

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

Annual Trustees' Report for 2021

1. Legal and Administrative Information

1.1 Charity

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers ("the Council") was founded in 1891 and is a registered charity, no.270036. Its address is that of its Secretary for the time being, namely 11 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire, CM21 9DB. The constitution and conduct of the Council is governed by its Rules, last revised in May 2018, amended September 2020 and September 2021.

1.2 Trustees

The Council's Trustees during 2021 were:

President	Mr S J L Linford
Deputy President	Mr D Kirkcaldy
Secretary	Mrs M Bone
Treasurer	Mr F M S Stracey
Ordinary Trustee	Dr P R J Barnes
Ordinary Trustee	Ms A M Everett
Ordinary Trustee	Mr D L Smith
Ordinary Trustee	Mr C R Whittaker

At the Annual Meeting held by video conference on 4 September Mr F M S Stracey, Dr P R J Barnes and Mr C R Whittaker were re-elected for 3-year terms.

1.3 Principal Agents and Advisors

The Council's bankers are Lloyds Bank plc, Butler Place Branch, 1 Butler Place, Westminster, London, SW1H 0PR. Its Independent Examiner is Ms C A Stockmann. Its insurers are Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, Benefact House, 2000 Pioneer Avenue, Gloucester Business Park, Brockworth, Gloucester, GL3 4AW.

2. Objectives and Activities

2.1 Charitable Objects (as defined in Rule 3.2):

To advance the practice, heritage and appreciation of bell ringing as an enjoyable mental and physical exercise and unique performing art for the public benefit of both church and community, in particular but not exclusively by:

Communications and Relationships

- a) encouraging the growth and public appreciation of bell ringing;
- b) representing the interests of bell ringing and ringers through promoting the development of strong relationships with the church, stakeholders, the media and others outside the bell ringing community;
- c) facilitating communication and cohesion amongst ringers and bell ringing

societies to assist ringers in supporting each other and achieving their bell ringing objectives;

- d) using its efforts to foster the continuing recruitment and retention of ringers;

Learning and Development

- e) promoting excellence in ringing by encouraging relevant technical and leadership training;

Stewardship and Management

- f) encouraging sources of funding, products, expertise and facilities to support ringing and the availability of bell installations;
- g) sharing, promoting, and advising on best practice relating to the maintenance and improvement of bell installations and training facilities;
- h) promoting best practice relating to statutory compliance, safety and governance in relation to ringing;

Technical and Taxonomy

- i) defining and publishing technical standards in bell ringing;
- j) encouraging research and innovation in the advancement of bell ringing, its methodologies, tools and technologies;

Historical and Archive

- k) promoting the availability and appreciation of historic resources, publications and artefacts relating to the heritage of bell ringing and the role of individual ringers.

2.2 Public Benefit

The public benefits from the following areas of activity of the Council:

- (i) the promotion of public worship by the ringing of church bells;
- (ii) the preservation of the tradition and heritage of change ringing;
- (iii) the encouragement and promotion of high standards of ringing;
- (iv) the provision of financial and specialist knowledge in the support of belfry repairs and maintenance;
- (v) the provision of guidance and specialist knowledge with regard to health and safety, safeguarding, noise control, data protection, fire risk assessment and insurance matters, as they relate to ringers and ringing;
- (vi) the preparation and publication of educational and training materials.

3. Structure, Governance and Management

3.1 Executive

The Executive is responsible to the members, through the annual meeting, for the gen-

eral running of the Council. It holds regular meetings during the year and is in contact by electronic means between meetings. Executive members, who are also the trustees, are directly elected by the members. They retire in rotation and are limited to a maximum of six years on the Executive unless the members resolve otherwise at an annual meeting. The Executive appoints the workgroup leaders and individual Executive members act as sponsors for workgroups.

3.2 Working Groups

The Council has eight workgroups: (1) Volunteer and Leadership; (2) Historical and Archive; (3) Public Relations; (4) Stewardship and Management; (5) Technical and Taxonomy; (6) Young Ringers – Schools and Youth Groups; (7) Young Ringers – Universities and Colleges; (8) Senior Stakeholder Liaison. Most of the work of the Council is carried out by these workgroups.

3.3 Membership

The Council's membership comprises Representative Members (elected or appointed by affiliated societies); Small Society Representatives (elected or appointed by Registered Small Societies); the trustees, stewards and workgroup leaders who shall be ex-officio members if not otherwise members; and Fellows. Only Representative Members and Fellows (elected prior to 28 May 2018) may vote at an annual meeting. Applications by societies to affiliate are approved at an annual meeting. Applications to become a Registered Small Society are approved in accordance with the Rules and Standing Orders.

4. Progress and Achievements in 2021

2021 was a year in which ringing started to recover from its longest break since the Second World War. Gradually the restrictions that had been placed on ringing in every territory in the world were lifted with a return to a new form of normality in many places. Certainly throughout spring and summer many of the activities that bellringers enjoy got restarted, although we then shuddered to a near halt again as the Omicron variant hit the world towards the end of the year.

The Council's Covid guidance team continued to work closely with the House of Bishops' Recovery Group, but with a background of the Church of England at least not wishing to impose any restrictions over and above those required by law. By the end of the year changes to guidance had become infrequent as the last vestiges of externally imposed restrictions were removed, and we all moved towards just living with Covid. Ringers have become more used to keeping windows open to improve ventilation, and many ringers in situations such as face to face teaching or working with young ringers continue to wear masks just as they might in other aspects of daily life.

What became clear during lockdown when bells were silent, and then when ringing opened up again, was how much bells are part

of the community rather than just being in churches as a call to worship. For instance, bells were rung as part of the public appreciation of the NHS, and many towers received messages of support from local people. This underpins the public benefit of the charity.

The Council continues to work actively with its strategic partners to further its aims. During lockdown, the Council formed a partnership with the Association of Ringing Teachers to form a network of “Survival and Recovery Champions” – some nominated by branches or associations, and some just nominating themselves. The Champions met regularly on Zoom and formed a network interested in sharing experiences of keeping ringers motivated, and planning how to recover from the pandemic, seen as everything from something we will get over to an existential threat. The word “Survival” was dropped as ringing restarted, but we still have a network of Recovery Champions, all interested in how we can take ringing forward on a stronger footing and with wider participation.

Another strategic partner is the Churches Conservation Trust (CCT), which sees bells as an important part of attracting visitors to its heritage assets. Just before the suspension of ringing the Council was about to launch a major recruitment campaign in association with the CCT. That relationship is getting stronger at a time when an increasing number of churches with bells are heading into their care.

The Council holds a regular tri-partite meeting with the Association of Ringing Teachers and the Board of The Ringing World. Matters of mutual interest are discussed and the parties look for opportunities to work together and promote each others’ activities.

The Trustees and Executive continue to be guided by reference to its ‘Strategic Priorities’, released at the start of 2020. These have only been slightly adapted by the pandemic, and that has really been to recognise the importance of recruiting additional bellringers, and expanding the number of members of the general public who can enjoy and participate in this activity.

1. Find alternative long term sources of recruits who have the potential to be good ringers
2. That no ringer should hit a barrier to their own progression
3. The pursuit of excellence in everything we do
4. The sound of church bells remains part of our cultural soundscape and is appreciated and understood
5. The pursuit of method ringing is not the only measure of success for a ringer
6. The Church continues to value our contribution.

The Trustees and Executive delegate much of the work of delivering the Strategic Priorities to the workgroups, with regular progress reports from these workgroups. Each Workgroup has an Executive Sponsor from

the Trustees whose role is to ensure that activities are aligned with the Objects of the charity and that any issues and difficulties can be resolved quickly.

The Trustees and Executive are held to account by the members, who in turn are elected from the Affiliated Societies. All affiliated societies are involved in promoting ringing to the general public broadly in line with the Objects of the charity. Covid restrictions prevented the Council from having a physical face-to-face AGM again, so the experience of 2020 was put to good use by the running of a very efficient AGM using Zoom. There were 148 attendees, and many members said that while the other events usually accompanying the AGM were sadly missed, the meeting itself was surprisingly effective – perhaps even an improvement in some respects.

The Council Executive is consulting on reducing the size of the Council, i.e. reducing the number of members representing affiliated societies, in order to make the meetings of the Council more efficient, and to enable more of the resources of affiliated societies to be focused on their own activities. As reducing the number of members would reduce the Council’s income, the Executive is first consulting on decoupling the affiliation fees from the number of Representatives. A proposal to move to a fixed amount per member of each affiliated society, subject to a minimum and maximum fee was first tested on those larger societies that would pay more under such a model, and then at the start of 2022 the consultation was broadened out to all affiliated societies. There is broad support for such a model and it would keep the Council’s income the same.

In the first part of 2022, the Trustees will be undertaking the Council’s 3-yearly Governance Review, which will follow guidance from the Charity Governance Code. In advance, and as part of that Review, the Trustees have also started a review of the Rules and Standing Orders. With the Rules and Standing Orders having been in force since May 2018 this is an opportunity to see how they are operating in practice and correct any anomalies.

The Council continues to make progress on projects which are intended to expand the reaches of the charity and increase engagement with the public:

- NaRC
A project to create a ‘National Ringing Centre’ as part of a CCT development in Northampton. The Council has signed an MOU with the CCT to develop the centre, working with the local affiliated society.
- Mobile Belfry
A project to build a new mobile belfry which will make it easier to take ringing demonstrations to schools and large events.
- YCRA
The Young Change Ringers Association has been established as a stand-alone entity with the aim of strengthening the bond between young ringers at least throughout the British Isles, reducing the attrition rate as young ringers progress,

and generally increasing the sustainability of ringing.

The Trustees have identified the opportunity to expand greatly the charity’s reach particularly to young people, building on work already being done by its Schools and Youth Groups Workgroup. To exploit this opportunity fully would require more funding than the Council has available and hence the Trustees are working with partners (the Association of Ringing Teachers and the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain) on a Heritage Lottery Fund bid focused on taking bells into schools. The bid is expected to be submitted in 2022.

The President’s Blog, published fortnightly, continues to be a valuable and popular channel for connecting the activities of the Council with the wider ringing population. It exploits all the media channels the Council has available to it, and has done much to raise the profile of the Council. The Council makes good use of its media channels, with regular news stories promoted by its workgroups. The Council uses Twitter in particular to spread messages beyond the ringing community and engage with other partners and groups.

Safeguarding is critical to public participation in ringing, and is something that the Church also considers to be of paramount importance. During 2021, the Church of England moved towards implementation of a new Safeguarding Learning and Development Framework, designed to apply to all those connected with the church, both clergy and laity. Whilst the new Framework is designed to support the needs of believers, who comprise the vast majority of those who take part in church activities, the Council recognises that church bellringers come from diverse backgrounds and that the future of ringing as a performing art depends on it being an open and inclusive activity, which welcomes all regardless of faith. With valuable support from the Guild of Clerical Ringers, the Council therefore embarked on a programme of engagement with the Church of England’s National Safeguarding Training and Development team to ensure that the new Framework is implemented appropriately for all bell ringers and that training offered to ringers is both relevant and inclusive.

The lack of a physical AGM again removed the major item of expenditure from the Council’s finances which means they remain very healthy, as we have reported in Section 6 here.

The Trustees of the Central Council are confident that progress and achievements will continue to be made across all the Council’s stated Objects.

5. Statement of Policies

5.1 Reserves

- (i) **General Fund** – the balance on the General Fund is invested to produce income which, together with member societies’ affiliation fees, provides sufficient funds to support the work

and activities of the Council. The balance also facilitates cash flow and enables the development of new projects and initiatives. The Trustees have agreed that a minimum of £75,000 needs to be kept as a reserve in the general fund. This is in order to cover three years of overheads, provide adequate cash flow and give a reasonable level of contingency against any unforeseen financial risks. This fund is unrestricted.

- (ii) **Education Courses Fund** – the balance provides cash flow to enable the Volunteer and Leadership Workgroup to run various training courses; in general the costs are recouped from attendees. This is an unrestricted designated fund.
- (iii) **Bell Restoration Fund** – the balance is fully allocated to bell restoration projects and paid on satisfactory completion of the work. Grants are made in proportion to the types of applications received and in accordance with priorities agreed by the Council and reviewed annually. Members approved an increase in the maximum possible grant to £2,000 in May 2018. This is a restricted fund.
- (iv) **Fred E Dukes International Bell Fund** – Grants from the Fred E Dukes International Bell Fund are made in accordance with the terms of Mr Dukes' legacy. Grants are awarded from the interest on the legacy and reviewed annually. This is a restricted fund.
- (v) **Publications Fund** – the balance represents the stock of publications held and a cash balance to facilitate the production of new titles and the reprinting of existing publications. This is an unrestricted designated fund.
- (vi) **Library Fund** – this fund represents the value of the library as well as sundry income items and is restricted to use for the benefit of the library, which is maintained for use by Council members and affiliated societies.

5.2 Investment

Funds are invested in low risk investments and bank accounts. The need for regular income from investments is considered important to support the work of the Council.

5.3 Investment and Borrowing Powers

The Trustees have the power to invest money and adopt such measures as seem to them necessary in the interest of the Council. They do not have any power to borrow money, except by Council resolution.

5.4 Risk Assessment

The Trustees have identified and reviewed the major risks to which they believe the Council may be exposed and have taken steps to minimise and manage those risks.

The Council's banking deposits are fully protected by the Financial Services Compens-

ation Scheme (FSCS). Expenditure is only incurred on receipt of relevant supporting documentation and proof of service delivery. Bank statements are electronically available to the Treasurer. The Treasurer provides a financial update to each Executive meeting, highlighting financial issues that need to be brought to the Executive's attention.

5.5 Expenses

Updated guidance on expenses was approved by the Executive in November 2019.

5.6 Safeguarding

The Council's guidance on safeguarding was revised in June 2019 and issued to societies and members. Further guidance has been issued on the implementation of the Church of England's new Safeguarding Learning and Development Framework. A safeguarding policy applicable to the Council and its own activities and events was prepared in January 2020 and placed on the website.

5.7 Conflicts of Interest

A revised policy came into effect on 1 October 2020. Members of the Executive are required to complete an annual declaration which is available to the members.

5.8 Data Protection (GDPR)

The guidance note on data protection was last reviewed in January 2018. A privacy notice is available on the website.

6. Review of Financial Activities

The accounts for 2021 show total funds at the year-end of £459,104, of which £250,139 is in restricted funds. Income for the year totalled £32,806 (including a legacy of £11,303 from Philip Rolle, together with publications and library sales of £9,248, and £495 on behalf of YCRA). The main expenditure was for grants for bell restoration of £9,650, and publication cost of sales of £3,417. The pandemic resulted in a reduction in the sales of publications and corresponding reduction in the cost of sales, which seem to be on the rebound.

The 2021 figures include further donations for the Kilifi project totalling £120.

No significant fundraising activity has been carried out during the year.

The Council had no employees during the year. All of its work is carried out on a voluntary basis.

It is confirmed that the Council's assets, together with the expected income for 2022, are available and will be adequate to fulfil the objects of the Council in that year. The 2022 financial estimates were approved by the Executive in November 2021 and they support the fact that the Trustees consider that the CCCBR is a going concern, i.e. that the Central Council can meet its commitments for the foreseeable future. The Trustees included considerations of the impact of the pandemic in the longer term within their conclusions.

Although the pandemic has had a huge impact on ringing as described previously, in terms of risk assessment there is a positive financial impact to the CCCBR. Longer term risks such as fewer ringers returning to tower bell ringing are being addressed by some of the initiatives described in the report.

On reviewing the financial controls, aside from changes already mentioned, they are consistent with prior years.

7. Membership

At the close of the Annual General Meeting on 4 September 2021 the Council's membership comprised 4 Fellows, 14 Ex-officio Members and 181 Representative Members representing 66 affiliated societies. Since then one Ex-officio Member has retired and one has become a Representative Member. Seven Representative Members retired and three of these vacancies were filled. A further two vacancies were also filled. In October the Guild of Railway Ringers was admitted as a Registered Small Society. We regret to record the deaths of William Butler (Oxford Diocesan Guild 1957–60 and 1966–2012; Life Member 2012–18 and Fellow 2018–21); Rev Dr John Baldwin (Oxford Diocesan Guild 1972–75; Llandaff & Monmouth Diocesan Association 1975–95; Life Member 1995–2018 and Fellow 2018–22); and Bruce Butler (North American Guild 2005–22). We note the retirement of Stephen Pettman (Suffolk Guild 1984–2022). Due to reduced membership numbers the North American Guild is now entitled to three members. Subject to any further changes, at the start of the 2022 Council meeting there will be 2 Fellows, 12 Ex-officio Members and 178 Representative Members representing 66 affiliated societies. There are 19 vacancies. There is one Registered Small Society with one representative. A full report on membership changes will be given at the 2022 annual meeting.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees on 28 July 2022.

S J L Linford
President

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Registered Charity Number 270036

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	General Fund	Education Courses	Restoration Fund	Bell Fund	F Dukes Internat'l Bell Fund	Publications Fund	Library Fund	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income and Expenditure										
Incoming Resources										
Affiliation fees		7,943							7,943	7,960
Other income									—	859
Subscriptions from friends of Library								1,464	1,464	1,374
Interest receivable	7	49		6		13	6	1	75	3,013
Sales of publications, books and CDs							6,134	1,400	7,533	8,927
Sales of training video/dvd		12							12	10
Stock written back							189		189	226
Donations to Kilifi, Kenya	8			120					120	120
Gift Aid									—	122
Library sundry Income									—	3
Other donations		11,583		337				55	11,975	25,126
Young Change Ringers Association		3,494							3,494	
Council Meeting									—	
		23,081	—	463		13	6,328	2,920	32,806	47,740
Resources expended										
Council meeting		326							326	309
Workgroup expenses	9	6,666						28	6,694	1,550
ART conference							12		12	500
Council and other committee costs									96	10
Recruitment leaflets		96							96	8
Cost of publications sold							3,417	346	3,763	5,848
Library maintenance								398	398	829
Equipment costs									—	29
Grants for bell restoration	10			9,650					9,650	5,550
Advertising							2,012	89	2,101	2,308
Storage and distribution	12						2,000		2,000	2,500
Stationery, postage and telephone							16	706	722	800
Insurance		2,705					397		3,101	2,843
Project Costs									—	26
Depreciation - Library Collection								1,683	1,683	1,717
Depreciation - shelving								106	106	106
Paypal charges							161		161	130
Sundry expenses		700							700	313
		10,493	—	9,650	—		8,015	3,355	31,513	25,376
Net incoming resources before transfers		12,589	—	(9,187)		13	(1,687)	(435)	1,292	22,365
Transfers between funds										
Net movement in funds		12,589	—	(9,187)		13	(1,687)	(435)	1,292	22,365
Balances at 31 December 2020		166,146	1,950	59,465		79,641	29,968	120,642	457,812	435,446
Balances at 31 December 2021		178,735	1,950	50,278		79,654	28,281	120,207	459,104	457,812

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

1. Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities.

2. Accounting policies

The accounts have been drawn up in accordance with the going concern, accruals, consistency and prudence concepts.

2.1 Incoming resources

Interest is accounted for when receivable.

Donations, grants and legacies are accounted for as soon as the Council is notified of the legal entitlement and the amount due.

2.2 Resources expended

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis.

Grants are accounted for when paid over.

3. Consistency

The accounts are prepared on a consistent basis with the previous year and in accordance with the accounting policies.

4. Funds

The General Fund is unrestricted and includes designated funds raised and held for a particular purpose.

The Education Courses Fund and Publications Fund are unrestricted designated funds.

The Bell Restoration Fund, the Fred E Dukes International Bell Fund and the Library Fund are maintained for restricted purposes.

The YCRA income & expenditure is through the number two account and is included within the income & expenditure. The balance the Central Council holds at the end of the year was £2,890.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Registered Charity Number 270036

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	General Fund	Education Courses	Bell Restoration Fund	Fred E Dukes International Bell Fund	Publications Fund	Library Fund	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets								
Tangible assets								
Investments at cost	162,092		30,777	79,131			272,000	272,000
Library Collection						82,464	82,464	84,147
Library shelving						212	212	318
Total fixed assets	162,092		30,777	79,131	–	82,676	354,676	356,465
Current assets								
Stock					5,036	994	6,030	7,924
Debtors and prepayments	23		30	92		150	295	2,862
Cash on short term deposit and at bank	18,902	1,950	19,471	431	23,367	36,386	100,506	92,792
Total current assets	18,924	1,950	19,501	523	28,403	37,530	106,831	103,578
Current liabilities								
Creditors - amounts due within one year	(2,281)				(123)		(2,404)	(2,231)
Net current assets	16,643	1,950	19,501	523	28,281	37,530	104,428	101,347
Total assets less current liabilities	178,735	1,950	50,278	79,654	28,281	120,207	459,104	457,812
Funds								
Unrestricted	178,326						178,326	165,737
Unrestricted - designated	409	1,950			28,281		30,640	32,327
Restricted			50,278	79,654		120,207	250,138	259,748
Total funds	178,735	1,950	50,278	79,654	28,281	120,207	459,104	457,812

Notes to the accounts continued

5. Transfers between funds

No amounts have been transferred between funds.

6. Tangible assets and intangible assets

The major tangible assets of the Council are the Investments in National Savings Income Bonds and the Library Collection. The Library Collection is valued at a replacement cost of £95,000. The revaluation was undertaken by Roger Barnes of Church Green Books as at 31 December 2014. The policy now is to revalue the collection every twenty years, but keeping the policy under review. It is being depreciated for accounting purposes at 2% on the reducing balance per annum. An asset register is maintained for other tangible assets. The policy is to treat assets of an individual cost up to £1,000 as fully depreciated in the year of purchase.

The major intangible asset of the Council is the copyright of *Dove's Guide*.

7. Interest receivable

Interest, in a continued climate of low interest rates, was received from –

National Savings Bonds	£45
Central Board of Finance of the Church of England	
Deposit account	£2
Other	£28

Amounts received were lower than 2020.

8. Donations and grants received

8.1 Kilifi, Kenya

Donations have been received in respect of Kilifi, Kenya, for ropes and a train-

ing project. These are included in the Bell Restoration Fund as a restricted item and, together with any related gift aid, amounted to £150 in 2021, bringing the total now available to £957.

8.2 Ringing Remembers

The remaining balance, at 31 December 2019, of the Ringing Remembers Grant of £15,606 is held within general balances for future related work.

8.3 Other Donations – Bell Restoration

During the year the Bell Restoration Fund received four donations from Amazon Smile totaling £86.66. A donation of £250.00 was received from CAF.

Both of the above were allocated to Bell Restoration at the Treasurer's discretion.

8.4 Other Donations

A legacy of £11,302 was received from the Estate of Philip Rolle. This has been noted as a designated fund, the use for which has yet to be decided.

9. Workgroup Expenses

Total workgroup expenses amounted to £6,694 across all activities, an increase from 2020.

Of these expenses the Executive accounted for £1,653 of which £960 was exceptional spending on Safeguarding.

10. Grants paid

During the year, no grants were paid from the Fred E Dukes International Bell Fund.

The outstanding grant commitment was returned to the Fund as the scheme was

abandoned; one new award of £1,000 was granted leaving £3,413 available for new schemes.

During the year, the Bell Restoration Fund awarded £36,200 in 37 new grants.

Twelve grants totaling £9,650 were paid to: Stoke St Milborough (£1,500), Broadwell (£1,700), Little Horwood (£2,000), Moretonhampstead (£550), Braintree (£550), Dunkeswell (£250), Goathurst (£100), Honington (£350), Kenwyn (£450), Ramsbury (£550), Sheringham (£900) and Staplegrave (£750).

Outstanding commitments total £48,650.

11. Charitable commitments

There is one grant of £1,000 awarded but not yet paid by the Fred E Dukes International Bell Fund, and forty five grants totaling £48,650 awarded but not yet paid by the Bell Restoration Fund.

There is also a charitable commitment to Kilifi bell restoration in respect of the balance of donations received but not yet paid amounting to £957.

12. Publications fund

Storage and distribution costs of £2,000 was paid to a Council member.

13. Payments to trustees

There were no payments to Trustees, except for the reimbursement of expenses in the course of their duties as members of the Executive.

14. Emoluments of employees

The Council had no employees during the year.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

I report on the accounts of The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers (charity no. 270036) for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on the attached pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiners

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity 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 is required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view', and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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.



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