



The origins of the band go back to 1900 when the village of Elworth near Sandbach formed its own band to feature in the relief of Mafeking in the Boer War.

After a couple of years the band was wound up, but from that base Edwin Foden formed the Fodens Motor Work Band.

Thirty two times the band has been a prize winner at the British Open, winning nine times including a hat trick in 1926-27-28. Thirty seven times a prize winner at the National Championships of Great Britain, twelve times as winner, including an unparalleled double hat-trick in 1932-33-34 and 1936-37-38.

Since then Fodens have maintained their position as one of the worlds leading brass band.

Recent Contest Victories have seen Fodens become 'International Masters Champions in 1990, 1991, 1994, 1995, 2002, 2006 and 2008,

North West Area Champions in 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010.

European Championships in 1992, Swiss Open Champions in 1993, French Open Champions in 1998 and the U S Open Champions in 2003.

English National Champions in 2006

British Open Champions in 2004 and 2008

Tameside Whit Friday Champions 2002 - 2009

National Finals Champions in 1999 and runners up in 2007, 2008, 2009

Brass in Concert Champions 2009

As well as being extremely successful on the contest field, Fodens are in great demand for concerts in the UK and abroad due to their diversity and entertaining choice of programmes.

Recent tours abroad have include Italy, Switzerland, America, Ireland, France , Norway and Israel.

More Information on the band can be found on [www.fodensband.co.uk](http://www.fodensband.co.uk)