

Brass Bands Ephemera & Memorabilia



Volume 3 Uniform Badges, Shoulder Patches & Ties

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Cover photograph: The trophy won by Blandford Town Brass Band for their first place at the Great National Contest at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham on 28th July 1863, conducted by Robert Eyers. This was one of the earliest “national” contests, arranged by Enderby Jackson, establishing the model for the next 150 years.

Introduction

Brass bands and their music, as with all other social activities, attract and use a wide variety of physical objects to assist them in their purposes. These may be practical (e.g. for performances and rehearsal), promotional (advertising and marketing), information (programmes and leaflets), presentation (trophies and awards), identifying (uniforms and badges). Many of these have been lost over the years, sometimes due to their ephemeral nature and lack of perceived value beyond the band itself or the related event. Some have survived and now exist in personal collections, with bands themselves, or in archives and museums.

This document displays some examples of such items, as an indicative introduction to the breadth and wealth of such material – most of which will have a story behind it, if only to remind us of the band or event associated with it.

Uniform Badges, Shoulder Patches & Ties

Earlier uniforms were often modelled on those worn by the military. The style of these uniforms, particularly the jackets, meant that identifying elements were often worn on the sleeves, usually in the form of shoulder patches – specifying the name of the band.

As uniform styles evolved and the military styles were replaced with ‘ordinary’ jackets, woven fabric badges became common, usually on the jacket breast.

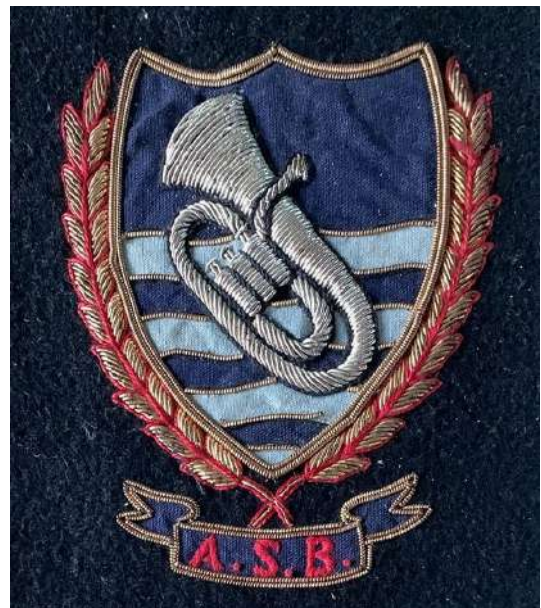
Straight ties, when worn, also became a vehicle for displaying the band’s name, logo or crest.

All the items below are British in origin unless otherwise specified.

Jacket Badges



Akton Hall Colliery Band



Appledore Silver Band

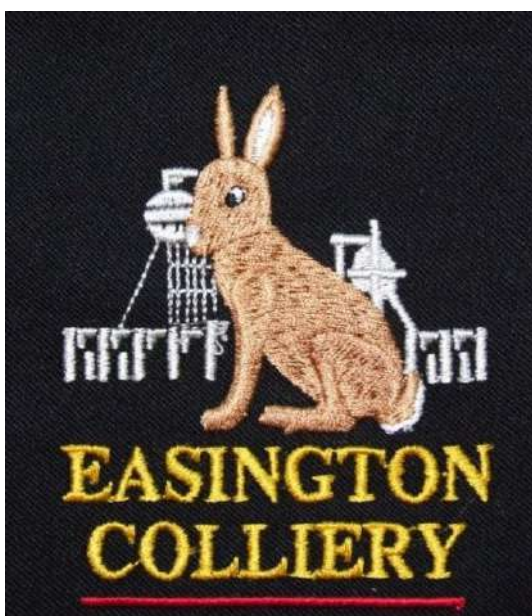
Jacket Badges



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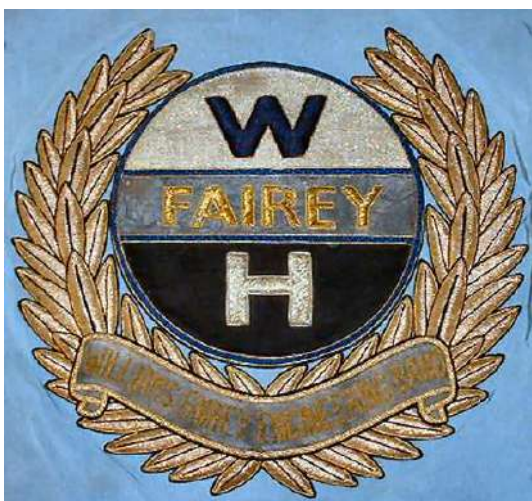
Croydon Co-op Band



Easington Colliery Band



Egham Band



Fairey Band



Hawthorn City Band, Australia



Hawthorn City Junior Band, Australia



Illogan Sparnon Silver Band



Kellingley Colliery Band



National Brass Band Club



New York City Police Band, NY, USA



Newcastle Brown Ale Prize Band



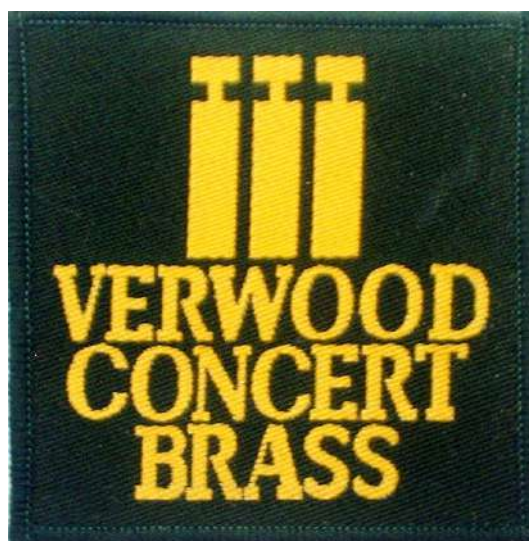
Northallerton Town Silver Band



St Nicholas Brass Band, Cork, Eire



Vaux Samson Band



Verwood Concert Brass



Yorkshire Imperial Metals Band

Shoulder Patches



Arley Welfare Band



Bagshot Brass Band



Battersea Maritime Brigade Silver Band



Bo'ness & Carriden Brass Band



Bristol East Temperance Band



Burnhope Colliery Band



Crystal Palace Band



Gresley Colliery Band



Haltwhistle Old Silver Band



Herrington Colliery Band



Highcliffe British Legion Silver Band



Irlam Public Band

Shoulder Patches



Kibworth Brass Band



Knottingley Silver Band



Liskeard Silver Band



Llanidloes Brass Band



Lochore Colliery Band



Lostwithiel Silver Band



Lutterworth Brass Band



Murton Colliery Brass Band



Newbiggin Colliery Band



New Marske Silver Band



Pencoed Silver Band



Porthcawl Silver Band

Shoulder Patches



Porthywaen Silver Band



Rist's Cable Works Band



Rowntree's Cocoa Works Band



Sankey's Castle Works Band



Sheepbridge Coal & Iron Works Band



Shildon Town Band



Shirley Silver Band



Snibston Colliery Band



Somerset Brigade Band



Stamford Town Band



Staveley Iron & Chemical Works Band



Stone Town Band

Shoulder Patches



Stoneyburn & District Collieries Band



St Sebastian's Brass Band



Tarporley Silver Band



Thornsett Brass Band



Tullis Russell Mills Band



Walkden Brass Band



Ware Town Band



Wigston Brass Band



Worksop Borough Band

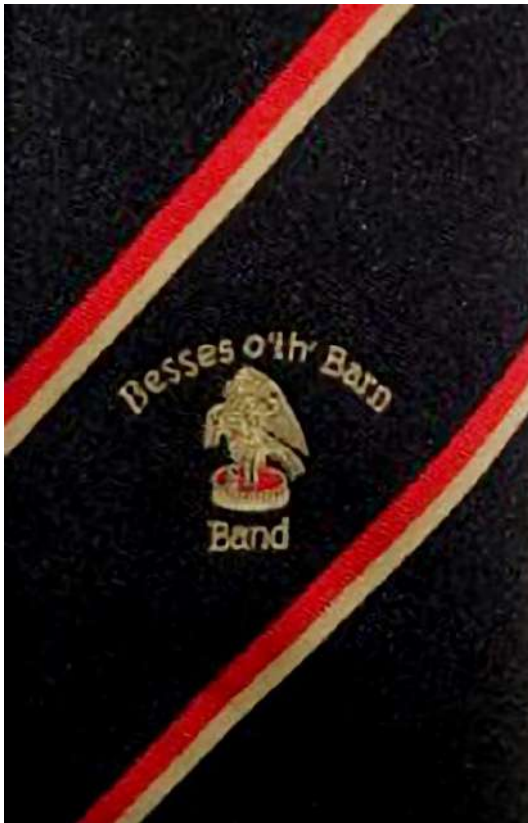


*Yorkshire Engineering and Welding
Company Band*



Yorkshire Main Colliery Band

Ties



Besses o' th' Barn Band



Brighouse & Rastrick Band



Pontardulais Town Band