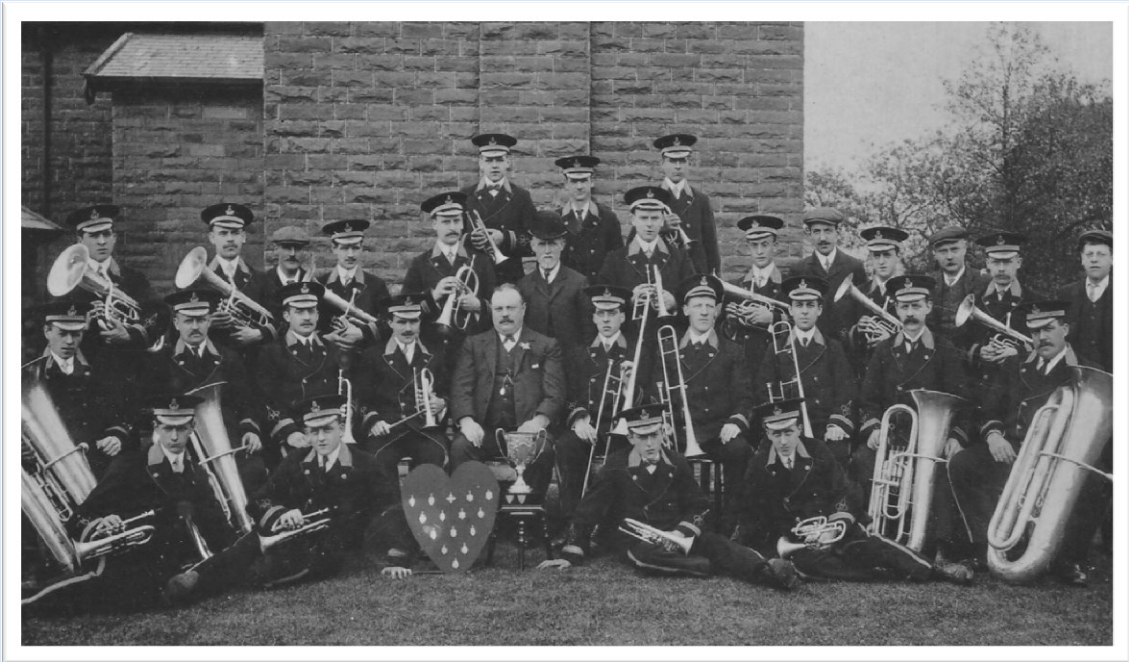


Stacksteads Band



The present home of Stacksteads Band is situated in the old Tunstead Co-op. The Band was formed in 1872 and at this time the band was known as the Stacksteads Amateur Brass Band. A year later in August 1873, the Bacup Times reported the "this young band is working hard to establish a name for itself in the musical world".

The band initially raised £50.00 to buy their instruments shortly after they disposed of these and bought new ones paying the total of £150.00 by instalments. In order for a band to be known as a PRIZE band it had to win the same quickstep (March) in consecutive years. Stacksteads band accomplished this when they won the Westhoughton Quickstep Contest three years in a row those years being 1907, 1908 and 1909.

Following their win of 1909, they could then call themselves Stacksteads Prize Band. The band took part in competitions at Belle Vue and Crystal Palace. The first female to play in the band was Renee Amyes daughter of First Cornet player Kitchener Amyes. Stacksteads Band is the only local band to have celebrated their centenary and though the band members have changed over the years some traditions have not. One of these being to accompany the Britannia Coconutters on Easter Saturday.



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