

Blewbury Brass Band: Lift sharing guidelines

These guidelines for transporting young people (those players under 18) and adults with care and support needs to BBB rehearsals and concerts were first approved by Blewbury Brass Band's committee on 12 October 2024. They closely follow the Brass Bands England ("BBE") guidelines found in its BandSafe resources pack and which were drafted in partnership with the NSPCC and funded by the Arts Council.

It is common practice for members of Blewbury Brass Band ("BBB") to share lifts to both rehearsals and concerts. When this involves a young player or players with care and support needs, members and parents/carers should be aware that:

- As specified in the welcome information, transport to BBB rehearsals and concerts is the responsibility of the parent or carer, unless specific group transport has been arranged by BBB.
- help with transport for a young player, or player with care and support needs must be arranged directly between the parent/carers/player and band member offering the lift. Any such arrangement is a personal one and BBB does not hold any responsibility for this arrangement, but the band must be aware.
- Adult members should follow best practice when providing lifts to young people and in some cases, those with care and support needs. This should include, but is not limited to:
 - Avoid travelling with the young person alone;
 - Agreeing pick up and drop off arrangements with parents;
 - Asking the young person to sit in the rear of the car;
 - Having a contact number for the parent;
 - Driving within the law.
- Despite BBB not holding responsibility for the arrangement of lifts, there is still a duty of care if there are any concerns raised regarding transporting young people or those with care and support needs to the band. Any issues raised should be dealt with in line with the BBB's Safeguarding and Whistle blowing policy and, if necessary, appropriate referrals made to statutory authorities.

Annual Review

We are committed to reviewing our policy and good practice regularly.

This policy was adopted on 12 October 2024 and last reviewed on 14 September 2026.