

THE TROYTE RINGING CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1179374

Details

Other names T.R.C.

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-07-30

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

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, TO RECRUIT AND TRAIN BELL RINGERS, USING INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP BASED PROGRAMMES OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT, IN MID DEVON, WEST SOMERSET, TAUNTON DEANE AND SURROUNDING AREAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADVANCING THE ART OF BELLRINGING ON BELLS HUNG IN TOWERS FOR FULL CIRCLE RINGING WHICH ARE AUDIBLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Devon
- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£8,432	£10,962	-	-
2023-12-31	£7,506	£5,524	-	-
2022-12-31	£7,822	£6,422	-	-
2021-12-31	£7,191	£9,367	-	-
2020-12-31	£6,811	£7,503	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
LESLIE EDWARD BOYCE	Chair	2018-06-08
Christopher Bolt		2022-03-16
JENNY JONES		2018-06-08
MICHAEL HATCHETT		2018-06-08
MICHAEL WARD		2022-03-16
SHEILA JOY SCOFIELD		2018-06-08

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Annual Report of The Troyte Ringing Centre

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St. Michael's and All Angels, Bampton

2024

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Annual Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31st December 2024

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- Bell ringing is an activity open to people of all ages from 8 to 80 and of all backgrounds. It offers good physical exercise and the opportunity for mental stimulation and social interaction.

CENTRE ACTIVITIES IN 2024

Recruitment, Publicity & Fundraising

Recruitment remained a priority for the year. In addition to the usual coffee morning, teddy bear parachuting and Heritage Open Day events, the Centre had a stall at a local Community Groups showcasing fair in Bampton. None of these events produced any recruits, but we were fortunate to attract a “ready-made” ringer who had moved into the area from Wiltshire. We have a pool of 12 service ringers and a further 5 support the weekly practice. It is pleasing that work with pupils from the local primary and secondary schools has resumed.

We retain a set of display boards illustrating the history and practice of bells and ringing. These were well used throughout the year for Heritage Open Days in September in Tiverton and Bampton and during fundraising events at Bampton and Tiverton. In all 9 bookings were made during the year.

Coffee mornings were held at Bampton in April and October and a cream tea in the Bampton churchyard in June to raise over £1,400 for the Centre. The August Bank Holiday Monday event parachuting teddy bears from Bampton church tower and a tower open event in September for Heritage Open Days generated good public relations for the TRC. The funds raised by these events, peal fees and other donations allowed the TRC to support the running costs of the two churches and to make provision in the longer term for major work on the bells. Details are given in the financial review below.

Service ringing and requested ringing

In normal circumstances the Centre’s band of local ringers performs regularly prior to most Sunday services at Bampton and Huntsham. This is at least four times a month. The TRC band also rings for mid-week church services, weddings and to celebrate anniversaries, other life events and civic occasions when requested. Particularly noteworthy was special ringing for the visit in August of an Australian family whose relatives had been ringers in Bampton in the 1950s and 60s. Local Facebook pages are used to inform the community of ringing for special occasions.

Group practices and Training Events

Regular Thursday night practices at Bampton have been held throughout the year. It has been possible to expand the repertoire of methods rung at practices in the last year and attendances regularly exceed 12 ringers.

The TRC programme of 7 training courses and Extended Practices saw 30 ringers, 27 of whom were from local towers, benefit from these events. Demand for help with raising and lowering in peal remains strong and much of the training programme focuses on the needs of less experienced ringers in the earlier stages of their ringing careers.

Recorded performances – peals and quarter peals

The TRC promotes the value of extended ringing performances as a way of developing the skills of ringers. Ringers throughout the South West are encouraged to participate in weekly peal attempts. A “peal” is a continuous performance of a minimum of 5,000 changes and takes between 2½ - 3 hours to complete. 43 successful peals were recorded in the year.

Details of the peals rung at Huntsham in 2024 can be seen on the TRC website:

<https://troyteringcentre.org.uk/peals/peals2024.htm>

Similarly, the Centre also hosts regular quarter peal attempts by the local ringers and bands from further afield. 18 successful quarter peal performances were recorded at Huntsham, many being rung to develop the skills of the TRC local band. A “quarter peal” is a continuous performance of a minimum of 1,260 changes and takes about 45 minutes to complete. At Bampton there was one peal rung on Bampton Fair day in October.

Governance

The trustees were able to meet face-to-face on 5 occasions in 2024. The trustees receive regular reports on finance, health and safety, safeguarding and tower maintenance issues. As well as planning and reviewing Centre activities, the group has considered the maintenance needs of both bell installations and the arrangements for booking bells for weddings being held at Huntsham Court. A printed guide for wedding couples was produced.

We continue to search for new trustees from amongst those with both the relevant bellringing skills and other abilities in managing the organisation. A young ringer attended our December meeting as an observer and will be invited to future meetings before he leaves the area for university.

Facilities Maintenance and Improvement

New sets of ropes for both Huntsham and Bampton were purchased in 2024. In addition, work was done to inspect and treat the main sub-frame beams where they enter the tower walls at Bampton and to make repairs and adjustments at Huntsham.

The main project for 2025 will be the repainting of the bell frame at Bampton. Volunteer help for the work is being sought from outside the ringers’ group.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Financial Statement for the period 1st January to 31st December 2024 and the Report of the Examiner of Accounts are appended. Our financial activities are summarised here under three headings:

Current Account Activities:

On 01 January 2024 our current account had an opening balance of £8,002.75 and on 31 December 2024 there was a closing balance of £4,278.13.

Income during the year was £8,232.08 and is summarised as follows. Bampton based activities contributed £3,152.28 and consisted mainly of community-based activities including coffee mornings, parachuting teddy bears, cream teas and open tower events designed to build good working relationships between bell ringers and residents with future recruitment of ringers in mind. Huntsham based activities contributed £3,029.00 and consisted principally of income from peals which contributed £1,500 and income from weddings which contributed £420.00. Looking ahead income from weddings is declining as the lettings policy of Huntsham Court moves from weddings to company residential courses. Training activities generated an income of £571.00 and other income generated £1,479.80 which included £632.08 in income tax repayment through the Gift Aid system. £654.00 of income was transferred to our account electronically mainly through “Easy Fundraising” and similar systems.

Expenditure during the year was £10,860.19 and this is summarised as follows. The Centre donates £2,000 each year to investments held by each PCC anticipating future major works to the bells and/or bell frames which require faculty procedures. Further details of this expenditure are included later in this report. The Centre also donated during 2024 £1,000 to Bampton PCC and £700 to Huntsham PCC for the Centre's use of church facilities including space heating, lighting and access to other church building facilities by bell ringers. Thus £3,700.00 of our income is currently paid back into church managed finances. In addition, the Centre spent £6,322.50 on new bell ropes and inspections and repairs to bells and their frames and fittings undertaken by our preferred bell hanger. Most of this expenditure falls within the Listed Places of Worship Scheme whereby each listed building is able to claim funding equal to the VAT paid on each approved service provided. Therefore, the Centre pays the actual cost of the work done or product supplied to each PCC and the PCC pays the contractor or the supplier for the work done or products supplied together with the VAT and then claims back a grant equal to the VAT paid through the Listed Places of Worship Scheme. In addition, we paid £603.86 to cover the costs of insurance, management and Ringing Society affiliation and other related arrangements. Finally, we reimbursed the costs incurred by trustees for their training and recruitment activities.

The surplus of more than £4,000 which is available at the end of December 2024 is earmarked for expenditure during 2025 for the repainting of the Bampton bell frame, which is now somewhat overdue and for the replacement of pulley bearings to the Huntsham bells as a consequence of more than 600 peals being rung during the last twenty years.

Our Reserve Fund Activities:

We have a reserve fund which is held in case our normal sources of income decline below committed expenditure. Our reserve fund is a single holding of £3,000 in the COIF Charities Deposit Fund. There has been no expenditure or transfers from this fund during 2024 and at 31 December 2024 the fund was valued at £3,348.79 with income earned reinvested.

Funding arrangements for future major works to the bell installations at Huntsham and Bampton:

The Centre arranged shortly after it received Charity status for Huntsham PCC and Bampton PCC to each establish a Bells Major Works Fund restricted to the payment of those major work items of expenditure to tower bells and their bell frames which required each PCC to obtain a faculty for the work to be done. The intention being that if this fund is managed effectively there should be no need for any major fund-raising activities at any time in the future. This was the lesson learned when it was found in 2001 that the bells and bell frame at Huntsham were in such a poor condition that it would cost in excess of £68,000 for the bells to be brought back into a good working condition. It was also discovered that the Huntsham PCC had no funds available for such work and thus if bell ringers wanted to ring these bells they would have to provide the PCC with the funds required.

At 31 December 2024 the Huntsham Bells Major Works fund is valued in excess of £13,148.20 and the Bampton Bells Major Works Fund is valued at £21,139.00. These are the valuations as at 31 December 2023 and also include the donations of £1,000 made to each PCC during December 2024. The Troyte Ringing Centre will be informed when each PCC receives the valuation of these funds as they were at 31 December 2024.

At the present time no major works to either Huntsham or Bampton Bells or bell frames which require a faculty are anticipated. Also at the present time all minor repairs and

maintenance work required, to keep these two rings of bells in good working order, are managed and paid for by the Troyte Ringing Centre at no cost to either PCC.

DECLARATION OF TRUSTEES

This annual report and the accompanying accounts were approved by the Trustees at their meeting held on the 14th day of May, 2025

Signed Leslie Boyce Chairman

Signed Jenny Jones Secretary

Troyte Ringing Centre
Financial Statement for period
1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT		General	Huntsham	Bampton	Training	TOTAL 2024	TOTAL 2023
	Note	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Designated £	Designated £	£	£
RECEIPTS							
Use of bells	1		2,256	255		2,511	2,263
Voluntary receipts	2	728	1,028	1,541	124	3,420	2,865
Fund raising	3		0	1,596		1,596	1,913
Other incoming resources	4	320	0	0	584	904	465
Total receipts		1,048	3,284	3,392	708	8,432	7,506
PAYMENTS							
Maintenance & Repairs	5		2,301	4,022		6,323	1,039
Fund raising costs	6			27		27	58
Facilities	7		1,700	2,000		3,700	3,578
Training	8				270	270	274
Other outgoing resources	9	584	29	29		643	575
Total payments		584	4,030	6,078	270	10,962	5,524
Surplus (Deficit)		464	(746)	(2,686)	438	(2,531)	1,982
TRANSFERS							
Transfers between funds	10					0	0
Surplus (Deficit) after transfers		464	(746)	(2,686)	438	(2,531)	1,982
AVAILABLE FUNDS							
Available funds at start of Financial Year	11	2,592	629	5,267	1,938	10,427	8,343
Available funds at end of Financial Year		2,986	7	2,642	2,324	7,959	10,427

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		General	Huntsham	Bampton	Training	TOTAL 2024	TOTAL 2023
	Note	Designated £	Designated £	Designated £	Designated £	£	£
Monetary assets							
Bank current account		2,986	(1,823)	867	2,246	4,276	7,321
Cash & cheques not paid in		0	156	100	78	334	0
Deposit account		0	1,674	1,674	0	3,349	3,106
		2,986	7	2,642	2,324	7,959	10,427
Investments							
Bell Major Works Funds	12		13,780	22,168		35,948	32,659
Liabilities							
Cheques not presented		0	0	0	0	0	0
Agency Account	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0	0	0

Jack Ward
Accounts Manager

Mike Hatchett
Treasurer

Approved at Trustees Meeting on

Jenny Jones
Secretary

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT	General	Huntsham	Bampton	Training	TOTAL 2024	TOTAL 2023
	Designated £	Designated £	Designated £	Designated £	£	£
1 Use of bells						
Peals		1,605	85		1,690	1,420
Quarter Peals		171			171	173
Weddings, funerals and celebrations		480	170		650	610
Visiting Ringers					0	12
Branch Practices					0	48
	0	2,256	255	0	2,511	2,263
2 Voluntary receipts						
Online Giving	96				96	62
Non-Gift Aided Donations		548	389	27	964	478
Gift Aided Donations		480	1,152	97	1,729	1,735
Income tax recovered (Gift Aid Scheme)	632				632	590
	728	1,028	1,541	124	3,420	2,865
3 Fund raising						
Trading					0	21
Events			1,596		1,596	1,892
	0	0	1,596	0	1,596	1,913
4 Other incoming resources						
Bell Club fees & subscriptions				168	168	0
Training fees				346	346	331
Refreshments				59	59	56
Grants					0	0
Transfer from Deposit Account					0	0
Other	320			12	332	78
	320	0	0	584	904	465
5 Maintenance & Repairs						
Maintenance & repairs		2,301	4,022		6,323	1,039
New equipment					0	0
	0	2,301	4,022	0	6,323	1,039
6 Fund raising costs						
Invoices & reimbursements			27		27	58
Cost of trading					0	0
	0	0	27	0	27	58
7 Facilities						
Use of facilities		700	1,000		1,700	1,578
Major Works Investment Fund		1,000	1,000		2,000	2,000
	0	1,700	2,000	0	3,700	3,578
8 Training						
Training material						
Reimbursements				170	170	159
Other				100	100	115
	0	0	0	270	270	274
9 Other outgoing resources						
Administration	75				75	345
Bank Charges (included in Other in 2023)	102				102	
Insurance (included in Administration in 2023)	347				347	
Other	60	29	29		119	230
	584	29	29	0	643	575

10 The General Fund is used for payments which are not liabilities falling to one of the other funds (e.g. administration, insurance, bank charges, website costs and governance) and receipts which are not other fund credits (e.g. income from internet purchases) or not attributal to a single fund (e.g. standing orders and donation to the TRC and Gift Aid).

11 Monetary Assets less Liabilities

12 Investments in the Bell Major Works funds are made by the Huntsham and Bampton PCCs using the annual grant made by the TRC (see Note 7). The funds are controlled by the respective PCCs but can only be used for major work on the bells.

13 Money which passes through the TRC's bank account but which is not part of its income or expenditure. e.g. Collections for other charities.



**Independent examiner's report on the
accounts**

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of** Troyte Ringing Centre

**On accounts for the year
ended** 2024 **Charity no
(if any)** 1179374

Set out on pages The attached pages

**Responsibilities and
basis of report** I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 2024 ✓

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the 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** [~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~]

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below*~~) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:  **Date:** 6 May 2024

Name: SIMON BARTLETT

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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Address:

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

I found these accounts particularly easy to follow up and check.

SJB Bartlett.

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- Bell ringing is an activity open to people of all ages from 8 to 80 and of all backgrounds. It offers good physical exercise and the opportunity for mental stimulation and social interaction.

CENTRE ACTIVITIES IN 2023

Recruitment, Publicity & Fundraising

Recruitment was a top priority for the year. The “Ring for the King” national recruitment initiative did not produce any direct enquiries, but did set a background climate in which we have recruited three adult learners. Two of these have made good progress and a third hopes to return to ringing after a house move. A fourth adult has also joined the band from another tower.

We retain a set of display boards illustrating the history and practice of bells and ringing. These were heavily used throughout the year, not only on Heritage Open Days in September in Tiverton and Bampton and during fundraising events at Bampton and Tiverton, but also for two major recruitment taster days for W.I. members at Buckfast Abbey. In all 11 bookings were made during the year.

Coffee mornings were held at Bampton in April and October and a cream tea in the Bampton churchyard in June to raise over £1,500 for the Centre. The August Bank Holiday Monday event parachuting teddy bears from Bampton church tower and a tower open event in September for Heritage Open Days generated good public relations for the TRC, though no new recruits.

The funds raised by these events, peal fees and other donations allowed the TRC to support the running costs of the two churches and to make provision in the longer term for major work on the bells.

Service ringing and requested ringing

In normal circumstances the Centre’s band of local ringers performs regularly prior to most Sunday services at Bampton and Huntsham. This is at least four times a month. The TRC band also rings for mid-week church services, weddings and to celebrate anniversaries, other life events and civic occasions when requested. Particularly noteworthy was special ringing for the Coronation of King Charles in May. Local Facebook pages are used to inform the community of ringing for special occasions.

Some of the losses of ringers from the TRC band following the COVID pandemic have now been made good, so there have been very few occasions when it has not been possible to field a band for service ringing. We are getting some good support from our teenage young ringers and the adult learners will begin to ring for services in early 2024.

Group practices and Training Events

Regular Thursday night practices at Bampton have been held throughout the year. It has been possible to expand the repertoire of methods rung at practices in the last year and attendances regularly exceed 12 ringers.

The TRC programme of training events and Extended Practices saw 45 ringers, 29 of whom were from local towers, benefit from these events. Demand for help with raising and lowering in peal remained strong and special extended practices were offered to East Devon,

Cadbury and Broadhembury ringers. A new “teaching assistants’ course” based on the ART Module 1 day course for ringing teachers attracted 8 students and was well received.

Recorded performances – peals and quarter peals

The TRC promotes the value of extended ringing performances as a way of developing the skills of ringers. Ringers throughout the South West are encouraged to participate in weekly peal attempts. A “peal” is a continuous performance of a minimum of 5,000 changes and takes between 2½ - 3 hours to complete. 43 successful peals were recorded in the year.

Details of the peals rung at Huntsham in 2023 can be seen on the TRC website:

<https://troyteringingcentre.org.uk/peals/peals2023.htm>

Similarly, the Centre also hosts regular quarter peal attempts by the local ringers and bands from further afield. 9 successful quarter peal performances were recorded at Huntsham. A “quarter peal” is a continuous performance of a minimum of 1,260 changes and takes about 45 minutes to complete. At Bampton there was one peal rung on Bampton Fair day in October.

Governance

The trustees were able to meet face-to-face on 5 occasions in 2023. The trustees receive regular reports on finance, health and safety, safeguarding and tower maintenance issues. As well as planning and reviewing Centre activities, the group have considered a TRC membership scheme, how the Centre records the outcomes of its training events, how practices are organised and the fees paid to those who ring for weddings.

The new trustees, Mike Ward and Chris Bolt, have settled into their roles well and make a real contribution. We are sad to report the death in October of Pat Hatchett, a former trustee. Pat had served as Tower Secretary since before the start of the ringing centre in 2004, played a significant part in the work to restore Huntsham bells and assisted Mike with teaching many recruits. She also made many a cake and trifle to feed course students and visiting ringers. Her cheery presence will be much missed.

Facilities Maintenance and Improvement

Little major work was undertaken in 2023, but ropes have been taken to a ropemaker for repair and an order for new sets of ropes for both Huntsham and Bampton is being prepared.

Huntsham has two sets of handbells and an opportunity arose to get a handbell restorer to examine these and report on their condition. It is clear that both sets require significant work to make them easily ringable. Trustees took the view that the likely level of their use would not justify the expenditure needed for their restoration at present. Because of their condition their sale would realise little income, so it was decided to place them into secure storage for the moment.

It is clear that the frame in the bell chamber at Bampton will need repainting soon.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Financial Statement for the period 1st January to 31st December 2023 and the Report of the Examiner of Accounts are appended. Financial activities are summarised under three headings: current account, reserve fund and investments.

Current Account

The opening balance in the Centre's HSBC Business Account on 1st January 2023 was £5,259 and the closing balance on 31st December was £7,219. The year therefore ended with a surplus of £2,039. This was £600 more than the closing balance for year ending 31st December 2022.

The total income for the year was £7,506 with the largest contributions coming from peal fees (£1,420), fundraising events (£1,892) and Gifted Aided donations of £1,735. However, total income for the year was just over £300 less than the total for 2022.

The total payments from the current account for the year were £5,466. This sum was about £1,000 less than in 2022. The Centre makes annual payments to Bampton and Huntsham PCCs to cover the use of their bells. It also makes annual contributions to the restricted investments held by each PCC in their Bells Major Works Funds. The major expenditure in 2023, other than those already stated, was for repairs to bell ropes. At the beginning of the year the Centre changed its bell rope supplier from Mendip Ropes to Avon Ropes of Bristol and they have provided new sallies and tail ends to Bampton and Huntsham ropes as required.

Reserve Fund

The Centre holds a COIF Deposit Fund, the purpose of which is to provide an easily accessible monetary reserve to cover normal expenditure should income streams reduce significantly, or the Centre is faced with unexpected expenditure.

On 1st January 2023 the balance in the COIF Deposit Fund was £3,051.84 and at 31st December it was £3,185.57. No transfer of funds from the current account was made during the year. The increase in the balance at the year end was a consequence of increased bank interest rates.

Investment Fund

At the 31st December 2023 the value of the investments held by each PCC was:

St. Michael and All Angels, Bampton	£20,139
All Saints, Huntsham	£12,148

These funds are intended to be used only when a faculty is required for major works to the bells, the bell frames and their fittings.

DECLARATION OF TRUSTEES

This annual report and the accompanying accounts were approved by the Trustees at their meeting held on the 17th day of July, 2024

Signed Leslie Boyce	Chairman
Signed Jenny Jones	Secretary

Troyte Ringing Centre
Financial Statement for period
1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT		General	Huntsham	Bampton	Training	TOTAL 2023	TOTAL 2022
	Note	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Designated £	Designated £	£	£
RECEIPTS							
Use of bells	1		2,035	228		2,263	2,027
Voluntary receipts	2	652	809	1,298	106	2,865	3,225
Fund raising	3		0	1,913		1,913	1,861
Other incoming resources	4		0	31	434	465	709
Total receipts		652	2,844	3,470	540	7,506	7,822
PAYMENTS							
Maintenance & Repairs	5		553	486		1,039	2,013
Fund raising costs	6			58		58	25
Facilities	7		1,700	1,878		3,578	3,700
Training	8				274	274	179
Other outgoing resources	9	555	10	10		575	505
Total payments		555	2,263	2,432	274	5,524	6,422
Surplus (Deficit)		97	581	1,039	266	1,982	1,400
TRANSFERS							
Transfers between funds	10	0	0	0	0	0	
Surplus (Deficit) after transfers		97	581	1,039	266	1,982	1,400
AVAILABLE FUNDS							
Available funds at start of Financial Year	11	2,499	(504)	4,912	1,436	8,343	6,886
Available funds at end of Financial Year		2,596	77	5,950	1,702	10,325	8,343

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		General	Huntsham	Bampton	Training	TOTAL 2023	TOTAL 2022
	Note	Designated £	Designated £	Designated £	Designated £	£	£
Monetary assets							
Bank current account		2,596	(1,476)	4,397	1,702	7,219	5,378
Cash		0	0	0	0	0	427
Deposit account		0	1,553	1,553	0	3,106	3,014
		2,596	77	5,950	1,702	10,325	8,819
Liabilities							
Cheques not presented		0	0	0	0	0	0
Agency Account	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0	0	0

Jack P.W. Ward

Jack Ward
Accounts Manager

Approved at Trustees Meeting on

Mike Hatchett
Treasurer

Jenny Jones
Secretary

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT	General	Huntsham	Bampton	Training	TOTAL 2023	TOTAL 2022
	Designated £	Designated £	Designated £	Designated £	£	£
1 Use of bells						
Peals		1,390	30		1,420	1,169
Quarter Peals		153	20		173	83
Weddings, funerals and celebrations		450	160		610	775
Visiting Ringers		12			12	0
Branch Practices		30	18		48	0
	0	2,035	228	0	2,263	2,027
2 Voluntary receipts						
Online Giving Ltd	62				62	94
Non-Gift Aided Donations		234	223	21	478	522
Gift Aided Donations		575	1,075	85	1,735	1,920
Income tax recovered (Gift Aid Scheme)	590				590	690
	652	809	1,298	106	2,865	3,225
3 Fund raising						
Trading			21		21	63
Events			1,892		1,892	1,798
	0	0	1,913	0	1,913	1,861
4 Other incoming resources						
Bell Club fees & subscriptions				0	0	30
Training fees				331	331	185
Refreshments				56	56	6
Grants (LPW Scheme)					0	421
Sale of assets					0	2
Transfer from Deposit Account					0	0
Other			31	47	78	66
	0	0	31	434	465	709
5 Maintenance & Repairs						
Maintenance & repairs		553	486		1,039	2,013
New equipment					0	0
	0	553	486	0	1,039	2,013
6 Fund raising costs						
Invoices & reimbursements			58		58	25
Cost of trading					0	0
	0	0	58	0	58	25
7 Facilities						
Use of facilities		700	878		1,578	1,700
Major Works Investment Fund		1,000	1,000		2,000	2,000
	0	1,700	1,878	0	3,578	3,700
8 Training						
Training material				159	159	79
Reimbursements				115	115	100
Other						
	0	0	0	274	274	179
9 Other outgoing resources						
Administration	345				345	446
Other	210	10	10		230	59
	555	10	10	0	575	505

10 The General Fund is used for payments which are not liabilities falling to one of the other funds (e.g. insurance, website costs and governance) and receipts which are not other fund credits (e.g. income from Just Giving) or not attributal to a single fund (e.g. Gift Aid).

11 Monetary Assets (Current Bank Account + Cash + Reserves) less Liabilities

12 Money which passes through the TRC's bank account but which is not part of its income or expenditure. e.g. Collections for other charities.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Troyte Ringing Centre

On accounts for the year
ended

2023

Charity no
(if any)

1179374

Set out on pages

The attached pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the 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

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination ~~(other than that disclosed below *)~~ which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

21/05/2024

Name:

SIMON BARTLETT

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

/

Address:

12 QUARRYMAN CLOSE
BAMPTON
EX16 9PF

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

A clearly laid out account which should give confidence in the care and accuracy taken in the keeping of these accounts.

THE TROYTE RINGING CENTRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1179374

Accounts



**Annual Report of
The Troyte Ringing Centre**

2022

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TROYTE RINGING CENTRE

Annual Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31st December 2022

CHARITY DETAILS

CHARITY NAME The Troyte Ringing Centre (often known as the “TRC”) was set up in 2004.

CHARITY REG'D NUMBER The Centre was granted charity status by the Charity Commission in July 2018. Its Registered Charity Number is 1179374.

CONTACT ADDRESS Five Oaks, Bampton, TIVERTON, Devon, EX16 9LE.

CHARITY TRUSTEES

Name	Office Held
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Christopher Bolt (from March 2022)

Leslie Boyce Chairman

Mandy Burnett (to June 2022)

Michael Hatchett

Jennifer Jones Secretary

Sheila Scofield

Michael Ward (from March 2022)

ADVISORS Robert Brown Principal Conductor

Jeffrey Knipe Conductor (Deceased Feb 22)

Michael Spencer Conductor

Simon Bartlett Examiner of Accounts

Ken Smith Webmaster

WEBSITE <http://www.troyteringingcentre.org.uk/index.htm>

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

The Troyte Ringing Centre is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and its governing document is the TRC Constitution adopted on 27th July 2018. The members of the TRC are for the time being its trustees. Additional trustees or trustees to fill vacant posts are appointed by the remaining trustees with due regard to the knowledge, skills and experience of the candidates. In particular, appointees must demonstrate their competence in ringing full circle tower bells and in the training and development of appropriate ringing skills.

Management

The TRC operates primarily from St Michael and All Angels Church, Bampton and from All Saints Church, Huntsham in Devon. The Centre has management agreements with the Parochial Church Councils of both churches which provide for access and maintenance arrangements and the respective responsibilities of the TRC and the PCCs. The trustees and other voluntary helpers appointed by the trustees are responsible for the day-to-day management and administration of the Centre. All the trustees and helpers work for the Centre on a voluntary basis without remuneration other than the reimbursement of reasonable expenses.

The Centre has developed a range of management policies covering issues such as health and safety, safeguarding, COVID-security and investment.

Links to other bodies

In addition to the agreements in place with the respective PCCs of Bampton and Huntsham, the Centre cultivates links with the North East Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers and is designated an ART Teaching Hub by the Association of Ringing Teachers. The TRC also has a close relationship with Bampton Church of England Primary School. The running of an after-school bellringing club for its pupils had to be suspended after the COVID pandemic; it is hoped to revive the club in 2023.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The TRC sets out its objective in its Constitution, namely:

For the public benefit, to recruit and train bell ringers, using individual and group-based programmes of continuing education and development, in Mid Devon, West Somerset, Taunton Deane and surrounding areas for the purpose of advancing the art of bell ringing on bells hung in towers for full circle ringing which are audible to the general public.

Note: *This object requires the TRC to operate within three principal fields of activity:*

- *with the general public for the purpose of increasing public knowledge and understanding of tower bell ringing,*
- *within groups of practising bell ringers for the purpose of developing group ringing performances*

- *and with individual bell ringers to enable them to integrate more effectively into existing groups of ringers.*

In attempting to meet this objective the TRC carries out a range of activities, primarily:

- 1) Developing competence in the full circle ringing of tower bells through training, mentoring, focused practices and recorded performances for those living principally, but not exclusively, within the local authority areas of Mid Devon, West Somerset and Taunton Deane Districts.
- (2) Providing suitably competent bands of ringers to meet the reasonable bellringing needs and interests of the communities of Bampton and Huntsham and those living within the wider geographical areas of interest to the Centre.
- (3) Providing appropriate recruitment information and events for those living principally within the geographical areas of interest to the Centre.
- (4) Using any surplus income not used for meeting objectives 1,2 or 3 for the long-term maintenance and enhancement of the equipment used by the Centre which is owned by others and to support local communities.

Public Benefit

The Trustees are mindful of the guidance given by the Charity Commission in respect of demonstrating public benefit arising from the work of the TRC. In carrying out the activities outlined above the following public benefits are derived:

- Towers within the geographical area of interest are supported to provide information, open events and recruitment activities to explain and foster an understanding of tower bell ringing in the general population. Raising awareness of the heritage and history of bells and tower bell ringing from the mid-16th century is a key component of our public information activities.
- Through helping teachers in local towers or by directly providing tuition, the TRC enables new recruits to bellringing to be taught to control bells safely and effectively, thus sustaining ringing activities in towers that might otherwise fall silent and maintaining the centuries old tradition of ringing bells in England.
- Through providing continuing training in bell ringing, less experienced ringers are supported to maintain and develop their ringing and thus to improve their standard of public performance.
- Through offering readily available practice facilities using well-maintained bell installations, sound control systems and silent practice computer-based training, the TRC is further supporting ringers of all levels of ability. It thereby encourages the retention of ringers and supports ringers to achieve higher standards of public performance, while avoiding excessive disturbance to neighbours from long and frequent periods of open ringing.
- Through raising funds through its activities, the TRC supports its host churches to meet running costs, the costs of day to day bell maintenance and the investment needs for the longer-term overhaul of the bell installations. Surplus income is offered to other towers in the area to assist with the costs of the maintenance and overhaul of their bell installations.
- Bell ringing is an activity open to people of all ages from 8 to 80 and of all backgrounds. It offers good physical exercise and the opportunity for mental stimulation and social interaction.

CENTRE ACTIVITIES IN 2022

Recruitment, Publicity & Fundraising

In 2022 TRC activities returned to a level nearer that of the pre-pandemic era following the restrictions imposed by COVID controls in 2020 and 2021. Some teaching of bell handling has taken place, but the losses of ringers from the TRC band which occurred during the pandemic have yet to be made up. Thus recruitment is a high priority for the coming year and campaigns will be linked to ringing for the Coronation in May 2023.

We retain a set of display boards illustrating the history and practice of bells and ringing. These were used on Heritage Open Days in September in Tiverton and Bampton, during fundraising events at Bampton and at one other tower in the year.

Coffee mornings were held at Bampton in February and October to raise income for the Centre and an August Bank Holiday Monday event parachuting teddy bears from Bampton church tower and a tower open event in September generated good public relations for the TRC, but sadly no new recruits. An innovation was the staging of a cream tea in the Bampton churchyard in August.

The funds raised by these events allowed the TRC to support the running costs of the two churches and to make provision in the longer term for major work on the bells.

Service ringing and requested ringing

In normal circumstances the Centre's band of local ringers performs regularly prior to most Sunday services at Bampton and Huntsham. This is at least four times a month. The TRC band also rings for mid-week church services, weddings and to celebrate anniversaries, other life events and civic occasions when requested. Particularly noteworthy was special ringing for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June and her death and funeral in September. Greater use is being made of local Facebook pages to inform the community of ringing for special occasions.

Not all TRC members returned to ringing immediately after the pandemic and three former ringers had moved away by the time ringing restarted. As a consequence, there have been a few occasions when it has not been possible to field a band for service ringing and there is no spare capacity to meet illness or absence. It is hoped that the recruitment initiative in the coming year will address this situation.

Group practices and Training Events

Regular Thursday night practices at Bampton have been held throughout the year. Initially the emphasis in these practices has been to rebuild the skills of ringers as a band after the pandemic break, but as the year progressed a wider range of methods has been attempted.

The TRC programme of training events and Extended Practices resumed from May 2022 and 18 ringers from other towers benefitted. Demand for help with raising and lowering training, particularly from towers in East Devon, resulted in a waiting list for places and it was the end of the year before all the demand could be satisfied.

Recorded performances – peals and QPs

The TRC promotes the value of extended ringing performances as a way of developing the skills of ringers. Ringers throughout the South West are encouraged to participate in weekly

peal attempts. A “peal” is a continuous performance of a minimum of 5,000 changes and takes between 2½ - 3 hours to complete. 33 successful peals were recorded in the year.

Details of the peals rung in 2022 can be seen on the TRC website:

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Similarly, the Centre also hosts regular quarter peal attempts by the local ringers and bands from further afield. 4 successful quarter peal performances were recorded at Huntsham. A “quarter peal” is a continuous performance of a minimum of 1,260 changes and takes about 45 minutes to complete. At Bampton there was one peal rung on Bampton Fair day in October.

Governance

The trustees were able to meet face-to-face on 7 occasions in 2022. In the early part of the year continual review of the COVID risk assessments and guidance was necessary. As the year progressed and the risk from COVID reduced, consideration was given more to other matters. A recruitment and training strategy for new ringers and a policies on membership of the TRC, on the relationship of the TRC to the two church PCCs and on protecting the Major Works funds were developed. An inventory of all the TRC’s equipment and other property was also prepared.

At the start of the year the trustee group was reduced to five following two resignations in 2021. A search for new trustees was undertaken in early 2022 with particular emphasis on finding trustees who could represent the local bands and communities at Bampton and Huntsham. We were pleased to appoint Mike Ward and Chris Bolt, but sorry to lose Mandy Burnett from the group. We thank Mandy for all her work as a trustee.

Facilities Maintenance and Improvement

Little major work was undertaken in 2022, but a fault with the headstock of the tenor bell at Huntsham revealed in 2021 was the subject of work by bellhangers. Attention was also given to the ropes and ground pulleys.

At Bampton the opening of the tower to visitors in September necessitated a thorough cleaning of the ringing room, tower stairs, clock room and bell chamber. An inspection of the frame in the bell chamber suggests that it will need repainting soon.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Financial Statement for the period 1st January to 31st December 2022 and the Report of the Examiner of Accounts are appended.

We summarise our financial activities under three headings: current account activities, deposit account activities and investment activities.

Current Account Activities:

The opening balance on 01 January 2022 in our HSBC Current Account was £3,864.13 and the closing balance on 31 December 2022 was £5,259.35. We therefore ended the year with a surplus in our current account of £1,395.22.

Our principal income generating activities were from the use of the Huntsham bells for our programme of recorded performances and for the celebration ringing we provide for weddings. Together these totalled £1,722 during 2022. Voluntary receipts during the year

totalled £3,225 of which £1,500 came from Bampton donations. There was also income of £700 from Huntsham donations and £200 from training related donations. Most of our fund raising income was generated from coffee mornings held in Bampton which generated £1,800 during the year. There was no income from visiting ringers during the year and the local ringing society held no meetings at either of our towers during 2022. These absences in our annual ringing programme were the consequence of the COVID pandemic.

Thus, the total income during 2022 was £7,822 which was just about £600 more than the total income for 2021.

The total payments out of our current account during 2022 were £6,422 which were almost £3,000 less than the total expenditure for 2021. We spent just about £2,000 on improvements to the performance of the Huntsham tenor bell. A detailed inspection had suggested that one of the gudgeons was loose and needed replacement. However, dismantling revealed a smaller problem which was more easily and cheaply rectified. We made annual payments of £1,000 to Bampton PCC and £700 to Huntsham PCC for the costs they incurred when we use their bells. We also made annual payments of £1,000 to each of these PCCs to increase the amount they held on our behalf in the form of investments to be used for major works to these bells as and when such work becomes necessary.

Deposit Fund Activities:

The Troyte Ringing Centre holds a COIF Charities Deposit Fund, the purpose of which is to provide an easily accessible monetary reserve should we be faced with either an unexpected large expenditure, or our income streams decline so that normal annual expenditure is not covered. We also have to consider the implications of banks paying no interest on current accounts; of banks imposing high charges on overdrafts; and also banks charging fees for the day-to-day management of current account transactions. Therefore, we anticipate that for the foreseeable future we will need a COIF Deposit Fund holding a minimum of six months anticipated income.

On 01 January 2022 the balance in our COIF Deposit Fund was £3,022.35 and on 31 December 2022 this had increased to £3,051.84. The good news is that the interest paid for the month of December 2022 was £7.81. Therefore, we anticipate that the interest to be paid during 2023 will exceed £100.00. We also anticipate transferring at least another £1,000 from our current account to this deposit fund during 2023.

Investment Fund Activities:

The Troyte Ringing Centre trustees have taken the view that tower bell ringing should be seen as an asset to the community rather than a financial liability to the Parochial Church Council. Therefore, having completed the fund raising needed to remodel and rehang the Huntsham bells in 2004 the TRC trustees took the view that it was sensible to establish separate Major Works Investment Funds to raise over time the funds needed to remodel and/or rehang the tower bells at Bampton and Huntsham. It was anticipated that such funds were unlikely to become necessary for at least another 50 or so years. It was further considered appropriate that these funds should be held in the name of each PCC as tower bells are the property of the church and the Troyte Ringing Centre might cease to exist when the need for remodelling or rehangs becomes necessary. The TRC trustees assume that

each PCC recognises that these investments are restricted to the work of remodelling and/or rehangng their tower bells for which a Faculty will be required.

At 31 December the bid market value of the Bampton Bells Major Works Fund was £16,968.45 and the bid market value of the Huntsham Bells Major Works Fund was £9,890.27. Thus, we have raised almost £27,000 towards these anticipated costs. We shall continue to make annual donations of £1,000 to each PCC to enable further investments in these two funds to be made during 2023.

DECLARATION OF TRUSTEES

This annual report and the accompanying accounts were approved by the Trustees at their meeting held on the 11th day of October 2023

Signed Leslie Boyce Chairman

Signed Jenny Jones Secretary

Troyte Ringing Centre
Financial Statement for period
1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT		General	Huntsham	Bampton	Training	TOTAL 2022	TOTAL 2021
	Note	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Designated £	Designated £	£	£
RECEIPTS							
Use of bells	1		1,722	305		2,027	1,641
Voluntary receipts	2	783	709	1,538	195	3,225	3,812
Fund raising	3		10	1,851		1,861	542
Other incoming resources	4	30	423	36	221	709	1,197
Total receipts		813	2,864	3,729	416	7,822	7,191
PAYMENTS							
Maintenance & Repairs	5		2,013			2,013	5,761
Fund raising costs	6			25		25	0
Facilities	7		1,700	2,000		3,700	3,079
Training	8				179	179	124
Other outgoing resources	9	495	0		10	505	403
Total payments		495	3,713	2,025	189	6,422	9,367
Surplus (Deficit)		319	(849)	1,704	227	1,400	(2,175)
TRANSFERS							
Transfers between funds	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Surplus (Deficit) after transfers		319	(849)	1,704	227	1,400	(2,175)
AVAILABLE FUNDS							
Available funds at start of Financial Year	11	2,180	304	3,166	1,236	6,886	8,819
Available funds at end of Financial Year		2,499	(531)	4,885	1,463	8,316	6,886

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		General	Huntsham	Bampton	Training	TOTAL 2022	TOTAL 2021
	Note	Designated £	Designated £	Designated £	Designated £	£	£
Monetary assets							
Bank current account		2,499	(2,056)	3,359	1,463	5,264	5,378
Cash		0	0	0	0	0	427
Deposit account		0	1,526	1,526	0	3,052	3,014
		2,499	(531)	4,885	1,463	8,316	8,819
Liabilities							
Cheques not presented		0	0	0	0	0	0
Agency Account	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0	0	0

Jack Ward
Accounts Manager

Approved at Trustees Meeting on

Mike Hatchett
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT	General	Huntsham	Bampton	Training	TOTAL 2022	TOTAL 2021
	Designated £	Designated £	Designated £	Designated £	£	£
1 Use of bells						
Peals		1,129	40		1,169	903
Quarter Peals		83			83	78
Weddings, funerals and celebrations		510	265		775	660
Visiting Ringers					0	0
Branch Practices					0	0
	0	1,722	305	0	2,027	1,641
2 Voluntary receipts						
Online Giving Ltd	94				94	34
Non-Gift Aided Donations		279	213	30	522	441
Gift Aided Donations		430	1,325	165	1,920	2,183
Income tax recovered (Gift Aid Scheme)	690				690	1,154
	783	709	1,538	195	3,225	3,812
3 Fund raising						
Trading		10	53		63	74
Events			1,798		1,798	467
	0	10	1,851	0	1,861	542
4 Other incoming resources						
Bell Club fees & subscriptions				30	30	0
Training fees				185	185	38
Refreshments				6	6	0
Grants (LPW Scheme)		421			421	1,134
Sale of assets		2			2	0
Transfer from Deposit Account					0	0
Other	30		36		66	25
	30	423	36	221	709	1,197
5 Maintenance & Repairs						
Maintenance & repairs		2,013			2,013	5,761
New equipment					0	0
	0	2,013	0	0	2,013	5,761
6 Fund raising costs						
Invoices & reimbursements			25		25	0
Cost of trading					0	0
	0	0	25	0	25	0
7 Facilities						
Use of facilities		700	1,000		1,700	1,079
Major Works Investment Fund		1,000	1,000		2,000	2,000
	0	1,700	2,000	0	3,700	3,079
8 Training						
Training material						
Reimbursements				79	79	24
Other				100	100	100
	0	0	0	179	179	124
9 Other outgoing resources						
Administration	446				446	55
Other	49			10	59	348
	495	0	0	10	505	403

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name
Troyte Ringing Centre

On accounts for the year ended

31st December 2022

Charity no (if any) 1179374

Set out on pages

10 – 11 of the Annual Report (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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Signed: Simon Bartlett

Date: 20/10/2023

Name: SIMON BARTLETT

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

N/A

Address: 12 Quarryman Close, Bampton
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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I have had less time than I needed to complete what I wanted to do in my inspection. However, as far as I have found, there are no errors or omissions to my knowledge, and my previous experience leaves me confident in the care taken by the Treasurer to keep accurate accounts.
SJBoutlet.

THE TROYTE RINGING CENTRE

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TROYTE RINGING CENTRE

Annual Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31st December 2021

CHARITY DETAILS

CHARITY NAME The Troyte Ringing Centre (often known as the “TRC”) was set up in 2004.

CHARITY REG'D NUMBER The Centre was granted charity status by the Charity Commission in July 2018. Its Registered Charity Number is 1179374.

CONTACT ADDRESS Five Oaks, Bampton, TIVERTON, Devon, EX16 9LE.

CHARITY TRUSTEES	Name	Office Held
	Richard Barker (to October 21)	
	Leslie Boyce	Chairman (Jun 21 -)
	Mandy Burnett	
	Michael Hatchett	Chairman (to Jun 21)
	Patricia Hatchett (to June 21)	
	Jennifer Jones	Secretary
	Sheila Scofield	

ADVISORS	Name	Office Held
	Robert Brown	Principal Conductor
	Jeffrey Knipe	Conductor
	Michael Spencer	Conductor
	Simon Bartlett	Examiner of Accounts

WEBSITE <http://www.troyteringingcentre.org.uk/index.htm>

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The TRC sets out its objective in its Constitution, namely:

For the public benefit, to recruit and train bell ringers, using individual and group-based programmes of continuing education and development, in Mid Devon, West Somerset, Taunton Deane and surrounding areas for the purpose of advancing the art of bell ringing on bells hung in towers for full circle ringing which are audible to the general public.

Note: *This object requires the TRC to operate within three principal fields of activity:*

- *with the general public for the purpose of increasing public knowledge and understanding of tower bell ringing,*
- *within groups of practising bell ringers for the purpose of developing group ringing performances*
- *and with individual bell ringers to enable them to integrate more effectively into*

existing groups of ringers.

In attempting to meet this objective the TRC carries out a range of activities, primarily:

- 1) Developing competence in the full circle ringing of tower bells through training, mentoring, focused practices and recorded performances for those living principally, but not exclusively, within the local authority areas of Mid Devon, West Somerset and Taunton Deane Districts.
- (2) Providing suitably competent bands of ringers to meet the reasonable bellringing needs and interests of the communities of Bampton and Huntsham and those living within the wider geographical areas of interest to the Centre.
- (3) Providing appropriate recruitment information and events for those living principally within the geographical areas of interest to the Centre.
- (4) Using any surplus income not used for meeting objectives 1,2 or 3 for the long-term maintenance and enhancement of the equipment used by the Centre which is owned by others and to support local communities.

Public Benefit

The Trustees are mindful of the guidance given by the Charity Commission in respect of demonstrating public benefit arising from the work of the TRC. In carrying out the activities outlined above the following public benefits are derived:

- Towers within the geographical area of interest are supported to provide information, open events and recruitment activities to explain and foster an understanding of tower bell ringing in the general population. Raising awareness of the heritage and history of bells and tower bell ringing from the mid-16th century is a key component of our public information activities.
- Through helping teachers in local towers or by directly providing tuition, the TRC enables new recruits to bellringing to be taught to control bells safely and effectively, thus sustaining ringing activities in towers that might otherwise fall silent and maintaining the centuries old tradition of ringing bells in England.
- Through providing continuing training in bell ringing, less experienced ringers are supported to maintain and develop their ringing and thus to improve their standard of public performance.
- Through offering readily available practice facilities using well-maintained bell installations, sound control systems and silent practice computer-based training, the TRC is further supporting ringers of all levels of ability. It thereby encourages the retention of ringers and supports ringers to achieve higher standards of public performance, while avoiding excessive disturbance to neighbours from long and frequent periods of open ringing.
- Through raising funds through its activities, the TRC supports its host churches to meet running costs, the costs of day to day bell maintenance and the investment needs for the longer-term overhaul of the bell installations. Surplus income is offered to other towers in the area to assist with the costs of the maintenance and overhaul of their bell installations.
- Bell ringing is an activity open to people of all ages from 8 to 80 and of all backgrounds. It offers good physical exercise and the opportunity for mental stimulation and social interaction.

CENTRE ACTIVITIES IN 2021

Recruitment, Publicity & Fundraising

TRC activities continued to be restricted by the COVID pandemic and the prohibition on members of different households mixing in the earlier part of the year. A single bell was rung before Bampton Sunday services and on Thursday evenings, when it celebrated the work of N.H.S. staff. Recruitment and the teaching of bell handling, involving as it does the close proximity of teacher and pupil, had to wait until the last quarter of the year. The ringing of a single bell was nevertheless appreciated by the local community and reminded them of the presence of both the church and the Ringing Centre.

We retain a set of display boards illustrating the history and practice of bells and ringing. Inevitably opportunities to deploy it were severely limited, but it was borrowed for use in Tiverton on Heritage Open Days in September.

A coffee morning was held at Bampton in September to raise income for the Centre and the TRC helped raise money for Christian Aid by parachuting teddy bears from Bampton church tower on the August Bank Holiday Monday.

Service ringing and requested ringing

In normal circumstances the Centre's band of local ringers performs regularly prior to most Sunday services at Bampton and Huntsham. Prior to the pandemic these Sunday Service ringing sessions occurred on six occasions each month. The TRC band also rings for mid-week church services, weddings and to celebrate anniversaries, other life events and civic occasions when requested.

Ringing activity resumed from mid-May in line with Government restrictions and the guidance received from the Church of England's House of Bishops and the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. Until July bands were restricted to six members of different households, but after that ringing 8 bells at Huntsham became possible. Wedding and other requested ringing restarted from this time also. Not all TRC members returned to ringing immediately and three former ringers had moved away by the time ringing restarted. A rota was used to try and ensure sufficient ringers at each session. COVID risk assessments were prepared for both towers and revised during the year as the situation and guidance changed. As a result of this loss of membership, during 2022 we will have some difficulty in finding bands for the significant number of weddings due to take place at Huntsham.

Group practices and Training Events

TRC members were consulted about their willingness to return to a weekly practice night. After some initial caution regular Thursday night practices at Bampton returned from the start of November. Initially the emphasis in these practices has been to rebuild the skills of ringers as a band after the break of over 18 months.

The TRC programme of training events and Extended Practices remained in abeyance for the year, recognising that there were still many towers not back ringing regularly and some caution amongst ringers, particularly about attending events which involve close contact between trainers and learners. A successful tower maintenance training event was held, however, in December using the belfry at Tiverton, St Peter's. The programme of the local North-East Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers (which had regularly used TRC facilities) was also in abeyance for all of 2021. It is likely that there will have been a build-up

in demand for some training events over the two years of the pandemic which will put pressure on our helper resources.

Recorded performances – peals and QPs

The TRC promotes the value of extended ringing performances as a way of developing the skills of ringers. Ringers throughout the South West are encouraged to participate in weekly peal attempts. A “peal” is a continuous performance of a minimum of 5,000 changes and takes between 2½ - 3 hours to complete. Peal ringing resumed in May at Huntsham and 27 peals were recorded in the year. Details of the peals rung can be seen on the TRC website: <http://www.troyteringingcentre.org.uk/peals/peals2021.htm>. A noteworthy milestone was achieved in November when the 600th peal on the bells was rung.

Similarly, the Centre also hosts regular quarter peal attempts by the local ringers and bands from further afield. 3 successful quarter peal performances were recorded. A “quarter peal” is a continuous performance of a minimum of 1,260 changes and takes about 45 minutes to complete. At Bampton there was one peal and one quarter peal in 2021.

Resumption of peal and quarter peal ringing was regarded as problematic as evidence grew that COVID infection is spread more easily in indoor settings with poor ventilation. At Huntsham this issue was addressed by the regular peal band members taking Lateral Flow Tests before each attempt. At Bampton the problem of poor ventilation was addressed in 2021 by the commissioning of a mechanical ventilation system as explained below.

Governance

Despite the restrictions imposed because of COVID, the trustees continued to meet, sometimes outside, and to transact business by email. It again was not possible to hold the annual meeting of the TRC ringers, but this will be arranged in 2022 and consultation meetings were held with them prior to resuming service ringing and practices.

The new hazards presented by the COVID virus required that additional risk assessments were prepared for both towers and these were revised during the year as the pandemic conditions and resulting guidance changed.

Two trustees resigned during the year, and we thank Pat Hatchett and Richard Barker for all the work they have done for the Centre. Mike Hatchett stood down as Chairman and Leslie Boyce was elected in his place. At the end of the year steps were taken to find new trustees and it is planned to make new trustee appointments in 2022.

Facilities Maintenance and Improvement

Significant work to maintain and improve the bell installations and our ringing environment was done during the year.

At Bampton a long-standing concern about the lack of ventilation in the ringing room was given added emphasis by the COVID pandemic and the growing evidence that the Corona virus is spread particularly through aerosol droplets in the air. In 2020 a feasibility study had indicated that a mechanical ventilation system could be installed to extract air from the ringing chamber, placing the necessary trunking in the redundant clock weight casing, with the fan located within the clock chamber, and exhausting the air in the bell chamber, without harm to any of the historic fabric of the tower. This system was installed and commissioned in the spring of 2021 and supplemented by the purchase of a free-standing air purifier unit.

As part of the commissioning of the ventilation system, Dr. David Pouncey, an adviser to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, came to Bampton and conducted tests to measure

its effectiveness. The tests measured levels of CO₂ in the atmosphere of the ringing room while ringing was being undertaken and they showed that the ventilation system is effective in changing the air in the room and thus preventing a build up of aerosols which might contain the virus. The tests were part of a national evaluation of ventilation in bell towers and the results were published in the journal, *The Ringing World*, No. 5747, pp 536-38 (18 June 2021). The installation of the system required an upgrade to the electrical supply to the tower and the opportunity was also taken to improve emergency and external lighting in and around the tower.

At Huntsham work was done on the clappers and main bearings of the bells by Nicholson Engineering, a firm of bellhangers. Volunteers from the Ringing Centre assisted with this work, thus reducing the cost to the TRC. A fault with the headstock of the tenor bell was revealed after this work and will necessitate a little further attention in 2022. The cessation of regular ringing also allowed the ringing room floors in both towers to be sanded and resealed.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Introduction

At the 31 December 2021 our total assets were £6,892, of which £3,864 was held in our HSBC Current Account and £3,028 was held in our CCLA Deposit account. In addition, Huntsham PCC held Accumulated Shares in the CCLA CBF Church of England Investment Fund valued on 31 December 2021 at £9,807.06 and Bampton PCC held shares in the same CCLA Investment Fund valued on the same date at £17,594.97 on our behalf.

Income during the period up to 31 December 2021

Our total receipts received during the year were £7,191 which were slightly higher than the total received during 2020. Voluntary donations, together with the Income Tax recovered through the Gift Aid Scheme, totalled £3,812. Income from peals, quarter peals and celebration ringing, mainly weddings, totalled £1,641. We also received grants from the Listed Places of Worship Scheme of £1,134 as reimbursement for the VAT paid for maintenance work carried out during the year. We also raised £542 through fund raising events and trading.

Expenditure during the period up to 31 December 2021

Our total payments made during the year were £9,367 of which £5,761 was used for the second phase of the Huntsham twenty-year maintenance programme which involved the replacement of the main bearings of all eight bells.. We also spent £3,079 on the use of church facilities during the year. Our normal annual payments to Bampton PCC and Huntsham PCC were reduced to reflect the access which was denied during periods of statutory lockdown. The Bampton payment was reduced from £1,000 to £635 and the Huntsham payment from £700 to £444. We were also able to maintain our normal annual contribution to each PCC of £1,000 to be used to purchase additional Accumulated Shares in the CCLA CBF Church of England Investment Fund for future major works of maintenance or rehangings.

The Financial Statement for the period 1st January to 31st December 2021 and the Report of the Examiner of Accounts are appended.

DECLARATION OF TRUSTEES

This annual report and the accompanying accounts were approved by the Trustees at their meeting held on 5th October 2022.

Signed Leslie Boyce Chairman

Signed Jenny Jones Secretary

Troyte Ringing Centre
Financial Statement for period
1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT		General	Huntsham	Bampton	Training	TOTAL 2021	TOTAL 2020
	Note	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Designated £	Designated £	£	£
RECEIPTS							
Use of bells	1		1,509	132		1,641	389
Voluntary receipts	2	1,188	1,221	1,353	50	3,812	5,227
Fund raising	3		20	522		542	154
Other incoming resources	4	25	1,134	0	38	1,197	1,033
Total receipts		1,213	3,884	2,007	88	7,191	6,803
PAYMENTS							
Maintenance & Repairs	5		5,761			5,761	5,684
Fund raising costs	6					0	0
Facilities	7		1,444	1,635		3,079	1,360
Training	8				124	124	140
Other outgoing resources	9	390	0	13		403	320
Total payments		390	7,205	1,648	124	9,367	7,503
Surplus (Deficit)		824	(3,321)	359	(37)	(2,175)	(700)
TRANSFERS							
Transfers between funds	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Surplus (Deficit) after transfers		824	(3,321)	359	(37)	(2,175)	(700)
AVAILABLE FUNDS							
Available funds at start of Financial Year	11	1,357	3,621	2,803	1,263	9,043	8,819
Available funds at end of Financial Year		2,180	307	3,169	1,226	6,882	9,043

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	Note	Designated £	Designated £	Designated £	Designated £	£	£
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Cash		0	0	0	0	0	427
Deposit account		0	1,514	1,514	0	3,028	3,014
		2,180	307	3,169	1,236	6,892	8,819
Liabilities							
Cheques not presented		0	0	0	10	10	0
Agency Account	12	0	0	0		0	0
		0	0	0	10	10	0

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Peals		873	30		903	288
Quarter Peals		66	12		78	32
Weddings, funerals and celebrations		570	90		660	30
Visiting Ringers					0	0
Branch Practices					0	39
	0	1,509	132	0	1,641	389
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Online Giving Ltd	34				34	122
Non-Gift Aided Donations		220	206	15	441	736
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Income tax recovered (Gift Aid Scheme)	1,154				1,154	329
	1,188	1,221	1,353	50	3,812	5,227
3 Fund raising						
Trading		20	54		74	154
Events			467		467	0
	0	20	522	0	542	154
4 Other incoming resources						
Bell Club fees & subscriptions				0	0	58
Training fees				38	38	28
Refreshments					0	12
Grants (LPW Scheme)		1,134			1,134	0
Transfer from Deposit Account					0	0
Other	25				25	935
	25	1,134	0	38	1,197	1,033
5 Maintenance & Repairs						
Maintenance & repairs		5,761			5,761	3,344
New equipment					0	2,340
	0	5,761	0	0	5,761	5,684
6 Fund raising costs						
Invoices & reimbursements					0	0
Cost of trading					0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 Facilities						
Use of facilities		444	635		1,079	360
Major Works Investment Fund		1,000	1,000		2,000	1,000
	0	1,444	1,635	0	3,079	1,360
8 Training						
Training material						20
Reimbursements				24	24	20
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	0	0	0	124	124	140
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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

**Independent examiner's report on the
accounts**

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Troyte Ringing Centre	
On accounts for the year ended	31 st December 2021	Charity no (if any)
Set out on pages		
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Signed:		Date: 14/9/2022

name:	S.H. BARTLETT
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	
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	Bampton Tiverton
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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The TRC sets out its objective in its Constitution, namely:

For the public benefit, to recruit and train bell ringers, using individual and group-based programmes of continuing education and development, in Mid Devon, West Somerset, Taunton Deane and surrounding areas for the purpose of advancing the art of bell ringing on bells hung in towers for full circle ringing which are audible to the general public.

Note: *This object requires the TRC to operate within three principal fields of activity: with the general public for the purpose of increasing public knowledge and understanding of tower bell ringing, within groups of practising bell ringers for the purpose of developing group ringing performances and with individual bell ringers to enable them to integrate more effectively into existing groups of ringers.*

In attempting to meet this objective the TRC carries out a range of activities, primarily:

- 1) Developing competence in the full circle ringing of tower bells through training, mentoring, focused practices and recorded performances for those living principally, but not exclusively, within the local authority areas of Mid Devon, West Somerset and Taunton Deane Districts.
- (2) Providing suitably competent bands of ringers to meet the reasonable bellringing needs and interests of the communities of Bampton and Huntsham and those living within the wider geographical areas of interest to the Centre.
- (3) Providing appropriate recruitment information and events for those living principally within the geographical areas of interest to the Centre.
- (4) Using any surplus income not used for meeting objectives 1,2 or 3 for the long-term maintenance and enhancement of the equipment used by the Centre which is owned by others and to support local communities.

Public Benefit

The Trustees are mindful of the guidance given by the Charity Commission in respect of demonstrating public benefit arising from the work of the TRC. In carrying out the activities outlined above the following public benefits are derived:

- Towers within the geographical area of interest are supported to provide information, open events and recruitment activities to explain and foster an understanding of tower bell ringing in the general population. Raising awareness of the heritage and history of bells and tower bell ringing from the mid-16th century is a key component of our public information activities.
- Through helping teachers in local towers or by directly providing tuition, the TRC enables new recruits to bellringing to be taught to control bells safely and effectively, thus sustaining ringing activities in towers that might otherwise fall silent and maintaining the centuries old tradition of ringing bells in England.
- Through providing continuing training in bell ringing, less experienced ringers are supported to maintain and develop their ringing and thus to improve their standard of public performance.
- Through offering readily available practice facilities using well-maintained bell installations, sound control systems and silent practice computer-based training, the TRC is further supporting ringers of all levels of ability. It thereby encourages the retention of ringers and supports ringers to achieve higher standards of public performance, while avoiding excessive disturbance to neighbours from long and frequent periods of open ringing.
- Through raising funds through its activities, the TRC supports its host churches to meet running costs, the costs of day to day bell maintenance and the investment needs for the longer-term overhaul of the bell installations. Surplus income is offered to other towers in the area to assist with the costs of the maintenance and overhaul of their bell installations.
- Bell ringing is an activity open to people of all ages from 8 to 80 and of all backgrounds. It offers good physical exercise and the opportunity for mental stimulation and social interaction.

CENTRE ACTIVITIES IN 2020

Recruitment, Publicity & Fundraising

With the announcement of a national lockdown on 23 March because of the COVID-19 pandemic all normal TRC activities had to cease until restrictions are eased to allow people from different households to mix once again. The teaching of bell handling, involving as it does the close proximity of teacher and pupil, had to be suspended for the remainder of 2020. We retain a set of display boards illustrating the history and practice of bells and ringing, but were not able to deploy it as all recruitment events were on hold.

A spring coffee morning at Bampton, usually an important source of income, was planned for March, but had to be cancelled at short notice.

Service ringing and requested ringing

In normal circumstances the Centre's band of local ringers performs regularly prior to most Sunday services at Bampton and Huntsham. At the start of the year these Sunday Service ringing sessions occurred on six occasions each month. The TRC band would also ring for mid-week church services, weddings and to celebrate anniversaries, other life events and civic occasions when requested.

Again most of this activity ceased from mid-March with the introduction of Government restrictions and in accordance with instructions from the Church of England's House of Bishops and advice from the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. For some of the period face-to-face church services were not permitted and at other times it was only possible to ring a single bell.

Group practices

The year started with the usual programme of twice-weekly general practices, a weekly improvers practice for call change ringers and the weekly After-School Bell Club for youngsters from the local primary school. In addition, a programme of specially designated Extended Practices in basic ringing skills were also offered to ringers throughout the area from January.

All of these programmes and that of the local North East Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers (which also regularly uses TRC facilities) had to be abandoned in March at the start of the national COVID lockdown.

Recorded performances – peals and QPs

The TRC promotes the value of extended ringing performances as a way of developing the skills of ringers. Ringers throughout the South West are encouraged to participate in weekly peal attempts. A "peal" is a continuous performance of a minimum of 5,000 changes and takes between 2½ - 3 hours to complete. 9 peals were successfully completed between the start of the year and 12th March. Details of the peals rung can be seen on the TRC website: <http://www.troyteringingcentre.org.uk/peals/peals2020.htm>

Similarly, the Centre also hosts regular quarter peal attempts by the local ringers and bands from further afield. 6 successful quarter peal performances were recorded down to mid-March, and this included two first quarters by a young ringer and by his mother. A “quarter peal” is a continuous performance of a minimum of 1,260 changes and takes about 45 minutes to complete. After that date all extended ringing had to be abandoned for the rest of the year.

Resumption of peal and quarter peal ringing is regarded as particularly problematic as evidence grows that COVID infection is spread more easily in indoor settings with poor ventilation. Ringers are likely to face problems of physical stamina in the early days of resuming ringing and may be reluctant to ring in close proximity in poorly ventilated spaces for more than short periods. However, the problem of poor ventilation at Bampton is due to be addressed in 2021 as explained below.

Governance

Despite the restrictions imposed because of COVID, the trustees continued to meet, sometimes outside, and to transact business by email. Regular updates on progress with various issues were provided by the Chairman. The lockdown limitations on practical ringing activities provided an opportunity for the TRC ringers to complete their safeguarding training under the auspices of the Church of England. The appropriate level of insurance cover was finally agreed with the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group. It was not possible to hold the annual meeting of the TRC, but this will be arranged as soon as conditions allow.

The new hazards presented by the COVID virus required that revised risk assessments were prepared for general ringing and for extended ringing.

It was decided to extend the terms of the existing trustees because of the COVID pandemic. However, two trustees have announced their intention to stand down and this will necessitate some reallocation of responsibilities between the remaining trustees and consideration of appointing new ones.

Facilities Maintenance and Improvement

During 2020 a detailed risk assessment was undertaken of the Bampton tower. This assessment clearly indicated the inadequacy of the electrical services provided and of the natural ventilation available within the ringing chamber. Following consultations with the church electrical contractor it was decided that the following electrical remedial and improvement works were necessary:

- The electrical sub main between the tower distribution board and the main church distribution board needed to be replaced and upgraded.
- External PIR lights should be fitted over the external west and north tower doors and over the external door leading into the chancel.
- Safety lighting should be provided within the bell chamber to provide safe means of egress in the event of a power outage.
- Additional socket outlets should be provided within the clock chamber as all existing socket outlets were used during the electrification of the clock winding mechanisms.

The lack of adequate ventilation within the ringing chamber had been previously identified as needing attention. A request some years ago, to have part of the window in the west wall of the ringing chamber made openable, was not approved. However, it was realised that, as a consequence of the installation of the electrical clock winding mechanisms, the clock

weight shaft was redundant. During the summer of 2020 a feasibility study was undertaken to determine whether this redundant shaft could be used to house the trunking required for a mechanical ventilation system. Such a system would extract air from the ringing chamber and exhaust this air into the bell chamber, where it would disperse through the bell chamber louvres into the atmosphere some 60 feet above ground level. This feasibility study was to take into account the fact that the church building was listed as Grade 1 and therefore no external or internal structural alterations to the tower would be permitted.

The feasibility study indicated that a suitable ventilation system could be installed to extract air from the ringing chamber, placing the necessary trunking in the redundant clock weight casing, with the fan located within the clock chamber, and exhausting the air in the bell chamber, without harm to any of the historic fabric of the tower.

A detailed proposal for the electrical improvements and the ventilation system was presented to Bampton PCC which approved the work and made a donation of £6,000 towards the cost, provided an appropriate Faculty was granted using the established Diocese of Exeter procedure. The Faculty application was completed during November and December 2020 and a Faculty is anticipated sometime during 2021.

Thus it is anticipated that by the end of April 2021 all necessary maintenance and improvement work identified for Huntsham and Bampton bells, frames and fittings will be completed and ready for use when decisions are made for ringing to be restarted. However, it will be necessary for the appropriate steeple keepers to make inspections of the bell chambers and the bell fittings, during the weeks prior to restarting ringing, to ensure that clappers are swinging freely and that bell ropes and clock wires are in proper working order and the Huntsham sound control system is operating effectively.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Introduction

2020 was a year the like of which none of us anticipated and for which none of us had made adequate preparations. Therefore this report will simply state the main financial activities, or lack of them, and highlight the preparations made in anticipation for a better year in 2021.

After Monday 16 March 2020 churches were closed and for the rest of 2020 ringing was limited to very restricted Sunday service ringing with single bells rung intermittently during other days of the week.

Income during the period up to 31 December 2020

Income from ringing related activities was almost non-existent. Income during 2020 from the actual use of the bells at Bampton and Huntsham amounted to £389 of which the single biggest item was income from peals, which amounted to £288. Income from training related activities during the year amounted to approximately £100.

However, during 2020 voluntary receipts from individuals exceeded £5,000, of which £4,000 was gift aided and from which the income tax paid by the donors will be recovered during 2021.

Behind these simple statements lie some key issues for future consideration. If church bells were only rung for Sunday services, there would be very little income generated. However,

from time to time there would be maintenance costs, and these costs would have to be met by the appropriate parochial church councils. Both Huntsham and Bampton churches are financially fragile. It is only by ringing with the support of the wider community that significant income can be generated. Peals, quarter peals, weddings and blessings, bands of visiting ringers and ringing which is linked to major community events such as annual fairs and local celebrations have generated both much more income and wider community support for bell ringing and bell ringers. It remains to be seen whether or not these patterns of use will continue once unrestricted ringing is permitted. It therefore comes as something of a surprise to find that the total income for 2020 just exceeded £6,800.

Expenditure during the period up to 31 December 2020

During 2019, and following the closure of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, the TRC appointed Nicholson Engineering Ltd. to make a detailed quinquennial inspection of both Huntsham and Bampton bells, their frames and fittings. These inspections generated maintenance programmes which for Bampton were completed during 2019, and for Huntsham were programmed for completion during 2021, with one third of the contract sum paid during 2020 to fix the price of the work programmed for 2021. In addition to these programmed maintenance costs, new tail ends were provided to a number of ropes for both towers. It was also decided that due to the lack of adequate ventilation in the ringing chamber at Bampton an air purification and virus irradiation unit was purchased in preparation for a return to regular Sunday service ringing. Therefore during 2020 £5,684 was spent on maintenance and new equipment.

In addition to these maintenance costs the TRC also makes annual payments for the use of church facilities at both Huntsham and Bampton. The PCC invoices for these annual payments were reduced for 2020 due to the closure of church buildings and the restrictions imposed on bell ringing. The payments made were £148 for Huntsham and £212 for Bampton.

Following the 2004 remodelling and rehunging project at Huntsham it was decided that the TRC would take a longer term approach to maintenance costs, and during the following years two major works investment funds were established in which earnings from the investments were accumulated into each fund rather than paid as income. At 31 December 2019 the value of the Bampton Bells Major Works Fund was £12,343 and the value of the Huntsham Bells Major Works Fund was £6,343. During 2020 an additional £500 was invested in each fund, and at 31 December 2020 the value of the Bampton Bells Major Works Fund was £14,111 and the value of the Huntsham Bells Major Works Fund was £7,498.

Looking into the future

As outlined in the Facilities Maintenance section above, a Faculty is being processed for work at Bampton during 2021 to improve the electrical services appropriate for safe ingress and egress of the church tower and for the installation of a mechanical ventilation system in the ringing chamber and this work is approved by Bampton PCC from whom a grant of £6,000 has been approved.

For Huntsham, a contact has been let with Nicholson Engineering for rebushing the clappers and replacing the main bearings of all eight bells during February and March 2021 for which the TRC has obtained an Archdeacon's Certificate giving approval for the work to be completed under List B of items which do not require a Faculty, but which do require the written approval of the appropriate Archdeacon. One third of the contract sum has been paid, and the remainder will be paid by the TRC upon satisfactory completion of the work.

The Financial Statement for the period 1st January to 31st December 2020 is appended.

DECLARATION OF TRUSTEES

This annual report and the accompanying accounts were approved by the Trustees at the meeting held on 20th June 2021.

Signed Michael Hatchett Chairman

Signed Jenny Jones Secretary

Troyte Ringing Centre
Financial Statement for period
1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT		General	Huntsham	Bampton	Training	TOTAL 2020	TOTAL 2018/19
	Note	Designated £	Designated £	Designated £	Designated £	£	£
RECEIPTS							
Use of bells	1		373	16		389	4,788
Voluntary receipts	2	451	1,953	2,791	32	5,227	5,920
Fund raising	3		25	129		154	2,234
Other incoming resources	4	901	21	21	98	1,041	3,881
Total receipts		1,353	2,371	2,957	130	6,811	16,823
PAYMENTS							
Maintenance & Repairs	5		3,020	2,664		5,684	665
Fund raising costs	6					0	0
Facilities	7		648	712		1,360	5,100
Training	8				140	140	357
Other outgoing resources	9	320	0			320	1,881
Total payments		320	3,668	3,376	140	7,503	8,004
Surplus (Deficit)		1,033	(1,297)	(418)	(10)	(693)	8,819
TRANSFERS							
Transfers between funds	10	500	(200)	(200)	(100)	0	0
Surplus (Deficit) after transfers		1,533	(1,497)	(618)	(110)	(693)	8,819
AVAILABLE FUNDS							
Available funds at start of Financial Year	11	(176)	3,878	3,823	1,295	8,819	0
Available funds at end of Financial Year		1,357	3,202	2,807	1,253	8,619	8,819
Increase (Decrease) in Available Funds		1,533	(675)	(1,016)	(42)	(200)	8,819
Difference from Surplus (Deficit)		0	822	(398)	68	492	0

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		General	Huntsham	Bampton	Training	TOTAL 2020	TOTAL 2018/19
	Note	Designated £	Designated £	Designated £	Designated £	£	£
Monetary assets							
Bank current account		1,357	2,114	1,296	1,263	6,029	5,378
Cash		0	0	0	0	0	427
Deposit account		0	1,511	1,511	0	3,022	3,014
		1,357	3,625	2,807	1,263	9,051	8,819
Liabilities							
Cheques not presented		0	422	0	10	432	0
Agency Account	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
		0	422	0	10	432	0

Jack Ward
Accounts Manager

Approved at Trustees Meeting on

Mike Hatchett
Treasurer

Jenny Jones
Secretary

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT	General	Huntsham	Bampton	Training	TOTAL 2020	TOTAL 2018/19
	Designated £	Designated £	Designated £	Designated £	£	£
1 Use of bells						
Peals		288			288	2,438
Quarter Peals		32			32	266
Weddings, funerals and celebrations		30			30	1,625
Visiting Ringers					0	22
Branch Practices		23	16		39	437
	0	373	16	0	389	4,788
2 Voluntary receipts						
Online Giving Ltd	122				122	41
Charity Checkout					0	0
Non-Gift Aided Donations		438	291	7	736	1,958
Gift Aided Donations		1,515	2,500	25	4,040	3,374
Income tax recovered (Gift Aid Scheme)	329				329	547
	451	1,953	2,791	32	5,227	5,920
3 Fund raising						
Trading		25	129		154	363
Events					0	1,871
	0	25	129	0	154	2,234
4 Other incoming resources						
Bell Club fees & subscriptions				58	58	245
Training fees				28	28	325
Refreshments				12	12	47
Transfer of assets					0	3,189
Interest on Deposit Account		4	4		8	14
Transfer from Deposit Account					0	0
Other	901	17	17		935	62
	901	21	21	98	1,041	3,881
5 Maintenance & Repairs						
Maintenance & minor repairs		3,020	324		3,344	665
New equipment			2,340		2,340	0
	0	3,020	2,664	0	5,684	665
6 Fund raising costs						
Invoices & reimbursements					0	0
Cost of trading					0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 Facilities						
Use of facilities		148	212		360	2,700
Major Works Investment Fund		500	500		1,000	2,400
	0	648	712	0	1,360	5,100
8 Training						
Training material				20	20	67
Reimbursements				20	20	190
Other				100	100	100
	0	0	0	140	140	357
9 Other outgoing resources						
Administration	320				320	1,121
Other					0	760
	320	0	0	0	320	1,881

10 The General Fund is used for payments which are not liabilities falling to one of the other funds (e.g. insurance, website costs and governance) and receipts which are not other fund credits (e.g. income from Just Giving and Charity Checkout). As its liabilities are likely to exceed its income it relies on transfers from other funds to remain in credit. The total of all transfers must equal zero.

11 Monetary Assets less Liabilities

12 Money which passes through the TRC's bank account but which is not part of its income or expenditure. e.g. Collections for other charities.

Independent Examiner's Report to Troyte Ringing Centre Trustees

I report on the accounts of Troyte Ringing Centre for the period covering 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The Accounts Manager is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. He considers that an audit is not required under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) but that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility as examiner:

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

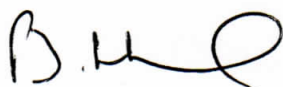
Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Accounts Manager and a comparison with the bank and other records provided by the TRC Treasurer. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the Accounts Manager or Treasurer concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act has not been met
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act has not been met.



Paul Hammond