

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Annual Trustees' Report for 2022

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, currently 10 Derwent Drive, Onchan, Isle of Man, British Isles, IM3 2DG. The constitution and conduct of the Council is governed by its Rules, last revised in May 2018, amended September 2022.

1.2 Trustees

The Council's Trustees during 2022 were as follows:

President	Mr S J L Linford
Deputy President	Mr D Kirkcaldy
Secretary	Mrs Mary Bone to 3 rd September 2022
Mr E de Legh-Runciman from 3 rd September 2022	
Treasurer	Mr F M S Stracey
Ordinary Trustee	Dr P R J Barnes
Ordinary Trustee	Mr C R Whittaker
Ordinary Trustee	Mr D Smith - to 3 rd September 2022
Ordinary Trustee	Mrs A Everett - 3 rd September 2022
Ordinary Trustee	Ms B Faber- from 3 rd September 2022
Ordinary Trustee	Mrs C M A Lane - from 3 rd September 2022

At the Annual Meeting held in Nottingham on 3rd September, Mr de Legh-Runciman, Ms Faber and Mrs Lane were elected for a 3-year term.

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 Mr D Walker. 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 general 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 Workgroups

The Council has seven 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. Most of the work of the Council is carried out by these Workgroups. Other activities are carried out by Stewards and other volunteers who look after, inter alia, safeguarding, performance recording, equality and diversity monitoring and advice, and publications.

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 2022

Following the upheaval of the previous two years, most towers found in 2022 that their bands had stabilised, and so in most cases were coming to terms with fewer ringers. Those ringers who wanted to come back to ringing after the pandemic have done so, and those that have not come back are probably lost. Some towers have lost a significant number of ringers, and a drop of about 10% across the board might be a fair estimate. This led to a lot of towers looking at recruitment and a general call for the ringing community and the Council to target and plan for growth. Some towers have already benefited from an increased interest in ringing as a result of local marketing efforts, finding people keen to try something new, maybe with more leisure time from working at home, or different work life priorities.

The importance of bells as community assets became clear once again with the death of HM Queen Elizabeth. 'Operation London Bridge' procedures, which had been many years in the planning, swung into action. Bells were rung muffled immediately after the death, and remained muffled until the funeral. Ringing of bells featured in much of the media coverage.

The forthcoming Coronation of King Charles has given an opportunity for recruitment, and a campaign called "Ring for the King" was launched. A Ring for the King logo has been used in many local recruitment efforts, and there was extensive media coverage of the campaign, continuing into 2023. The Council's PR Workgroup worked with the Association of Ringing Teachers (ART) to create a single website for media and individual interest in Ring for the King.

The relationship with ART remains strong, recognising ART's focus on training trainers and ringers. ART is not universally supported by ringers and associations so the Council has never endorsed ART as the only ringing training route. However ART is strategically aligned with the Council and hence there are many opportunities to work together.

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 will bells are heading into their care. We have been working on developing a ringing centre as part of a CCT project in Northampton, where they have an NHLF grant to bring an old coaching inn back into use alongside the Grade I listed St Peter's church.

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 continue to be guided by reference to the Council's 'Strategic Priorities', released at the start of 2020 and regularly updated since.

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 those 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.

At the Nottingham AGM the Trustees announced "Ringing 2030" - a major project to create a sustainable future for change ringing, reversing negative trends and building on many positive initiatives. Ringing 2030 is about considering what ringing needs to be like in 2030, what needs to change in order to get there, and then making sure that change is effected. This project is guiding a strategic review to be completed in 2023.

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. After two years of not being able to hold a face to face AGM, the Council was able to meet in person in Nottingham in September. While the meeting was useful in bringing Council members together, it was noted that with so much of the work now done by the Executive and Workgroups there isn't actually much left for the Council to decide in an annual meeting.

At the AGM the Trustees presented the findings of its 3-yearly Governance Review, which followed guidance of the Charity Governance Code. As part of that Review, the Trustees engaged a Council member with extensive legal expertise, the Hon David Bleby QC, to review the Rules and Standing Orders to see how they are operating in practice and correct any anomalies. His review recommended a number of amendments and improvements which were agreed and adopted by Council Members.

The Council Executive has an ongoing consultation 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 first consulted on decoupling the affiliation fees from the number of Representatives. A proposal was passed at the AGM which moved the subscription to a fixed amount per member of each Affiliated Society, keeping the Council's income broadly the same, but placing a much larger burden on the larger societies with more members and consequently more income. This paves the way for a proposal on reducing the number of members which will be put to the 2023 AGM.

The Trustees also took the opportunity to hold a 'Roadshow' in Nottingham as part of the AGM weekend. This ringing exhibition brought together a wide variety of trade suppliers along with expert talks and demonstrations, widening the outreach of the Council.

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 a Memorandum of Understanding with the CCT to develop the centre, working with the local Affiliated Society. Little progress was made in 2022 as the CCT needed to seek additional funding for the project, however they were successful at the end of the year so the project can progress.

- Mobile Belfry 2.0

The new mobile belfry that will make it easier to take ringing demonstration to schools and large events was completed and demonstrated at the AGM in Nottingham. It still needs refinement and some further engineering to make it truly mobile but this is expected to be completed in 2023. The Trustees decided that the ownership and management of the Mobile Belfry was best combined with two other existing mobile belfries, so the project will be completed by the Mobile Belfries Trust (formerly the Charnborough Trust), who will own and operate the belfry.

- Youth work

A 'scheme of work', or suite of school lesson plans covering various aspects of the National Curriculum using ringing related themes, has been trialled in two schools in Worcester. This scheme of work was a personal project of a ringer who is now a member of the Schools and Youth Workgroup, and the Council is looking to roll this out more widely as a way of getting an understanding of ringing into school children from an early age.

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. Through 2022 Church of England Dioceses started implementing the new Safeguarding Learning and Development Framework, which is designed to apply to all those connected with the church, both clergy and laity. Many bellringers went completed this training. 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.

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. It was found that the nature of ringing was poorly understood, and working with the Guild of Clerical Ringers and two supportive Diocesan Safeguarding Advisers (DSAs), the Council published a booklet "From Practice to Perfect – How Church bell ringers are trained, safeguarded and organised". This publication was so well received that it was distributed to all DSAs by the Church of England's National Safeguarding Team, who have agreed to consider how bell

ringers' specific safeguarding training can be developed so it is more relevant. We expect this to start being developed in 2024.

The Council's finances remain very healthy, as we have reported in Section 6 of this Report. Two years without holding face to face AGMs removed a major item of expenditure. However projects the Council is now engaged with have significant cost implications so the Council expects to be able to apply its funds to these projects in the near future.

The Trustees of the Central Council are confident that progress and achievements will continue to be made across all the Council's stated Objects. This is assuming that the level of volunteering continues to be at least what it is now, with ringers stepping forward to lead Workgroups, be working members of Workgroups, and undertake other roles that support the Council's work.

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 Compensation 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. 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

Members of the Executive are required to complete an annual declaration of Conflicts of Interest 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 2022 show total funds at the year-end of £441,667, of which £241,778 is in restricted funds. Income for the year totalled £55,075 (including Mobile Belfry fundraising of £18,013, together with publications and library sales of £13,415 and £853 on behalf of YCRA). The main expenditure was for grants for bell restoration of £11,400, and publication cost of sales of £6,981. Publication sales continued to increase from the low base resulting from the pandemic. A grant of £2,500 was awarded to the North West Course for the start up costs of equipment purchases. The course is now self-financing.

The only significant fundraising activity during the year was for the mobile belfry which raised £16,013, of which £10,000 has been paid to Charmborough Bell Trust leaving a balance of £6,013.

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 2023, are available and will be adequate to fulfil the objects of the Council in that year. The 2023 financial estimates were approved by the Executive in November 2022 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 change of affiliation fee calculation from a representative base to a per capita base is expected to result in a small reduction of income for 2023 (2 – 5%). The increase in activity resulting from the Ring for the King initiative is expected to increase the affiliation fees for 2024, provided those recruited become members of Affiliated Societies.

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 3rd September 2022 the Council's membership comprised 2 Fellows, 13 Ex-officio Members and 181 Representative Members representing 67 affiliated societies. Since then, one Representative Member has become an Ex-officio Member. We regret to report the death of Dr Michael Pomeroy (Irish Association, 1990-2002 & 2020-2023).

Subject to any further changes, at the start of the 2023 Council meeting there will be 2 Fellows, 14 Ex-officio Members and 204 Representative Members representing 67 affiliated societies and 2 small societies. Of the 204 Representative Members, there are 28 vacancies.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees on 12th July 2023.

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 2022

	Note	General Fund	Education Courses	Bell Restoration Fund	F Dukes International Bell Fund	Publications Fund	Library Fund	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income and Expenditure									
Incoming Resources									
Affiliation fees		7,969						7,969	7,943
Legacies									11,303
Subscriptions from friends of Library							1,029	1,029	1,464
Interest receivable	7	1,517		322	747	138	109	2,833	75
Sales of publications, books and CDs						12,721	694	13,415	7,533
Sales of training video/dvd									12
Stock written back						1,033		1,033	189
Donations to Kilifi, Kenya	8			120				120	120
Mobile Belfry	8	16,013						16,013	-
Other donations	8	1,000		185			62	1,247	672
AGM Weekend		10,563						10,563	-
Young Change Ringers Association		853						853	3,494
		37,915	-	627	747	13,892	1,894	55,075	32,806
Resources expended									
AGM Weekend		18,705						18,705	326
Workgroup expenses	9	8,829						8,829	6,694
Council and other committee costs							76	76	12
Recruitment leaflets		706						706	96
Cost of publications sold						6,981	994	7,975	3,763
Library maintenance							607	607	398
Grants for bell restoration	10			11,450				11,450	9,650
Advertising						1,294		1,294	2,101
Storage and distribution	12					2,000	91	2,091	2,000
Stationery, postage and telephone						3	586	589	722
Insurance		2,562				347		2,909	3,101
Stock written off and disposed of						541		541	-
Depreciation - Library Collection							1,649	1,649	1,683
Depreciation - shelving							106	106	106
Bank Charges							69	69	
Paypal charges		165				270	1	436	161
Website								-	-
NW Course Grant		2,500						2,500	-
Young Change Ringers Association		31						31	-
Mobile Belfry	8	10,000						10,000	-
Sundry expenses								-	700
		43,498	-	11,450	-	11,436	4,179	70,563	31,513
Net incoming resources before transfers		(5,583)	-	(10,823)	747	2,456	(2,285)	(15,488)	1,292
Transfers between funds		6,000	(1,950)	4,000		(10,000)		(1,950)	-
Net movement in funds		417	(1,950)	(6,823)	747	(7,544)	(2,285)	(17,438)	1,292
Balances at 31 December 2021		178,735	1,950	50,278	79,654	28,281	120,207	459,105	457,812
Balances at 31 December 2022		179,152	-	43,455	80,401	20,737	117,922	441,667	459,104

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Registered Charity Number 270036

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	General Fund £	Education Courses £	Bell Restoration Fund £	F Dukes International Bell Fund £	Publications Fund £	Library Fund £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Fixed assets								
Tangible assets								
Investments at cost	162,092		30,777	79,131			272,000	272,000
Library Collection						80,815	80,815	82,464
Library shelving						106	106	212
Total fixed assets	162,092	-	30,777	79,131	-	80,921	352,921	354,676
Current assets								
Stock					3,469		3,469	6,030
Debtors and prepayments	251		78	215		168	712	295
Cash on short term deposit and at bank	19,517		12,600	1,055	17,391	36,852	87,415	100,506
Total current assets	19,768	-	12,678	1,270	20,860	37,020	91,596	106,831
Current liabilities								
Creditors - amounts due within one year	(2,708)				(123)	(19)	(2,850)	(2,404)
Net current assets	17,060	-	12,678	1,270	20,737	37,001	88,746	104,428
Total assets less current liabilities	179,152	-	43,455	80,401	20,737	117,922	441,667	459,104
Funds								
Unrestricted	170,730						170,730	178,326
Unrestricted - designated	8,422				20,737		29,159	30,640
Restricted			43,455	80,401		117,922	241,778	250,138
Total funds	179,152	-	43,455	80,401	20,737	117,922	441,667	459,104

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022

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 Dukes International Bell Fund and the Library Fund are maintained for restricted purposes.

5. Transfers between funds

£10000 was transferred from Publications to the General Fund.

£4000 was transferred from The General Fund to the Bell Restoration Fund in respect of the Rolle legacy.

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. The long term loan of £8,500 to the Keltek Trust was repaid by the Trust during 2019 and is now included in the assets of the Bell Restoration Fund.

7. Interest receivable

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

National Savings Bonds	£ 2,545
Central Board of Finance of the	£ 253
Church of England Deposit account	
Other	£ 35

Amounts received were higher than 2021 as a result increases to bank base rate.

8. Donations and grants received

8.1 Kilifi, Kenya

Donations have been received in respect of Kilifi, Kenya, for ropes and a training project. These are included in the Bell Restoration Fund as a restricted item and, together with any related gift aid, amounted to £150 in 2022, bringing the total now available to £1,107.

8.2 Ringing Remembers

The remaining balance, at 31 December 2022, of the Ringing Remembers Grant of £15,606 is held within general balances for future related work. Some of these funds have been allocated to the production of ringing films. April 2022 Executive meeting notes refer.

8.3 Other Donations - Bell Restoration

During the year The Bell Restoration received four donations from Amazon Smile totalling £59.38, Paypal £6.00. A donation of £100.00 was received from CAF. These were allocated to Bell Restoration at the Treasurer's discretion.

A donation of £20.00 was received from Miss Bygraves re David Andrews deceased.

8.4 Other Donations - Mobile Belfry

During the year donations totalling £18,013.02 were received for the Mobile Belfry, which includes £8,263 from Crowd Funder and £2,000 from the Rolle legacy. Other donations towards the Mobile Belfry totalled £7,750. A payment of £10,000 was made to the Mobile Belfries Trust leaving a balance of £8,013.02.

8.5 Other Donations

Of the £11,302 received last year from the Estate of Philip Rolle, £4,000 was allocated to Bell Restoration projects in the South West and £2,000 to the Mobile Belfry. The balance of £5,302 is yet to be allocated.

£1,000 was received from the Bruno Peek Foundation for the promotion of ringing.

9. Workgroup Expenses

Total workgroup expenses amounted to £8,829 across all activities, an increase from 2021. Of these expenses The Executive accounted for £2,322.

10. Grants paid

During the year, no grants were paid from the Fred Dukes International Bell Fund paid. There are one outstanding grant commitment of £1,000, and three new awards totalling £2,500 were granted.

During the year, the Bell Restoration Fund awarded £4000 in four new grants. .

Fifteen grants totalling £11,400 were paid to: Stockton Heath (£350), Great Oakley (£200), Alfriston (£1,150) Barford (£1,000), Belton (£850), Bratton (£500), Bubwith (£800), Desford (£100), Didbrook (£850), East Anstey (£850), Frensham (£350), Milton Abbot (£1,800), West Hanningfield (£1,500), Witney (£150), Denbury (£1,000).

Outstanding commitments total £41,200.

During the year a grant of £2,500 was made to the North West Course, £1,950 from the Education Fund, the balance of £550 being from the General Fund.

11. Charitable commitments

There are four grants totalling £3,500 awarded but not yet paid by the Fred Dukes International Bell Fund, and thirty four grants totalling £41,200 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 £1,107.

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.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2022

Charity no
(if any)

270036

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") and financial year.

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

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.

Signed:

Duncan G. Walker

Date:

30th August 2023

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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.

NONE