

# THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS BELL FUND

England & Wales · Charity number 273962

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1977-08-05

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1. THE PROVISION OF GRANTS TOWARDS THE REPAIR, RENOVATION OR AUGMENTATION OF BELLS AND THEIR FITTINGS (EXCLUDING ROPES OR MASONRY). 2. THE PROVISION OF A FREE ADVISORY SERVICE ON THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF CHURCH BELL INSTALLATIONS. 3. THE PROVISION OF INSTRUCTION TO BANDS OF RINGERS IN ORDER TO PROMOTE THE ART OF CHURCH BELL RINGING.

**Activities:** 1. Recognition of the true position of ringers as church workers & the encouragement of ringing for Divine Service. 2. Promotion of the Art of Change Ringing - giving instruction to bands of ringers desiring it. 3. Provision of an Advisory Service on the maintenance and restoration of church bells & fittings. 4. Promotion of order & fellowship between ringers.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** DIOCESE OF BATH AND WELLS
- Bath And North East Somerset
- Bristol City
- Dorset
- North Somerset
- Somerset

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£42,404	£3,850	-	-
2023-12-31	£9,991	£37,224	-	-
2022-12-31	£8,408	£8,464	-	-
2021-12-31	£29,383	£14,173	-	-
2020-12-31	£29,383	£15,916	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
David Leslie Parfrey		2019-05-12
Jill Hansford		2014-01-12
MR J R HALLETT		
Margaret Lee		2021-05-08
Rev Guy Scott		2024-05-11

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# Accounts

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## **RINGING SUPPORT FUND – TRUSTEE REPORT**

### **(THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE**

**RINGERS BELL FUND** - Charity registration number: 273962)

Four payments were made in 2024, one of which was an interim payment recognising a significant stage completion. When taken with the new grants awarded the liabilities have risen by £10,100, however this is more than matched by the receipts into the fund during the year, resulting in an increase in the balance available of £28,454.

During the year a letter about the Association and specifically this fund was sent to all PCC Treasurers, and I am very grateful to Tricia Lumley at the Diocesan office for her assistance with this. Beyond raising awareness of the fund, the letter had three ambitions: to gain new affiliations, to further encourage PCCs still paying the pre-2017 fee to increase to the present level, and to further encourage PCCs to give greater clarity in their transaction descriptions. Work on these last two challenges began in 2023, and to further explain the last item, many bank receipts show transaction descriptions of, for example “PCC St John’s”, and hence this takes much work to identify which of the many “St John’s” has paid the fee. I am pleased to report that good progress on all fronts was made during 2024, including:

- 6 newly affiliated PCCs
- Positive matches on transactions up from 68% to 70%
- Numbers paying current fee up from 43% to 60%

Work will continue in 2025 to further improve the position.

Following no transfers from the General Fund during 2022 & 2023 a transfer of £30,000 was agreed at the 2024 AGM, I will be proposing a further £10,000 transfer at the 2025 AGM. It will be noted that the insurance cost relating to the Tower Advisory service was paid in 2024 from the General Fund. The rationale for this is twofold: it can be said

that the costs have traditionally been supported by the General Fund through the transfers into the fund, and it presents a much stronger position for the fund to be able to show that 100% of receipts are available for the core objective of the fund.

Looking forward, the levels of grant applications remain low, both in numbers (4 in 2024) and in value, with Compton Dundon aside, the average 2024 grant was a little over £1,300. To be supporting more Churches with the restoration or continuation of ringing would be good, and we are aware of a few projects which may seek funding assistance in 2025, with at least two of these being potentially larger.

Our congratulations to all of those involved in the projects completed during 2024, and our good wishes for successful outcomes to all those projects now underway. As ever none of the work we do would be possible without the income we receive from affiliated PCCs, and from all the of the generous people who have made donations this year, both as individuals and collectively through Branch fund raising, and peal ringers making very welcome contributions too. It is very pleasing to be able to record that, excluding the General Fund Transfer, income increased by 24% over 2023. Thank you to all who participated in generating revenue for the fund.

Finally, I could not complete this report without recording on your behalf our grateful thanks to my fellow Trustees, and to our Tower Advisors, John Hallett and Bernard North and to our Ringing Support Fund Officer, Margaret Lee. As a fund we work very closely with the Tower Advisory Service, and we are indebted to them for all they do, but also for their generosity in time, wise counsel, and the spirit in which it is constantly given. Last year I described Margaret as simply wonderful, if I could find words to raise that I would, Margaret's dedication to this role is extraordinary, and I am indebted to her for the support she gives me in my role.

David Parfrey

**Ringling Support Fund**  
**Receipts & Payments Account for 2024**

<b>2023</b>		<b>2024</b>
<b>£</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>£</b>
5,915	Affiliation Fees	6,455
2,169	Donations	3,519
0	Transfer from General Fund	30,000
1,468	Interest	2,044
439	Peal Fees	386
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9,991		42,404
	<b>Payments</b>	
36,875	Grants Paid	3,850
349	Insurance (paid 2024 from General Fund)	0
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37,224		3,850
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-27,233	<b>Surplus/(deficit)</b>	38,554
100,446	Cash brought forward	73,213
73,213	Cash carried forward	111,767
	<b>Assets</b>	
72,789	Natwest	111,343
424	CCLA	424
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73,213		111,767
<hr style="border-top: 1px solid black;"/>	Contingent liabilities (grants not yet paid)	<hr style="border-top: 1px solid black;"/>
21,650		31,750
<hr style="border-top: 1px solid black;"/>	Cash Available for Future Grants	<hr style="border-top: 1px solid black;"/>
51,563		80,017
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## Balance Available

	2024	2023	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Cash	111,767	73,213	100,446	100,527
Outstanding Grant Liabilities	31,750	21,650	49,587	19,867
Balance Available at 31st Dec	<u>80,017</u>	<u>51,563</u>	<u>50,859</u>	<u>80,660</u>

	2020	2019	2018	2017
	£	£	£	£
Cash	85,519	99,194	107,026	83,853
Outstanding Grant Liabilities	25,152	47,406	32,095	48,180
Balance Available at 31st Dec	<u>60,367</u>	<u>51,788</u>	<u>74,931</u>	<u>35,673</u>

## Grants Paid in 2024

Stanton Drew	£650.00	
Cutcombe	£500.00	
Spaxton	£900.00	Interim payment
Portishead	<u>£1,800.00</u>	
	<u>£3,850.00</u>	

## Grants Outstanding From Prior Years

Compton Dando	£1,200.00	Paid January 2025
Hinton St George	£6,500.00	Paid March 2025
Farleigh Hungerford	£2,000.00	
Nempnett Thrubwell	<u>£9,000.00</u>	
	<u>£18,700.00</u>	

## New Grants awarded in 2024

Carhampton	£1,500.00	
Compton Dundon	£10,000.00	
Spaxton	£1,800.00	£900 interim payment made
Shepton Beauchamp	<u>£650.00</u>	Paid January 2025
	<u>£13,950.00</u>	

## **Outstanding Liability at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

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Hinton St George	£6,500.00	Paid March 2025
Farleigh Hungerford	£2,000.00	
Nempnett Thrubwell	£9,000.00	
Carhampton	£1,500.00	
Compton Dundon	£10,000.00	
Spaxton	£900.00	
Shepton Beauchamp	£650.00	Paid January 2025
<b>Total Liability</b>	<b>£31,750.00</b>	

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN RINGING SUPPORT FUND**

I report on the accounts of the fund for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

### **Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner**

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

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

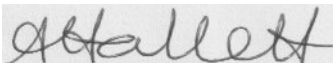
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanation from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all

evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **Independent 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 section 41 of the Act and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



13<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS BELL FUND**

England & Wales - Charity number 273962

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# Accounts

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**THE BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS**  
(Founded 31st May 1890)

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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Liz Lane,  
Association Treasurer

**GENERAL FUND - INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**

		Year ended 31st December 2021			
2020	INCOME	2021	2020	EXPENDITURE	2021
£		£	£		£
18721	Branch Membership & Badge Sales	17122	200	Central Council Subscription	200
0	(less Branch Expenses)	0	0	Central Council Reps Expenses	0
<u>0</u>	(less Branch Ringing World Notices)	<u>0</u>	25	Ringling World Notices - Association	0
18721		17122	0	Expenses: Gen Sec - administration	0
			0	Gen Sec - Membership	0
547	Peal Booking Fees	62	0	Treasurer	0
8	Sales of Report and Badges	0	0	Peal Sec & Asst	0
0	Advertising	0	0	Report Editor	0
90	Donation via General Fund	0	0	Education Officer	0
217	Bank Interest Received	22	0	Dep Education Officer	0
	Sale of Books	0	0	Webmaster	0
			2,292	Cost of Annual Report (2,100 copies)	0
<u>22</u>	Other (back year subs)	<u>0</u>	350	Insurance Public Liability	361
			3,700	Training	0
			10	Central Council Library Subscription	10
			0	Purchase of Association badges	0
			0	Other (incl subs overpaid)	0
			0	Transfers to Bell Fund	20,000
			<u>7052</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>21649</u>
<u>19664</u>	Total Income	<u>17207</u>	<u>14611</u>	Surplus Income over Expenditure	<u>-4442</u>
			<u>19,663</u>		<u>17207</u>

**GENERAL FUND - BALANCE SHEET**

**As at 31st December 2021**

2020 £	LIABILITIES	2021 £	2020 £	ASSETS	2021 £
	<b>Accumulated Fund:</b>			Cash:	
31,779.00	Balance at 1st January 2021	44,451.28	44,324.28	Natwest Bank - Current	39,882.50
12,610.96	Plus Surplus for the Year	-4,441.78	0.00	Natwest Bank - Capital Reserve	0.00
	Balance at 31st December 2021	40,009.50	0.00	Cash in Hand - Treasurer	0.00
			0.00	Cash in Hand - Books	0.00
			127.70	Ringling World Account	127.70
			0.00	3.5% War Loan	0.00
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44,389.96		40,009.50	44,451.98		40,010.20

	Members in 2021	2021 compared to 2020	Members, Associate Members & HLMs at 31st December 2020	Deduct Expenses Claimed	Deduct RW Notices	Net Receipts	Net Receipts
			No	£	£	£	%
BRANCH							
Axbridge	179	-9	188	1,790.00		0.00	1,790.00
Bath	139	19	120	1,390.00		0.00	1,390.00
Bridgwater	119	18	137	1,190.00		0.00	1,190.00
Cary	?	0	175	0		0.00	0
Chew	135	-43	178	1,350.00		0.00	1,350.00
Crewkerne	12	16	101	120.00		0.00	120.00
Dunster	137	-28	165	1,370.00		0.00	1,370.00
Frome	124	-8	132	1,240.00		0.00	1,240.00
Glaston	94	-3	97	940.00		0.00	940.00
Ilchester	133	-15	148	1,330.00		0.00	1,330.00
Taunton	215	-23	238	2,150.00		0.00	2,150.00
Non-Resident HLMs	1	0	1	10.00			10.00
Totals	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	1,288	2	1,679	12,880	0.00	0.00	12,880
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**Bell Fund Trustees' Report 2020**

Again, despite everything a number of projects have completed this year and grants paid. The fund has been boosted this year by a generous bequest from Ken Davis, for which we are grateful. On behalf of the Trustees, I would like to thank all those making donations or involved in fund raising activities.

Liz Lane, Treasurer to the Trustees

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS BELL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021**

**Title of the Charity**

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers Bell Fund. Charity Registration Number 273962. Inland Revenue Reference XN 44116

**Objectives**

1. The provision of grants towards the repair, renovation or augmentation of bells and their fittings (excluding ropes or masonry).
2. The provision of a free advisory service on the maintenance and repair of church bell installations.
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## Beneficial Area

The Diocese of Bath & Wells

## Governing Instrument

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## Trustees

The General Committee of the Association for the time being as listed on page 2 of the Association Annual Report.

## Treasurer

The Treasurer of the Association, Ms E.Lane, 17 Starrs Close, Axbridge, BS26 2BZ, is also Treasurer of the Bell Fund on behalf of the Trustees.

### BELL FUND – INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31ST December 2021

(Registered Charity No 273962)

2020	INCOME	2021	2020	EXPENDITURE	2021
£		£	£		£
52	Covenants & Gift Aid Standing Orders	52	359	Insurance - Tower Advisers	0*
0	Tax refund on Covenants & Gift Aid	0	0	Expenses - Tower Advisers	0
5,965	Affiliation Fees	5,885	0	Expenses - General Secretary	0
572	Interest Received	46	0	Expenses – Treasurer (Pens)	0
0	Peal Fees	155		Grants to Towers - <i>see separate list</i>	14,173
82	CDs, Car Stickers & Sweatshirts	210	0	Cost of Sweatshirts	0
0	Legacies	0	29,233	Refund of fees/quota payments	0
15	Other (Quota payments 9k9in error)	0			
3,482	Donations - <i>see separate list</i>	3,035			
620	Quarter Peal Month	0			
	Transfers from General Fund	20,000	-13,673	Surplus (deficit) for the year	15,208
10,788		29,383	15,917		29,383
			*cheque cleared in Dec 2020		

### BELL FUND - BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST December 2021

2020	LIABILITIES	2021	2020	ASSETS	2021
£		£	£		£
98773	Accumulated Fund: Balance at 1st January 2021	85,095	85,095	Cash: Natwest Bank - Current Account	100,103
-13675	Surplus (deficit) for the year	15,208	0	Natwest Bank - Capital Reserve A/C	0
	CBF	424	424	CBF Deposit Account	424
			0	Fixed Rate Bond	0



## BALANCE AVAILABLE FOR FUTURE GRANTS

Cash at Bank & in hand per Balance Sheet	100,527
Less Outstanding Grants	-19867
Income Reserve	80,660

Balance Available for Future Grants	2021	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Cash at Bank & in Hand	£	£	£	£		
per Balance Sheet	100,527	95,415	83,853	107,026	99,194	85,519
less Outstanding Commitments	-19,867	48,180	48,180	32,095	47,406	25,142
Balance Available	80,660	47,235	51,758	59,620	47,564	66,371

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers' Bell Fund

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2021

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Anna Hallett  
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### BELL FUND – INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31ST December 2021

(Registered Charity No 273962)

2020	INCOME	2021	2020	EXPENDITURE	2021
£		£	£		£
52	Covenants & Gift Aid Standing Orders	52	359	Insurance - Tower Advisers	0*
0	Tax refund on Covenants & Gift Aid	0	0	Expenses - Tower Advisers	0
5,965	Affiliation Fees	5,885	0	Expenses - General Secretary	0
572	Interest Received	46	0	Expenses – Treasurer (Pens)	0
0	Peal Fees	155		Grants to Towers - <i>see separate list</i>	14,173
82	CDs, Car Stickers & Sweatshirts	210	0	Cost of Sweatshirts	0
0	Legacies	0	29,233	Refund of fees/quota payments	0
15	Other (Quota payments 9k9in error)	0			
3,482	Donations - <i>see separate list</i>	3,035			
620	Quarter Peal Month	0			
	Transfers from General Fund	20,000	-13,673	Surplus (deficit) for the year	15,208
10,788		29,383	15,917		29,383
			*cheque cleared in Dec 2020		

### BELL FUND - BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST December 2021

2020	LIABILITIES	2021	2020	ASSETS	2021
£		£	£		£
98773	Accumulated Fund: Balance at 1st January 2021	85,095	85,095	Cash: Natwest Bank - Current Account	100,103
-13675	Surplus (deficit) for the year	15,208	0	Natwest Bank - Capital Reserve A/C	0
	CBF	424	424	CBF Deposit Account	424
			0	Fixed Rate Bond	0



## BALANCE AVAILABLE FOR FUTURE GRANTS

Cash at Bank & in hand per Balance Sheet	100,527
Less Outstanding Grants	-19867
Income Reserve	80,660

Balance Available for Future Grants	2021	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Cash at Bank & in Hand	£	£	£	£		
per Balance Sheet	100,527	95,415	83,853	107,026	99,194	85,519
less Outstanding Commitments	-19,867	48,180	48,180	32,095	47,406	25,142
Balance Available	80,660	47,235	51,758	59,620	47,564	66,371

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers' Bell Fund

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2021

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Anna Hallett  
Westonzoyland, 30th April 2022

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*A Hallett*

Signed

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**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS BELL FUND**

England & Wales - Charity number 273962

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# Accounts

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**THE BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS**  
(Founded 31st May 1890)

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Association Treasurer

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**Year ended 31st October 2019**

<b>2018</b>	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2019</b>
		£			£
13,530	Branch Membership & Badge Sales	20,176	150	Central Council Subscription	200
0	(less Branch Expenses)	0	1,181	Central Council Reps Expenses	200
0	(less Branch Ringing World Notices)	0	136	Ringing World Notices - Association	126
13,530		20,176	95	Expenses: Gen Sec - administration	90
			0	Gen Sec - Membership	0
1,734	Peal Booking Fees	1,752	0	Treasurer	0
150	Sales of Report and Badges	510	79	Peal Sec & Asst	0
0	Advertising	0	0	Report Editor	0
0	Donation via General Fund	80	0	Education Officer	0
102	Bank Interest Received	113	0	Dep Education Officer	0
	Sale of Books	0	25	Webmaster	0
			2,477	Cost of Annual Report (2,100 copies)	2,652
0	Other (back year subs)		355	Insurance Public Liability	350
			2,200	Training	3,800
			10	Central Council Library Subscription	10
			0	Purchase of Association badges	0
			0	Other (incl subs overpaid)	129
			13,000	Transfers to Bell Fund	0
			19,698	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>7,557</b>
15381	<b>Total Income</b>	22,172	-	Surplus Income over Expenditure	14,615
			7		
			15,381		22,172

**GENERAL FUND - BALANCE SHEET**  
**As at 31st October 2019**

<b>2018</b>	<b>LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2019</b>
£		£	£		£
	<b>Accumulated Fund:</b>			<b>Cash:</b>	
21,449	Balance at 1st November 2018	17,164	16,944	Natwest Bank - Current	31,752
-	Less excess of expenditure	<u>14,615</u>	0	Cash in hand - Treasurer	0
<u>4,317</u>			0	Cash in Hand - Books	0
			0	220 Ringing World Account	95
			0	0 3.5% War Loan	<u>0</u>
<u>17,132</u>	Balance at 31st October 2019	<u>31,779</u>	<u>21,429</u>		<u>31,847</u>

BRANCH	Members in 2018	2018 compared to 2019	Members, Associate Members & HLMs at 31st October 2019	Deduct Expenses Claimed	Deduct RW Notices	Net Receipts	Net Receipts
			No	£	£	£	%
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Bridgwater	129	11	140	1,400.00	0.00	1,400.00	100
Cary	176	0	176	1,760.00	0.00	1,760.00	100
Chew	174	-6	168	1,680.00	0.00	1,680.00	100
Crewkerne	102	16	118	1,180.00	0.00	1,180.00	100
Dunster	170	5	175	1,750.00	0.00	1,750.00	100
Frome	142	-3	139	1,390.00	0.00	1,390.00	100
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Ilchester	157	6	163	1,630.00	0.00	1,630.00	100
Taunton	255	-17	243	2,430.00	0.00	2,430.00	100
Non-Resident HLMs	1	0	1	10.00		10.00	
Totals	<u>1,717</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1,718</u>	<u>17,180</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>17,180</u>	<u>100</u>

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ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS BELL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st  
DECEMBER 2020**

**Title of the Charity**

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers Bell Fund. Charity Registration Number 273962. Inland Revenue Reference XN 44116

**Objectives**

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YEAR ENDED 31ST December 2020**  
(Registered Charity No 273962)

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52	Covenants & Gift Aid Standing Orders	52	*	Insurance - Tower Advisers	359
0	Tax refund on Covenants & Gift Aid	0	0	Expenses - Tower Advisers	0
5,965	Affiliation Fees	5,980	0	Expenses - General Secretary	0
572	Interest Received	582	0	Expenses - Treasurer (Pens)	0
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82	CDs, Car Stickers & Sweatshirts	210	0	Cost of Sweatshirts	0
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	payments in error)				
3,482	Donations - <i>see separate list</i>	4,093			
620	Quarter Peal Month	620			
	Transfers from General Fund	0	-7,832	Surplus (deficit) for the year	13,675
10,788		15,916	10,788		15,916
				*Cost will show in next year's account as paid by personal account not recovered in year	6

**BELL FUND - BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST December 2020**

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106,607	Accumulated Fund: Balance at 1st November 2019	98,773	98,773	Cash: Natwest Bank - Current Account	85,095
-7,832	Surplus (deficit) for the year	-13,675	0	Natwest Bank - Capital Reserve A/C	0
	CBF	421	422	CBF Deposit Account	424
			0	Fixed Rate Bond	0
			0	Cash in Hand	0
99,194	Balance at 31st December 2020	85,519	99,195		85,519

NOTIFICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED THAT WORK HAS STARTED IN TOWERS WHERE THE COMMITMENT IS 25,142

**DONATIONS TO THE BELL FUND**

	£	
<i>Axbridge Branch</i>		<i>Chew Branch</i>
50/50 club	1,000	
		<i>Crewkerne Branch</i>
<i>Bath Branch</i>		<i>Dunster Branch</i>
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Richard Cook			
Funeral donation	212		
R.W Davis legacy	5,000		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,512</b>		

**GRANTS PAID TO TOWERS**

	£
Bridgwater	17,000
Leigh on Mendip	4,750
	4,3
Publow	50
Locking	588
Pitminster	2,545
	29,233

**CONTINGENT LIABILITIES - OUTSTANDING GRANTS**

Goathurt	4,735
Marksbury	2,680
Stanton Drew	650
Monksilver	5,540
Pylle	540
Sutton Montis	5,052
Nunney	5,745
Taunton St James	200
	25,142

**BALANCE AVAILABLE FOR FUTURE GRANTS**

Cash at Bank & in hand per Balance Sheet	85,519
Less Outstanding Grants	-25,142
Income Reserve	60,377

Balance Available for Future Grants	2020	2019	2016	2017	2018
Cash at Bank & in Hand	£	£	£	£	£
	85,5				107,02
per Balance Sheet	19	99,194	95,415	83,853	6
less Outstanding Commitments	25,1				47,406
	42	51,680	48,180	32,105	
	60,3				59,585
Balance Available	77	47,564	47,235	51,748	

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	£		25,142
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R.W Davis legacy	5,000		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,512</b>		

**GRANTS PAID TO TOWERS**

	£
Bridgwater	17,000
Leigh on Mendip	4,750
	4,3
Publow	50
Locking	588
Pitminster	2,545
	29,233

**CONTINGENT LIABILITIES - OUTSTANDING GRANTS**

Goathurt	4,735
Marksbury	2,680
Stanton Drew	650
Monksilver	5,540
Pylle	540
Sutton Montis	5,052
Nunney	5,745
Taunton St James	200
	25,142

**BALANCE AVAILABLE FOR FUTURE GRANTS**

Cash at Bank & in hand per Balance Sheet	85,519
Less Outstanding Grants	-25,142
Income Reserve	60,377

Balance Available for Future Grants	2020	2019	2016	2017	2018
Cash at Bank & in Hand	£	£	£	£	£
	85,5				107,02
per Balance Sheet	19	99,194	95,415	83,853	6
less Outstanding Commitments	25,1				47,406
	42	51,680	48,180	32,105	
	60,3				59,585
Balance Available	77	47,564	47,235	51,748	

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers' Bell Fund**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2020

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

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

### **Basis of Independent 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 considerations 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 evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **Independent 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 section 41 of the act and
  - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the act, have not been met: or
2. to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Anna Hallett  
Westonzoyland, 21th February 2021

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### **Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner**

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