

Draft Mission Statement

- 1) Glendale Community Ceilidh Band (GCB) is a community band, welcoming all, irrespective of age, race, gender, religion or musical ability. All instruments are welcome. Some members prefer to read music, whilst others prefer to play from memory or by ear; some have played an instrument for many years (with or without formal teaching), and others are just starting out on their chosen instrument.
- 2) The majority of the 'folk music' repertoire is made up of music for dancing but also stand-alone pieces for performance.
- 3) Under the 'Wooler Arts' umbrella, GCB exists to benefit the community, by encouraging/supporting music education (at times in partnership with a school, or arts group), promoting participation in music and dance (which support physical and mental wellbeing, and enhance community cohesion), and by supporting local charities.
- 4) GCB performs at community ceilidhs, such as Children's or Family Ceilidhs, and to raise money for local charities, for example, Bell View (community resource), the local Mountain Rescue and the Union Chain Bridge. GCB also performs at local village shows and, occasionally, for other events such as for the Community Christmas Lunch and Powburn Warm Hub etc.

In order to support professional musicians, GCB will not undertake engagements for private events (such as dances, parties or weddings) where professionals could earn their livelihood. However, there may be such professional musicians within GCB who wish to take up these opportunities.

- 5) GCB does not make a charge for playing at an event but requests that the organisation makes a donation for the band. Donations are banked under the charitable status of Wooler Arts and are used to promote the development of GCB, (such as to cover the cost of administration (publicity for events), equipment, or occasionally to pay for respected practitioners to lead workshops).

Draft Code of Practice.

- 1) The inclusive ethos of GCB encourages participation in decision making, to come to agreement by consensus.
- 2) GCB meets for rehearsal on Thursday evenings between 7:00 and 9:00pm, usually at the Glendale Hall, Cheviot Street, Wooler.
- 3) With individual members' explicit permission, 'Spond' (online application), is used for bookings and attendance at events, (for members able to use this, either by mobile phone or lap-top). The repertoire of music is held in files on Spond, and these may be downloaded and printed for members' use. There is also a WhatsApp group for those wishing to join. If members have difficulty with communication or printing music, there are always other members willing to help. Personal Privacy is respected, and members are expected to ask other individual's permission before sharing any personal details outside the group.
- 4) As part of Wooler Arts, GCB members are subject to the Wooler Arts Safeguarding Policy, and all members should familiarise themselves with the policy, which can be found on the Wooler Arts website.
- 5) To avoid putting extra pressure on those leading the performance, it would be much appreciated if players who sign up to perform for a particular event could attend the final rehearsal. (Occasionally this may be arranged at a different time from the main group rehearsal, just for those attending that performance.)
- 6) A voluntary variable small subscription may be requested at rehearsals to cover the costs of hall hire, coffee and tea etc. Any excess is added to the charitable fund (see Mission Statement).
- 7) Our band colour is purple, and members are invited to wear a splash of purple at events.