

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

England & Wales · Charity number 1002950

Details

Other names GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1991-05-23

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PROMOTION OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION BY (A)THE PROMOTION AND FOSTERING OF THE RINGING OF BELLS FOR CHRISTIAN WORSHIP AND ON OTHER APPROPRIATE OCCASIONS.(B)THE PROVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CHURCHES WITHIN DEVON FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING THEIR BELL INSTALLATIONS.

Activities: Religious activities

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Area of benefit: DEVON
- Devon

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£31,704	£25,675	-	-
2023-12-31	£13,637	£10,650	-	-
2022-12-31	£8,021	£7,778	-	-
2021-12-31	£5,708	£5,424	-	-
2020-12-31	£5,867	£5,932	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Charlotte Alice Boyce		2017-06-17
John Robert Martin		2016-06-18
Timothy Michael Bayton		2022-06-18

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Accounts



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ESTABLISHED 21st MARCH 1874

**148th Report for the year ending
31st December 2024**

Registered Charity 1002950

PATRON The Right Reverend Doctor Mike Harrison, the Lord Bishop of Exeter

ASSOCIATE PATRONS The Right Reverend The Bishops of Crediton and Plymouth
The Very Reverend The Dean of Exeter
The Venerable The Archdeacons of Barnstaple Exeter, Plymouth and Totnes

Trustees' Report

Charity Name: The Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

Charity Number: 1002950.

Principal Address 11 Ashley Road, Uffculme, Cullompton, Devon EX15 3AY.

Trustees President – Timothy M Bayton.

Secretary – John R Martin.

Treasurer – Charlotte A Boyce.

Governing Document

Constitution adopted 5 May 1990 as amended 2 May 1998, as further amended 23 June 2001 and 17 June 2006.

How the Charity is Constituted

The Guild of Devonshire Ringers is an unincorporated association.

Trustee Selection Methods

Trustees are elected by the membership of The Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

Additional Governance Information

The trustees are supported by officers of the charity who are responsible for arranging and co-ordinating the activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to the charitable objectives. The officers are elected by the members of The Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

The trustees and officers meet regularly to review progress against delivery of the charitable objectives.

Charitable Objectives

The promotion of the Christian religion by:

The promotion and fostering of the ringing of bells for Christian worship and on other appropriate occasions.

The provision of financial assistance to churches within Devon for the purpose of maintaining and improving their bell installations

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

Providing training and development

Bellringing is a public performance which requires a high level of skill to produce a sound which is pleasing to the listening public. The Guild offers tailored training opportunities to help members improve their skills when ringing for Christian worship and on other appropriate occasions.

Enabling members to meet for performances and community building

In some areas across Devon bellringing teams are short of numbers to ring for Christian worship or lack the necessary skills and experience to be able to improve their performance on occasions when they ring. The Guild arranges, advertises and hosts structured events to provide opportunities for members to meet for practice and the building of social networks.

The Guild produces, hosts and distributes newsletters via email and its website to effectively share news and best practice about bellringing in Devon and to promote community connections between all bellringers.

Arranging and promoting fundraising activities

The Guild arranges both regular and one-off fundraising initiatives to support the objective of providing financial assistance to churches within Devon. Many of these initiatives take place at our regular practice and meeting events but members are also offered the opportunity to make a donation or a Gift Aid declaration when they renew their annual subscription.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission of public benefit.

Main Achievements

Training

The Guild and branches provided training for members, including in: bell handling, raising and lowering in peal, Plain Hunt, Plain Bob Doubles, basic method ringing on higher numbers, Stedman Triples, Surprise Major.

Recruitment and Retention

A survey on the *State of Ringing in Devon* was produced by a workgroup of the Guild, offering insights into participation numbers and therefore also recruitment needed. The workgroup also hosted a recruitment event at a tower in Central Exeter. One branch of the Guild organised a community-building event for newer members; planning began for a similar event aimed at new members throughout the Guild.

Young Ringers

Fostering a sense of community among its younger members, the Guild continued to run monthly practices, as well as providing additional opportunities to ring together, including in the Ringing World National Youth Contest in July.

Ringing Round Devon

Published both on paper and online, the quarterly magazines for 2024 featured, an anniversary challenge of 150 ringing things, as well as reports on training and achievements. There were ideas to help with training, and details of resources available to members: the Guild library, publicity resources, demonstration bell, mini ring. For the community of ringers, the publication continues to provide information about births, deaths and marriages, as well as promoting events and fundraising activities.

150th Anniversary Celebrations

To mark its anniversary year, special ringing and a number of fundraising events were organised. The dinner for 130 members and friends was an opportunity to build relationships in the community of bellringers, as well as displaying memorabilia from the history of the organisation, demonstrating change ringing on handbells, and raising funds for bell restoration projects. Branded clothing, sold by the Guild, continues to offer members a greater sense of belonging. The Guild contributed to the production of the 2024 *Ringing World* calendar, which featured towers in Devon; sales of both the calendar and the new book about the history of The Guild of Devonshire Ringers raised further funds for improving bell installations in the county. The workshops, talks, service and choir brought ringers together as a community on the day of the annual meeting, as did special peals, quarter peals and touches rung in the course of the year.

Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

The Guild hosted the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers in Devon for first time in 50 years. Over the weekend, there were also opportunities for ringing at nine different towers on Friday, five on Saturday, eleven on Sunday. Ringers from far and wide met together as a community, ensuring that the ringing of bells for Christian worship and on other appropriate occasions will continue in the future.

Bell Installation Inspections

Bells and Belfries Advisors from the Guild conducted inspections at fourteen towers in Devon, offering assistance with maintaining and improving the installations.

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Financial Review: Statement on the Charity's Policy on Reserves

The Guild of Devonshire Ringers maintains a number of reserves:

General Fund

The General Fund balance is invested to produce income which together with subscriptions and tower affiliations from members and peal fees provides sufficient funds to support the work of the Guild. The balance also facilitates cash flow and enables the development of new projects and initiatives. The trustees have considered that a minimum amount should be held in reserves in the General Fund* which should be sufficient to cover the overhead costs of winding up the organisation, the backlog of peal recording costs and a sum for innovative future projects. This amount also provides adequate cash flow and a reasonable contingency for unforeseen financial risks. The fund is unrestricted.

Other Various Unrestricted Funds

Other unrestricted funds may be disclosed in the Guild accounts from time to time to reflect items whereby separate disclosure aids transparency for the reader. These funds include the Denmish Fund, Instruction and Education Fund, Library Fund and Young Ringers Fund. For the 150th Anniversary of The Guild of Devonshire Ringers the following funds were designated to be shown separately: 2024 Ringing World Calendar, Anniversary Dinner, 150th Anniversary Book. The trustees monitor the level of these funds and transfer monies back to the General Fund or Bell Restoration Fund if these funds are not being utilised for the intended purpose.

Subscriptions Received In Advance Fund

The balance on the subscription fund comprises the subscriptions collected for the following financial year. Subscriptions are collected through the membership system. Any subscriptions received after 30 September relate to the following calendar year. This fund is unrestricted.

Branch Funds

Branch funds represent the accumulation of funds held by the seven branches of the Guild. Each year a percentage of the subscriptions are passed to the branches to fund activities within their geographical area. In addition, the branches may receive additional donations from members to fund activities. Each branch has a committee elected by its membership, which decides how the funds are used within the rules of the charity, and on the level of funds to maintain. These funds are unrestricted.

Bell Restoration Fund

The Bell Restoration Fund is a restricted fund which receives donations from members, branches and other fund-raising events along with the gift aid claimed by the Guild. In addition, it receives an annual transfer from the General Fund, as agreed at the AGM. All funds are then paid to the Devon Church Bell Restoration Fund (Registered Charity 276490). The trustees of the Devon Church Bell Restoration Fund pay grants out of annual income to fund maintenance and improvements to bell installations in Devon.

Format of the Accounts

The Trustees have decided to report the Guild accounts on a Receipts and Payments basis. The level of disclosure is far smaller than following the Charities SORP. This decision has been made to keep things as straightforward as possible for the Treasurer and Independent Examiner and for those who hold those roles in the future.

To account on a receipts and payments basis, the accounts should show the movement between opening and closing bank and cash balances. They should also show a statement of assets and liabilities. In this transitional year we have used the balance sheet position as reported at 2023 (as this was not significantly different from the total cash and bank balances), and adjusted opening balances and comparatives to include Branch figures.

*The balance on the General fund at 31 December per the accounts less transfers agreed at the AGM in the following June.

Financial Review of the Year

The General Fund has generated a surplus of £3,947.77. This includes net income from badges, clothing and photographs of £614.05 and interest of £281.32. There were 571 paying members in 2024. The collection of subscriptions and membership records are maintained with Membermojo. Membermojo costs for 2024 total £398.61. However, it should be noted that approx. £123 of this cost relates to transaction costs concerning merchandise sales.

All subscriptions received in advance for 2025 are held in a separate fund (the opening balance having been transferred to the General Fund and Branch Funds at the start of the year).

There was very little movement on the Denmish Fund and Instruction and Education Fund.

The Young Ringers Fund includes a donation from Devon Association of £500 and parental contributions associated with the RWNYC costs. We have increased the donation paid to Pinhoe Church for the monthly practice.

The Anniversary Dinner was a special evening. We tried to keep ticket prices as low as possible, and the Guild budgeted to pay for the honorary guests. The Guild contributed £100.70 to costs which was lower than our budget. The auction and raffle raised £1,120, which were transferred to the Bell Restoration Fund.

The 2024 Ringing World Calendar netted profits of £1,065.23 recognised in 2023, which were transferred to the Bell Restoration Fund this year.

A small stock of the anniversary book remains, but the sales covered its costs, producing net income of £256.42. These funds will be transferred to the Bell Restoration Fund in the New Year.

The Bell Restoration Fund benefitted from anniversary activities and donations received as part of the subscription process. The income received as a result of the Guild festival declined, but donations received from the subscription process were very healthy. The Guild can claim gift aid on subscriptions and donations. Our policy is to transfer these funds to the Bell Restoration Fund. Outstanding gift aid claims were made and received for 2022 and 2023, which resulted in £295.25 received above the £1,400 included in the 2022 and 2023 accounts. The remaining balance on the Bell Restoration Fund of £980 was paid to DCBRF in early January.

The seven Branches of the Guild hold funds which total £11,371.09. These funds have accumulated over several years from subscriptions and donations to be used in the course of running Branch activities and supporting towers and training activities held for Branch members. We anticipate these funds will reduce in the coming years with the purchase of simulator equipment, training grants and donations to the Bell Restoration Fund.

Excluding branch bank and cash assets, the Guild holds £16,956.09 cash assets, of which £5,181.54 relate to subscriptions and donations in the 2025 collection process.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved Trustees' report above



Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Timothy M Bayton, President

Date: 30th May, 2025

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REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1002950

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	General Fund £	Denmisch Fund £	Instruction and Eduction Fund £	Library Fund £
Balance at 1 January 2024 (as restated)	8,057.11	245.04	436.80	187.39
Transfers from General Fund (agreed at 2024 AGM)	-2,725.00	0.00	100.00	225.00
Transfer of subs received in advance	1,196.74	0.00	0.00	0.00
Income (excluding transfers)				
Subscriptions and Donations	4,695.30	5.01	0.00	30.00
Fundraising Events and Trading Income	5,019.72	0.00	0.00	59.00
Interest	281.32	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	9,996.34	5.01	0.00	89.00
Expenditure (exclucing transfers)				
Administration	-2,039.16	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ringing Community costs	-1,531.38	-3.99	-73.81	-370.48
Fundraising and Trading Costs	-3,574.07	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grants and Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	-7,144.61	-3.99	-73.81	-370.48
Other Transfers	-100.70	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfers to Bell Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance at 31 December 2024	9,279.88	246.06	462.99	130.91

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENT ON FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023 - RESTATED TO INCLUDE BRANCH FUNDS

	General Fund £	Denmisch Fund £	Instruction and Eduction Fund £	Library Fund £
Balance at 1 January 2023	8,250.95	245.04	400.00	89.70
Transfers from General Fund (agreed at 2023 AGM)	-2,560.00	0.00	100.00	410.00
Income	5,628.67	0.00	0.00	11.00
Expenditure	-3,274.51	0.00	-63.20	-323.31
Other transfers	12.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfers to Bell Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance at 31 December 2023	8,057.11	245.04	436.80	187.39

Young Ringers Fund	Bell Restoration Fund	Anniversary Dinner Fund	Ringling World Calendar Fund	Subscriptions in advance Fund	Anniversary Book Funds	Branch Total	Total
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
262.05	0.00	1,040.00	1,065.23	1,800.34	-0.00	10,204.26	23,298.22
600.00	1,800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,800.34	0.00	603.60	0.00
869.60	2,772.60	0.00	0.00	5,349.00	83.50	2,629.56	16,434.57
0.00	315.50	5,232.00	0.00	0.00	2,608.55	1,729.00	14,963.77
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.41	305.73
869.60	3,088.10	5,232.00	0.00	5,349.00	2,692.05	4,382.97	31,704.07
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-167.46	0.00	-74.67	-2,281.29
-1,313.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-839.95	-4,132.97
0.00	0.00	-5,252.70	0.00	0.00	-2,435.63	-1,516.80	-12,779.20
0.00	-7,199.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-282.50	-7,481.65
-1,313.36	-7,199.15	-5,252.70	0.00	-167.46	-2,435.63	-2,713.92	-26,675.11
0.00	0.00	100.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
.00	3,291.05	-1,120.00	-1,065.23	0.00	0.00	-1,105.82	0.00
418.29	980.00	0.00	0.00	5,181.54	256.42	11,371.09	28,327.18

Young Ringers Fund	Bell Restoration Fund	Anniversary Dinner Fund	Ringling World Calendar Fund	Subscriptions in advance Fund	Anniversary Book Funds	Branch Total	Total
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
518.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.00	10,316.63	19,820.37
0.00	2,050.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
48.00	1,893.15	1,240.00	1,804.00	1,862.00	0.00	5,286.37	17,773.19
-304.00	-5,093.28	-200.00	-726.77	-61.66	0.00	-4,248.61	-14,295.34
0.00	0.00	0.00	-12.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	1,150.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,150.13	0.00
262.05	0.00	1,040.00	1,065.23	1,800.34	-0.00	10,204.26	23,298.22

Central Council Representatives

CCCBR AGM notes - 127th meeting on 6th September 2024, Exeter

Details of the agenda and full work group reports can be found at CCCBR 2024 Annual Meeting Papers. Recordings of the meetings, work group presentations and Ringing 2030 can be found at <https://cccb.org.uk/about/annual-meetings/2024-annual-meeting/>

Devon Church Bell Restoration Fund (Charity Number 276490)

During 2024 ten projects have been completed for a total of £29,200. Inspections were completed at 12 different churches across the county and several applications forms were sent and received. We held our usual two meetings during the year on 26th March and 18th October. An initiative that has been revisited this year was to write to all the PCC's in the Exeter Diocese asking for donations to the fund. This was achieved with the help of Neil Williams who is the Director of Finance for the Diocese and has proved very fruitful having received over £3,300 from 87 different PCC's.

The Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The aim of the Devon Church Bell Restoration Fund remains to provide financial assistance to churches in the County of Devon and Diocese of Exeter for the purpose of restoring, maintaining and improving their bell installations, so as to ensure their continuing use for religious purposes and for the ongoing development of the cultural art of English church bell ringing. Though bells are housed predominantly in premises of the Church of England the practice of church bell ringing is open to all regardless of age, creed or culture; and being a very public instrument may be heard by all.

Income Received – £29,132

Some notable amounts are as follows:

- £8,370 - the Smale Bequest Investment Portfolio
- £1,822 - Bank Interest
- £9,844 - Guild of Devonshire Ringers and its Branches including £1,065 from the joint Assoc and Guild calendar sales
- £1,940 - Devon Association
- £3,327 - Letter to PCC's
- £1,000 - Legacy from Jane Doidge (Whitchurch, Tavistock),

Grants Paid in 2024 - £29,200 for 11 Projects

- £800 to Tedburn St Mary to have a new bell pad and overhaul of clappers and bearings
- £1,250 to Colaton Raleigh to refurbish two headstocks and overhaul the bearings and clappers
- £6,250 to Bigbury to have their six bells rehung in a reconditioned frame with all new fittings
- £2,100 to Tawstock to have the frame repainted and the wheels renovated
- £1,900 to Sidmouth to have the frame repainted and new mesh walkways around the bells
- £500 to Exminster to have a new rope guide fitted
- £950 to Uplyme to have the frame repainted and two clappers rebushed
- £6,800 to Kingswear to augment the existing ring of 3 to a ring of 6
- £6,250 to Wembury to have their six bells rehung in the existing frame with all new fittings
- £2,400 to Tiverton, St Peter for a general overhaul ahead of the 100th anniversary of the bells

Grants Offered in 2024 (not yet paid), - £33,620 for 7 Projects

- £6,500 - Halberton – replace headstocks, clappers, bearings and tuning
- £10,300 - Oakford – full rehang in new frame with all new fittings and tuning
- £5,900 - Coldridge - rehang in existing frame with all new fittings and tuning
- £5,900 - Rose Ash - complete rehang in original restored frame
- £2,100 - Holsworthy - replace clappers, crown staples and main bearings, refurb the gudgeons
- £1,350 - Holne - to overhaul the bearings to all but 4th and rebuild wheels to all but 5th
- £1,570 - Roborough - to have the frame stabilised

Grants Offered pre 2024 but not Paid - £16,550 for 3 Projects

Hatherleigh - £8,100 - Complete rehang
 Marlborough - £7,200 – Rehang in existing refurbished frame
 Talaton - £1,250 - to have the frame repainted

There are a further four application forms that have been sent out but not yet returned.

Total uncommitted funds at 31 December 2024 stands at £16,364.

Committee Members and Trustees for 2024 - 2025

Secretary: Janet Deem, 7a, Salterton Road, Exmouth, EX8 2BR (01395 272444; dcbrf72@gmail.com),
 David Hird (Chairman), Elaine Grant (Treasurer), dcbrftreasurer@gmail.com, Andrew Cleave (2025),
 Graham Sharland, Ian Smith, James Steer (2024), and Alena Wardle.

Devon Church Bell Restoration Fund (Registered Charity No: 276490)**Accounts for the Year ended 31 December 2024****Statement of Financial Activities****Income & Expenditure Account**

	2024	2023
	£	£
INCOME		
Guild of Devonshire Ringers and its Branches	9844	4804
Devon Association of Ringers	1940	2121
Donation Button (via CAF)	241	947
Other Donations and Fundraising	6355	2852
TOTAL DONATIONS	<u>18380</u>	<u>10724</u>
Tax Refunds (Gift Aid)	560	407
Bank Interest	1822	1339
Investment Income (Smale Bequest)	8370	9363
TOTAL INCOME	<u>29132</u>	<u>21833</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Grants to Bell Restoration Projects:		
Tiverton St Paul		300
Sampford Peverell		380
Stoodleigh		600
Huntshaw		3700
Holcombe Burnell		1500
Tedburn St Mary	800	
Colaton Raleigh	1250	
Bigbury	6250	
Tawstock	2100	
Sidmouth	1900	
Exminster	500	
Uplyme	950	
Kingswear	6800	
Wembury	6250	
Tiverton St Peter	2400	
GRANTS PAID	<u>29200</u>	<u>6480</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		
Auditor's Honorarium	25	25
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>29225</u>	<u>6505</u>
GAINS (LOSSES)		
Income less expenditure	(93)	15328
Increase (Decrease) in value of investments	12374	4351
NET GAIN (LOSS)	<u>12281</u>	<u>19679</u>

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Devon Church Bell Restoration Fund

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2024-

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mrs Hania Lee FCCA
7 February 2025.
Lee Accounting (SW) Limited,
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Newton Abbot, Devon TQ12 3BP

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	2024	2023
Bank and Cash Assets	£	£
Cash held with Stripe	1,537.15	0.00
Cash held	26.06	195.04
Guild Bank account balances	15,392.88	12,283.22
Net total of other assets reported at 2023	0.00	12.10
Opening funds previously reported	16,956.09	12,490.36
Restatements:		
Adjustment to 2024 subscription fund for transfers to branches	0.00	603.60
Bank and cash held by Branches*	11,371.09	10,356.18
Total Bank and Cash Assets	<u>28,327.18</u>	<u>23,450.14</u>

Other assets and liabilities of the Guild

Badge stock (stated at cost)	228.70	
Anniversary book stock (stated at cost)	293.03	
Remaining 2024 Peal fees not yet received	29.40	
Gift Aid Claim for funds received in 2024**	1,963.75	
Young Ringer coordinator expenses	-34.00	
Bellfund payments due to DCBRF	-980.00	
	<u>29,828.06</u>	

In addition the Guild owns the following assets which have no value in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities

DenMisch Simulator Ring on loan to Exeter School.
 Frank Mack Mobile Mini-Ring.
 The George Tribe Model Ring.
 Display Boards and Display Materials.
 Projector.

*Branch funds presented at 31/12/2023 exclude any 2024 subscription monies. Any funds held for 2024 subscriptions have been moved back to the Subscription in Advance Fund.

**Estimate based on gifted subscriptions and donations received through Membermojo in 2024.

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NOTES ON PREPARATION OF ACCOUNTS

The Guild has moved to a receipts and payments basis of accounting and separately have also incorporated Branch funds into its accounts. As the Guild's non-cash assets had a net value of £12.10 comparatives have not been restated to a receipts and payments basis. The only restatement of comparatives are the inclusion of Branch assets and transfers between the originally recorded Guild funds and Branch funds.

NOTES ON TRADING AND FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

As a UK Registered Charity the Guild is able to incur trading income of upto £8,000.00 without payment of tax. In addition it can hold fund raising events provided the surplus is used for Charitable purposes. During the Anniversary year, the Guild's trading and fundraising activities were significantly higher than previous years but remained below the threshold. The table below provides more details on these activities.

	Bfwd	Income	Direct Expenditure	To Bellfund	Surplus
		£	£	£	£
Trading Activities					
Peal fees		561.60			561.60
Newsletter income and report advertising income		270.00			270.00
Library sales of surplus stock		59.00			59.00
Badges		568.00	-559.69		8.31
Clothing		3,387.62	-2,871.74		515.88
Photos		232.50	-142.64		89.86
Anniversary Book		2,608.55	-2,435.63		172.92
Ringing World Calendar surplus bfwd	1,065.23	0.00		-1,065.23	0.00
Trading activities net surplus for the year	1,065.23	7,687.27	-6,009.70	-1,065.23	1,677.57
Fundraising Activities					
Anniversary Dinner*	1,040.00	5,232.00	-5,252.70	-1,120.00	-100.70
Committee meeting and AGM raffles		315.50		-315.50	0.00
SW Branch Dinner		1,163.50	-1,373.50		-210.00
Branch fund raising activities		565.50	-143.30	-424.20	-2.00
Trading and fundraising activities net surplus for the year	2,105.23	14,963.77	-12,779.20	-2,924.93	1,364.87

The table above does not include costs such as Membermojo transaction costs or Newsletter printing costs.

The Anniversary dinner loss was expected and concerned the meal costs for honorary guests

Badge costs contain closing stock of £228.70 may be realised in future years

Anniversary book costs contain closing stock of £293.03 which may be realised in future years

Guild clothing was priced on the basis of low orders and to cover Membermojo transaction costs on clothing receipts. Due to the high take-up, the clothing supplier gave a substantial discount.

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	2024	2023
	£	£
GENERAL FUND MOVEMENTS		
OPENING BALANCE	8,057.11	8,250.95
Less transfers agreed at 2024 AGM	-2,725.00	-2,560.00
	<u>5,332.11</u>	<u>5,690.95</u>
INCOME (Including transfers from subscription fund)		
Ringing members' subscriptions 70%	4,396.70	3,805.00
Affiliation fees	1,111.00	980.00
Non Resident Life Members	66.00	50.00
Peal fees	561.60	609.30
Newsletter and report sales and advertising income	270.00	214.50
Interest	281.32	0.00
Badge, Clothing and photograph sales	4,188.12	210.00
Tower donation for Central Council weekend	380.00	0.00
	<u>11,254.74</u>	<u>5,868.80</u>
EXPENDITURE (including transfers)		
Annual report	662.15	586.00
Anniversary dinner costs	100.70	0.00
Newsletter expenses	1,007.83	894.54
Central Council subscription	108.60	117.60
Central Council representatives' expenses	0.00	560.58
Administration expenses	20.00	47.89
Misc	-67.89	-12.00
Online subscription system annual cost	398.61	75.00
Purchase of badges, clothing and photographs	3,574.07	173.13
Purchase of projector	0.00	50.00
Meeting expenses	36.00	72.00
Leaflets	0.00	239.00
Guild website	105.00	90.00
Insurance + opening prepayment (annual cost £558.90)	838.35	558.90
Striking competition expenses	143.55	50.00
Tower donations for Central Council weekend	380.00	0.00
	<u>7,306.97</u>	<u>3,502.64</u>
SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	3,947.77	2,366.16
CLOSING BALANCE	9,279.88	8,057.11

The Insurance cost contains the opening prepayment of £279.45 due to the move from accruals accounting

Purchase of badges, clothing and photographs includes the opening badge stock of £259.69

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	2024	2023
	£	£
DENMISCH FUND MOVEMENTS		
OPENING BALANCE	245.04	245.04
Income	5.01	0.00
Misc costs	-3.99	0.00
CLOSING BALANCE	246.06	245.04
INSTRUCTION AND EDUCATION FUND	£	£
OPENING BALANCE	436.80	400.00
Add Transfers agreed at 2024 AGM	100.00	100.00
EXPENDITURE		
Education officer travel expenses	28.47	0.00
ART Course fees	30.00	50.00
ART Assessor travel expenses	15.34	13.20
	73.81	63.20
CLOSING BALANCE	462.99	436.80
LIBRARY FUND MOVEMENTS	£	£
OPENING BALANCE	187.39	89.70
Add Transfers agreed at 2024 AGM	225.00	410.00
INCOME		
Library sales	59.00	11.00
Other donations	30.00	0.00
	89.00	11.00
EXPENDITURE		
Library acquisitions and materials	70.48	23.31
Library venue costs	300.00	300.00
	370.48	323.31
CLOSING BALANCE	130.91	187.39
YOUNG RINGERS FUND MOVEMENTS	£	£
OPENING BALANCE	262.05	518.05
Add Transfers agreed at 2024 AGM	600.00	0.00
INCOME		
Donation Devon Association	500.00	48.00
Contributions from Young Ringers	369.60	0.00
	869.60	48.00
EXPENDITURE		
Tower costs	330.00	180.00
RWNYC costs and other costs	983.36	124.00
	1,313.36	304.00
CLOSING BALANCE	418.29	262.05

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	2024	2023
	£	£
BELL RESTORATION FUND MOVEMENT		
OPENING BALANCE	0.00	0.00
INCOME and TRANSFERS		
Transfer from General Fund	1,800.00	2,050.00
Transfer from Anniversary Dinner Fund	1,120.00	0.00
Transfer from Ringing World Calendar Fund	1,065.23	0.00
Branch Transfers :		
Aylesbeare	0.00	70.63
East Devon	555.12	541.00
Exeter	0.00	200.00
Mid Devon	0.00	0.00
North East	32.00	95.70
North/North West	0.00	0.00
South West	518.70	242.80
Total transfers	<u>5,091.05</u>	<u>3,200.13</u>
Gift Aid tax repayment claim (for 2022 and 2023)	295.25	700.00
Ringing Festival donations	319.06	568.15
Committee meeting raffle and teas	315.50	10.00
Exeter Cathedral donations	397.29	0.00
Donated as part of the subscription process 2023	0.00	305.00
Donated as part of the subscription process 2024	750.00	310.00
Donated as part of the subscription process 2025	980.00	0.00
Other donations	31.00	0.00
	<u>8,179.15</u>	<u>5,093.28</u>
Paid to Devon Church Bell Restoration Fund	<u>7,199.15</u>	<u>5,093.28</u>
CLOSING BALANCE	<u>980.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
ANNIVERSARY DINNER FUND MOVEMENT		
	£	£
OPENING BALANCE	1,040.00	0.00
INCOME		
Dinner tickets	4,112.00	1,240.00
Raffle and Auction proceeds	1,120.00	0.00
Transfer from General fund to cover guest meals	100.70	0.00
	<u>5,332.70</u>	<u>1,240.00</u>
EXPENDITURE (including transfer to Bell fund)		
Venue hire, meals and drinks	5,110.20	200.00
Other costs of the fundraising evening	142.50	0.00
Transfer to Bell Fund	1,120.00	0.00
	<u>6,372.70</u>	<u>200.00</u>
CLOSING BALANCE	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,040.00</u>

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	2024	2023
	£	£
RINGING WORLD CALENDAR FUND MOVEMENT		
OPENING BALANCE	1,065.23	0.00
INCOME		
Calendar sales and misc donations collected	0.00	1,804.00
EXPENDITURE (including transfer to Bell fund)		
Printing and photography costs	0.00	726.77
Transfers	1,065.23	12.00
	<u>1,065.23</u>	<u>738.77</u>
CLOSING BALANCE	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,065.23</u>
SUBSCRIPTIONS IN ADVANCE FUND MOVEMENT		
	£	£
OPENING BALANCE	1,800.34	0.00
INCOME		
Ringing members' subscriptions 70%	3,166.80	1,093.40
Branch share of subscriptions 30%	1,357.20	468.60
Donations to the Guild	24.00	11.00
Affiliation fees	552.00	154.00
Branch donations	249.00	135.00
	<u>5,349.00</u>	<u>1,862.00</u>
EXPENDITURE (including transfer to General Fund)		
Opening balance transferred to General Fund and Branches	1,800.34	0.00
Online subscription system transaction costs	167.46	61.66
	<u>1,967.80</u>	<u>61.66</u>
CLOSING BALANCE	<u>5,181.54</u>	<u>1,800.34</u>
ANNIVERSARY BOOK FUND MOVEMENT		
	£	£
OPENING BALANCE	0.00	0.00
INCOME		
Book subscriptions received	1,438.55	0.00
Book sales	1,170.00	0.00
Donation received	83.50	0.00
	<u>2,692.05</u>	<u>0.00</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Printing costs	2,051.20	0.00
Other costs - postage and advertising	384.43	0.00
	<u>2,435.63</u>	<u>0.00</u>
CLOSING BALANCE	<u>256.42</u>	<u>0.00</u>

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STATEMENT OF MOVEMENT ON BRANCH FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	Aylesbeare	East Devon	Exeter	Mid Devon	North East	North and West	South	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1 January	1,457.32	1,583.27	494.02	1,852.38	2,644.83	358.44	1,814.00	10,204.26	10,316.63
INCOME									
Branch share of 2024 subscription	138.60	323.40	310.20	343.20	290.40	108.90	369.60	1,884.30	1,537.00
Donations received	26.00	62.00	43.00	98.00	85.00	27.00	135.00	476.00	1,258.70
Fundraising raffles, teas, dinners	0.00	0.00	0.00	17.50	0.00	0.00	1,711.50	1,729.00	1,544.33
Branch activities	181.09	55.12	136.65	75.00	232.00	0.00	193.00	872.86	924.06
Interest	0.00	13.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.69	24.41	22.28
	<u>345.69</u>	<u>454.24</u>	<u>489.85</u>	<u>533.70</u>	<u>607.40</u>	<u>135.90</u>	<u>2,419.79</u>	<u>4,986.57</u>	<u>5,286.37</u>
EXPENDITURE									
Administration expenses	0.00	0.00	-10.00	-12.30	-37.50	0.00	-14.87	-74.67	-401.15
Cost of fund raising activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,516.80	-1,516.80	-1,540.16
Cost of Branch activities	-330.00	0.00	0.00	-434.95	0.00	0.00	-75.00	-839.95	-469.50
Grants	-150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-150.00	-560.50
Paid directly to DCBRF	-100.00	0.00	0.00	-32.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	-132.50	-1,277.30
	<u>-580.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-10.00</u>	<u>-479.75</u>	<u>-37.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-1,606.67</u>	<u>-2,713.92</u>	<u>-4,248.61</u>
Transfers to Guild Bell Fund	0.00	-555.12	0.00	0.00	-32.00	0.00	-518.70	-1,105.82	-1,150.13
Balance at 31 December 2024	<u>1,223.01</u>	<u>1,482.39</u>	<u>973.87</u>	<u>1,906.33</u>	<u>3,182.73</u>	<u>494.34</u>	<u>2,108.42</u>	<u>11,371.09</u>	<u>10,204.26</u>
Paying members									
2024	42	98	94	104	88	33	112	571	
2023	36	139	77	76	77	36	102	543	
Number of Tower Affiliations by Branch									
2004	10	18	16	15	16	6	20	101	
2003	10	22	14	13	16	4	19	98	

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Guild of Devonshire Ringers

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Guild of Devonshire Ringers for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached:

Signed



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