

Midlands Regional Brass Band Committee
2025 CONTEST INFORMATION
BEDWORTH CIVIC HALL, BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE

SATURDAY 8TH MARCH 2025 – THIRD SECTION – Bands - Adjudicators – Stephanie Binns & Nicholas Garman

The FIRST DRAW will take place in the Contest Control Room at 9.00 am, and the band drawn number one to be on stage to commence at 10.00 a.m. with the National Anthem. The SECOND DRAW will take place at 11.00 a.m.

SATURDAY 8TH MARCH 2025 - FIRST SECTION – Bands - Adjudicators – Derek Renshaw & Steve Pritchard Jones

The FIRST DRAW will take place in the Contest Control Room at 1.00 p.m., and the Section will commence at the completion of the Third Section at approximately 2.30 p.m. The SECOND DRAW will take place at 3.00 p.m.

SUNDAY 9TH MARCH 2025- FOURTH SECTION – Bands – Adjudicators – David Hirst & James Holt

The FIRST DRAW will take place in the Contest Control Room at 9.00 a.m. and the band drawn number one to be on stage to commence at 10.00 a.m. with the National Anthem. The SECOND DRAW will take place at 11.00 a.m.

SUNDAY 9TH MARCH 2025 – CHAMPIONSHIP SECTION – Bands – Adjudicators – Steven Mead & Chris King

The DRAW will take place in the Contest Control Room at 1.30 p.m. and the Section will commence of the completion of the Fourth Section at approximately 3.00 p.m.

SATURDAY 15TH MARCH 2025 – SECOND SECTION – Bands - Adjudicators – James Holt & Derek Renshaw

The FIRST DRAW will take place in the Contest Control Room at 10.00 am and the band drawn number one to be on stage to commence at 11.00 am with the National Anthem. The SECOND DRAW will take place at 11.30 a.m.

ON ARRIVAL

PARKING – PAY & DISPLAY car park at the rear of the Civic Hall

COACHES – Bayton Road Industrial Estate, Colliery Lane, Exhall, West Midlands, CV7 9NW. There are no restrictions and there is room for plenty of coaches: it is a 3 minute drive from The Civic Hall. Coaches may only drop off at the back of the Civic Hall (there is room for 4 coaches to drop off at the same time) and then return to collect when the Band has finished playing. **ON NO ACCOUNT SHOULD COACHES REMAIN PARKED AT THE BACK OF THE CIVIC HALL – PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR COACH COMPANIES/DRIVERS ARE AWARE OF THIS.**

BAND ASSEMBLY AREA – is on the First Floor, from the foyer take the stairs on the left or the lift. You will be given an arrival time at the draw, **only 6 Bands can be accommodated in the assembly area at any one time, please do not arrive earlier.** PLEASE ARRIVE IN UNIFORM, OTHER THAN YOUR BAND JACKET, **DO NOT CHANGE IN THE ASSEMBLY AREA.** Access to the stage from Band Assembly is by stairs or a lift. Please remove instruments, uniforms etc from Assembly, immediately after you have played.

30 BANDPERSONS WRISTBANDS & DELEGATES CARD – are available on the day for collection just inside the Main Entrance, these should be collected and signed for by the band's authorised representative. Please retain the Delegates Card to obtain the remarks at the conclusion of the section. Wristbands must be worn and shown before players will be allowed on stage to play. PROGRAMMES AT A COST OF £5 WILL ALSO BE ON SALE AT THIS DESK, CASH OR CARD

AUDITORIUM – wristbands worn by players will allow you access to listen to other bands. There are 2 areas in the auditorium allocated to those wearing wristbands and you will be directed to these areas by the door stewards. In the unlikely event that these areas get full, your wristband does not automatically guarantee you entry to the auditorium, unless you buy a ticket. We will be allowed to open the auditorium doors for the results, but all fire exits must be kept clear.

CONTEST CONTROL / DRAW only one delegate per Band – access for players, Conductors and chaperones is from the First Floor, bands will be collected by stewards from the assembly areas. The committee has again utilised a split draw system for ALL SECTIONS EXCEPT the CHAMPIONSHIP SECTION, and Secretaries have been advised. Draw Delegates please be present 15 minutes before the stated draw time to receive all contest information. Bands are requested to advise the Contest Controller at the draw, if they have players requiring assistance

REGISTRATION – will be backstage and there is a ramp directly onto the stage

ADJUDICATORS – the seats in the auditorium are tiered and the Adjudicators Box will be on the flat between tiered seating and the stage

PERCUSSION Large items of percussion are being provided for the use of competing bands and maintained on stage by GI Percussion of Huddersfield for the 8th & 9th March and maintained and provided by Bedworth Brass for the 15th. Please hand in your percussion plan at the appropriate Draw if you haven't already sent it to me. Bands are to use these items supplemented by their own equipment, as required by the score, but are reminded that the four-minute rule will apply.

RESULTS The results of each section and presentation of awards will be announced at the conclusion of that section. Prize winning bands are reminded to ensure that they have an adult representative to accept and sign for awards. They must sign and accept the trophies on the basis that they are insured and kept in safe custody to be returned to the Regional Trophy Officer by the end of January 2026 – AT THE LATEST.

SAFEGUARDING - The Midland Regional Committee have a BOPA in place for each of the Contest days. Please remember to bring your completed forms for each of the children playing in your Band. You will be asked by our Safeguarding Officer if you have your paperwork with you BUT you only have to produce this information should there be a check by BBE or Warwickshire County Council.

TRADE STANDS Ground Floor Newmoon Insurance & 1st Floor – Larch Music & Durham Music Shop

TICKETS – are on sale now direct from the Bedworth Civic Hall website, these are all numbered seats. **The Box Office at the Civic Hall will only be open on the 8th & 9th from 9.30 to 12.30 and on the 15th from 10.30 to 1.30.** **If you are bringing people with you I would strongly recommend you book your ticket in advance from the website, they are e-tickets. THERE IS NO ACCESS TO THE AUDITORIUM WITHOUT A TICKET**

BAR – The bar at the Civic Hall will be open all day. There is a Wetherspoons round the corner from the Civic Hall and several places to eat. There will be no EATING, DRINKING OR FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEO TAPING OR RECORDING within the performing areas, and please ensure all MOBILE PHONES REMAIN SWITCHED OFF. **SMOKING & VAPING IS NOT ALLOWED ANYWHERE ON THE SITE**

FIRST AID – there are trained First Aid staff at the Civic Hall

With best wishes to all the Bands competing at the Midland Regional Championships 2025

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