

THE BARRON BELL TRUST AND ADDITIONAL FUND

England & Wales · Charity number 228846

Details

Other names	BARRON BELL TRUST
Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	1967-10-06
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: PROVIDING, INSTALLING, INSPECTON, REPAIRING OR MAINTAINING CARILLONS OR BELLS IN CHURCHES IN GREAT BRITAIN AS DETAILED IN PARAGRAPHS 4(A) AND (B) OF INDENTURE DATED 15TH DECEMBER 1925.

Activities: To support the Augmentation and Propagation of Church Bell Ringing

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NATIONAL
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-02-19	£29,963	£19,705	-	-
2024-02-19	£29,434	£7,061	-	-
2023-02-19	£28,525	£29,565	-	-
2022-02-19	£28,904	£22,285	-	-
2021-02-19	£27,377	£25,487	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANN GERALDINE BRYANT-FENN		
IAN HUMPHREY WALROND		
NIGEL DAVID LEARMONTH KIDSON		

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF BARRON BELL TRUST

(Registered Charity No. 228846)

I report on the attached accounts of the Barron Bell Trust for the year ended 19th Feb. 2024.

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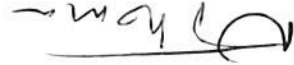
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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT
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TN21 0DG

Dated: 05/10/2025

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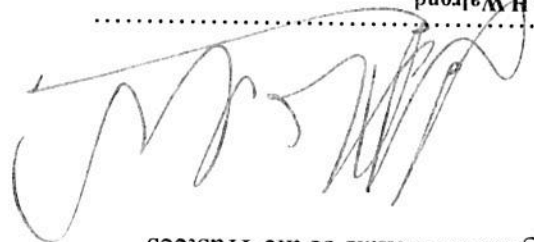
BARRON BELL TRUST

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 19 FEBRUARY 2025**

	2024	2025			
FIXED ASSETS					
Computer	341.73	307.56			
Equipment					
CURRENT ASSETS	341.73				307.56
COIF Shares @ Valuation 31/08/24					
34276 Shares	646791.55	698832.80			
17971 Shares	339114.57	366399.94			
Bank Accounts	985906.12	1065232.74			
Current A/C no: 40130842	53247.39	62403.62			
Deposit A/C No 40130950	101166.38	102267.75			
	154413.77	164671.37			
TOTAL ASSETS	1140661.50				1230211.67
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Grants Approved	11500.00				34500.00
NET ASSETS					
Represented by Accumulated Reserves	1129161.50				1195711.67

The Accounts were Approved by the Trustees on 25/09/25

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees



Ian H Walrond
 Managing Trustee
 Barron Bell Trust
 Registered Charity No. 228846

BARRON BELL TRUST

**EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 19 FEBRUARY 2025**

ADMIN EXPENSES					
DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL	AMOUNT	TOTAL
26/09/24	NEIL THOMAS	Accountancy	400.00		
10/12/24	Swiftpage Act! Software	Database Software	480.00		880.00
EXPENDITURE ON GRANTS TO BELL FUNDS					
DATE	PAYEE	APPLICANT	REF	AMOUNT	TOTAL
30/04/24	Hawley PCC	St Peter & St Paul Hawley	3702	3000.00	
30/04/24	St Dunawds Church	St Dunawds Banger-on-Dee	3711	4000.00	
30/04/24	Slapton PCC	Holy Cross Slapton	3412	2500.00	
12/07/24	John Taylor & Co	St Mary the Virgin Hartpury	3712	5000.00	
25/09/24	John Taylor & Co	St James the Great Audlem	3713	3500.00	18000.00
TRUSTEES	FEES	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT		
30/04/24	Mrs A G Bryant Fenn	Fees	125.00		
30/04/24	I H Waltrond	Fees	450.00		
30/04/24	N D L Kidson	Fees	250.00		825.00
TOTAL					
TOTAL					

TOTAL 19705.00

BARRON BELL TRUST

**ACCUMULATED INCOME ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 19 FEBRUARY 2024**

ACCUMULATED INCOME @ 20 FEBRUARY 2024		2024	2025
Current A/C	53247.39	62403.63	
Deposit A/C	101166.38	102267.75	
	154413.77	164671.38	
INCOME FOR YEAR			
COIF Dividends	28464.17	28861.24	
Dep. A/C Interest	969.84	1101.37	
	29434.01	29962.61	
DISPOSABLE INCOME		183847.78	194633.99
EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR			
Administration	1151.70	880.00	
Trustees Fees	660.00	825.00	
Grants Paid	5250.00	18000.00	
	7061.70	19705.00	
Disposable Income Available at year end 19 Feb 2024	190909.48	195458.99	
Grants Approved but not yet paid	11500.00	34500.00	
Accumulated Uncommitted Income as at 19 Feb 2025	179409.48	160958.99	

BARRON BELL TRUST

REPORT OF MANAGING TRUSTEES FOR YEAR ENDED 19th FEBRUARY 2024

The Trustees of the Charity remain the same at the end of the year as at the beginning:

Ian Walrond	Managing Trustee
Nigel Kidson	Financial Trustee
Ann Bryant-Fenn	Ecclesiastical Trustee

The applications have settled down to 29 application forms sent out. These applicants are invited to complete our standard application form and the total number of application forms considered this year included some applications from the previous year. Of these 6 were offered a Grant, 6 were refused. Of all the application forms sent out 26 are still awaited at the end of the year. All these applications are considered against the parameters set down in the original Trust Deed. The reduction of grants offered and outstanding is as a result of a concerted effort to identify applications that have fallen away, have no realistic likelihood of coming to fruition or have been withdrawn for whatever reason. We believe that the effects of Covid, Brexit and the global financial situation have had a significant impact on activity.

In this year we have found our returns from the Charities Official Investment Fund increased slightly over last year at £28861. The total MetroBank interest has increased modestly. This follows the general rise in bank interest rates with a combined income from the bank accounts of £1101. Total income for the year amounted to £29962 – a modest increase again over last year. The operation of the MetroBank Accounts have remained satisfactory. No bank charges were incurred.

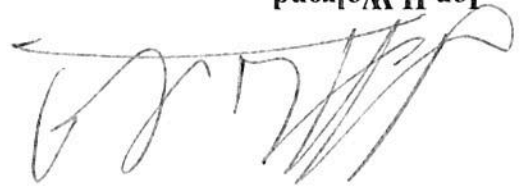
Passing to the administrative expenses, there has been a slight decrease to £880, and the costs now amount to less than 1% of the income. This was partially because the accountancy fees which were incurred in the previous period were settled. The Trustees did not have an 'in person' meeting to discuss the financial situation and decide on whether any changes in procedure were required. The grant business was conducted largely by correspondence. No casual Secretarial assistance was employed, and postage expenses were disbursed to the Managing Trustee. The Trustees Fees were paid Gross to reduce Accountancy costs.

Considering the statement of assets and liabilities, there has been an increase in the capital value of the shares held at the Charities Official Investment Fund of about 1.5%. This reflects the activity in the Stock Market Indices for the period. Despite the Trustees policy of endeavouring to dispose of rather more of the accumulated income, the accumulated disposable income has not decreased significantly. We suspect that there has been a reduction in work started to bells. This gives us a workable buffer but means that our grants must remain in line with income. With £34500 committed, we must now manage the grants book and we must reconsider the level of Grants to be made. We must continue dialogue to ascertain the position so that the funds can be more generously awarded if appropriate. The situation is of course governed by the merits of the applications and the speed at which applications are made and application forms returned. It will be noted that several grants were withdrawn in the period.

The Trustees remain of a mind to approve a lesser number of larger grants rather than a larger number of smaller grants. Of the applications that are currently live, there are 10 applications where grants are approved but no invoices have been received. There are 26 applicants from whom we are waiting application forms who have been chased. There are now 4 applications currently held in abeyance where applicants have either been asked for additional information or they have been placed in abeyance pending the time when the applicants have raised rather more of the money they are seeking. When this has occurred, we will consider the applications. We must address these applications periodically to ascertain the position.

The situation with regard to applications is, to some extent, controlled by the Trustees, by the speed at which correspondence is dealt with. We make no apologies for this. Many applications fall away as the initial enthusiasm for fund raising diminishes. There is no point in the Trustees committing time and large sums to funds where there is little likelihood of the project proceeding. Initial letters received are replied to with application forms in batches rather than individually. As a result there is often some time between the initial letter and the sending out of the form. This allows a period of realism to settle on the fundraisers and several of the applications fall away and applications are never received. We do not consider grants where less than two thirds of the fund has already been raised. This makes sure that we are contributing towards funds that have a realistic chance of achieving their goal. It also means that we give a boost to the fund at a time when fundraising may be faltering.

In conclusion, the capital value of the Trust improved in the Charities Official Investment Fund but income remains similar. There is a steady flow of applicants and there are no signs of decline in the popularity of bellringing. Costs of repairs and re-hanging continue to rise and with the stabilisation of annual and accumulated income, the numbers of applicants that we can support inevitably reduces making the apportionment of grants even more difficult. It is a matter of some disappointment to the Trustees that we continue to get applications for funds which have no relevance to bells or bellringing. This is a waste of resources as we cannot support these funds.



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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 19 FEBRUARY 20124

	2023			2024		
FIXED ASSETS						
Computer Equipment	379.69			341.73		
		379.69			341.73	
CURRENT ASSETS						
COIF Shares @ Valuation 31/08/23						
34276 Shares	637016.03			646791.55		
17971 Shares	333989.24			339114.57		
		971005.27			985906.12	
Bank Accounts						
Current A/C no: 40130842	31844.92			53247.39		
Deposit A/C No 40130950	100196.54			101166.38		
		132041.46			154413.77	
TOTAL ASSETS		1103426.40				1140661.50
CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Grants Approved		20500.00				11500.00
NET ASSETS						
Represented by Accumulated Reserves		1082926.40				1129161.50

The Accounts were Approved by the Trustees on

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BARRON BELL TRUST

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 19 FEBRUARY 2024**

Balance brought forward 20 February 2023

	Receipts		Payments		
Current A/C 40130942	31844.92				
Deposit A/C 40130950	100196.54				
		132041.46			
INCOME					
COIF Dividends	28464.17				
Bank Interest:					
Deposit A/C40130950	969.84				
		29434.01			
EXPENDITURE					
Admin Exps incl Tax			1151.70		
Trustees Fees			660.00		
Grants paid to Bell funds			5250.00		
Bank Charges			Nil		
				7061.70	
BANK RECONCILIATION					
Balance @ 19/02/2024					
Current A/C 40130942			53247.39		
Deposit A/C 40130950			101166.38		
				154413.77	
Balance c/f 19/02/24		161475.47			161475.47

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**ACCUMULATED INCOME ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 19 FEBRUARY 2024**

ACCUMULATED INCOME @ 20 FEBRUARY 2023					
	2023		2024		
Current A/C	31844.92			53247.39	
Deposit A/C	100196.54			101166.38	
		132041.46			154413.77
INCOME FOR YEAR					
COIF Dividends	28354.46			28464.17	
Dep. A/C Interest	170.67			969.84	
		28525.13			29434.01
DISPOSABLE INCOME			161606.55		183847.78
EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR					
Administration	1155.09			1151.70	
Trustees Fees	660.00			660.00	
Grants Paid	27750.00			5250.00	
Bank Charges	Nil			Nil	
			29565.09		7061.70
Disposable Income Available at year end 19 Feb 2023			132041.55		190909.48
Grants Approved but not yet paid			19000.00		11500.00
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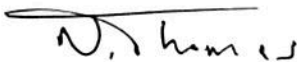
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Dated: 18/02/2024

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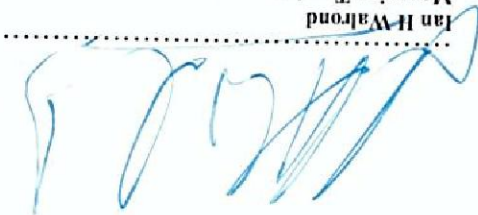
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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 19 FEBRUARY 2012/3**

	2022	2023			
FIXED ASSETS					
Computer	421.88	379.69			
Equipment					
CURRENT ASSETS					
					379.69
COIF Shares @					
Valuation 31/12/23					
34276 Shares	651950.09	637016.03			
17971 Shares	341819.20	333989.24			
Bank Accounts					
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40130842					
Deposit A/C No	100025.87	100196.54			
40130950					
	133081.42	132041.46			
TOTAL ASSETS	1127694.40	1103426.40			
LIABILITIES					
CURRENT					
Grants Approved	35000.00	20500.00			
NET ASSETS					
Represented by	1092694.40	1082926.40			
Accumulated Reserves					

The Accounts were Approved by the Trustees on

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees



Ian H Watford
 Managing Trustee
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BARRON BELL TRUST

**INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 19 FEBRUARY 2023**

DATE	AMOUNT	TOTAL
CHARITIES OFFICE INVESTMENT FUND DIVIDENDS		
28/02/22	4634.12	
31/05/22	2429.68	
31/08/22	4634.12	
30/11/22	2429.68	
	4699.24	
	2463.82	
Metro BANK INTEREST PAID		28354.46
Deposit Account no 40130950		
28/02/22	0.77	
31/03/22	0.85	
29/04/22	1.48	
31/05/22	4.25	
30/06/22	4.11	
29/07/22	4.25	
31/08/22	7.54	
30/09/22	15.35	
31/10/22	20.29	
30/11/22	28.79	
30/12/22	37.99	
31/01/23	45.00	
	170.67	
TOTAL		28525.13

BARRON BELL TRUST

**EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 19 FEBRUARY 2023**

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL	TOTAL
08/03/22	HMRC	Income Tax	165.00	
16/09/22	POST OFFICE	Postage	108.89	
20/09/22	NEIL THOMAS	Accountancy	370.00	
03/11/22	RON BROWN	Payroll	108.00	
02/12/22	Act Software	Database Software	403.20	
				1155.09
EXPENDITURE ON GRANTS TO BELL FUNDS				

DATE	PAYEE	APPLICANT	REF	AMOUNT	TOTAL
23/02/22	NICHOLSONS	ST JAMES BRATTON	3681	3000.00	
23/02/22	WHITES OF APPLETON	WINTERBOURNE CHURCH	3653	1500.00	
23/02/22	KIRKBY OVERBLOW PCC	ALL SAINTS KIRKBY OVERBLOW	3699	500.00	
24/03/22	T L BLYTHE Ltd	ST GEORGE DIDBROOK	3650	2000.00	
24/03/22	JOHN TAYLOR & CO	ST MARY DUNSFOLD	3693	1500.00	
16/05/22	JOHN TAYLOR & CO	ST MICHAEL CADBURY	3705	2500.00	
16/05/22	JOHN TAYLOR & CO	ST MICHAEL CADBURY	3647	1000.00	
16/05/22	JOHN TAYLOR & CO	ST MICHAEL CADBURY	3705	2500.00	
16/05/22	WHITES OF APPLETON	BELTON CHURCH	3705	250.00	
18/07/22	NICHOLSONS	ST ANDREW SANDON	3664	1500.00	
12/08/22	WHITES OF APPLETON	BUBWITH CHURCH	3708	4000.00	
02/02/23	WHITES OF APPLETON	GREAT CHISHILL CHURCH	3657	3000.00	
02/02/23	WHITES OF APPLETON	BISHOPS STORTFORD CHURCH	3629	4000.00	
					27750.00
TRUSTEES FEES					

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	TOTAL
08/03/22	Mrs A G Bryant Fenn	Fees	100.00	
08/03/22	I H Watron	Fees	360.00	
08/03/22	N D L Kidson	Fees	200.00	
				660.00
TOTAL				

TOTAL 29565.09

BARRON BELL TRUST

REPORT OF MANAGING TRUSTEES FOR YEAR ENDED 19th FEBRUARY 2023

The Trustees of the Charity remain the same at the end of the year as at the beginning:

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Nigel Kidson	Financial Trustee
Ann Bryant-Fenn	Ecclesiastical Trustee

The applications have decreased dramatically to 5 application forms sent out. These applicants are invited to complete our standard application form and the total number of application forms considered this year included some applications from the previous year. Of these 4 were offered Grants, 6 were refused. Of all the application forms sent out only 3 are still awaited at the end of the year. All these applications are considered against the parameters set down in the original Trust Deed. The dramatic reduction of grants offered and outstanding is as a result of a concerted effort to identify applications that have fallen away, have no realistic likelihood of coming to fruition or have been withdrawn for whatever reason.

As a result of our considerations, and in line with the Trustees policies, 4 grants were approved to a total of £10500 which is somewhat short of our policy of reduction in the Accumulated Income Fund. Over the 12 month period, 12 invoices have been received in connection with grants approved during both the year and previously. A total of £27750 was paid to the various bellhangers and founders against 10 grants paid to a total of £19800 the previous year.

In this year we have found our returns from the Charities Official Investment Fund increased markedly over last year at £28354.46. The total MetroBank interest has increased modestly. This follows the general rise in bank interest rates with a derisory combined income from the bank accounts of £170. Total income for the year amounted to £28525 – a welcome increase again over last year. The operation of the MetroBank Accounts have remained satisfactory. No bank charges were incurred.

Passing to the administrative expenses, there has been a slight increase to £1815, and the costs now amount to 2% of the income. This was because the accountancy fees which were incurred in the previous period were settled. The Trustees did not have an 'in person' meeting to discuss the financial situation and decide on whether any changes in procedure were required. The grant business was conducted largely by correspondence. No casual Secretarial assistance was employed, and postage expenses were reimbursed to the Managing Trustee.

Considering the statement of assets and liabilities, there has been an decrease in the capital value of the shares held at the Charities Official Investment Fund of about 2.5%. This reflects the activity in the Stock Market Indices for the period. Despite the Trustees policy of endeavouring to dispose of rather more of the accumulated income, the accumulated disposable income has increased significantly. We suspect that there has been a reduction in work started to bell work. This gives us a workable buffer but means that our grants must remain in line with income. With only £19000 committed, we must now manage the grants


book we must reconsider the level of Grants to be made. We must continue dialogue to ascertain the position so that the funds can be more generously augmented if appropriate. The situation is of course governed by the merits of the applications and the speed at which applications are made and application forms returned. It will be noted that several grants were withdrawn in the period.

The Trustees remain of a mind to approve a lesser number of larger grants rather than a larger number of smaller grants. Of the applications that are currently live, there are 7 applications where grants are approved but no invoices have been received. There are applicants from whom we are waiting application forms who have been chased. There are now 13 applications currently held in abeyance where applicants have either been asked for additional information or they have been placed in abeyance pending the time when the applicants have raised rather more of the money they are seeking. When this has occurred, we will consider the applications. We must address these applications periodically to ascertain the position.

The situation with regard to applications is, to some extent, controlled by the Trustees, by the speed at which correspondence is dealt with. We make no apologies for this. Many applications fall away as the initial enthusiasm for fund raising diminishes. There is no point in the Trustees committing time and large sums to funds where there is little likelihood of the project proceeding. Initial letters received are replied to with application forms in batches rather than individually. As a result there is often some time between the initial letter and the sending out of the form. This allows a period of realism to settle on the fundraisers and several of the applications fall away and applications are never received. We do not consider grants where less than two thirds of the fund has already been raised. This makes sure that we are contributing towards funds that have a realistic chance of achieving their goal. It also means that we give a boost to the fund at a time when fundraising may be faltering.

In conclusion, the capital value of the Trust suffered from a fall in the Charities Official Investment Fund but income remains similar. There is a steady flow of applicants and there are no signs of decline in the popularity of bellringing. Costs of repairs and re-hanging continue to rise and with the stabilisation of annual and accumulated income, the numbers of applicants that we can support inevitably reduces making the apportionment of grants even more difficult. The situation is not made any easier by virtue of the regrettable demise of the Whitechapel Foundry.

It is a matter of some disappointment to the Trustees that we continue to get applications for funds which have no relevance to bells or bellringing. This is a waste of resources as we cannot support these funds.



Ian H Waltrond

Managing Trustee, Barron Bell Trust
Registered Charity No. 228846

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF BARON BELL TRUST
(Registered Charity No. 228846)

I report on the attached accounts of the Baron Bell Trust for the year ended 19th Feb, 2023.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustee and Examiner

As the Charity's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirements of Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) do not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.


Basis of Independent Examiners Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charities Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as Trustees 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 Examiners Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
- (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act; and
- (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached



NEIL THOMAS
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT
Limfield
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TN21 0DG

Dated: 12 / 10 / 2023

THE BARRON BELL TRUST AND ADDITIONAL FUND

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BARRON BELL TRUST
(Registered Charity No. 228846)

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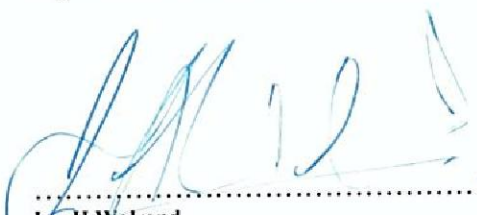
BARRON BELL TRUST

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 19 FEBRUARY 2022

	2021		2022
FIXED ASSETS			
Computer Equipment	562.50		421.88
		562.50	421.88
CURRENT ASSETS			
COIF Shares @ Valuation 31/12/22			
34276 Shares	601009.09		651950.09
17971 Shares	315110.70		341819.20
		916119.79	994191.17
Bank Accounts			
Current A/C no: 11347762	0.47		NIL
Gold Dep. A/C no: 11347770	0.06		NIL
Current A/C no 40130942	126461.83		33055.55
Deposit A/C no 40130950	NIL		100025.87
		126462.36	133081.42
TOTAL ASSETS		1043144.60	1127694.40
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Grants Approved		29500.00	35000.00
NET ASSETS			
Represented by Accumulated Reserves		£1013644.60	£1,092,694.40

The Accounts were Approved by the Trustees on 1st September 2022

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees



Ian H. Walrond
 Managing Trustee
 Barron Bell Trust
 Registered Charity No. 228846

BARRON BELL TRUST

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 19 FEBRUARY 2022**

Balance brought forward 20 February 21

	Receipts		Payments	
Current A/C 11347762	0.47			
Gold Dep. A/C 11347770	0.06			
Community A/C 40130942	126461.83			
Deposit A/C 40130950	NIL			
		126462.36		
INCOME				
COIF Dividends	27628.19			
Bank Interest:				
Deposit A/C 40130950	25.87			
Switch Payment	1250.00			
		28904.06		
EXPENDITURE				
Admin Expenses			1825.00	
Trustees Fees			660.00	
Grants paid to Bell funds			19800.00	
				22285.00
BANK RECONCILIATION				
Balances @ 19/02/2022				
Current A/C 11347762			NIL	
Gold Dep A/C 11347770			NIL	
Community A/C 40130942			33055.55	
Deposit A/C 40130950			100025.87	
				133081.42
Balance c/f 19/02/22		155366.42		155366.42

BARRON BELL TRUST

EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 19 FEBRUARY 2022

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL	TOTAL
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES				
01/06/21	CK Office Solutions	New Printer	390.00	
18/08/21	J A Walrond	Meeting Expenses	500.00	
20/09/21	Ron Brown	Book Keeping	96.00	
20/09/21	HMRC	Income Tax	165.00	
24/09/21	Neil Thomas	Accountancy	350.00	
02/12/21	Act! Software	Database Upkeep	324.00	
				1825.00
EXPENDITURE ON GRANTS TO BELL FUNDS				
DATE	PAYEE	APPLICANT	REF	AMOUNT
21/05/21	Ermington PCC	St Peter & St Paul	3652	1500.00
11/08/21	John Taylor Bellfounders	St Botolph Newbold in Avon	3683	1000.00
11/08/21	John Taylor Bellfounders	Chester Cathedral	3651	800.00
11/08/21	Nevern PCC	St Brynach Nevern	3671	2500.00
11/08/21	Nevern PCC	St Brynach Nevern	3671	500.00
11/08/21	Hales PCC	St Chad Norton in Hales	3682	2500.00
11/08/21	Hales PCC	St Chad Norton in Hales	3682	500.00
12/08/21	Whites of Appleton Bellhangers	All Saints Ruskington	3621	2000.00
12/08/21	Whites of Appleton Bellhangers	St Martin Barford	3690	3000.00
21/10/21	Matthew Higby Bellfounders	St Edward Goathurst	3667	2000.00
19/01/22	Nicholsons Engineering	St Euny Redruth	3685	500.00
19/01/22	Whites of Appleton Bellhangers	St Mary the Virgin Long Wittenham	3627	3000.00
				19800.00
TRUSTEES FEES				
DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	
	N D L Kidson	Fees	200.00	
	A G Bryant-Fenn	Fees	100.00	
	I H Walrond	Fees	360.00	
				660.00
TOTAL				22285.00

BARRON BELL TRUST

REPORT OF MANAGING TRUSTEES FOR YEAR ENDED 19th FEBRUARY 2022

The Trustees of the Charity remain the same at the end of the year as at the beginning:

Ian Walrond	Managing Trustee
Nigel Kidson	Financial Trustee
Ann Bryant-Fenn	Ecclesiastical Trustee

The applications have decreased slightly to 12 application forms sent out. These applicants are invited to complete our standard application form and the total number of application forms considered this year was significantly reduced. Of these 13 were offered Grants, around 15 were refused, and 5 were invited to come back when two thirds of the required money has been raised. Of all the application forms sent out only 6 are still awaited at the end of the year and have been sent chasers. Many of the applicants appear to have fallen away and have withdrawn. We suspect that many were sent out in blanket applications during lockdown and were hopeless cases when set against the tight parameters of the Trust. All these applications are considered against the parameters set down in the original Trust Deed.

As a result of our considerations, and in line with the Trustees policies, 13 grants were approved to a total of £31300 which is in line with our policy of reduction in the Accumulated Income Fund. Over the 12 month period, invoices have been received in connection with 10 grants approved during both the year and previously. A total of £19800 was paid to the various bellhangers and founders against 10 grants paid to a total of £24000 the previous year.

In this year we have found our returns from the Charities Official Investment Fund remained the same as last year at £27090. Other earnings are negligible with only £25 in interest from the Deposit Account at Metro Bank. A one-off payment was received into the current account of £1250 which was an incentive payment from RBS to encourage us to switch banks. A strange way to do business! The new accounts with Metro Bank have been satisfactory with the advantage that all banking is now carried out on line.

Passing to the administrative expenses, there has been an increase to £1825, and the costs now amount to just over 6.5% of the income. This was primarily as a result of purchasing a new Printer. The Trustees did have an 'in person' meeting to discuss the financial situation and decide on whether any changes in procedure were required. The grant business was conducted largely by correspondence.

It will be seen that the Statement of Assets and Liabilities shows an increase in the capital value of the shares held at the Charities Official Investment Fund of about 8%. This reflects the activity in the Stock Market Indices for the period. Despite the Trustees policy of endeavouring to dispose of rather more of the accumulated income, the accumulated disposable income has increased to a figure of £104700. We suspect that there has been a reduction in work started to bell work. This gives us a workable buffer but means that our grants must remain in line with income.

With £35000 committed, we must now manage the grants book and endeavour to ensure that those grants which have been promised but have no realistic likelihood of being invoiced are

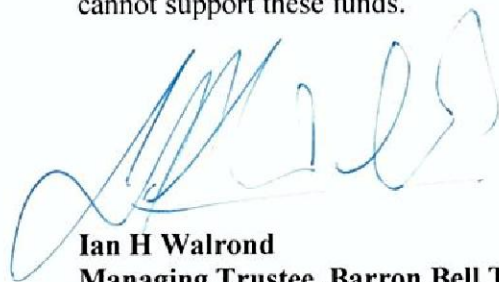
identified. We must continue dialogue to ascertain the position so that the funds can be reallocated if appropriate. The situation is of course governed by the merits of the applications and the speed at which applications are made and application forms returned. It will be noted that 3 grant were withdrawn in the period.

The Trustees remain of a mind to approve a lesser number of larger grants rather than a larger number of smaller grants. Of the applications that are currently live, there are 14 applications where grants are approved but no invoices have been received. There are applicants from whom we are waiting application forms who have been chased. There are now 13 applications currently held in abeyance where applicants have either been asked for additional information or they have been placed in abeyance pending the time when the applicants have raised rather more of the money they are seeking. When this has occurred, we will consider the applications. We must now address these applications to ascertain the position.

The situation with regard to applications is, to some extent, controlled by the Trustees, by the speed at which correspondence is dealt with. We make no apologies for this. Many applications fall away as the initial enthusiasm for fund raising diminishes. There is no point in the Trustees committing time and large sums to funds where there is little likelihood of the project proceeding. Initial letters received are replied to with application forms in batches rather than individually. As a result there is often some time between the initial letter and the sending out of the form. This allows a period of realism to settle on the fundraisers and several of the applications fall away and applications are never received. We do not consider grants where less than two thirds of the fund has already been raised. This makes sure that we are contributing towards funds that have a realistic chance of achieving their goal. It also means that we give a boost to the fund at a time when fundraising may be faltering.

In conclusion, the capital value of the Trust enjoyed a satisfactory increase in the Charities Official Investment Fund but income remains similar. There is a steady flow of applicants and there are no signs of decline in the popularity of bellringing. Costs of repairs and re-hanging continue to rise and with the stabilisation of annual and accumulated income, the numbers of applicants that we can support inevitably reduces making the apportionment of grants even more difficult.

It is a matter of some disappointment to the Trustees that we continue to get applications for funds which have no relevance to bells or bellringing. This is a waste of resources as we cannot support these funds.



Ian H Walrond
Managing Trustee, Barron Bell Trust
Registered Charity No. 228846

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF BARRON BELL TRUST (Registered Charity No. 228846)

This report on the attached accounts of the Barron Bell Trust for the year ended 19th Feb. 2022 is in respect of an examination carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011("The Act").

Respective Responsibilities of Trustee and Examiner

As the Charity's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the account; you consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of The Act. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 145(5)(b) of The Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charities Commissioners under section 145 of The Act. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as Trustees 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 Examiners Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of The Act; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of The Act; have not been met;or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Neil Thomas

NEIL THOMAS CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Linfield
Maynards Green
East Sussex

TN21 0DG

Dated: 16 / 02 / 2022

THE BARRON BELL TRUST AND ADDITIONAL FUND

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BARRON BELL TRUST
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BARRON BELL TRUST

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 19 FEBRUARY 2021

	2020		2021
FIXED ASSETS			
Computer Equipment	750.00		562.00
		750.00	562.50
CURRENT ASSETS			
COIF Shares @ Valuation 28?02/21			
34276 Shares	558150.38		601009.0 9
17971 Shares	292639.76		315110.7 0
		850790.1 4	916119.7 9
Bank Accounts			
Current A/C no: 11347762	1157.43		0.47
Gold Dep. A/C no: 11347770	123403.65		0.06
Special Int. A/C no: 10052998	1.02		NIL
Select A/C No10798922	10.27		126461.8 3
		124572.3 7	126462.3 6
TOTAL ASSETS		976112.5 1	1043144. 60
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Grants Approved		30000.00	29500.00
NET ASSETS			
Represented by Accumulated Reserves		£946112. 51	£1013644 .60

The Accounts were Approved by the Trustees on

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees

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Ian H Walrond
Managing Trustee
Barron Bell Trust

Registered Charity No. 228846

BARRON BELL TRUST

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 19 FEBRUARY 2021

Balance brought forward 20 February 2021

	Receipts		Payments	
Current A/C 11347762	1157.43			
Gold Dep. A/C 11347770	123403.65			
Spe. Int A/C 10052998	1.02			
Select A/C 107989922	10.27			
		124572.37		
INCOME				
COIF Dividends	27090.04			
Bank Interest:				
Gold Dep. A/C 11347770	1 7.26			
Sp. Int. A/C 10052998	Nil			
Safe Custody Funding	20.00			
Compensation Payment	250.00			
		27377.30		
EXPENDITURE				
Admin Expenses			827.31	
Trustees Fees			660.00	
Grants paid to Bell funds			24000.00	
				25487.31
BANK RECONCILIATION				
Balances @ 19/02/2021				
Current A/C 11347762			0.47	
Gold Dep A/C 11347770			0.06	
Current A/C 40130942			126461.88	126462.36
Balance c/f 19/02/21		151949.67		151949.67

BARRON BELL TRUST

EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 19 FEBRUARY 2021

DATE	A/C NO	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	TOTAL	TOTAL
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES						
17/09/20	..... 762	RBS	Safe Custody	19.53		
16/03/20	..... 824	Post Office	Postage	32.94		
26/03/20	..... 824	RB Accountancy	Book Keeping	9600		
17/09/20	..... 824	SE Railway	Train Travel	28.40		
28/09/20	..... 824	Neil Thomas FCA	Accountancy	325.00		
17/11/20.....824		Post Office	Postage	40.32		
09/12/20	..... 824	Act!	Database Maintenance	285.12		
						827.31
EXPENDITURE ON GRANTS TO BELL FUNDS						
DATE	A/C No	PAYEE	APPLICANT	REF	AMOUNT	
09/06/20	..... 824	Necton PCC	All Saints Necton	3525	500.00	
09/06/20	..... 824	John Taylor & Co	All Saints Holbeton	36 44	3000.00	
28/09/20	..... 824	John Taylor & Co	St James Snitterfield	3663	2000.00	
22/10/20	..... 824	Nicholsons	All Saints Upper Sheringham	3639	4000.00	
16/11/20	..... 824	John Taylor & Co	St Peter Machynlleth	3645	2000.00	
16/11/20	..... 824	Calstock PCC	St Andrew Calstock	3633	3000.00	
16/11/20	..... 824	St Stephens PCC	St Stephens Fylingdales	3666	1500.00	
04/01/21	..... 942	Pitminster PCC	St Andrew & St Mary Pitminster	3670	2000.00	
04/01/21	..... 942	Nicholsons	All Saints St Ewe	3640	3000.00	
08/01/21	..... 942	Whites Appleton	St Mary the Virgin Long Wittenham	3627	3000.00	
						24000. 00
TRUSTEES FEES						
DATE	A/C No	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT		
06/03/20	..... 824	N D L Kidson	Fees	200.00		
06/03/20	.....	A G Bryant-	Fees	100.00		

	824	Fenn				
06/03/20	..... 824	I H Walrond	Fees		360.00	
						660.00
					TOTAL	25487.31

	WITHDRAWN GRANTS			
	TOTAL		£	29500.00

BARRON BELL TRUST

ACCUMULATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 19 FEBRUARY 2021

		ACCUMULATED INCOME @ 20 FEBRUARY 2020			
		2020		2021	
Current A/C		1157.43		126461.83	
Gold Dep A/C		123403. 65		0.06	
Sp. Int. A/C		1.02		0.47	
Select Account		10.27		Nil	
		124572. 37		126462.3 6	
INCOME FOR YEAR					
COIF Dividends		26551.9 1		27090.04	
Gold Dep. Int		385.00		17.26	
Sp Int A/C Int		Nil		Nil	
Safe Custody Funding		Nil		20.00	
Compensation Payment		Nil		250.00	
		26936.9 1		27377.30	
Disposable Income			151509. 28		153839. 66
EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR					
Administration		1330.29		827.31	
Trustees Fees		660.00		660.00	
Grants Paid		28500.0 0		24000.00	
Bank Charges		25.00		Nil	
Petty Cash		750.00		Nil	
			31265.2 9		25487.3 1
Disposable Income Available at year end 19			120243. 93		128352. 35

Feb 201						
Grants Approved but not yet paid			30000.0 0			29500.0 0
Accumulated Uncommitted Income as at 19 Feb 201			£90243 .94			£98852 .35

BARRON BELL TRUST

REPORT OF MANAGING TRUSTEES FOR YEAR ENDED 19th FEBRUARY 2021

The Trustees of the Charity remain the same at the end of the year as at the beginning:

Ian Walrond	Managing Trustee
Nigel Kidson	Financial Trustee
Ann Bryant-Fenn	Ecclesiastical Trustee

The applications have remained steady at 17 application forms sent out. All these applicants are invited to complete our standard application form and the total number of application forms considered this year was 20 which included some applications from the previous year. Of these 11 were offered Grants, 5 were refused, and 4 were invited to come back when two thirds of the required money has been raised. All the application forms sent out have been received or have had chasers sent. All these applications are considered against the parameters set down in the original Trust Deed.

As a result of our considerations, and in line with the Trustees policies, 11 grants were approved to a total of £18500 which is rather less than our desire to accord with our policy of reduction in the Accumulated Income Fund. Over the 12 month period, invoices have been received in connection with 10 grants approved during both the year and previously. A total of £24000 was paid to the various bellhangers and founders against 12 grants paid to a total of £28500 the previous year.

In this year we have found our returns from the Charities Official Investment Fund at £27090 have increased significantly over last year at £21870.59. The total Royal Bank of Scotland interest has decreased in both accounts dramatically. This follows the general reduction in bank interest rates with a derisory combined income from the bank accounts of £17.26. Total income for the year amounted to £27377 - a significant increase again over last year.

The operation of the Royal Bank of Scotland Accounts has caused some issues. Bank charges were incurred from a Safe Custody Charge and the need to obtain statements not previously supplied. These have been challenged again as they have not been charged previously. We experienced difficulties operating the online banking with the result that we attempted to set up another RBS account, but this also proved unsatisfactory.

In the end we have changed Banks to Metrobank who were able to operate the on line arrangements that we required. To date this has been

satisfactory. This has caused some complication with the Accounts but this has been dealt with.

Passing to the administrative expenses, there has been a decrease to £827, and the costs now amount to 3% of the income. The reason for this was principally because the Trustees did not have an in person meeting because of Covid restrictions. The grant business was conducted largely by correspondence. Casual Secretarial assistance was not employed, and stationery expenses were charged by the Managing Trustee's company.

Considering the statement of assets and liabilities, there has been an increase in the capital value of the shares held at the Charities Official Investment Fund of about 7.6%. This reflects the activity in the Stock Market Indices for the period. Despite the Trustees policy of endeavouring to dispose of rather more of the accumulated income, the accumulated disposable income has increased to a figure of £128352. We suspect that there has been a reduction in work started to bell work as a further result of Covid. This gives us a workable buffer but means that our grants could be more generous in the coming year with the increase in income.

With £29500 committed, we can now manage the grants book and consider making larger grants to align with our declared policy. We must also endeavour to ensure that those grants which have been promised but have no realistic likelihood of being invoiced are identified. We must continue dialogue to ascertain the position so that the funds can be reallocated if appropriate. The situation is of course governed by the merits of the applications and the speed at which applications are made and application forms returned.

The Trustees remain of a mind to approve a lesser number of larger grants rather than a larger number of smaller grants. Of the applications that are currently live, there are only 11 applications where grants are approved but no invoices have been received. There are applicants from whom we are waiting application forms who have been chased. There are now 6 applications currently held in abeyance where applicants have either been asked for additional information or they have been placed in abeyance pending the time when the applicants have raised rather more of the money they are seeking. When this has occurred, we will consider the applications.

The situation with regard to applications is, to some extent, controlled by the Trustees, by the speed at which correspondence is dealt with. We make no apologies for this. Many applications fall away as the initial enthusiasm for fund raising diminishes. There is no point in the Trustees committing time and large sums to funds where there is little likelihood of the project proceeding. Initial letters received are replied to with application forms in batches rather than individually. As a result, there is

often some time between the initial letter and the sending out of the form. This allows a period of realism to settle on the fundraisers and several of the applications fall away and applications are never received. We do not consider grants where less than two thirds of the fund has already been raised. This makes sure that we are contributing towards funds that have a realistic chance of achieving their goal. It also means that we give a boost to the fund at a time when fundraising may be faltering.

In conclusion, the capital value of the Trust enjoyed a significant rise in the Charities Official Investment Fund, but income remains similar. There is a steady flow of applicants and there are no signs of decline in the popularity of bellringing.

Ian H Walrond
Managing Trustee, Barron Bell Trust
Registered Charity No. 228846

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF BARRON BELL TRUST (Registered Charity No. 228846)

This report on the attached accounts of the Barron Bell Trust for the year ended 19th February 2021 is in respect of an examination carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("The Act")

Respective Responsibilities of Trustee and Examiner

As the Charity's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the account; you consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 the Act. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charities Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also

includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as Trustees 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 Examiners Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; have not been met;or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

NEIL THOMAS
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT
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Dated: