

Adult music classes, training ensembles, and other ensembles in Peterborough area (Oct 2025)

This list may not include all music classes and training ensembles available in the Peterborough area, and some of the information may be out of date – please refer to the relevant websites for further information and then make email or phone contact to verify details of classes etc.

Beat this

This is a Community interest Company in Peterborough. It runs a number of occasional musical events, projects, and workshops for various age groups and abilities (including adults) with the aim of developing skills, and enabling individuals to interact and express themselves through music. For further information visit www.beatthis.org.

City college Peterborough

This operates from a campus in Brook Street, and the John Mansfield Centre in Dogsthorpe, Peterborough. The college occasionally runs music related evening classes. For further information visit <http://www.citycollegepeterborough.ac.uk>

Dust it off Orchestra (DIO)

This new venture operates in Cambridge and is a daytime music group for people who have plenty of free time during the day but are unable to commit to or attend evening rehearsals with other groups. It is aimed at adult players of strings, woodwind and brass instruments who are, perhaps, looking to return to playing after a period of time away from their instrument, or who are currently playing and would just like to play in a daytime group.

For further information visit www.nigelbenettmusic.com/index.html

Fenland Music Centre Association (FMCA)

This music centre operates at March Community Centre on Friday evenings and is run by Fenland Music Centre Association. Tuition and training ensembles are available for children and adults.

For more information visit <https://fenlandmusiccentreassociation.wordpress.com/>

Oundle Rusty Players

This large ensemble welcomes adults of all ages and particularly aimed at older people returning to an instrument after many years or adults learning to play.

For further information visit www.rustyplayersoundle.org.uk

Peterborough Flute Choir

This growing ensemble welcomes adult flute players of all ages. The ensemble rehearses in Peterborough and performs in various permutations at concerts throughout the year.

For further information visit <https://www.peterboroughflutechoir.co.uk>

Peterborough U3A (University of the third age)

This organization operates in Peterborough at various locations and organizes diverse musical activities including singing and instrumental groups (such as the 'Rhythmaires') for older adults.

For further information visit <https://www.peterboroughu3a.org.uk>

Peterborough Music school (Yamaha Music Point)

This is located at Unit 5 Aston Business Park, Shrewsbury Ave, Woodston, Peterborough, PE2 7BF and operates after the school day and on Saturday mornings. It operates as a Yamaha Music Point and currently provides group and/or individual tuition for all ages on Drums, Vocals, dance, and musical theatre.

For further information visit <http://www.peterboroughmusicschool.co.uk>

Peterborough Community Orchestra

This is aimed primarily at adult learners and 'returners' who can follow written music and play at about grade 3 level. Rehearsals are at the parish church of St Oswald and the Sacred Heart on Lincoln Road Peterborough.

For more information visit www.peterboroughcommunityorchestra.org.uk

Rutland Symphonic Winds

This ensemble rehearses on the second and fourth Monday of each month from 10.00 to 12.00 at the Ashwell Village Hall. Ashwell Road, Oakham LE15 7LW. Woodwind, brass, double bass, and percussion players are welcome to join the Rutland Symphonic Winds.

For more information visit: <https://www.rutlandsymphonicwinds.co.uk/>

Treble clef and the grace notes

This is an ensemble based in Thurlby for wind players who are beginners or returning to playing after having not played for a number of years (for example - taking up the instrument again in retirement).

For further information email Ruth Smith ruthmsmith67@gmail.com

Whittlesey Sax Choir

This is a community group for saxophone players of all ages based in Whittlesey that meet every two to three weeks. One of their purposes is to encourage other players and help them improve, no matter their age or ability.

For further information visit <https://whittleseysaxchoir.org.uk>

National Databases of ensembles

www.srp.org.uk/

<http://www.amateurorchestras.org.uk/>

<https://www.concert-bands.co.uk/>

Society of recorder players

Index of amateur orchestras in UK

Index of amateur concert bands

Various local instrumental ensembles

These ensembles are not 'training ensembles' but may have vacancies for more established players.

City of Peterborough Concert band

City of Peterborough Symphony Orchestra

Huntingdonshire Concert band

Peterborough branch of the Recorder Society

Peterborough Big Band

Rutland Sinfonia

Stamford Chamber Orchestra

Whittlesey Concert band

(This band appears to be currently inactive)

www.cpsso.org.uk/

www.hcband.co.uk

www.srp.org.uk/peterborough/

(This band appears to be currently inactive)

www.rutlandsinfonia.org.uk

<http://stamfordchamberorchestra.org/>

<http://whittleseyconcertband.com>

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