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## **Bookings**

Over recent years, due to the overwhelming development and increased popularity of Rushen Silver Band, we have noticed a significant growth in the number of engagement requests received.

We are finding it increasingly difficult to meet all of these requests, and in order to cope and assist with the demand for our services, we have drawn up a booking form for organisations/individuals to use when requesting the services of the Band.

Rushen Silver Band now encompasses two groups involving around 50 – 60 people, these are:-

- Rushen Silver Band
- Rushen Silver Band Junior Band

In order to sustain these groups, with the ever increasing burden this places on our finances (currently costs the Band around £5,000 per annum to make ends meet), we rely solely on the funds we are able to generate from:-

- Concerts;
- Engagements;
- Fundraising;
- Charitable grants;
- Donations.

We consider every request based on its merits and the prior commitments schedule of the Band. We also endeavour to undertake exceptional circumstances with regard to charitable engagements or short notice bookings.

I would ask you, that if for any reason the Band is unable to fulfil your engagement on this occasion, to place a request via a booking form to the Secretary as soon as possible for the future. Bookings are taken on a first come first served basis.

If you would like to book the Band, please use the online booking form using the hyperlink below, and our Band Secretary will get into contact with you. Alternatively you can call Alan Crebbin, Band Secretary, on 01624 833286.

**Booking Form for Rushen Silver Band** *(please complete as much information as possible)*

Name of Organisation (if applicable)			
Contact Name			
Contact Address			
Postcode			
Contact Telephone Number			
Contact Mobile Number			
Contact Email Address			
Date of Event			
Name of Venue			
Address of Venue			
Postcode			
Contact Name at Venue			
Venue Telephone Number			
Type of Event			
Do you want a full concert?			
Will there be a formal audience for the Band?			
Do you just want background music, and if so, to what?			
Are other groups also taking part in the same event?			
If other groups are taking part, how do you propose sharing out the time and space?			
Performance		Indoors/Outdoors	
How long do you want the Band to play?			
Performance Timings	1 <sup>st</sup> /Concert 2 <sup>nd</sup> (if applies) 3 <sup>rd</sup> (if applies)	Start Time: Start Time: Start Time:	Finish Time: Finish Time: Finish Time:
Size of area available for Band			
Requests for any particular types of music ie birthday celebration, Manx			

Parking Facilities	Car Park/Off Road/Local Street/Other/None
Changing Facilities	Male/Female/Mixed/None
Facility to store Instrument Cases	Yes/No
Refreshments provided for Band	Yes/No
Theme of Event	Mixed / Light & Popular / Classical / Film & Shows / Military / Other
Style of Music required	Dance/Spiritual/Hymns/Carols/Christmas/Bavarian

Any Other Details	
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To help us perform to the best of our capabilities, the Band would appreciate the following being made available:-

- will require 35 chairs without arms to play at your engagement;
- a room, preferably, to leave instrument cases, coats etc;
- a parking space as close to a suitable entrance as possible to unload equipment from our van,

Please book early to avoid disappointment, we can sometimes get requests to play up to a year early than the event itself.

As Rushen Silver Band is only an amateur band, you will not have to pay professional rates. However, a reasonable fee towards the upkeep of the Band would be appreciated, it costs a lot of money to run a band.