



**Northumberland
Music**

MUSIC GROUPS & ENSEMBLES BROCHURE



ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 - 2026



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County Council**



Joining a music ensemble offers children so much more than just musical skills - it builds confidence, teamwork, and creativity, all while having fun and making new friends! Whether they're just starting out or already experienced, playing as part of a group helps children progress faster, stay motivated, and enjoy the shared joy of making music together. It's a rewarding experience that supports both their musical development and personal growth.

Sign up today and watch your child thrive - in music and beyond!



<https://forms.office.com/e/aSde4SfDiG>

What is an **ensemble?**

The word 'ensemble' is the French word meaning 'together'. Our ensembles are where our pupils from all over the County come together to play & sing wonderful music with their peers in one of our fantastic groups detailed below.

COME AND JOIN



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RANTERS

**COUNTY TRADITIONAL NORTHUMBRIAN
MUSIC ENSEMBLE - ADVANCED LEVEL**

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Ranters celebrates and promotes traditional music by bringing together young musicians who play fiddle (grade 3+), flute, Northumbrian pipes, cello, harp, accordion, percussion, concertina, guitar, or keyboard to grade 5 standard and above.

Performing in a number of high-profile performances throughout the year, our members show dedication and commitment, contributing to the preservation of Northumberland's musical heritage.

WHEN: 8 SESSIONS IN TOTAL- DATES TBC

COST: £65 PER CHILD (COVERS ALL 8 DATES + CONCERTS)

VENUE: MORPETH FIRST SCHOOL, NE61 2AP

TIME: 6:15PM TO 8:15PM

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COME AND JOIN

NYE

COUNTY YOUTH ENSEMBLE INTERMEDIATE LEVEL



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Are you a budding maestro of strings, brass, woodwind, keyboard or percussion? Can you play to a standard of Grade 2+? If so, then we invite you to join **NYE!** Developed to improve technique and enhance ensemble playing abilities - this group will get you ready to perform in concerts and explore a variety of exciting musical styles, supported by our expert tutors!

WHEN: 5 SESSIONS IN TOTAL FROM OCT 2025 TO FEB 2026

COST: £35.00 PER CHILD (COVERS ALL 5 DATES)

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COME AND JOIN OUR FANTASTIC



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STEPPING STONES

COUNTY BEGINNER ENSEMBLE

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A perfect first step into group music-making for children who have been learning any instrument for around 1 year. This friendly group will build confidence, develop essential ensemble skills, and spark a lifelong love of playing together.

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COME AND JOIN OUR AMAZING

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY YOUTH CHOIR

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Bringing together enthusiastic singers of all abilities aged 7 to 18. Our choir gives young vocalists the chance to explore exciting music, develop confidence, and make new friends!. As the group grows, experienced members will also have the chance to take on vocal leadership roles - helping to shape the choir's future while inspiring others along the way.

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COME AND JOIN THE

DRUM CIRCLE

COUNTY PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

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Create rhythms, beat out grooves, and make some serious noise! Come and explore drumming styles from around the world - from African rhythms to modern street beats. It's a brilliant way to build confidence, develop listening skills, and experience the power of making music as a group. No experience needed! We provide the drums, no need to bring your own.

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THE FRETS!

COUNTY GUITAR ENSEMBLE

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Guitars at the ready, budding rock stars unite! Come along to jam, create and perform! Open to young guitarists who have been learning to play for at least one year. This group brings to life legendary songs with energy and style. Whether your child plays acoustic or electric, The Frets is a place to grow skills, play as a team, and experience the buzz of live music!

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COMING SOON ...

ENSEMBLE WORKSHOP ROADSHOWS!

As well as our regular ensembles, we're excited to be bringing TWO special roadshow events to different parts of Northumberland. These fun, full-day workshops give children the chance to play in a large ensemble, try new music, and learn from our inspiring tutors - all in a supportive, energetic environment. Each day will end with a short concert for family and friends to celebrate what the group has achieved. Dates and venues will be confirmed soon—watch this space!

COST PER CHILD, PER ROADSHOW: £15.00

**ONLY £10 PER
ROADSHOW
FOR OUR
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MEMBERS!**



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