

Wychavon Contest Cancelled.

It is with much regret that the organising committee of the Wychavon Festival of Brass has reluctantly agreed to cancel the 2020 Entertainment Competition in the light of the continuing difficulties posed by the Covid 19 pandemic.

Like everyone else, we all hoped that the virus would have been under control by now but, given the recent rise in cases and the increasing prevalence of local lock downs, it seems that it continues to be unpredictable. We are conscious too, as players ourselves, of the confusion and difficulties that bands face in returning to practice and concert work and the perceived risks that such activities may pose. And, we have some additional concerns of our own about the personnel we use to steward the contest. Many of our volunteers are in 'at risk' groups and we feel that it would be wrong to compromise their health and safety by asking them to steward our event where there is the potential of hundreds of people attending from all parts of the UK.

Although we are saddened that our competition must be set aside for 2020 we are already beginning to plan what we hope will be a triumphant return on October 30th 2021!

All of this year's entrants have been offered a rollover into 2021 or, if preferred, a full refund which must be claimed by the end of October.

Formal entries to the 2021 contest will be accepted from Jan 1st and interested bands hoping to compete next year should visit the WFB website (www.festivalofbrass.co.uk) from December to garner up to date information on entry forms, fees and prizes.