

# The Dude Coopers



## The Dude Coopers are:

**Howard Burton**, vocals, banjo – Howard has spent a lifetime in bluegrass and acoustic music playing and singing all over the UK, Europe and the USA. He has played in many of the best bands from the UK as well as teaching and studio work.

**Mark Jones**, guitar – Mark has been flat-picking bluegrass guitar for over 20 years, and has appeared on BBC radio and Anglia TV as a professional performer. In East Tennessee, he worked as the sound engineer for Steve Kaufman's venue, The Palace Theatre in Maryville for 3 years. As well as picking with Steve, Mark played with a number of bands in East TN and Northern KY before joining The Dude Coopers.

**Charlie Ogunremi**, vocals, mandolin – Charlie has a wealth of experience playing the mandolin. He played with the "New Seeds of Grass" later reforming as "Chiltern Bluegrass" playing at venues around Bedford and Northampton, and even on the stage at the original Edale Bluegrass festival. He is very highly regarded on the UK circuit.

**Richard Eyres**, vocals, bass - Richard has been composing and playing many styles of music for most of his life, from playing euphonium in a brass band to Bluegrass, where he is a multi – instrumentalist. He plays a "rock solid" bass with the band, and is highly sort after for studio work and freelance playing.

The Dude Coopers Bluegrass band comprises of well seasoned Bluegrass performers that have played in Bluegrass bands all over the world, and are presently based in East Anglia.

The Dude Coopers are true to the roots of Bluegrass, and really enjoy putting their individualism on some great traditional Bluegrass songs, but are also equally accomplished with more contemporary songs as well, including some original tunes to boot! Having a band with strong musicians, the band features a healthy amount of Bluegrass instrumentals in their set too. The band regularly plays the summer festivals and is sort after for music venues and private functions alike.

So in a nut shell, a band that embraces all the facets of Bluegrass music in to their show.

## For Bookings

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