



Rhyl Youth Marching Band



Membership Application

Please fill in the details below. Please note that the information you supply will be stored on computer and will be available to members of the Band Executive Committee and, where appropriate, to the Band Instructors. It will not be shared with any other parties. Please also note that, after an initial trial period (one month), band subscriptions are payable by Standing Order (bank details will be provided when membership is confirmed). More information overleaf.

Surname	
First Name	
Preferred Name (if different)	
Date of Birth (if under 21)	
Address	
Postcode	
Telephone (with STD code if not 01745)	
Mobile	
Email Address	
Current School (if appropriate)	
Preferred Instrument(s) <i>(check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> any that might be of interest)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Cornet, <input type="checkbox"/> Horn, <input type="checkbox"/> Euphonium, <input type="checkbox"/> Bass, <input type="checkbox"/> Flute, <input type="checkbox"/> Clarinet, <input type="checkbox"/> Glockenspiel, <input type="checkbox"/> Drums
Will you need to borrow an instrument from the band?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you any existing musical training? <i>(list any instruments you can play and indicate your standard or any grades you have taken)</i>	

Signed.....
(parent/guardian/student)

Date.....

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Band Information

Rhyl Youth Marching Band is a non-profit organisation aimed at promoting traditional musical ability, primarily among young people, though we heartily welcome older people! The band plays on parades and for various public functions and, when practical, we also enter marching and other band competitions. The general affairs of the band are run by an Executive Committee that is elected each year at the Annual General Meeting, to which all members and their parents/guardians are invited. The musical aspects are handled by the Musical Director.

Our income is partly provided by occasional grants, donations, fund raising events and concerts, etc, and partly from a regular membership fee, which is actually very low compared to many other organisations (currently £6.50 per month). Even so, in the past, we have had problems with some members falling behind with their subscriptions, so we now insist that subscriptions be paid by Standing Order - this has also proved to be much simpler administratively. It is payable regardless of how many (or few) lessons or rehearsals are attended.

We are able to provide a limited number of instruments on loan and also give tuition where required, so no previous experience is necessary. It is helpful if a member can provide their own instrument (or, for example, borrow one from a school), which the band will insure free of charge whilst being used for band purposes, if requested. Instrumental instruction is given by the more experienced players in the band but please note that they are not professional music teachers. Since the instruction is provided by volunteers at no additional charge, we expect that beginners will participate in the junior band as soon as they are able and will move on to the main band at an appropriate time. Parents/guardians and potential new members always are welcome to sit-in on lessons or rehearsals if they wish. For public appearances, members are also issued with band uniforms on loan. Parents should note that it is impossible to control the taking of photographs, etc, at such public appearances (nor would we wish to do so), and the band cannot accept the responsibility of ensuring that individual children are not photographed.

It is essential that members attend lessons and/or rehearsals regularly and punctually, and make every effort to provide adequate advance notice if there is a reason for non-attendance. It is equally vital that both beginners and more seasoned members practise their instruments at home. A short period of practice every day is much better than a long period once a week on any instrument. There is no way that significant progress can be made without practice at home. We expect members to be responsible for taking care of their uniforms and instruments, which includes cleaning, lubricating, etc, and for providing their own supplies of consumables, for example, valve oil and reeds.

The band has a very relaxed and friendly atmosphere, but we do expect members to behave responsibly and be well-mannered. The use of bad language and violence is not tolerated. Parents should note that we require mobile phones to be switched off during lessons and rehearsals. A band Rule Book will be issued when membership is confirmed.

Beginners have lessons mainly on Sunday evenings between 5:30pm and 6:30pm and some also on Monday or Thursday evenings. The junior band meets after the lessons until 7:30pm on the 2nd and 4th Sunday in the month. The main band rehearses every Thursday evening from 7-9pm and on the remaining Sunday evenings until 8pm. These arrangements are flexible and subject to change, for example during holiday periods or when rehearsing for a concert or competition. The band meets in the 1st Rhyl Scout hut on Tynewydd Road (opposite the end of Oakville Avenue).

The band has a website [www.rhylyouthmarchingband.org.uk] that has some additional information about the band and its history, and some audio samples of the wide range of music that we play.