



£9000 Drains appeal

Who's Charlie?

For over a century the Brass Bands of Marple have played a big role in the community. In fact, Marple has two excellent bands - The Marple Band and Hawk Green Band.

Not only do the band members enjoy a lifelong hobby and the pleasure of playing wonderful music, they add a richness to the local cultural scene, entertain and support local people and pass on this great legacy to future generations by teaching others - young and not so young.



Charles Ingham was a local lad who lived and worked in Marple and had a passion for brass bands. He was a member of Marple Band and worked tirelessly to keep the band going through good times and bad. He shivered and sweated through rehearsals in all manner of halls, sheds and function rooms because the bands never had a permanent home.

What was Charlie's dream?

It was Charlie's dream that Marple's bands would one day have their own home. When he died in 1985 the Charles Ingham Bandroom committee was formed. We've been collecting money ever since and now, at last, things are starting to happen.

What's the plan?

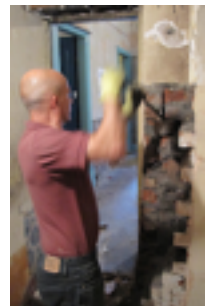
We've watched the old Park Keeper's cottage in Marple Memorial Park becoming gradually more derelict and decided that we could turn it into a great band headquarters and rehearsal room and, in doing so, rescue an historic local building for community use.

We're using the money and muscle we've already got to renovate the existing cottage. Once that's done we'll build the rehearsal room extension.



Young and old, guys and gals, members of the bands are lending a hand.

As soon as the renovation is done, we can use the building for storage (quite a few people will be delighted to get back the use of their lofts, garages and spare bedrooms) and also to run a beginners' group. While that goes on, we'll raise the money for the extension.



What about those drains?

BUT, we've hit a problem - the drains! We had hoped the current ones would do for the renovation stage but they just aren't good enough. We need to demolish the existing add-on kitchen and bathroom and install new drains before we can start to use the building. This means **we have a £9,000 shortfall**.

Why should you help us to Let it Shine?

A local brass band is a real community asset, being open to all-comers regardless of age, gender, race, creed or social standing. If yours is to thrive, we really need your help.

The old Park Keeper's Cottage is crying out for some TLC. You can help us to give it.

To make a donation, go to our website or text CBRD01 £10 (or £1, £2, £3, £4, £5) to 70070

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