

LEBRF Trustees' Report 2023

The Llewellyn Edwards Bell Restoration Fund, Registered Charity no 270529 in the UK, makes grants towards the restoration and augmentation of church bells in the Diocese of Salisbury. Over the last 5 years we have paid out grants totalling over £108,000.

The LEBRF Trustees are appointed annually, one from each Branch and one from the Guild Officers, with the Chair of Trustees being Andy Waring.

The Trustees for 2023 were:

Calne:	Ken Webb	Mere:	Keith Woodward
Devizes:	Anne Willis	Marlborough:	David Close
Dorchester:	Michael Dillistone	Salisbury:	Louise Gay
E Dorset:	John Riley	W Dorset:	Andrew Waring
Channel Islands:	Jennifer Hill	Guild:	Anthony Lovell-Wood

With bell-hangers catching-up with their backload of post-Covid projects, the LEBRF was very active with grants during 2023:

- The LEBRF Trustees approved grants of over £57,000 to 12 churches in the Salisbury Guild during 2023 – this made 2023 & 2022 the highest ever granting years for the Charity. This level of investment was only made possible by the generous Lucas Family Legacy which the LEBRF received in 2022, and which will continue to fund worthwhile bells projects in the Salisbury Guild into the future.
- One of the largest bells renovation projects, at St Mary's, Calne was completed successfully - supported by LEBRF grants - and they held their Rededication Service on 10 September 2023.
- In total, over £50,000 was paid out in LEBRF Grants to 8 churches throughout the Salisbury Guild during 2023, to keep their bells ringing for many years to come.

Without the Lucas Family Legacy, the LEBRF's income in 2023 would have been in line with that of previous years (income has remained at between £10k-£15k per annum for several years), with online JustGiving donations boosting the traditional sources of income like Open Days, Peal Fees, raffles, Tower donations etc. The Trustees would like to thank the Independent Accounts Examiner, Richard Picker, for his report on the LEBRF Year-End 2023 Accounts.

The LEBRF Trustees are grateful to the members of the Guild for their donations – you can donate online to the LEBRF at any time, and the money will be put to good use restoring church bells within the Guild: <https://www.justgiving.com/llewellynedwardsbellrestoration>. If you are planning a bells project, please do apply for an LEBRF grant to kick-start your fundraising: <https://sdgr.org.uk/lebrf-apply-for-a-grant/>.

Andrew Waring, Chair of LEBRF Trustees

Llewellyn Edwards Bell Restoration Fund Accounts 2023

2022	£		£	2023
		Income from the Branches		
	220.00	Calne	0.00	
	937.00	Devizes	532.00	
	1,029.00	Dorchester	143.00	
	457.00	East Dorset	402.00	
	196.60	Marlborough	160.00	
	459.00	Mere	453.00	
	929.00	Salisbury	271.00	
4,738.45	510.85	West Dorset	697.13	2,658.13 total Income from Branches
		Other Income		
	490.00	Open Day	1,500.00	
	115,000.00	Bequests and In Memoriam	13,525.02	
	73.75	Gift aid refund	162.75	
	816.50	Guild	796.50	
	0.00	Guild Quiz / Raffle	126.50	
		Just Giving donations;		
		www.easyfundraising.org.uk donations; CAF		
	256.55	donations	2,046.88	
	30.00	Individuals Donations	570.05	
	0.00	Donations via MemberMojo shop *NEW FOR 2023	9.75	
116,752.80	86.00	Peal Fees	211.00	18,948.45 total Other Income
		Interest		
	3,365.62	Charities Official Investment Fund 2021	3,378.64	
		NEW Lloyds 1-Yr Fixed Term/rate Deposit		
	326.12	Account (opened 31 May 2023)	0.00	
		NEW Lloyds Instant Access Account (opened		
	0.00	June 2023)	152.37	
	0.00	Bath B/soc 1-Yr Business Bond (closed 7/2021)	0.00	
	156.48	Monmouth B/soc	937.72	
		Lloyds 1-Yr Fixed Term/Fixed Rate Deposit		
	0.00	(CLOSED MAY 2023)	1,420.27	
	458.14	Cambridge & Counties Bank 95-Day Notice Accou	1,009.73	
	181.13	HTB 95-Day Notice Account	77.07	
4,487.49				
			6,975.80	total Interest
125,978.74		Income	28,582.38	
		Grants Paid 2023		
		St Peter's, Shaftesbury	(350.00)	
		Fittleton	(1,400.00)	
		South Wraxall	(6,000.00)	
		Calne	(26,500.00)	
		Bromham	(5,300.00)	
		Spetisbury	(600.00)	
		Calne Grant of Last Resort	(3,318.30)	
		Gt Bedwyn (#5 repairs)	(3,200.00)	
		Gt Bedwyn (sound reduction)	(1,800.00)	
		St Huberts, Corfe Mullen	(1,850.00)	
(14,520.00)		Expenditure	(50,318.30)	
111,458.74		Excess of expenditure over income	(21,735.92)	
184,931.68		Balance as at 31 December 2022	296,390.42	
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296,390.42		Balance as at 31 December 2023	274,654.50	
		This balance was represented by:		
	6,418.15	Lloyds	3,500.06	
		Monmouth Building Society Instant Access A/c		
	35,899.59	CLOSED OCTOBER 2023	0.00	
	117,725.00	COIF Charities Investment Fund 2021	117,725.00	
		Cambridge & Counties Bank 95-Day Account		
	75,000.00	CLOSED JUNE 2023	0.00	
	0.00	*NEW* Cambridge & Counties 5-yr Fixed Rate Bor	20,000.00	
	0.00	*NEW* Cambridge & Counties 3-yr Fixed Rate Bor	40,000.00	
	0.00	*NEW* HTB 1-Year Bond	45,000.00	
	80,000.00	Lloyds 1-Yr Fixed Term/Fixed Rate Deposit		
		CLOSED ON MATURITY MAY 2023	0.00	
	0.00	*NEW* Lloyds 1-Yr Fixed Term/Rate Deposit		
		Account	10,000.00	
	0.00	*NEW* Lloyds 6-Mths Fixed Term Deposit		
		Account	30,000.00	
	5,000.00	*NEW* HTB 2-Yr Bond	5,077.07	
	0.00	*NEW* Lloyds Instant Access Savings Account	18,852.37	
	(23,652.32)	Interest free loans: SDGR, Branches & Towers	(15,500.00)	
296,390.42		Deposits	274,654.50	
	(69,900.00)	Grants outstanding	(51,040.00)	
226,490.42		Total assets	223,614.50	

Saturday, 13 January 2024

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the
Llewellyn Edwards Bell Restoration Fund, Charity No. 270529**

I report on the accounts of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Respective responsibilities

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions of 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 the seeking of explanations from you as trustees, concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently, 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

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the Charities Act 2011; and
 - to prepare which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

J R M Picker FCCA



Chartered Certified Accountant

Dated: 23/01/2024

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