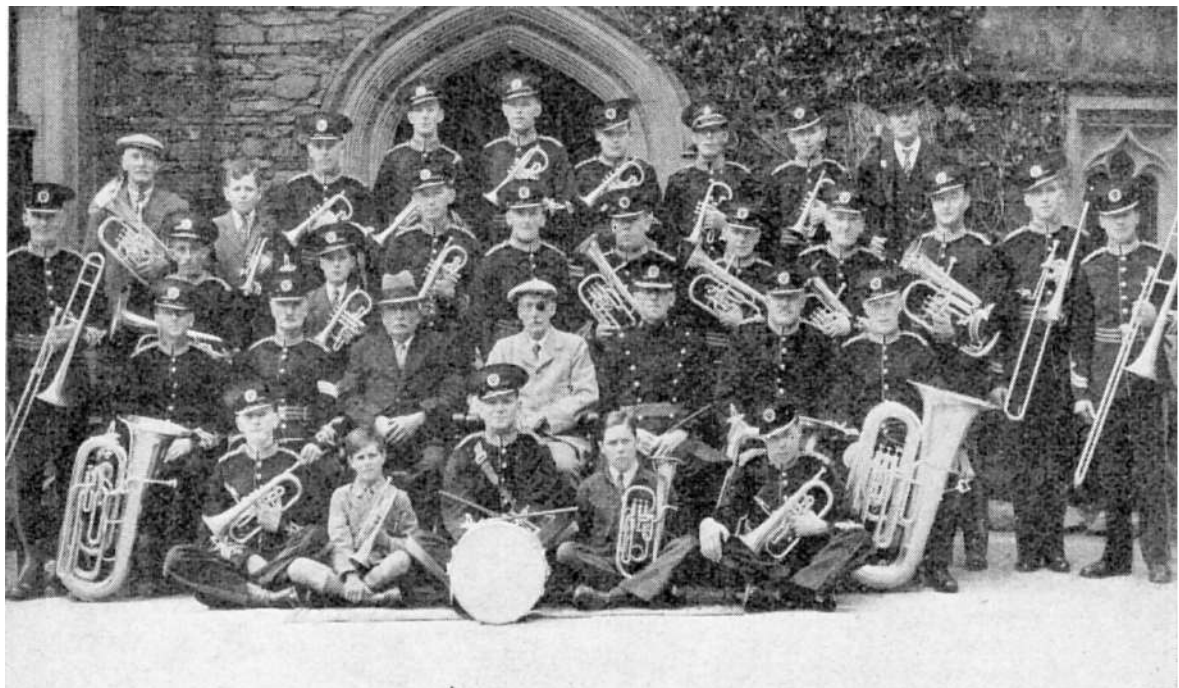
Windermere (Cumbria)

Windermere Band

The original band was active in 1856 when it welcomed Admiral Pasley to Windermere leading a parade from the station to his house where they played a few airs and partook of refreshments. Also known as **Windermere Volunteer Band** and **Windermere Town Band**.

Windermere Volunteer Band attended the Kendal Contest of April 1902 when they were conducted by W.F. Balme obtaining 3rd place.

The band was resurrected by Bill Hartley in 1982, buying the music library of Kendal Borough Band when they folded. This later Windermere Band also folded when the local council sold the bandroom and alternative facilities could not be found.



(Windermere Town Band – 1939)

Notes:

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Winlaton (Tyne & Wear)

Winlaton Brass Band

Formed about 1801

Notes:

Winlaton is a village in Tyne and Wear but historically in County Durham

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Witton-le-Wear (County Durham)

Witton Village Band

Formed in the 1880s and folded in the 1950s. Could also be the same as **Witton Park Band** (see below)

Notes:

Witton-le-Wear is a village in the Wear Valley District of County Durham 4 miles NW of Bishop Auckland

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Witton Park (County Durham)

Witton Park Band

Contested locally from 1895-1903

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Wolsingham (County Durham)

Wolsingham Band

An early band was part of the merger of local bands that became the Upper Weardale Band in the 19th Century (see Weardale).

In the 1890s another Wolsingham Band was started which folded in the 1960s. This band was also known as **Wolsingham Steel Works Band**

Notes:

Wolsingham is a small market town in Weardale County Durham

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Woodhorn (Northumberland)

Woodhorn Colliery Band

Formed about 1950 and folded in the late 1970s

Photograph:



(Woodhorn Colliery Band – 1954)

Notes:

Woodhorn is a village in Northumberland 2 miles east of Ashington

Woodhorn Colliery opened in 1894 and closed in February 1981

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Woodland (County Durham)

Woodland Colliery Band

Active in 1884

Notes:

Woodland is a village in County Durham a few miles north of Barnard Castle

Woodland Colliery was operating in the 1880s and closed in March 1921

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Wooler (Northumberland)

Wooler Band

Active in 1910

Notes:

Wooler is a small town in Northumberland

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Workington (Cumbria)

St John's Church Mission Brass Band

Active in 1892

Workington Analine Band

Attended the British Open Contest in 1885

Workington Discharged Sailors Band

Attended the British Open Contest in 1923

Workington Town Band

Information needed

Photograph:



(Workington Town Band)

Notes:

Workington is a large town and port at the mouth of the River Derwent in Cumbria

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Wrawby (North Lincolnshire)

Wrawby Band

Active in 1875 with 12 players but by 1900 had 30 members.

Sometime between 1900 and 1911 renamed **Brigg Subscription Band** (see Brigg)

Notes:

Wrawby is a village in North Lincolnshire 2 miles east of Brigg

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Wylam (Northumberland)

Wylam Colliery Band

Founded c.1850

Notes:

Wylam is a small village in Tynedale, Northumberland 10 miles west of Newcastle

Wylam Colliery was operating in the 1700s through to the 1890s

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Yarm (Teesside)

Yarm and District Band

Formed in 1945 as **Head Wrightson Works Band** (see Stockton-on-Tees). Renamed **Middlesbrough (Dovecot) Brass** in 1980 and then Yarm and District Band in 1989.

Merged with Lingdale Silver band in 1998 to form Lockwood Brass (see Lingdale)

Notes:

Yarm is a small town in the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees, historically in North Yorkshire

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York (North Yorkshire)

Bean's Brass Band

Active 1833 to 1860

Chaucer Street Mission Band

Formed in 1883 became **York and District Mission Band** and later **Ebor Excelsior Silver Prize Band** (see below)

Ebor Brass Band

Founded in 1988

Photograph:



(Ebor Brass Band – Date Unknown)

Ebor Excelsior Silver Prize Band

Formed in 1883 as the **Chaucer Street Mission Band**. Later names were **York and District Mission Band** and **York Excelsior Band**.

In 1952 merged with **York City Brass Band** (see below) to form the **York Railway Institute Band** (see below)

Groves Wesleyan Band

Further information needed

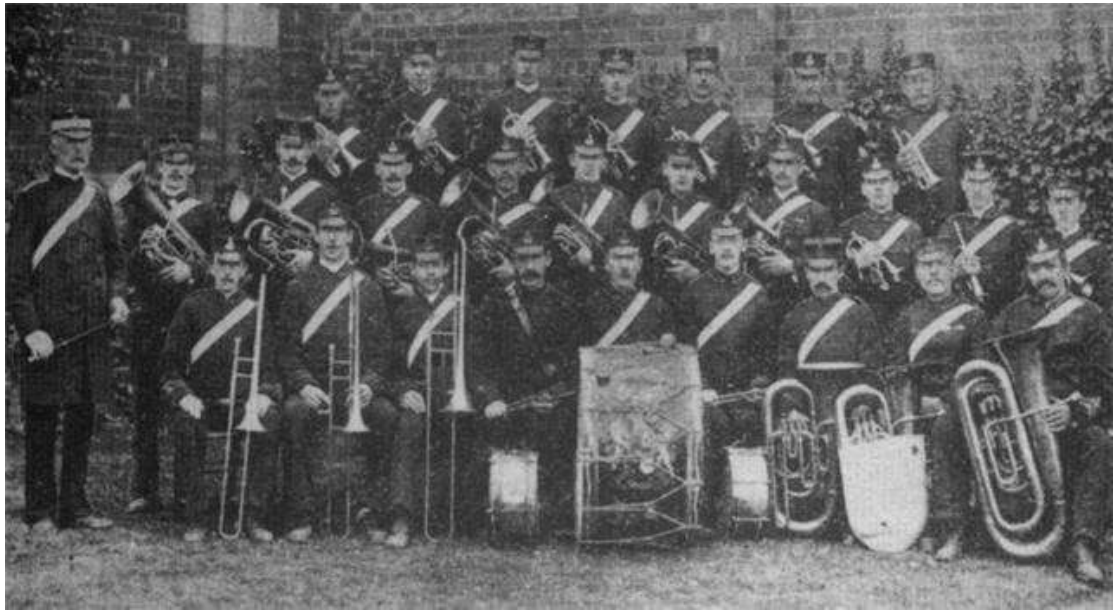
Layerthorpe Mission Band

More information needed

Rowntrees Band

Now the current **Shepherd Group Band** (see below)

Photograph:



(Rowntrees Band – 1906)

St Paul's Brass Band

Active from 1900 to 1904. Also known as **St Paul's Silver Band**

Shepherd Group Brass Band

Formed in 1903 and known as **Rowntrees Band** for many years. Still Active

Photograph:



(Shepherd Group Band)

Walker's Brass Band

Active from 1834 to 1852

Wesleyan Mission (Victoria Bar) Band

More information needed

York Amateur Brass Band

More information needed

York and District Mission Band

Formed in 1883 as the **Chaucer Street Mission Band** (see above)

York City Brass Band

Formed in 1906 or earlier. In 1952 merged with **Ebor Excelsior Silver Prize Band** (see above) to form **York Railway Institute Band**

York Excelsior Band

Also known as **Ebor Excelsior Silver Prize Band** (see above)

Photograph:



(York Excelsior Brass Band)

York Home Guard Silver Band

Active in the 1940s

York Model Band

Active in the 1860s

Photograph:



(York Model Band – No Date)

York Operatic Brass Band

Information needed

York Postal Band

Information needed

Photograph:



(York Postal Band)

York Railway Institute Band

Formed in 1952 when the **Ebor Excelsior Silver Prize Band** (see above) and the **York City Brass Band** merged. Still active

Photograph:



(York Railway Institute Band – No Date)

York Railway Institute Golden Rail Brass Band

Formed in 1963 and still active. More information needed

Photograph:



(York Railway Institute Golden Rail Band – No Date)

York Tramways Band

More information needed.

Notes:

York is a city in North Yorkshire

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Alphabetical List of Bands with Locations

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Acomb Brass Band	Acomb
Acomb Colliery Band	Acomb
Aikton Brass Band	Aikton
Aislaby Brass Band	Aislaby
Albright and Wilson Brigg Band	Brigg
Alderson Band	Stockton-on-Tees
Allendale Town Silver Band	Allendale
Allenheads Band	Allenheads
Alma Colliery Band	Pelton Fell
Alnwick Town Band	Alnwick
Alston Band	Alston
Alston (Mountain Rifles) Volunteer Band	Alston
Alston Town Band	Alston
Amble and Radcliffe Colliery Brass Band	Amble
Amble Town Band	Amble
Ambleside Town Band	Ambleside
AMOCO Band	Crookhall
Annfield Plain Band	Annfield Plain
Annfield Plain Colliery Band	Annfield Plain
Annfield Plain Wifflan Wafflan Prize Band	Annfield Plain
Appleby Prize Brass Band	Appleby
Appleby in Westmorland Band	Appleby
Appleton-le-Moors Band	Appleton-le-Moors
Arkengarthdale Band	Arkengarthdale
Arnghyll and Cowley Colliery Band	Copley
ASDA Manufacturing Band	South Milford
Ashington Colliery Band	Ashington
Ashington Duke Band	Ashington
Ashington Model Band	Ashington
Ashington Public Band	Ashington
Askam Town Silver Band	Askam in Furness
Aspatria Town Band	Aspatria
Aspatria Volunteer Fire Brigade Brass Band	Aspatria
Auckland Park Colliery Band	Bishop Auckland
Auckland Silver Band	Bishop Auckland
Aunt Bessie's East Yorkshire Brass Band	Hull
Axwell Park Colliery Band	Gateshead
Aycliffe Brass Band	Newton Aycliffe
Aycliffe and Brancepeth Band	Newton Aycliffe
Ayresome Quoit Club Band	Middlesbrough
Ayton Band	Great Ayton

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Backworth Collieries Band	Backworth
Backworth Collieries Workmen's Prize Band	Backworth
Backworth Colliery Band	Backworth
Backworth Institute Band	Backworth
BAE Systems (Marine Band)	Barrow-in-Furness
Bainbridge Band	Bainbridge
Bardon Mill Colliery Band	Bardon Mill
Bardon Mill Silver Band	Bardon Mill
Barlow Band	Barlow
Barnard Castle Band	Barnard Castle
Barnard Castle Prize Silver Band	Barnard Castle
Barnard Castle Silver Band	Barnard Castle
Barnard Castle Subscription Band	Barnard Castle
Barnard Castle Volunteers Band	Barnard Castle
Barnetby Silver Band	Barnetby
Barrington Colliery Band	Bedlington
Barrow-in-Furness Youth Clubs Band	Barrow-in-Furness
Barrow Iron and Steelworks Brass Band	Barrow-in-Furness
Barrow Shipyard Band	Barrow-in-Furness
Barrow Shipyard Prize Band	Barrow-in-Furness
Barrow Steelworks Band	Barrow-in-Furness
Barrow Temperance Band	Barrow-in-Furness
Barrow Britannia Band	Barrow-upon-Humber
Barrow Concert Band	Barrow-upon-Humber
Barton Cycle Works Silver Band	Barton-upon-Humber
Barton Model Band	Barton-upon-Humber
Barton Town Band	Barton-upon-Humber
Barton Town Prize Band	Barton-upon-Humber
Barton Town Prize Subscription Brass Band	Barton-upon-Humber
Beamish Colliery Band	Beamish
Bean's Brass Band	York
Bearpark & Esh Colliery Band	Esh Winning
Bedale Brass Band	Bedale
Bedlington Brass Band	Bedlington
Bedlington Colliery Band	Bedlington
Bedlington Doctor Pit Band	Bedlington
Bedlington Temperance Band	Bedlington
Belling Band	Middlesbrough
Bellingham Brass Band	Bellingham
Benwell and District Band	Newcastle
Beverley Borough Band	Beverley
Beverley Brass Band	Beverley
Beverley Town Prize Band	Beverley
Beverley United Prize Band	Beverley
BHK (UK) Ltd Horden Band	Horden
Billingham New Silver Band	Billingham
Billingham Silver Band	Billingham
Bilsdale Silver Band	Bilsdale

Binchester Band	Binchester
Birdsall Band	Birdsall
Birtley and Ouston Band	Birtley
Birtley League of the Cross Band	Birtley
Birtley Pit Colliery Band	Birtley
Birtley St Joseph Band	Birtley
Birtley Temperance Band	Birtley
Birtley Town Prize Band	Birtley
Bishop Auckland British Legion Band	Bishop Auckland
Bishop Auckland Band	Bishop Auckland
Bitchburn Colliery Band	Bitchburn
Black Boy Colliery Band	Bishop Auckland
Blackhall Colliery Band	Blackhall
Blackhall Youth Brass Band	Blackhall
Blackhill St Mary's Band	Consett
Blackhill Teetotal Band	Consett
Blackhill Workmen's Band	Consett
Black's Band	Whitehaven
Blaydon Comrades Victory Band	Blaydon
Blaydon Silver Band	Blaydon
Blyth & Cowpen Operatic Band	Blyth
Blyth and District Band	Blyth
Blyth LNER Band	Blyth
Blyth NE Railway Band	Blyth
Boldon Colliery Band	Boldon Colliery
Boldon Colliery Workmen's Band	Boldon Colliery
Boosbeck Colliery Band	Guisborough
Border Regiment Association Band	Carlisle
Boroughbridge British Legion Band	Boroughbridge
Bowes Band	Bowes
Braes of Allendale	Allendale
Brampton and District Silver Band	Brampton
Brampton Total Abstinence Brass Band	Brampton
Brancepeth Colliery Band	Brancepeth
Brancepeth Welfare Band	Brancepeth
Brandon Colliery Silver Prize Band	Brandon
Brentford Nylon Band	?
Bridlington Borough Prize Band	Bridlington
Bridlington Excelsior Brass Band	Bridlington
Bridlington Excelsior Silver Band	Bridlington
Brigg Brass Band	Brigg
Brigg Subscription Silver Band	Brigg
Brigg Town Brass Band	Brigg
British Shipbuilders Band	Barrow-in-Furness
British Steel Company North Skelton Band	North Skelton
British Steel Teesside Band	North Skelton
Broomhill and Chevington Collieries Brass Band	Broomhill
Broomhill Colliery Band	Broomhill
Brotton Old Silver Band	Brotton
Brotton Temperance Band	Brotton

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 Browney Colliery Band
 Burnside Brass Band
 Burnhope Colliery Band
 Burnopfield and District Band
 Burnopfield Colliery Band
 Burnopfield Silver Model Band
 Burradon Colliery Band
 Burradon Silver Model Band
 Burton Leonard Brass Band
 Butterknowle Prize Silver Band
 Butterknowle Silver Colliery Band
 Byers Green Brass Band

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 Burnside
 Burnhope
 Burnopfield
 Burnopfield
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 Burradon
 Burradon
 Burton Leonard
 Butterknowle
 Butterknowle
 Byers Green

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Cambois Colliery Band
 Camerons Silver Band
 Cargo Fleet Ironworks Band
 Cargo Fleet Steelworks Band
 Carlisle City Prize Band
 Carlisle St Stephens Silver Band
 Carr's Biscuit Works Band
 Carthorpe Excelsior Brass Band
 Castle Eden Colliery Band
 Castleside Band
 Castleside Brass Band
 Castleton Brass Band
 Castletown Colliery Band
 Charlton and Guisborough Band
 Charlton Star of Hope Band
 Chaucer Street Mission Band
 Chester-le-Street Riverside Band
 Chester-le-Street Temperance Band
 Chester-le-Street Town Band
 Chevington Model Band
 Chilton and Windlestone Band
 Chilton Colliery Band
 Choppington Brass Band
 Choppington Colliery Band
 Chopwell Colliery Band
 City of Hull Band
 City of Sunderland Band
 Cleethorpes Borough Band
 Cleethorpes Brass Band
 Cleethorpes New Brass Band
 Cleethorpes Silver Band
 Cleveland Steelworks Band
 Coal Products CPL Band

Blyth
 Spennymoor
 Middlesbrough
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Cockerton Prize Silver Band	Darlington
Cockerton Saxhorn Band	Darlington
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Consett Band	Consett
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Consett Steel Works Band	Consett
Consett Temperance Band	Consett
Consett Town Band	Consett
Consett Whitbread Band	Consett
Copeland Borough	Whitehaven
Cornsay Colliery Silver Band	Cornsay Colliery
Cornsay Orchestral Band	Cornsay Colliery
Cottingham Band	Cottingham
Coundon Band	Coundon
Coundon Star Band	Coundon
Cowpen and Crofton Band	Blyth
Cowpen Colliery Band	Blyth
Cowshill Band	Cowshill
oxhoe Silver Band	Coxhoe
Coxhoe Temperance Band	Coxhoe
Coxlodge and Hazelrigg Colliery Band	Newcastle
Coxlodge Colliery Band	Newcastle
Coxlodge Institute Band	Newcastle
Craghead Colliery Band	Craghead
Crookhall Bradley Band	Crookhall
Crookhall Colliery Band	Crookhall

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Dalton Amateur Band	Dalton
Dalton Town Band	Dalton
Danby Brass Band	Danby
Darlington Borough Band	Darlington
Darlington British Railways Band	Darlington
Darlington Forge Company Band	Darlington
Darlington NER Band	Darlington
Darlington Philharmonic Band	Darlington
Darlington Saxhorn Band	Darlington
Dawdon Band	Dawdon
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Deaf Hill Colliery Band	Deaf Hill
Dean and Chapter Colliery Band	Ferryhill
Dean Bank Band	Ferryhill
Dearham Band	Dearham
Dearham United Band	Dearham
Dennis Bayley Hunmanby Silver Band	Hunmanby
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Dinnington Colliery Band	Dinnington
Dipton Colliery Band	Dipton
Dorman Long and Co Works Band	Redcar
Driffield Silver Band	Driffield
Driffield Town Band	Driffield
Drigg and Irton Brass Band	Drigg
Dudley Colliery Band	Dudley
Dudley Colliery Excelsior Band	Dudley
Dudley Colliery Workmen's Prize Band	Dudley
Dudley Workmen's Silver Model Prize Band	Dudley
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Dunston Silver Band	Dunston
Dunston Temperance Band	Dunston
Dunston Wesleyan Band	Dunston
Durham City Band	Durham
Durham Colliery Mechanics Band	Ferryhill
Durham Constabulary Band	Durham
Durham Shakespeare Prize Band	Durham
Durham Shakespeare Temperance Band	Durham
Durham Street Mission Band	Middlesbrough
Durham University Band	Durham

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Easington Colliery Band	Easington
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Easingwold Town Band	Easingwold
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East Riding of Yorkshire Band	Hull
East Yorkshire Brass	Hull
East Yorkshire Motor Services (EYMS) Band	Hull
Ebchester Band	Ebchester
Ebor Brass Band	York
Ebor Excelsior Silver Prize Band	York
Echo Ryhope Band	Ryhope
Eggleston Brass Band	Eggleston
Egremont Town Band	Egremont
Eldon Colliery Band	Eldon
Elemore Colliery Band	Easington Lane
Ellington Colliery Band	Ellington

Emma Colliery Band
Erimus Works Band
Esh Colliery Band
Esh Winning Colliery Welfare Band
Eston Miners' Old Brass Band
Etherley Silver Band
Evenwood Colliery Band
Ever Ready Band

Ryton
Middlesbrough
Esh Winning
Esh Winning
Eston
Etherley
Evenwood
Stanley

F

Farndale Band
Felling Band
Felling Chemical Works Band
Felling Colliery Band
Felling Temperance Band
Felling Town Silver Band
Ferryhill and Dean Bank Band
Ferryhill Temperance Band
Ferryhill Town Band
Filey Brass Band
Fishburn Band
Flimby Saxhorn Band
Flookburgh Band
Flookburgh Silver Band
Flookburgh Village Hall Brass Band
Framwellgate Moor Colliery Band
Frosterley Band

Farndale
Felling
Felling
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Felling
Ferryhill
Ferryhill
Ferryhill
Ferryhill
Filey
Fishburn
Flimby
Flookburgh
Flookburgh
Flookburgh
Framwellgate Moor
Frosterley

G

Garrigill Band
Gatebeck Brass Band
Gateshead Borough Band
Gateshead Brass
Gateshead British Legion Band
Gateshead LNER Band
Gateshead St Paul's Band
Gateshead Wesleyan Methodist Young Men's Vigilance Band
Gibson's Malton Amateur Brass Band
Giggleswick Brass Band
Giggleswick and Settle Brass Band
Grange Iron Works Brass Band
Greggs Bakery Band
Grimsby Band
Groves Wesleyan Band
GT Group Peterlee Band
Guisborough Brass Band

Garrigill
Gatebeck
Gateshead
Gateshead
Gateshead
Gateshead
Gateshead
Gateshead
Gateshead
Malton
Giggleswick
Giggleswick
Durham
Newbiggin-by-the-Sea
Grimsby
York
Peterlee
Guisborough

Guisborough Priory Prize Silver Band
Guisborough Volunteer Band

Guisborough
Guisborough

H

Halls Ropery Band
Haltwhistle Old Silver Band
Haltwhistle Rifles Band
Haltwhistle Volunteers Band
Hambleton Brass
Hamsteels Colliery Band
Hamsterley Colliery Band
Handen Hold Colliery Band
Harrogate Band
Harrogate Borough Band
Harrogate St John's Ambulance Band
Harrogate Temperance Band
Harrogate Volunteer Band
Hartlepool Borough Band
Hartlepool Old Boys Band
Hartlepool Public Prize band
Hartlepool Silver Band
Hartlepool Temperance Band
Hartley Main Colliery Band
Harton and Westoe Colliery Band
Harton Colliery Band
Haverton Hill Silver Band
Hawes Good Templars
Hawes Prize Silver Band
Hawnby Silver Band
Haydon Bridge Band
Head Wrightson Works Band
Hebburn Colliery Band
Hebburn Harmonic Band
Hebburn Town Band
Helton Band
Hensingham Band of Hope Brass Band
Hessle British Legion Band
Hetton Colliery Band
Hetton Silver Band
Heworth Colliery Band
Hexham Church of England Temperance Band
Hexham Excelsior Band
Hexham Union Band
Hexham Volunteer Band
Heworth Colliery Band
Hodgson's Recreational Club Silver Band
Hoggett's Saxhorn Band
Holborn Hill Royal Silver Band

Barton-upon-Humber
Haltwhistle
Haltwhistle
Haltwhistle
South Milford
Hamsteels
Hamsterley
Handen Hold
Harrogate
Harrogate
Harrogate
Harrogate
Harrogate
Hartlepool
Hartlepool
Hartlepool
Hartlepool
Hartlepool
Dudley
South Shields
South Shields
Haverton Hill
Hawes
Hawes
Hawnby
Haydon Bridge
Stockton-on-Tees
Hebburn
Hebburn
Hebburn
Helton
Hensingham
Hessle
Hetton
Hetton
Heworth
Hexham
Hexham
Hexham
Hexham
Heworth
Beverley
Darlington
Millom

Hopkins. Gilkes & Co Works Band
Horden Colliery Band
Houghton Brass Band
Houghton Colliery Band
Howden Colliery Band
Howden Excelsior Band
Howden-le-Wear Band
Hull City Brass Band
Hull Flax and Cotton Mills Band
Hull Kingston Cotton Mills Band
Hull Railwaymen's Band
Hull Silver Prize Band
Hull Sons of Temperance Prize Band
Hull Waterloo Band
Hunmanby Silver Band
Hunsonby Brass Band
Hunwick Colliery Band
Hutton Rudby Band
Hylton Colliery Band

Middlesbrough
Horden
Houghton-le-Spring
Houghton-le-Spring
Howden-le-Wear
Howden-le-Wear
Howden-le-Wear
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Hull
Hunmanby
Hunsonby
Hunwick
Hutton Rudby
Hylton

I

Ingleton Band

Ingleton

J

Jarrow Borough Prize Silver Band
Jarvis Band

Jarrow
Jarrow

K

Kendal Borough Band
Kibblesworth Colliery Band
Kingsway Printers Cleethorpes Brass Band
Kirkby Lonsdale Brass Band
Kirkbymoorside Town Brass Band
Kirkby Stephen Silver Band
Knaresborough Silver Band

Kendal
Kibblesworth
Cleethorpes
Kirkby Lonsdale
Kirkbymoorside
Kirkby Stephen
Knaresborough

L

Lanchester Brass Band	Lanchester
Langbaugh Brass	North Skelton
Langley Park Band	Langley Park
Langcliffe Brass Band	Langcliffe
Langwathby Band	Langwathby
Layertorpe Mission Band	York
Leadgate Colliery Band	Leadgate
Leadgate Wesleyan Mission Band	Leadgate
Leasingthorne Colliery Prize Band	Leasingthorne
Lemington Glass Works Prize Band	Lemington
Leyburn Band	Leyburn
Lincoln Beevor Band	Lincoln
Lincoln Central Band	Lincoln
Lincoln City Band	Lincoln
Lincoln Excelsior Brass Band	Lincoln
Lincoln Iron and Steel Works Band	Lincoln
Lincolnshire Fire Brigade Band	Lincoln
Lincolnshire Hospitals Band	Lincoln
Lingdale Ironstone Miner's Band	Lingdale
Lingdale Silver Band	Lingdale
Lingdale Silver (ICI Chemical Products) Band	Lingdale
Linton Colliery Band	Linton
Lockwood Brass	Lingdale
Loftus Iron Works Band	Loftus
Loftus Saxhorn Band	Loftus
Longtown Brass Band	Longtown
Lord Londonderry's Volunteer Temperance Band	Silksworth
Lumley Bethel Band	Lumley
Lumley Colliery Band	Lumley
Lumley Methodist Church Brass Band	Lumley
Lumley Temperance Band	Lumley
Lumley Town Band	Lumley
Lynemouth Colliery Band	Lynemouth

M

Mainsforth Colliery Band	Ferryhill
Mainsforth Colliery and Tursdale Workshop Band	Ferryhill
Malton Amateur Brass Band	Malton
Malton Messenger Saxhorn Band	Malton
Malton Rifle Volunteers Band	Malton
Malton Temperance Band	Malton
Malton United Brass Band	Malton
Malton White Star Band	Malton
Marley Hill Colliery Band	Marley Hill
Marley Hill Silver Prize Band	Marley Hill

Marsden Colliery Band	South Shields
Marsden St Andrews Band	South Shields
Marske and District Prize Silver Band	Marske
Marske Brass Band	Marske
Maryport Silver Band	Maryport
Maryport Town Brass Band	Maryport
Medomsley Cottage Homes Band	Medomsley
Mickleton Band	Mickleton
Mickley Tynedale Temperance Band	Mickley
Middlesbrough Artillery Band	Middlesbrough
Middlesbrough Borough Silver Prize Band	Middlesbrough
Middlesbrough (Dovecot) Brass	Middlesbrough
Middlesbrough National Reserve Band	Middlesbrough
Middlesbrough Postal Band	Middlesbrough
Middlesbrough Temperance Band	Middlesbrough
Middlesbrough Trades Band	Middlesbrough
Middleton and Teesdale Band	Middleton-in-Teesdale
Monkwearmouth Lodge Band	Sunderland
Morpeth Borough Band	Morpeth
Morpeth V.B.N.F. Band	Morpeth
Morrison and Busty Collieries Band	Annfield Plain
Morrison Busty Colliery Band	Consett
Morrison Busty Lodge Band	Annfield Plain
Muker Silver Band	Muker
Murton Colliery Band	Murton
Murton Gospel Temperance Blue Ribbon Army Band	Murton

N

National Fire Service Band	Easington
National Smokeless Fuels (Fishburn) Band	Fishburn
NASUWT Riverside Band	Chester-le-Street
Nenthead Band	Nenthead
Netherton Colliery Band	Netherton
Newbiggin and Lynemouth Band	Newbiggin-by-the-Sea
Newbiggin Colliery Band	Newbiggin-by-the-Sea
Newbottle Colliery Band	Newbottle
New Brancepeth Colliery	Brancepeth
Newbrough Band	Newbrough
Newcastle and Gateshead Railway Band	Newcastle
Newcastle Brown Ale Band	Chester-le-Street
Newcastle City Police Band	Newcastle
Newcastle Corporation Transport Band	Newcastle
Newcastle East End Band	Newcastle
Newcastle Industrial (Engineers) Band	Newcastle
Newcastle Locomotive Works Band	Newcastle
Newcastle People's Band	Newcastle
Newcastle Royal Brass Band	Newcastle
Newcastle Tramways Band	Newcastle

New Central Band
 New Herrington Colliery Band
 New Malton Town Band
 New Marske Band
 New Marske Silver Prize Band
 Newton Aycliffe Town Band
 New York and District Band
 Norham Village Band
 Northallerton and District Silver Band
 Northallerton Band
 Northallerton Borough Band
 Northallerton Temperance Band
 North East Industries Band
 North Ormesby Band
 North Seaton Colliery Band
 North Seaton Workmen's Band
 North Shields and District Band
 North Shields N.E.R. Band
 North Skelton and District Band
 North Skelton Band
 North Skelton (British Steel) Band
 North Skelton Concert Band
 Northumbria Police Band
 Northumbrian Water Ellington Colliery Band
 Norton Brass Band
 Norton-on-Tees Coronation Band
 NSF (Coal Products) Band

Ashington
 Herrington
 Malton
 Marske
 Marske
 Newton Aycliffe
 New York
 Norham
 Northallerton
 Northallerton
 Northallerton
 Northallerton
 Northallerton
 Shildon
 Middlesbrough
 Ashington
 Ashington
 North Shields
 North Shields
 North Skelton
 North Skelton
 North Skelton
 North Skelton
 North Skelton
 Gateshead
 Ellington
 Norton
 Norton
 Fishburn

Q

Oakenshaw Brass Band
 Osmotherley Band
 Osmotherley Silver Jubilee Band
 Oughterside & District
 Ouston Colliery Band
 Ovington Prize Brass Band
 Ovington Tynedale Band

Brancepeth
 Osmotherley
 Osmotherley
 Oughterside
 Ouston
 Ovington
 Ovington

P

Palmer's Naval Band
 Palmer's Prize Band
 Patchogue Plymouth AMOCO Band
 Pease's West Colliery Band
 Pegswood Colliery Band
 Pelaw Colliery Band
 Pelton Colliery Band

Jarrow
 Jarrow
 Crookhall
 Crook
 Pegswood
 Chester-le-Street
 Pelton Fell

Pelton Fell Colliery Band
Pelton Fell Methodist Band
Penrith Brass Band
Penrith Town Band
Penshaw Colliery Band
Percy Main N.E.R. Band
Philadelphia Colliery Band
Pica Brass Band
Pickering Band
Pittington Brass
Pride Valley Brass
Primo Windows Grimsby Band
Prudhoe Colliery Band

Pelton Fell
Pelton Fell
Penrith
Penrith
Penshaw
Percy Main
Philadelphia
Pica
Pickering
Pittington
Silksworth
Grimsby
Prudhoe

Q

Quarrington Hill Temperance Band
Quebec and Hamsteels Band

Quarrington Hill
Quebec

R

Radcliffe and Pilkington Public Brass Band
Radcliffe Colliery Band
Radcliffe Netherton Band
Rainton Band
Ravensworth Colliery Band
Redcar Rolling Mills Band
Redcar Steelworks Band
Redheugh Colliery Band
Reeth Brass Band
Reg Vardy Band
Richmond Silver Band
Rillington Band
Ripon City Band
Ripon Excelsior Band
Rise Carr Rolling Mills Band
Rising Star Lifeboat Crew Band
Rising Sun Colliery Band
Rookhope Band
Rosedale "Blue Ribbon" Temperance Band
Rosedale Brass Band
Rosedale Temperance Band
Rough Lea Colliery Band
Rowlands Gill Band
Rowntrees Band
Rye Hill Mission Band
Ryhope Colliery Band

Radcliffe
Radcliffe
Radcliffe
Rainton
Ravensworth
Redcar
Redcar
Gateshead
Reeth
Stanley
Richmond
Rillington
Ripon
Ripon
Darlington
Barrow-in-Furness
Wallsend
Rookhope
Rosedale Abbey
Rosedale Abbey
Rosedale Abbey
Hunwick
Rowlands Gill
York
Slaley
Ryhope

Ryton and Prudhoe Methodist Circuit Brass Band

Ryton

S

Sacriston Colliery Band	Sacriston
Saint Andrews Band	North Shields
St Bees Brass Band	St Bees
St Hilda Colliery Band	South Shields
St John's Church Mission Brass Band	Workington
St Paul's Brass Band	York
Salem Mission Band	North Shields
Scarborough Borough Prize Band	Scarborough
Scarborough Rifles Band	Scarborough
Scarborough Town Band	Scarborough
Scotswood Band	Newcastle
Scotswood Temperance Band	Newcastle
Seaham Colliery Band	Seaham
Seaham Ex-Sailors and Soldiers Band	Seaham
Seaham Harbour Bottle Works Band	Seaham
Seaham Harbour Catholic Band	Seaham
Seaham Harbour Town Band	Seaham
Seaham Philharmonic	Seaham
Seaham Town Band	Seaham
Seaham Volunteer Band	Seaham
Seaton Burn Colliery Band	Seaton Burn
Seaton Delaval Colliery Band	Seaton Delaval
Seaton Hirst Excelsior Band	Ashington
Seaton Silver Band	Seaton
Sedbergh Town Band	Sedbergh
Seghill Temperance Band	Seghill
Selby Rifle Volunteer Band	Selby
Selby Shipyard Band	Selby
Selby Town Band	Selby
Settle Brass Band	Settle
Shap Silver Band	Shap
Shepherd Group Brass Band	York
Sherburn Hill Colliery Band	Sherburn Hill
Shilbottle Colliery Band	Shilbottle
Shildon British Railway Band	Shildon
Shildon LNER Works Band	Shildon
Shildon Saxhorn Band	Shildon
Shildon Town Band	Shildon
Shildon Wesleyan Band	Shildon
Shiney Row and District Silver Prize Band	Shiney Row
Shotton Colliery Band	Shotton Colliery
Shotton Model Silver Band	Shotton Colliery
Silksworth Colliery Band	Silksworth
Silloth Artillery Brass Band	Silloth
Sissons Bros Band	Hull

Skelton Old Band	Skelton
Skelton Volunteer Band	Skelton
Skinningrove Band	Skinningrove
Skipton Brass	Skipton
Sleetburn Colliery Band	Brancepeth
Smith's Dock Brass Band	North Shields
South Bank Band	Middlesbrough
South Cave Subscription Silver Band	South Cave
South Derwent Colliery Band	Annfield Plain
South Durham Industries Band	Shildon
South Milford Brass	South Milford
South Moor Colliery Silver Prize Band	South Moor
South Shields Borough Band	South Shields
South Shields Corporation Transport Band	South Shields
South Shields Garibaldi Band	South Shields
South Shields Harmonic Band	South Shields
South Shields Model Band	South Shields
South Shields People's Mission Band	South Shields
South Shields Police Band	South Shields
South Shields Temperance Band	South Shields
Southwick Public Works Band	Sunderland
Spencer's Steel Works Band	Newcastle
Spennymoor and Whitworth Band	Spennymoor
Spennymoor Brass Band	Spennymoor
Spennymoor Silver Model Band	Spennymoor
Spennymoor Sons of Temperance Band	Spennymoor
Spennymoor Town Band	Spennymoor
Staindrop Band	Staindrop
Stanhope Silver Band	Stanhope
Stanley Colliery Band	Stanley
Stanley Methodist Mission Band	Stanley
Stape Silver Band	Stape
Starbeck Brass Band	Harrogate
Staveley Silver Band	Staveley
Staveley Volunteers Band	Staveley
Stella Collieries Workmen's Band	Blaydon
Stockton Borough Band	Stockton-on-Tees
Stockton Catholic Band	Stockton-on-Tees
Stockton Druids Band	Stockton-on-Tees
Stockton Home Guard Band	Stockton-on-Tees
Stockton Malleable Works and Institute Band	Stockton-on-Tees
Stockton Model Band	Stockton-on-Tees
Stockton Municipal Band	Stockton-on-Tees
Stockton Simonettes Volunteer Band	Stockton-on-Tees
Summerbridge and Dacre Band	Summerbridge and Dacre
Sunderland Borough Band	Sunderland
Sunderland Borough Police Band	Sunderland
Sunderland British Legion Band	Sunderland
Sunderland Highways Silver Prize Band	Sunderland
Sunderland Naval Band	Sunderland

Sunderland Shipbuilders Band
 Sunderland Transport Band
 Sunderland Youth International Concert Band
 Sunnyside Colliery Band
 Sunnybrow Colliery Band
 Swainby Village Band
 Swalwell Band
 Swan Hunter and Whigham Richardson Band
 Swan Hunter Band
 Swinton and District Excelsior Band

Sunderland
 Sunderland
 Sunderland
 Tow Law
 Willington
 Swainby
 Swalwell
 Wallsend
 Wallsend
 Swinton

T

Tanfield Lea Colliery Band
 Tavistock Chester-le-Street Riverside Band
 Teams Euphonic Brass Band
 Teesside Brass
 Teesside Bridge Engineering Band
 Teesside Constabulary Band
 Teesside Temperance Band
 Theakston Wakeman Brass
 Thirsk and District Royal British Legion Band
 Thirsk and Sowerby Prize Silver Band
 Thornaby Borough Band
 Thornaby District Soldiers Band
 Thornaby Iron Works Band
 Thornaby People's Mission Band
 Thornaby Temperance Band
 Thornley Colliery Band
 Throckley Colliery Band
 Tow Law Colliery Band
 Tow Law Wesleyan Band
 Trimdon Concert Brass Band
 Tudhoe Colliery Band
 Twizell Colliery Band
 Tynedale Band
 Tyne Dock and Jarrow Temperance Band
 Tyne Dock Temperance Band
 Tynemouth Royal and Union Band

Tanfield Lea
 Chester-le-Street
 Gateshead
 North Skelton
 Middlesbrough
 Middlesbrough
 North Skelton
 Ripon
 Thirsk
 Thirsk
 Thornaby
 Thornaby
 Thornaby
 Thornaby
 Thornaby
 Thornley
 Throckley
 Tow Law
 Tow Law
 Trimdon
 Tudhoe
 Grange Villa
 Tynedale
 South Shields
 South Shields
 Tynemouth

U

Ulverston Town Band
 United Christian Army Band
 Upleatham Mines Band
 Upper Weardale Band
 Urpeth Colliery Band

Ulverston
 Malton
 Upleatham
 Weardale
 Urpeth

Ushaw Moor Colliery Band
Usworth Colliery Band

Ushaw Moor
Usworth

V

Vale of Lyvennet Silver Band
Vane Tempest Colliery Band
Vaux Samson Band
Vickers Armstrong Works Band
Victory Pit Crookhall Colliery Band

Vale of Lyvennet
Vane Tempest
Silksworth
Barrow-in-Furness
Crookhall

W

Walker Neptune Band
Walker's Brass Band
Wallsend Borough Band
Wallsend Colliery Band
Wallsend Shipyard Band
Wansbeck's Ashington Colliery Band
Wardley Colliery Band
Warrenby Brass Band
Warwickbridge Band
Washington and District Band
Washington Colliery Band
Washington F Pit Band
Washington Glebe Colliery Band
Washington Welfare Band
Weardale Band
Wellington Silver Band
Wellington Street Mission Band
Wesleyan Mission (Victoria Bar) Band
West Auckland and St Helens Silver Band
West Auckland and St Helens Temperance Band
West Auckland Town Band
Westgate Hall Methodist Church Silver Band
West Hartlepool Borough Band
West Hartlepool Mission Band
West Hartlepool Old Operatic Prize Silver Band
West Hull Excelsior Silver Band
West Hull Prize Band
Westoe Brass Band
West Pelton Colliery Band
West Pelton Volunteers Band
Westside Town Band
Wheatley Hill Colliery Band
Whickham Brass Band
Whickham Colliery Band

Newcastle
York
Wallsend
Wallsend
Wallsend
Wallsend
Wallsend
Wardley
Warrenby
Warwick Bridge
Washington
Washington
Washington
Washington
Washington
Washington
Weardale
North Shields
North Shields
York
Bishop Auckland
Bishop Auckland
Bishop Auckland
Newcastle
Hartlepool
Hartlepool
Hartlepool
Hull
Hull
South Shields
Pelton Fell
Pelton Fell
Stockton-on-Tees
Wheatley Hill
Whickham
Whickham

Whitbread Castle Eden Band
 Whitburn Colliery Band
 Whitehaven Brass Band
 Whitworth and Spennymoor Band
 Whitworth Band
 Whorlton Brass Band
 Willington Colliery Band
 Willington Orchestral Silver Band
 Willington Silver Prize Band
 Willington Temperance Band
 Windlestone Colliery Band
 Wingate Colliery Band
 Wingate Grange Band
 Winlaton Brass Band
 Witton Village Band
 Wolsingham Band
 Wolsingham Steel Works Band
 Woodhorn Colliery Band
 Woodland Colliery Band
 Wooler Band
 Workington Analine Band
 Workington Discharged Sailors Band
 Workington Town Band
 Wrawby Band
 Wylam Colliery Band

Consett
 Whitburn
 Whitehaven
 Spennymoor
 Spennymoor
 Whorlton
 Willington
 Willington
 Willington
 Willington
 Chilton
 Wingate
 Wingate
 Winlaton
 Witton-le-Wear
 Wolsingham
 Wolsingham
 Woodhorn
 Woodland
 Wooler
 Workington
 Workington
 Workington
 Wrawby
 Wylam

Y

Yarm and District Band
 York Amateur Brass Band
 York and District Mission Band
 York City Brass Band
 York Excelsior Band
 York Home Guard Silver Band
 York Model Band
 York Operatic Brass Band
 York Postal Band
 York Railway Institute Band
 York Railway Institute Golden Rail Brass Band
 York Tramways Band

Yarm
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Appendix I

A Musical Prize Fight – by Charles Dickens

An Account of the Brass Band Contest at Lofthouse, Friday September 30th, 1859 (abridged)

From “All the Year Round” – Saturday 12th November 1859

A favourable specimen of a moorland village in the hills, is Lofthouse, in Cleveland, about half way between Redcar and Whitby. Attracted by a handbill advertisement of a “Grand Village Band Contest” at this place, on Friday, September 30, 1859, I procured a dog-cart at Redcar; and was driven over the greatest part of the way, like the hero of Lammermoor, along the sands, but with not quite such a melancholy result.

The usual plan of band-approach appeared to be, to stop about two hundred yards outside the houses, and then to tramp in, playing a defiant march. Upon drawing up before the Golden Lion, the players formed a circle, and finished off with another defiant tune, which seemed to say all Lofthouse, “We are Farndale; beat that if you can!”

I now give the rules and the programme, as they were given in excellent print to me:

REGULATIONS

“That the district shall embrace all villages within a distance of thirty miles. That each band intending to compete shall consist of not more than fourteen members, each member having been enrolled in the said band at least three months before contesting. That each band shall have the privilege of choosing one piece of music, the other to be selected by the judge. That no professional shall be allowed to play with any band”

LOFTHOUSE GRAND VILLAGE BAND CONTEST

N.B. Placards announcing the name of each band, as they play, will be displayed upon the platform; reference then can be made to the programme. The order of playing will be decided previously by drawing lots.

PROGRAMME

Test piece, to be played by each of the bands – “Grand Parade March” – *Jones*

AISLABY BRASS BAND, 9 Performers, Leader, Mr. R Corney
Selection: “La Somnambula” – *Bellini*

BILSDALE BRASS BAND, 12 Performers, Leader, Mr. W. Hart
Selection: “Twelfth Mass” – *Mozart*

FARNDALE BRASS BAND, 11 Performers, Leader, Mr. Potter.
Selection: "Lucrezia Borgia" – *Donizetti*

GUISBORO' BRASS BAND, 12 Performers, Leader, Mr. Bannister,
Selection: "Il Trovatore" – *Verdi*

LOFTHOUSE SAX-HORN BAND, 10 Performers, Leader, Mr. J. Walter
Hallelujah Chorus – *Handel's Messiah*

The contest will commence at one o'clock. The first three of the bands were what is called "moor-bands" that is, a troop of performers collected in a straggling district of cottages, extending from ten to twenty miles, the inhabitants of which have proportionately few opportunities for practising music together. The Guisboro' band has the good fortune to come from a town that boasts a railway terminus, and which can scarcely be called a village while the Lofthouse Sax-horn company was the only strictly "village" band that was entered for the musical contest.

At length the time approached for the musical struggle, and the order was given to desert the rum glass and the ale-can, and to march to the meadow, where the judge and the orchestra were ready. This was done in noble style, each band of performers playing its own favourite march, in its own favourite way, and being headed by its own favourite vivandieres.

The excitement when the prizes were declared to be awarded in the following rotation

Lofthouse	First
Guisboro'	Second
Farndale	Third
Bilsdale	Fourth
Aislaby	Last

Was sufficient to show that the cudgels and the wrestling ring had not altogether been exchanged for the harp; and the cheers and groans were sufficiently loud and antagonistic to warrant the presence of police officers, who had come from every village within twenty miles

The final musical assault of the day was the triumphal return of the five bands, in order of their adjudged excellence, to the devoted and expectant Golden Lion, where all the dirty glasses and mugs of the morning had been washed for the afternoon, and where fresh barrels of ale were set under groaning machines to satisfy alike the demands of the victor and the vanquished.

Appendix II

Brass Bands on Alston Moor

From Joseph Pearson's Diary 1849 –1870 (Postman in Alston)

24 August 1849 – Mr Cooke's Procession driving 16 horses in 8 pairs attached to the carriage containing the Brass Band (Seems to have been a pageant rather than a circus; it returned in 1857)

3rd June 1851 – Musical instruments for the new band arrived at the Raise.

7th June 1851 – Distributed to the Members on Saturday

11th July 1851 – The Friendly Society of Druids held their Annual Meeting and Dinner and the first Walk for 7 years, the officers 6 in number rode in a gig dressed in Gown, Cap and Turban and beards and preceded by a band of music from Weardale.

28th August 1851 – St. Augustine's Day (Alston Church dedicated to St. Augustine). The new Infant School opened by a procession of Color and Band, Clergy, Singers, Infants, Trades people. Excellent tea for 1/-, concluding with brilliant fireworks'

2nd January 1852 – Musical Concert at the Crown Inn, the proceeds of which go to liquidate the expense of a teacher for the New Band.

5th January 1852 – (The opening of the railway to Alston including gifts for the poor) the 10 Carts of Coals were preceded by the Band to the Lockup, where the Band stood in front till the Coals were tip't or emptied then the carts returned for more.

14th June 1852 – Monday, Alston Band on a visit to Haltwhistle, Rose Hill (Greenhead), Brampton, etc., returned on Wednesday the 16th

30th July 1852 – (Election celebrations held on Cross Fell) there were 4 or 5 Bands of Music and 4 or 5 thousand persons of all trades and grades from M.P.s to sweeps and beggars. The Alston and Garrigill Bands both with flags played the M.P.s from the Gentlemens Well to the summit, playing alternately amid thousands which made a most imposing effect.

1st January 1853 – New Year's Day. The town and neighbourhood paraded and visited by the New Band and the new flute band

18th May 1853 – Oddfellows, Druids and Forresters Walk and Dinner held at Penrith when the Alston Band for the Oddfellows bore away the Palm. The Garrigill band next in praise. The Cavalry Band for the Forresters being the worst of the three.

26th August 1854 - Alston Band on a visit to Newcastle.

25th August 1855 – The Miners Cheap Trip to Newcastle leaving Alston ½ past 7. Arrived Newcastle ¼ before 10. The Alston Band accompanying the train which had on board about 400 persons.

18th June 1858 – The Band Contest – 7 Band of Music met at Alston. Alston Band at the Angel Inn, Allendale Town band at the Golden Lion, Warwickbridge at the Blue Bell, Dufton at the Greyhound, Haydonbridge at the Sun, Nenthead at the Globe, Weardale at the Queen's Head

To play for £50. The judges from Leeds and Stockton. Allendale Town Band all Brass, and Alston Town reeds, the judges being unable to determine the superiority took the first prize £25 and the second £14 between them, in all £39. Weardale Band £7. Nenthead Band £4

Appendix III

National Contest Successes “In the Frame”

Backworth Band

2009 – Butlins Mineworkers – Fourth Section – 3rd Place (D. Beckley)

Barnard Castle

2006 – National Championships – Fourth Section – 4th Place (G. Hutchinson)

Barrow Shipyard

1921 – British Open – 2nd Place (J. Greenwood)

1943 – British Open – 5th Place (H. Sutcliffe)

1947 – British Open – 4th Place (H. Sutcliffe)

2003 – National Championships – First Section – 6th Place (J. Durrant)

Barton Town

2007 – Pontins – Third Section – 3rd Place (G. Oglesby)

2008 – National Championships – Second Section – 3rd Place (R. Evans)

Bearpark and Esh Colliery

1990 – Mineworkers – Third Section – 5th Place (J. Foxcroft)

1991 – Mineworkers – Fourth Section – 4th Place (J. Foxcroft)

BHK (UK) Horden

2003 – National Championships – First Section – 1st Place (J.W. Beddell)

2003 – Pontins – First Section – 6th Place (P. Parkes)

2003 – Butlins Mineworkers – First Section – 1st Place (W. Beddell)

2005 - Senior Trophy – 6th Place (P. Parkes)

2006 - Senior Trophy – 5th Place (N. Law)

Blackhall Colliery Band

1938 – National Championships – Championship Section – 5th Place (N. Thorpe)

Boldon Colliery Band

1983 – Mineworkers – Fourth Section – 2nd Place (G. Rowell)

1984 – National Championships – Fourth Section – 1st Place (G. Rowell)

1992 – Mineworkers – Second Section – 5th Place (S. Malcolm)

Brancepeth Colliery Band

1955 – National Championships – Fourth Section – 1st Place (J. Ainsley)

British Steel Teesside

1995 – Pontins – Championship Section – 3rd Place (J. Roberts)

1997 – Grand Shield – 5th Place (D. Broadbent)

Broughtons Band

1995 – Mineworkers – Second Section – 2nd Place (B. Holden)

Cargo Fleet Steel Works

1963 – National Championships – Fourth Section – 1st Place (A. Rutherford)

1970 – National Championships – Third Section – 1st Place (A. Rutherford)

1971 – Senior Trophy – 3rd Place (A. Rutherford)

Carlisle St Stephen

1926 – National Championships – Championship Section – 2nd Place (W. Lowes)

1927 – National Championships – Championship Section – 1st Place (W. Lowes)

1928 – National Championships – Championship Section – 3rd Place (W. Lowes)

1929 – National Championships – Championship Section – 1st Place (W. Lowes)

1929 – British Open – 3rd Place (W. Lowes)

1930 – British Open – 4th Place (W. Lowes)

1932 – National Championships – Championship Section – 5th Place (W. Lowes)

City of Hull Band

1992 – National Championships – Second Section – 1st Place (R. Childs)

Cottingham Band

1995 – Pontins – Third Section – 5th Place (R. Grantham)

1996 – National Championships – Third Section – 4th Place (R. Grantham)

1997 – National Championships – Second Section – 4th Place (R. Grantham)

Cowpen and Crofton Band

1974 – Mineworkers – Fourth Section – 4th Place (J.R. Carr)

1979 – Mineworkers – Third Section – 1st Place

1980 – Mineworkers – Second Section – 2nd Place

Craghead Colliery Band

1966 – National Championships – Championship Section – 5th Place (E. Cunningham)

Crookhall Colliery Band

1961 – National Championships – Championship Section – 5th Place (W. Hargreaves)

Dearham Band

1973 – Mineworkers – Third Section – 2nd Place

2003 – Butlins Mineworkers – Third Section – 1st Place (M. Condron)

Durham Colliery Mechanics

1981 – Mineworkers – Third Section – 3rd Place

Durham Constabulary

1972 – Senior Cup – 6th Place (J. Winning)

Easington Colliery Band

1988 – Mineworkers – Championship Section – 6th Place (D. James)

1992 – Mineworkers – First Section – 3rd Place (B. Holden)

1993 – Mineworkers – First Section – 3rd Place (R. Curran)

1994 – Mineworkers – First Section – 3rd Place (R. Curran)

2003 – Butlins Mineworkers – First Section – 6th Place (S. Gray)

Ellington Colliery

1952 – National Championships – Fourth Section – 1st Place (J. Greenwood)

1957 – National Championships – Third Section – 1st Place (W.S. Bond)

1980 – Mineworkers – Fourth Section – 1st Place

1982 – Mineworkers – Third Section – 3rd Place

1983 – Mineworkers – Third Section – 5th Place (D. Dye)

1986 – Mineworkers – Third Section – 2nd Place

1987 – Mineworkers – Third Section – 4th Place (M. Priestley)

1992 – Mineworkers – Second Section – 4th Place (M. Priestley)

1994 – Mineworkers – Second Section – 2nd Place (K. MacDonald)

Esh Colliery Band

1956 – National Championships – Fourth Section – 1st Place (J. Atherton)

1975 – Senior Trophy – 1st Place (W. Partington)

Ever Ready Band

- 1973 – National Championships – Championship Section – 6th Place (E. Cunningham)
- 1976 – National Championships – Championship Section – 4th Place (E. Cunningham)
- 1977 – British Open – 5th Place (G. Thompson)
- 1982 – National Championships – Championship Section – 5th Place (R. Payne)
- 1982 – British Open – 5th Place (E. Cunningham)
- 1987 – British Open – 4th Place (E. Cunningham)
- 1988 – National Championships – Championship Section – 6th Place (P. Parkes)
- 1997 – National Championships – Championship Section – 5th Place (S. Roberts)
- 1998 – Grand Shield – 5th Place (N. Childs)
- 1998 – Pontins – Championship Section – 5th Place (N. Childs)
- 2001 – Grand Shield – 2nd Place (R. Farr)
- 2003 – Butlins Mineworkers – Championship Section – 4th Place (R. Farr)
- 2003 – Brass in Concert Championship – 3rd Place (R. Farr)
- 2004 – National Championships – Championship Section – 3rd Place (R. Farr)
- 2004 – Brass in Concert Championship – 4th Place (R. Farr)
- 2005 – Brass in Concert Championship – 4th Place (R. Farr)
- 2006 – English Nationals – 6th Place (R. Farr)
- 2006 – Brass in Concert Championship – 6th Place (R. Farr)

EYMS Band

- 1995 – National Championships – First Section – 3rd Place (N. Childs)
- 1997 – Grand Shield – 6th Place (A. Snell)
- 2002 – Senior Cup – 1st Place (G. Pritchard)
- 2006 – Pontins – Championship Section – 5th Place (J. Davies)
- 2006 – Senior Cup – 6th Place (J. Davies)
- 2007 – Senior Cup – 5th Place (J. Davies)
- 2008 – Senior Cup – 1st Place (F. Violet)
- 2009 – Butlins Mineworkers – Championship Section – 5th Place (J. Katsikaris)

Felling Band

- 2003 – Butlins Mineworkers – Second Section – 3rd Place (G. Tindell)

Fishburn Band

- 1972 – National Championships – Fourth Section – 1st Place (J. Foxcroft)
- 1972 – Mineworkers – Third Section – 2nd Place
- 1972 – Senior Trophy – 2nd Place (J. Foxcroft)
- 1973 – Mineworkers – Third Section – 3rd Place
- 1974 – Senior Trophy – 3rd Place (J. Foxcroft)
- 1985 – Mineworkers – Championship Section – 3rd Place

1988 – Mineworkers – Championship Section – 5th Place (R. Payne)
1989 – Mineworkers – Championship Section – 5th Place (R. Curran)
1990 – Mineworkers – Championship Section – 5th Place (R. Curran)
1993 – Mineworkers – Championship Section – 4th Place (I. Robinson)
1995 – Mineworkers – Championship Section – 4th Place (I. Robinson)
1997 – Pontins – Championship Section – 4th Place (I. Robinson)
2002 – Grand Shield – 6th Place (G. O'Connor)
2003 – Grand Shield – 4th Place (G. O'Connor)
2003 – Pontins – Championship Section – 3rd Place (G. O'Connor)
2003 – Scottish Open – 6th Place (G. O'Connor)
2005 – Pontins – Championship Section – 3rd Place (C. Bentham)
2005 – Scottish Open – 1st Place (R. Farr)
2006 – Scottish Open – 5th Place (R. Gray)
2008 – Scottish Open – 4th Place (A. Morrison)
2009 – Grand Shield – 5th Place (A. Morrison)

Flookburgh Band

1994 – National Championships – Third Section – 5th Place (A. Lewis)
2007 – National Championships – Fourth Section – 6th Place (J. Iveson)
2008 – National Championships – Third Section – 6th Place (J. Iveson)

Greggs Bakery

1988 – National Championships – Second Section – 3rd Place (J. Shepherd)

Grimsby Band

1970 - Senior Trophy – 2nd Place (G. Benson)
1971 - Senior Trophy – 5th Place (J. Benson)

GT Group Peterlee Band

1985 – Mineworkers – Fourth Section – 3rd Place
1988 – Mineworkers – Third Section – 5th Place (S. MacDonald)
1992 – Mineworkers – Third Section – 1st Place (S. MacDonald)
1994 – Mineworkers – Third Section – 4th Place (T. Maddison)
1995 – Mineworkers – Third Section – 1st Place (T. Maddison)
1999 – National Championships – Second Section – 6th Place (T. Maddison)
2003 – Butlins Mineworkers – Second Section – 6th Place (B. Holden)
2005 – Butlins Mineworkers – Second Section – 5th Place (B. Holden)

Harrogate Band

1992 – National Championships – Third Section – 5th Place (P. Wells)
2006 - Senior Trophy – 6th Place (D. Lancaster)

Harton Colliery Band

1915 – British Open – 5th Place (G. Hawkins)
1919 – British Open – 1st Place (G. Hawkins)

1924 – British Open – 3rd Place (G. Hawkins)
1927 – National Championships – Championship Section – 4th Place (J. Greenwood)
1928 – National Championships – Championship Section – 2nd Place (W. Halliwell)
1930 – National Championships – Championship Section – 5th Place (W. Halliwell)
1932 – National Championships – Championship Section – 6th Place (W. Lowes)
1933 – National Championships – Championship Section – 6th Place (W. Lowes)
1934 – National Championships – Championship Section – 3rd Place (W. Lowes)
1936 – National Championships – Championship Section – 4th Place (W. Lowes)
1947 – National Championships – Championship Section – 6th Place (J. Atherton)
1948 – National Championships – Championship Section – 6th Place (J. Atherton)

Hebburn Colliery Band

1904 – National Championships – Championship Section – 1st Place (A. Holden}
1905 – National Championships – Championship Section – 6th Place {A. Holden}

Hetton Silver Band

1947 – National Championships – Second Section – 1st Place (G. Scorer)
1961 – National Championships – Fourth Section – 1st Place (G. Scorer)
1994 – Mineworkers – Third Section – 1st Place (B. Wright)
1995 – Mineworkers – Third Section – 4th Place (G. Kitto)
2003 – Butlins Mineworkers – Third Section – 5th Place (K. Wheatley)
2005 – Butlins Mineworkers – Third Section – 5th Place (K. Wheatley)

Horden Colliery

1931 – National Championships – Championship Section – 2nd Place (J. Forster)
1945 – National Championships – Championship Section – 2nd Place (W. Lowes)
1949 – British Open – 5th Place (D. Scoins)
1991 – Mineworkers – Fourth Section – 3rd Place (F. Smallwood)
1992 – Mineworkers – Fourth Section – 3rd Place (F. Smallwood)
1993 – Mineworkers – Fourth Section – 4th Place (F. Smallwood)
1994 – National Championships – Fourth Section – 4th Place (A. Morrison)
1994 – Mineworkers – Fourth Section – 5th Place (N. Walker)
1995 – Mineworkers – Fourth Section – 3rd Place

Houghton Brass

2003 – National Championships – Second Section – 6th Place (T. Gibson)

Kirkky Londale Band

1995 – National Championships – Fourth Section – 6th Place (A. Greenwood)

Kirkbymoorside Band

2008 – National Championships – First Section – 3rd Place (J. Woodward)

Langbaurgh Brass

1999 – National Championships – Third Section – 4th Place (T. Oldroyd)

2000 – Pontins – Third Section – 4th Place (T. Oldroyd)

2001 – National Championships – Third Section – 4th Place (T. Oldroyd)

2001 – Pontins – Third Section – 1st Place (T. Oldroyd)

2002 – National Championships – Second Section – 5th Place (T. Oldroyd)

2003 – National Championships – Second Section – 4th Place (T. Oldroyd)

Lockwood Brass

2003 – National Championships – Fourth Section – 5th Place (N. Barnes)

2003 - Pontins – Fourth Section – 4th Place (N. Barnes)

2004 – National Championships – Third Section – 3rd Place (R. Grantham)

Lynemouth Colliery

1974 – Mineworkers – Third Section – 4th Place (R. Hoskin)

1987 – Mineworkers – Fourth Section – 1st Place (D. Noble)

Marsden Colliery Band

1924 – National Championships – Championship Section – 6th Place (J. Greenwood)

1925 – National Championships – Championship Section – 1st Place (J. Greenwood)

Murton Colliery Band

1973 – Mineworkers – Fourth Section – 2nd Place

1995 – Mineworkers – Fourth Section – 4th Place (J. Bell)

2005 – Butlins Mineworkers – Third Section – 6th Place (D. Noble)

NASUWT Riverside Band

2009 - Senior Trophy – 2nd Place (I. Robinson)

Newbiggin Colliery Band

1991 – Mineworkers – Third Section – 6th Place (W. English)

1992 – Mineworkers – Third Section – 5th Place (D. Wright)

1993 – Mineworkers – Third Section – 4th Place (D. Wright)

Newcastle Brown Ale Band

1982 – Senior Cup – 1st Place (A. Hope)

North Skelton Band

1975 – National Championships – Fourth Section – 1st Place (K. Robinson)

1975 - Senior Trophy – 5th Place (K. Robinson)

Northumbria Police Band

1975 – National Championships – Second Section – 1st Place (S. MacDonald)

1992 – National Championships – First Section – 6th Place (D. Hirst)

Pegswood Band

1974 – Mineworkers – Second Section – 1st Place (F. Feltell)

1992 – Mineworkers – Fourth Section – 4th Place (L. Wills)

1993 – Mineworkers – Fourth Section – 3rd Place (L. Wills)

Pelton Fell Workmen's Band

1968 – National Championships – Third Section – 1st Place (G. Holden)

Reg Vardy Band

2006 – English Nationals – 6th Place (R. Farr)

2008 – Grand Shield – 6th Place (A. Ramsey)

Rowntrees Band

1992 – National Championships – Second Section – 6th Place (D. Warley)

Ryhope Colliery Band

1983 – Mineworkers – Fourth Section – 5th Place (J. Bell)

1985 – Mineworkers – Third Section – 3rd Place

1989 – Mineworkers – Fourth Section – 5th Place (M. Humphrey)

Sacriston Colliery

1981 – Mineworkers – Fourth Section – 3rd Place

St Hilda Colliery

1912 – National Championships – Championship Section – 1st Place (W. Halliwell)

1912 – British Open – 2nd Place (W. Halliwell)

1913 – National Championships – Championship Section – 2nd Place (W. Halliwell)

1913 – British Open – 6th Place (W. Halliwell)

1919 – British Open – 3rd Place (W. Halliwell)

1920 – National Championships – Championship Section – 1st Place (W. Halliwell)

1921 – National Championships – Championship Section – 1st Place (W. Halliwell)

1922 – National Championships – Championship Section – 4th Place (W. Halliwell)

1923 – National Championships – Championship Section – 4th Place (W. Halliwell)

1924 – National Championships – Championship Section – 1st Place (W. Halliwell)

1925 – National Championships – Championship Section – 5th Place (W. Halliwell)

1926 – National Championships – Championship Section – 1st Place (W. Halliwell)

1926 – British Open – 3rd Place (W. Halliwell)

Silksworth Colliery Band

1982 – National Championships – Third Section – 1st Place (W. Davison)

1983 – Mineworkers – Second Section – 1st Place (W. Davison)

South Moor Colliery

1909 – National Championships – Championship Section – 5th Place (A. Holden)

1912 – National Championships – Championship Section – 6th Place (A. Holden)

1925 – National Championships – Championship Section – 3rd Place (J.C. Dyson)

Spencer's Steelworks Band

1910 – National Championships – Championship Section – 3rd Place (W. Halliwell)

1911 – National Championships – Championship Section – 6th Place (W. Halliwell)

Stanhope Silver Band

1964 – National Championships – Fourth Section – 1st Place (J. Woodhall)

Stape Silver Band

1996 – Pontins – Fourth Section – 3rd Place (M. Breckon)

1997 – Pontins – Fourth Section – 2nd Place (M. Breckon)

Sunderland Borough Band

1975 - Senior Trophy – 2nd Place (J. Lumsden)

Sunderland Concert Band

1972 – National Championships – 3rd Section – 4th Place (E. Camsey)

Trimdon Concert Band

2003 – Butlins Mineworkers – Fourth Section – 6th Place (A. Holmes)

Vickers Barrow Band

1995 – Pontins – First Section – 6th Place (W. H. Maginn)

Wansbecks Ashington Band

1988 – Mineworkers – Second Section – 4th Place (G. Higginbottom)

2003 – Butlins Mineworkers – Third Section – 4th Place (N. Steadman)

2007 – Butlins Mineworkers – Second Section – 4th Place (N. Steadman)

Washington Welfare Band

1992 – Mineworkers – Third Section – 5th Place (G. Rowell)

Westoe (STHCT) Band

1990 – Mineworkers – Fourth Section – 4th Place (P. Gomersall)

1993 – Mineworkers – Fourth Section – 2nd Place (P. Gomersall)

1994 – Mineworkers – Fourth Section – 2nd Place (P. Gomersall)

1999 – Pontins – Third Section – 2nd Place (C. Bentham)

Whitworth and Spennymoor

1974 – Mineworkers – Third Section – 2nd Place (D. Young)

Woodhorn Colliery Band

1954 – National Championships – Fourth Section – 1st Place (A. Locker)

Workington Town

1934 – National Championships – Championship Section – 6th Place (R. Hutchinson)

1968 – National Championships – Fourth Section – 1st Place (W. Petrie)

Yarm & District Band

1997 – National Championships – Third Section – 4th Place (T. Oldroyd)

1999 – National Championships – Second Section – 4th Place (M. Sidwell)