

Sandhurst & District "Corps of Drums"

"Helping with the Development of Young People"

News Letter No 2

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Welcome to the Sandhurst & District "Corps of Drums" news letter No 2. This month's news letter will cover the progression which has already been made in forming and setting up this new band. Firstly, many thanks for all the support given so far, I have been amazed of how much interest there is in the local area for this kind of activity and all the encouragement I have received makes me determined to get this up and running as soon as possible. My main objective is to run the organisation correctly from day one, and therefore have aligned myself with Thames Valley Police, Social Services for Young People, Local Councillors etc. I have already received feed back from my initial presentation to my local Councillor that the Mayor of Sandhurst is fully behind my project. This can only strengthen my application for Lottery Funding.

Project Up-date:

After a busy 3 weeks from when I started this project, I am now pleased to tell you that all the basic structure is now in place. I now have a Management Committee, Staff (now 4) Parents Association, Treasurer and Secretary. All initial financial work has been done with both expected income and expenditure analysis completed. I have targeted several Blue Chip companies to look for sponsorship which I am waiting to hear from. I hope to advise in the next news letter a start date for the band. It's all getting exciting.....

Safeguarding Children and Young People.

I am aware of the responsibility any organisation has with the safeguard of Children and Young People whilst in our care. I have therefore adopted a Policy Statement on this subject. All adult members of staff will at the time of joining the organisation have to agree and fully understand this policy. I will also be arranging for suitable training in this area as any parent would want to be happy that their children are correctly looked after.

Instruments Obtained

After many phone calls to my contacts in the Youth Marching Band world, I have been able to obtain and secure many instruments which will enable me get going. I will be collecting within the next week Drums, Bell-Lyres, Bass Drum, Cymbals, Bugles and all additional equipment necessary to start. This is a massive boost to my project. Along with the newly found premises, this means that I am getting very close to advising a start date for the *Sandhurst & District "Corps of Drums"*

CHARITY REGISTRATION

After discussion with The Federation of Youth Marching Band Organisations, I am pleased to advise that they will assist me with registering the Sandhurst & District "Corps of Drums" for Charitable Status. I have discussed this with the Charities Commission and I am awaiting further information prior to applying.

GOOD NEWS

I am pleased to advise that I have received our first donation. A very generous gift of £500.00, what a start. Many thanks to the very kind couple who did this.

You will not be forgotten

SOMEWHERE TO GO..

We have premises....., I have located and found a suitable venue to use as our HQ and to hold our weekly practice sessions. This venue has a good size hall, toilets, kitchen and they will even build me a band store.

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COMING SOON

OPEN EVENING

I hope to be able to advise you in the next news letter information regarding the planned Sandhurst & District "Corps of Drums" Open Evening. I am hoping to hold this at a venue in Sandhurst and this will be used to launch the "Corps of Drums". This will be my chance to give full details on how the organisation will be run and present what we will achieve. This will be an open invitation to all local schools, youth clubs and organisations within the area. I hope to have representatives from Thames Valley Police, Local Council and also other Youth Bands. *It will be both an informative and enjoyable evening.....*

Start Date.

Within the next couple of weeks, I should be in a position to advise a Start Date for the Sandhurst & District "Corps of Drums"

I have already received many enquiries from potential members so I would hope that the first evenings practice session will be a great success.

WATCH THIS SPACE

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