Friends of Brighouse Station

Clifton and Lightcliffe Band

Formed in 1838 the Band is one of the oldest in the Country. Originally the Clifton Band, the name was changed in 1932 when Lightcliffe business man Newton Brooke rescued the band from financial difficulties – but on condition that the name was changed to 'Clifton and Lightcliffe Band'.

In the early 1900's the band won several major prizes at the National Brass Band Championships at The Crystal Palace in London. More recently the band qualified for the National Championships in 2006, 2007, 2010 and 2012. In 2012 the band was promoted to the First Section in the UK Brass Band ratings for the first time in its history.

Over the last 15 years the Band has performed in France, Switzerland, Austria, Italy and the USA. 2010 saw them performing concerts around the California area including the famous Disney Park. In 2015 they visited Lake Maggiore in Italy making a return visit In August 2018 when the Band again performed at venues around the lake

As well as the Senior Band there is a 'B' band made up of 25 players who when the opportunity arises progress through to the senior band. All members of both bands are amateur musicians with ages ranging from under 14 to over 70.

The Senior Band has featured in a number of productions of the play 'Brassed Off', the most notable being at the Alhambra Theatre Bradford in 2014 where they performed at seven sold out performances. The Band also performed at the re-opening ceremony of this railway station in May 2000

Performing around 55 concerts each year in and around the local area the Band helps to support other groups such as local churches, schools and hospitals with their fund raising activities.

The Band has no commercial financial backing and all the funds are raised by the hard work and dedication of its members.

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