

# Musical Director Vacancy

## Hook Norton Brass Band

Hook Norton Brass Band is seeking a new **Musical Director** as our current MD steps down after twelve successful years.

We are a friendly, ambitious community brass band based near Banbury, Oxfordshire. The band is in excellent health, with a strong player base, close links with local communities and a secure financial position. Although only contesting once per year, the **Main Band** plays to a high standard; with many members playing regularly for other bands across all sections, we enjoy working on challenging repertoire alongside our varied concert programmes.

We also run thriving **Development and Starter Bands**, providing opportunities for players at every stage of their musical journey and natural progression up to the Main Band.

### The Opportunity

We recognise that Musical Directors bring different strengths and ambitions, so the exact shape of the role can be discussed with the successful applicant.

We welcome applications from candidates interested in:

- Directing the Main Band only, with other conductors leading the Development and Starter Bands; or
- Taking a wider role, leading two or all three ensembles.

### The Role

We are looking for an enthusiastic and capable Musical Director to:

- Lead and inspire players through enjoyable and engaging rehearsals
- Continue to raise musical standards across a wide range of abilities, while maintaining the band's supportive culture
- Plan varied and entertaining programmes suitable for the band's wide range of performances
- Conduct performances throughout the year
- Work with the committee and wider organisation to shape the band's musical direction

### What We Offer

- A welcoming and committed group of musicians
- Well-attended Monday evening rehearsals in Middleton Cheney
- A supportive and proactive committee
- A broad and varied performance schedule, including three formal concerts in Hook Norton, summer fetes, an annual UK tour and other engagements as opportunities arise
- Flexibility to shape the role to your experience and interests
- Remuneration by agreement

### Application Process

To apply in confidence, please send a brief musical CV and covering statement outlining your interest to [apply@hnbb.co.uk](mailto:apply@hnbb.co.uk) or for further details contact Katie on 07762 405930.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to conduct a rehearsal in **September** as part of the selection process.

Closing date: **31 July 2026**

For more information about Hook Norton Brass Band, visit <http://hnbb.co.uk>