

DEVON CHURCH BELL RESTORATION FUND – (Charity Number 276490)

During 2024 ten projects have been completed for a total of £29,200. Inspections were completed at 12 different churches across the county and several applications forms were sent and received. We held our usual two meetings during the year on 26th March and 18th October. An initiative that has been revisited this year was to write to all the PCC's in the Exeter Diocese asking for donations to the fund. This was achieved with the help of Neil Williams who is the Director of Finance for the Diocese and has proved very fruitful having received over £3,300 from 87 different PCC's.

The Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The aim of the Devon Church Bell Restoration Fund remains to provide financial assistance to churches in the County of Devon and Diocese of Exeter for the purpose of restoring, maintaining and improving their bell installations, so as to ensure their continuing use for religious purposes and for the ongoing development of the cultural art of English church bell ringing. Though bells are housed predominantly in premises of the Church of England the practice of church bell ringing is open to all regardless of age, creed or culture; and being a very public instrument may be heard by all.

Income Received – £29,132

Some notable amounts are as follows:

- £8,370 - the Smale Bequest Investment Portfolio
- £1,822 - Bank Interest
- £9,844 - Guild of Devonshire Ringers and its Branches including £1,065 from the joint Assoc & Guild calendar sales
- £1,940 - Devon Association
- £3,327 - Letter to PCC's
- £1,000 - Legacy from Jane Doidge (Whitchurch, Tavistock)

Grants Paid in 2024 - £29,200 for 11 Projects

- £800 to Tedburn St Mary to have a new bell pad and overhaul of clappers and bearings
- £1,250 to Colaton Raleigh to refurbish two headstocks and overhaul the bearings and clappers
- £6,250 to Bigbury to have their six bells rehung in a reconditioned frame with all new fittings
- £2,100 to Tawstock to have the frame repainted and the wheels renovated
- £1,900 to Sidmouth to have the frame repainted and new mesh walkways around the bells
- £500 to Exminster to have a new rope guide fitted
- £950 to Uplyme to have the frame repainted and two clappers rebushed
- £6,800 to Kingswear to augment the existing ring of 3 to a ring of 6
- £6,250 to Wembury to have their six bells rehung in the existing frame with all new fittings
- £2,400 to Tiverton, St Peter for a general overhaul ahead of the 100th anniversary of the bells

Grants Offered in 2024 (not yet paid) - £33,620 for 7 Projects

- £6,500 - Halberton – replace headstocks, clappers, bearings and tuning
- £10,300 - Oakford – full rehang in new frame with all new fittings and tuning
- £5,900 - Coldridge - rehang in existing frame with all new fittings and tuning
- £5,900 - Rose Ash - complete rehang in original restored frame
- £2,100 - Holsworthy - replace clappers, crown staples and main bearings, refurb the gudgeons
- £1,350 - Holne - to overhaul the bearings to all but 4th and rebuild wheels to all but 5th
- £1,570 - Roborough - to have the frame stabilised

Grants Offered pre 2024 but not Paid - £16,550 for 3 Projects

- Hatherleigh - £8,100 - Complete rehang
- Marlborough - £7,200 – Rehang in existing refurbished frame
- Talaton - £1,250 - to have the frame repainted

There are a further 4 application forms that have been sent out but not yet returned.

Total uncommitted funds at 31 December 2024 = £16,364.

Committee Members and Trustees for 2024 - 2025

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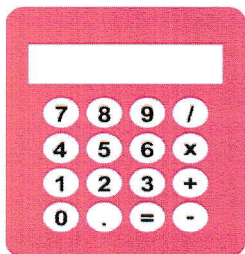
(Registered Charity No: 276490)

Accounts for the Year ended 31 December 2024

Statement of Financial Activities

Income & Expenditure Account

	2024	2023
	£	£
<u>INCOME</u>		
Guild of Devonshire Ringers and its Branches	9844	4804
Devon Association of Ringers	1940	2121
Donation Button (via CAF)	241	947
Other Donations and Fundraising	6355	2852
TOTAL DONATIONS	18380	10724
Tax Refunds (Gift Aid)	560	407
Bank Interest	1822	1339
Investment Income (Smale Bequest)	8370	9363
TOTAL INCOME	29132	21833
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Grants to Bell Restoration Projects:		
Tiverton St Paul		300
Sampford Peverell		380
Stoodleigh		600
Huntshaw		3700
Holcombe Burnell		1500
Tedburn St Mary	800	
Colaton Raleigh	1250	
Bigbury	6250	
Tawstock	2100	
Sidmouth	1900	
Exminster	500	
Uplyme	950	
Kingswear	6800	
Wembury	6250	
Tiverton St Peter	2400	
GRANTS PAID	29200	6480
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		
Auditor's Honorarium	25	25
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	29225	6505
GAINS (LOSSES)		
Income less expenditure	(93)	15328
Increase (Decrease) in value of investments	12374	4351
NET GAIN (LOSS)	12281	19679

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Devon Church Bell Restoration Fund

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

Mrs Hania Lee FCCA

7 February 2025

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