

We were able to purchase most of the instruments we needed to attend our competition in March from the various grants we received:

Vibraphone, Marimba, Orchestral Snare Drum, Orchestral Bass Drum, Tam Tam

The band worked very hard in rehearsals leading up to the contest performance and we were delighted to be placed 9th out of 12 bands.

This means that we secured our place in the Championship Section and were not relegated back to the 1st Section straight away for next year (it works a bit like football Leagues; 2 bands are relegated each year and 2 bands are promoted up from the 1st Section)

This photo was taken of us on stage during our contest performance:



In our concert in April at the Lights Theatre, we showcased our new instruments by featuring them throughout the programme; this included an adaptation of Evelyn Glennie's famous arrangement of 'A Little Prayer' for solo marimba.

The concert was really well attended and we have had some fabulous feedback.

Hopefully you can see the strength of numbers in our audience and our new marimba on stage (to the left of the band) in the photo below:



We do still need to acquire a set of Tubular Bells – we didn't achieve enough funding to purchase these so they were borrowed on the day of the competition.
Would we be permitted to submit another funding application for these now that we have moved into a new financial year?

The next opportunity to hear the band will be at our concert on 30th June in the Andover Baptist Church, featuring the world famous trombone soloist Brett Baker.
We would like to extend our previous offer to the Andover Town Councillors who couldn't make the concert at the Lights; if any of them would like to receive 2 free tickets to this concert please can you let me know and I will arrange.

Thank you for all your support