



Following a busy period of caroling in the run- up to Christmas, the band are delighted to report that their collections, both in the town and at Helston Tesco (by kind permission of Community Champion, Nikki Walker), were record- breaking! As ever, a huge thank you goes to the people of Helston for their generous support, which will make such a difference.

It has been an exciting time for the band, with the very welcome addition of three new players (*pictured above, with Musical Director, Kevin Johns*)

Justin Carter, from Illogan, joins his brother, Shaun, after periods with Heyl Band and Roche Brass. Following a spell helping the band, during the summer, his arm was well and truly twisted and he is now a key member of the percussion section.

Lynn Richards has recently taken on Flugelhorn, but was introduced to the Tenor Horn at the age of 11, at Penryn School, and taught by the renowned teacher/musician John Austin. She eventually joined her School Band (Saracen Brass) and enjoyed playing alongside her old music teacher in a local village band, for many years.

After many years on the conducting podium, Steve Thomas returned to Euphonium. He works for a telecommunications company by day and is an avid Plymouth Argyle supporter at the weekend. Steve also turns out regularly for Leedstown Cricket Club and The Bird in Hand snooker team and is a volunteer support worker for Mencap.

Everyone involved with Helston Town Band wholeheartedly welcomes Justin, Lynn and Steve to the organisation and hopes that this will be the start of a very long and happy association.

Preparations are now underway as the band takes part in the Festival of Cornish Brass, at Newquay, on 3 February and the West of England Area Contest, at Torquay, on 10 March.