

Trustees' Annual Report for 2023

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 Treasurer for the time being, currently 136 Milehouse Road, Plymouth, PL4 0EA. 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 2023 were as follows:

President	Mr S Linford (Until 2 nd Sept 2023) Dr T Stoecklin (From 2 nd Sept 2023)
Deputy President	Mr D Kirkcaldy (Until 2 nd Sept 2023) Mrs V Chapman (From 2 nd Sept 2023)
Secretary	Mr E de Legh-Runciman
Treasurer	Mr F M S Stracey
Ordinary Trustee	Mr P Barnes (Until 2 nd Sept 2023) Prof I Roulstone (From 2 nd Sept 2023)
Ordinary Trustee	Mr C R Whittaker
Ordinary Trustee	Ms B Faber
Ordinary Trustee	Mrs C M A Lane

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 Examiners are Mr D Walker & Mr T Payne. 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

- encouraging the growth and public appreciation of bell ringing;
- 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;
- facilitating communication and cohesion amongst ringers and bell ringing societies to assist ringers in supporting each other and achieving their bell ringing objectives;
- using its efforts to foster the continuing recruitment and retention of ringers;

Learning and Development

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

Stewardship and Management

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

Technical and Taxonomy

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

Historical and Archive

- 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:

- the promotion of public worship by the ringing of church bells;
- the preservation of the tradition and heritage of change ringing;
- the encouragement and promotion of high standards of ringing;
- the provision of financial and specialist knowledge in the support of belfry repairs and maintenance;
- 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;
- 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.

The role and duties of the seven workgroups were analysed during a consultation exercise in the 4th quarter of 2023, with a new workgroup structure proposed for approval via a change to Standing Orders. This was taken to the first Executive Meeting in 2024. The purpose of this was to better deliver on the Ringing 2030 Programme and establish clearer lines of reporting for Stewards and other volunteers.

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 those Fellows who were 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 2023

2023 was a year which saw the leadership of the Central Council change, with Simon Linford standing down after four years as President, and Tina Stoecklin stepping into the role. It is testament to the clarity of the Council strategy and strength of the Workgroups that the Council can go through such a transition without much effect on day-to-day activities. Vicki Chapman, the Council's PR Officer who has been closely involved in many of the initiatives of the previous few years has become the Deputy President, reinforcing that continuity.

The year saw one of the greatest publicity and recruitment opportunities that ringing has had in recent times, and although it was not of our own making, the ringing community supported the Coronation of King Charles very well and the Council played a major role in coordinating the media coverage and supportive PR and recruitment efforts. A campaign called "Ring for the King" was launched in 2022, and the media enthusiastically picked up on it as the Coronation approached.

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 which then became a portal through which those interested in learning to ring could enquire. Around 2000 enquiries were sent through to towers, branches and associations, but this was probably just a small part of the total number of people who were attracted to ringing as part of the campaign. Likewise, although the Council's leaders, and Vicki Chapman in particular, did countless interviews with local and national media, many other bellringers got coverage in their local areas.

The process of sending central enquiries to local teachers exposed weaknesses and inconsistencies of how ringing training operates. In particular the fragmented 'journey' someone interested in learning to ring may find in different places. This is something that the Council intends to address in its *Ringing 2030* programme, which is discussed more fully below.

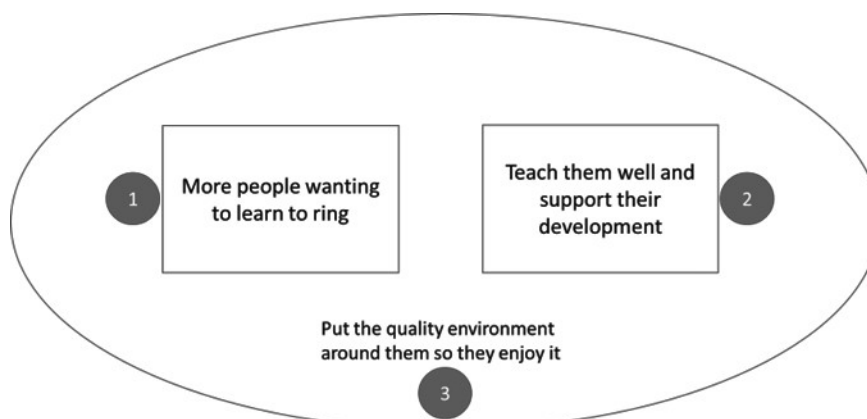
The relationship with The Association of Ringing Teachers (ART) remains strong, recognising ART's strategic focus on training ringing teachers and ringers. ART's objectives are strategically aligned with the Council's charitable objects and further collaboration can be expected in future years to support delivery of the Ringing 2030 project.

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 other's activities. This is in addition to frequent, less formal, meetings and discussions around defined project where closer working brings mutual benefit.

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, due to Covid, 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. Unfortunately, a project to create a new national ringing centre as part of the CCT's development of the Old Black Lion in Northampton has not proved to be viable, but the CCT is on notice that a national ringing centre in one of their churches could be a possibility at some point in the future.

At the Nottingham AGM in 2022, the Trustees announced the aforementioned "Ringing 2030" programme - a major set of projects 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 led to a strategic review undertaken by the Council's Executive through 2023, culminating with presentation of the new "Three Pillars Strategy" at the Council AGM in September. The three pillars of the strategy are:

The Trustees and Executive delegate much of the work of delivering Ringing 2030 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



The Three Pillars Strategy

charity and that any issues and difficulties can be resolved quickly. One of Tina Stoecklin's first actions on becoming President was to launch an extensive consultation about the strategic focus of each Workgroup and align them either with the Ringing 2030 pillars, or to focus on supporting ongoing obligations and services that the Council already provides (maintenance of digital and physical archives, advice services, safeguarding and so on).

Recruitment of new volunteers towards Ringing 2030 projects occupied much of the latter part of the 2023, and continues. Emphasis has been placed on recruiting younger volunteers into the projects, with appropriate levels of mentorship and support. This will help ensure sustainability of Workgroup activities, but also help train future leaders within ringing.

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. This process of 'holding the Executive to account' is considered to be a principal purpose of the Council's AGM.

At the 2022 AGM it was noted that with the delegation of virtually all executive responsibilities to the Executive and Workgroups, there was not actually much work to be done by the AGM, which had become approximately four hours of listening to reports without any votes on policy. Consultations on potentially reducing the size of the Council, i.e. reducing the number of members representing Affiliated Societies, had been undertaken in advance of the 2022 meeting and showed a range of opinions, which were debated at the 2023 meeting.

The conclusion of a relatively long debate was the Council should not reduce the number of members, with arguments such as the value of meeting to exchange views, and the opportunity that having more members gives to younger ringers to be on the Council, carrying much sway. (Note that by a vote in 2022 the affiliation fees to the Council is no longer based on the number of Representatives, but on the membership of each Affiliated Society.)

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

- Mobile Belfry**
 The new mobile belfry will make it easier to take ringing demonstration to schools and large events was completed and demonstrated at the AGM in Nottingham. It has been going through a process of refinement and a specialist trailer manufacturer was engaged to design the trailer and erection mechanism that is critical to its success. It is expected to be completed and commence public engagements in the spring of 2024. 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 in the Mobile Belfies Trust (formerly the Charnborough Trust).
- Rebranding of ringing**
 As an early part of the Ringing 2030 programme, the Council has engaged a branding and marketing agency, Yellowyoyo, to help understand how bellringing should be described and positioned with the general public in order to increase awareness and appreciation of the skill involved and to attract new ringers from a diverse range of backgrounds. This is including a rebranding which the Council expects to launch in 2024. This will then be supported by various targeted marketing campaigns on which Yellowyoyo is advising. The Council Executive is anticipating considerable expenditure on this programme, but it is critical to the future development of ringing.
- International Scout and Guide Jamboree**
 Planning began, with close cooperation with the Essex Association of Change Ringers, for bringing the Mobile Belfry to the Jamboree, along with promotional material about bellringing. It is intended that the Jamboree, scheduled for July 2024 will be a trial of the new rebranding, as well as an early outing for the Mobile Belfry. It is also

expected to provide a “playbook” to assist with replicating such an event elsewhere in the future.

The President’s Blog, published regularly, 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 X and Facebook 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 2023 Church of England dioceses continued to implement the new Safeguarding Learning and Development Framework along with strengthened safer recruitment procedures. 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 Church recognises that 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 continued its engagement with individual dioceses and with the Church of England’s National Safeguarding Training and Development team, who plan to include specific scenarios related to bell ringing, submitted to it by the Council, in the next edition of its “Basic Awareness” training course to help ensure that training offered to ringers is both relevant and inclusive.

To help promote a better understanding of ringing among diocesan safeguarding advisers, the National Safeguarding Team has continued to promote the Council’s booklet “From Practice to Perfect – How Church bell Ringers are trained, safeguarded and organised”.

During 2022 and 2023 the Council developed a template code of conduct for ringing, the “Code for Ringing”, which was reviewed by a number of ringing organisations and dioceses over the summer of 2023. The final code was formally adopted by the Council in January 2024 and has been issued by the National Safeguarding Team to all Church of England dioceses. The Code is an accessible, checklist-style template that sets out in plain English, the values of the ringing community on matters of safeguarding and behaviour. It is designed to be used by towers, parishes and dioceses who wish to develop their own codes of conduct.

In developing resources on safeguarding policy the Council received valuable advice from Thirtyone:Eight, the Safeguarding charity and from the stakeholder engagement team at the Disclosure and Barring Service for England and Wales.

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 2023 show total funds at the year-end of £419,257, of which £233,873 is in restricted funds. Income for the year totalled £43,968 (including publications and library sales of £17,306 and £60 on behalf of YCRA). It is pleasing to note that publication sales continue to increase.

Interest received from investments increased by £6,838 compared with the previous year due to increases in bank base rate.

The 2023 figures include further donations for the Kilifi project totalling £120.

There has been no significant fundraising during the year.

Expenditure for bell restoration grants totalled £11,550, and publication cost of sales was £6,155. Other items of expenditure include 'Discover Bellringing' (£4,370), support of ART in the administration of Ring For The King enquires (£900) and Ringing 2030 (£16,613). The total expenditure for Ringing 2030 over the last two years was £20,813.

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

It is confirmed that the Council's assets, together with the expected income for 2024, are available and will be adequate to fulfil the objects of the Council in that year.

The 2024 financial estimates were approved by the Executive in December 2023 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 resulted in a reduction of income for 2023 of £851.

Of the unrestricted funds £75,000 is held in abeyance under our Reserve Policy, which leaves a balance of £63,327 available project expenditure. The majority of these funds are held in interest bearing accounts and as they are drawn down the amount of interest received will be correspondingly reduced.

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 2023 the Council's membership comprised 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 28th July 2024.

T Stoecklin
President



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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Workgroup expenses	9.1	4,260		14	20	4,294	4,629
Mobile Belfry	9.2	2,940				2,940	10,000
Film 'Discover Bellringing'	9.2	4,370				4,370	-
Ring For the King	9.2	900				900	-
Ringling 2030	9.2	16,613				16,613	4,200
Grants for bell restoration	10		9,150	2,400		11,550	11,450
Insurance		3,171				3,171	2,909
Library maintenance					93	93	607
New Website Hosting		1,554				1,554	-
NW Course Grant						-	2,500
Paypal charges		55		327		382	436
Recruitment leaflets		78				78	706
Stationery, postage and telephone				3,364	581	3,945	589
Stock written off and disposed of						-	541
Storage and distribution	12			2,000	-	2,000	2,091
Young Change Ringers Association						-	31
Depreciation - Library Collection					1,616	1,616	1,649
Depreciation - shelving					106	106	106
		39,138	9,150	2,400	13,077	2,613	66,378
							70,563
Net incoming resources before transfers		(18,712)	(7,744)	(19)	4,207	(142)	(22,410)
							(15,488)
Revaluation of Library Collection							-
Transfers between funds							(1,950)
Net movement in funds		(18,712)	(7,744)	(19)	4,207	(142)	(22,410)
							(17,438)
Balances at 31 December 2022		179,152	43,455	80,401	20,737	117,922	441,667
							459,105
Balances at 31 December 2023		160,440	35,711	80,382	24,944	117,780	419,257
							441,667

Registered Charity Number 270036

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	Note	General Fund £	Education Courses £	Bell Restoration Fund £	F Dukes International Bell Fund £	Publications Fund £	Library Fund £	#REF! £	#REF! £
Fixed assets									
Tangible assets									
Investments at cost		162,092		30,777	79,131			272,000	272,000
Library Collection							79,199	79,199	80,815
Library shelving								-	106
Total fixed assets		162,092		30,777	79,131		79,199	351,199	352,921
Current assets									
Stock						6,449		6,449	3,469
Debtors and prepayments		407		116	202		200	925	712
Cash on short term deposit and at bank		947		4,818	1,049	18,618	38,381	63,813	87,415
Total current assets		1,354		4,934	1,251	25,067	38,581	71,187	91,596
Current liabilities									
Creditors - amounts due within one year		(3,006)				(123)		(3,129)	(2,850)
Net current assets		(1,652)		4,934	1,251	24,944	38,581	68,058	88,746
Total assets less current liabilities		160,440		35,711	80,382	24,944	117,780	419,257	441,667
Funds									
Unrestricted		138,327						138,327	170,730
Unrestricted - designated	13	22,113				24,944		47,057	29,159

Restricted		35,711	80,382		117,780	233,873	241,778
Total funds		160,440	35,711	80,382	24,944	117,780	419,257
							441,667

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

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

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 was valued at a replacement cost of £95,000 in 2014 by Roger Barnes of Church Green Books. 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 a reducing balance basis 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 was received from -

National Savings Bonds	£	8,660
Central Board of Finance of the Church of England Deposit account	£109	889
Other	£	122

Amounts received were significantly higher than 2022 as a result of increases to the 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 £120 in 2023, bringing the total now available to £1,257. Gift Aid is still to be claimed.

8.2

Ringing Remembers

The remaining balance, at 31 December 2023, of the Ringing Remembers Grant of £11,236 is held within general balances for future related work. £4,370 of the brought forward balance was used to produce 'Discover Bellringing' film.

8.3

Other Donations - Bell Restoration

During the year The Bell Restoration Fund received two donations from Amazon Smile totaling £49.34, & £3 from Paypal. A donation of £100.00 was received from CAF. A donation of £58.43 was received from F/Flow Associazion. These were allocated to Bell Restoration at the Treasurer's discretion.

8.4

Other Donations - Mobile Belfry

The balance of donations held for the Mobile Belfry is £5,073.02

8.5

Other Donations

£1,000 was received from the Post Office Ringers following the dissolution of their association. £500 of which was for The Young Change Ringers Association.

9.

Workgroup & Other Exceptional Expenditure

9.1

Workgroup Expenses

Total workgroup expenses amounted to £4,294 across all activities, a reduction from 2022. Of these expenses the Executive accounted for £2,695.

9.2

Other Exceptional Expenditure

£2,940 was paid to The Mobile Belfry Trust as a deposit towards the trailer. £4,370 to produce 'Discover Bellringing' film. £900 to support ART in the administration of Ring For The King enquiries. £16,613 was paid towards Ringing 2030, for professional services in respect of Pillar One.

10. Grants paid

During the year, the Fred Dukes International Bell Fund paid three grants totalling £2,400 to Darwin, Australia (£300), Raleigh, USA (£1,100), Palmerston, New Zealand (£1,000). There are two outstanding grant commitments, totalling £2,100, with £5,141 available for new schemes.

During the year, the Bell Restoration Fund awarded no new grants. Nine grants totalling £9,150 were paid to Calne (£1,500), Bishop Stortford (£2,000), Ecchinswell (£300), Stafford (£1,100), Twyford (£550), East Pennard (£100), South Wraxall (£1,500), Stranton (£2,000), Abbotsbury (£100). Outstanding commitments total £33,200, with £2,511 available for new schemes.

11. Charitable commitments

There are two grants of £2,100 awarded but not yet paid by the Fred Dukes International Bell Fund, and twenty seven grants totalling £33,200 awarded but not yet paid by the Bell Restoration Fund.

There is also a charitable commitment to Kilifi bell restoration (for ropes & training) in respect of the balance of donations received but not yet paid amounting to £1,257.

12. Publications fund

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

13. Designated Funds

These comprise:

Mobile Belfry Donations	£8,015
Ringing Remembers Grant	£11,236 For Recruitment
Rolle Legacy	£2,362
Post Office Ringers	£500 For Young Ringers

14. 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.

15. 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 2023

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:

12th October 2024

Name:

Duncan G Walker

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body:

CIMA, ACIE, MBA

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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