

# Trustees' Report for 2023

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### 1 Highlights of the Year

2023 has seen the coronation of a new monarch, His Majesty King Charles III. Ringers from all around our two Dioceses have been out there proclaiming this event by ringing out our Parish church bells. It has been another year where we have continued to be focused on rebuilding our bands following the disruption brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Management Committee have been able to hold in-person events over the course of 2023. We have continued to adapt and embrace new technology and now hold one of our regular MC meetings on Zoom. Both types of meeting allow all members to express their views and help shape the Association's direction.

2023 has seen the membership remain around 1,100, for the third year. We noted in 2020 that there was a potential risk of members not renewing their membership due to Covid-19. For the previous 20 years it has been either consistently above 1,300 or for three of those years in the high to mid 1,200s. Although Junior membership has now dropped some way below 100, with effort and encouragement it should, hopefully, be possible to increase it in the next year or two.

As ever, it is the enormously impactful work done by all within the Association's branches that binds our ringing community and upholds our collective aims for the Association.

This year has seen 64 peals being rung for the Association, slightly down on last year. Within the G&B, this can be attributed in part to a continued reduction in prolific organisers and conductors, as well as an increasing number of peals rung by Members now being attributed to other societies. There have still been a number of NRLMs being elected this year, and many of the Association's keener peal ringers have seen no discernible drop in their G&B peal numbers. It remains to be seen whether peal numbers re-attain their pre-Covid levels.

Over the last twenty years we have managed to give grants appropriate to our BRF income. The list of potential projects - see below in section 2.1 - suggests that even with several major projects emerging from the Bristol branch we will be able to continue to follow the policy of being able to offer up to 20% grants towards eligible work (see note 1 to the Accounts).

Although most PCCs have increased their Tower Affiliation Fee from £10 to £20 there are still a few paying the old £10 rate.

We still need to continue the effort to get more members to sign up to Gift Aid; this is a useful source of income to the BRF and has shown a small drop in recent years.

## 2. Review of Activities

### 2.1 Bell Repair Grants

	<u>Tower</u>	<u>£</u>	
Seven grants were paid in the year:	Stroud	920	New rope guide
	Haresfield	874	Replace gudgeon on 5 <sup>th</sup> headstock
	Naunton	660	Work to clappers and bearings
	Cricklade	620	Replace/secure rope guides
	Kemerton	53	Sally jugs
	Windrush	481	Rebush clappers
	St Briavels	102	Install clappers
		<u>3,710</u>	
Six other grants were approved in the year, but not yet payable:	Hardwicke	2,095	Replace gudgeons
	Elmore	105	
	Hartpury	2,527	Strengthen crowns, fill in sound bow dents
	Syston	1,475	Replace cracked 4 <sup>th</sup> with second hand bell
	Stoke Bishop	662	Replace 4 <sup>th</sup> , headstock and 6 worn pulleys
	St Mary de Crypt	414	Purchase simulator system for all 8 bells
		<u>5,183</u>	
The following additional grants were approved by the Branches:	Siddington	200	
	Kemerton	200	
	Ashchurch	250	
	Naunton	250	
	Cricklade	500	
		<u>1,400</u>	

The following have been identified as potential future projects seeking a grant from the Association; as it is unlikely that all will proceed it is anticipated that grant awards will remain at 20% of eligible cost.

Branch	Tower	Description	Eligible Cost £	Grant at 20%	Probability
Bristol	St Thomas	Rehang 7 <sup>th</sup> and tenor	5,000	1,000	M
Bristol	Christ Church	Rehang 10 bells in new frame	150,000	30,000	L
Bristol	Kingsdown	Rehang 8 and add 2 trebles	70,000	14,000	M
Bristol	Southville	Complete rehang and recast	90,000	18,000	H
Cheltenham	Cowley	Rehang in new frame and fittings	60,000	12,000	L
Swindon	South Marston	Retune and rehang with new fittings	29,600	5,920	L
Swindon	South Marston	Augment 6 bells to 8	25,000	5,000	L
Forest	Dymock	Replace cracked headstocks; tune bells	35,000	7,000	H
			<u>464,600</u>	<u>92,920</u>	

### 2.2 Training

In 2023 we held a Spring Training day as well as an Autumn Training day. These were organised by Simon Ridley, and were in a completely different format to those previously held. The feedback from those who attended the sessions was very complementary.

### 2.3 Penn Trophy

Warmley hosted the 8 bell competition. The judge Tony Crabtree of the Oxford Guild placed the bands as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> and the winner of the Penn Trophy – the Swindon Branch, 2<sup>nd</sup> and the winners of The Chairmans Baldrick – the Cheltenham Branch, 3<sup>rd</sup> the Tewkesbury Branch, 4<sup>th</sup> the Cirencester Branch, joint 5<sup>th</sup> Chippingham, Stroud, and Bristol Rural Branches.

## **2.4 Croome Trophy**

Frenchay hosted the 6 bell competition. The judge Chris Jenkins, of the Salisbury Guild placed the bands as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> and the Winner of the Croome Trophy – St Mark, Cheltenham (Cheltenham Branch, 2<sup>nd</sup> and winners of The Great Peter Trophy – Christ Church, Swindon (Swindon Branch), 3<sup>rd</sup> Tewkesbury Abbey (Tewkesbury Branch), 4<sup>th</sup> Cirencester (Cirencester Branch), 5<sup>th</sup> Leonard Stanley (Stroud Branch), joint 6<sup>th</sup> Dursley (Wotton under Edge Branch) and Coalpit Heath (Bristol Rural Branch), 8<sup>th</sup> Corsham (Chippenham Branch)

## **2.5 Young Ringers**

The G&B youth team this year has had a very active year. They have held many practices and visited a lot of different towers to hone their ringing skills; they have held ringing days out in Bristol, Somerset, and Worcester. They represented the Association in the RWNYS contest, held this year in York. The numbers are starting to return to pre Covid levels, but as ever we are competing for their time alongside all the other things these active children want to participate in.

## **2.6 Peal & Quarter Peal Festival**

During this festival there were 5 quarter peals recorded on BellBoard along with 1 peal. All of them including one or more members of the band with a first recorded.

## **2.7 Firsts Fortnight**

Well done to all those who achieved something new during the fortnight, and acquired new skills. The firsts were recorded on the Association Website, including ringing a new bell, ringing call changes, ringing a new method, and ringing the tenor behind. This year we also had some firsts for people who were maintaining the fabric rather than ringing.

## **2.8 Achievement of the Year Competition**

The Achievement of the Year competition seeks to recognise achievements within the Association during the year, and can be awarded to a person, a group, a tower, a group of towers, or a whole branch. This year we had two very commendable and worthy submissions.

After counting the votes the submission from the Tewkesbury Branch was voted 1<sup>st</sup> place, with the submission from the Gloucester Branch 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **2.9 Belfry Advisers**

During the last year the Belfry Advisers have checked completed projects at Cricklade, Elmore, Hardwicke, Hartpur, Naunton, Stroud and Windrush.

In addition advice and/or reports has been requested and provided at, Apperley, Avening, Chaceley, Churcham, Frenchay, Longborough, Minchinhampton, Minety, Miserden, Naunton, Oaksey, Oddington, Painswick, , Saintbury, Sandhurst, Siddington, Siston, Stroud, St Marks's Swindon, Tetbury.

Two belfry maintenance courses have been run for local ringers, one at Minety & Oaksey and another at Naunton.

Any tower requiring advice on their bell installation, including maintenance advice, please contact one of the Bell Advisers listed in the front of the report.

## **2.10 Peals**

2023 has been a very quiet, unassuming year for the G&B on the peal front. The final count of 64 is slightly down on 2022.

Unlike 2022, there was relatively little variety in the analysis. Peals were rung at stages from Singles to Cinques, with Minimus and Maximus conspicuous by their absences. The range, variety, and overall complexity of methods and compositions has also dried up somewhat. Our most common methods this year were 7-Surprise Minor and Stedman Triples, with five apiece. Remarkably, after years of dominance in the method count, not one peal of Yorkshire Major was attributed to the Association in 2023!

Offsetting that however, there has been a rise in alternative Surprise Major methods, such as Turramurra and Lessness, which adds some pleasing diversity to the metaphorical larder.

## 2.11 Review of Financial Activities

Summary of the year to 31 October 2023:

	Balances brought forward	Surplus/ (Deficit) for year	Transfers between Funds	Balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£
Belfry Repair Fund	115,862	19,554	1,213	136,629
General Fund	2,704	649	(1,213)	2,140
Branches	18,397	(192)		18,205
	<b>136,963</b>	<b>20,011</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>156,974</b>

Total income from subscriptions was £16,054, an increase of £1,803 from 2022. This is due to the removal of the concession rate for retired members, balanced by an increase in the number of members who did not pay their subscriptions this year, and receipt of arrears from previous years, which appears to indicate a post Covid catch up.

Interest and investment income doubled in the year, with total other income remaining consistent with 2022.

Grant payments were much lower than in previous years; at year end £71,904 had been awarded but not paid and is contingent on completion of projects. As noted above there are some large projects in the pipeline not yet awarded grants but they are being pushed further into the future as parishes review their priorities in times of financial constraint. It is anticipated that the current 20% contribution towards eligible expenditure will be sustainable for the near future. The Branches continue to hold funds that should be used to support local projects.

Administrative expenses remain low, mainly insurance and printing of the Annual Report.

There are no uncertainties regarding going concern

## 2.12 Membership Statistics

	%Junior	Senior	Junior	Retired¹	Associate	HLM	TOTAL	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Bristol	21%	84	22	0	0	0	106	101	90	122	111	101
Bristol Rural	9%	107	12		7	1	127	134	155	158	157	161
Cheltenham	3%	116	4	0	0	1	121	124	128	139	139	126
Chippenham	6%	97	6	0	0	1	104	113	104	119	123	111
Cirencester	8%	107	9	0	0	2	118	117	114	119	131	121
Forest	7%	71	5	0	0	0	76	59	106	101	106	112
Gloucester	8%	52	5	1	0	2	60	43	57	79	74	80
North Cotswold	0%	46	0	0	0	1	47	21	47	48	51	41
Stroud	8%	95	8	0	0	2	105	92	105	108	98	101
Swindon	2%	121	2	0	0	0	123	118	110	105	115	120
Tewkesbury	3%	69	2	0	0	0	71	69	73	75	78	75
Wotton-under-Edge	0%	94	0		2	1	97	100	98	110	117	104
<b>Total for 2023</b>	6%	<b>1059</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1155</b>	<b>1091</b>	<b>1187</b>	<b>1283</b>	<b>1300</b>	<b>1253</b>
2022	7%	812	71	195	2	11	1091					
2021	6%	849	76	249	3	10	1187					
2020	7%	892	94	283	3	11	1283					
2019	7%	915	89	279	6	11	1300					
2018	7%	833	91	311	7	11	1253					
2013 (10 years ago)	10%	724	138	493	8	15	1378					
2003 (20 years ago)	13%	840	177	319	5	23	1364					
1993 (30 years ago)	18%	845	222	148	7	19	1241					
1983 (40 years ago)	23%	727	221		15	30	993					

1973 (50 years ago)	21%	699	181	31	911
1923 (100 years ago)					732

<sup>1</sup> concession rate for retired members withdrawn from 2023

Membership in 2023 has increased slightly; an indication that the Association has recovered from some of the effects of the Covid pandemic. However the total remains below the peak years of the 2010s. Junior membership has increased very slightly with some branches showing a very healthy proportion but offset by some branches having none.

### 2.13 Library

One member borrowed an Annual Report for 1982 in respect of members with 40 years service. Four general inquiries were dealt with. As noted previously, obituaries for all the years in which they were included in the Reports are now available on the G&B website.

### 2.14 Handbells

There has been little use of the handbells this year. They can still be borrowed by any member or Branch of the Association. Please contact the Handbell Steward.

## 3. Legal & Administrative Information

### 3.1 Title of the Charity

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers. Charity number 281431

### 3.2 The Governing Instrument of the Association

The Rules of the Association adopted by the AGM April 1965, last amended April 2019

### 3.3 Beneficial Area

The Dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol

### 3.4 Trustees

The Trustees of the charity are the members of the Management Committee and comprise:

(a) the Ringing Master, Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Peal Secretary,

(b) the Representatives on the Central Council and

(c) the Branch Management Committee Representatives (MC Reps).

Trustees (a & b) are elected by the members of the Association at the Association AGM and are listed on the title page. Trustees (c) are elected by their respective Branch AGMs and are listed in the Branch information pages

### 3.5 Principal Addresses

Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Fiona Hartley, 45 Round Barrow Close, Colerne, Chippenham. SN14 8EF

Hon. Treasurer, Mrs Bridget Lazenby, 38 Ampney Crucis, Cirencester. GL7 5SF

### 3.6 Principal Agents and Advisers

The Association's Bankers are: Lloyds Bank, Swindon Branch, 5 High Street, Swindon, SN1 3EN

The Association's independent examiners are:

Mr C Woodd MA FIA, 3 The Paddocks, Baunton, Cirencester, GL7 7DL, and

Mrs M Harris, 3 Furzey Hill Cottage, Meysey Hampton, Cirencester, GL7 5LG

### 3.7 Investment and Borrowing Powers

The Association has no borrowing powers. Rule 7.iv gives, by implication, the Management Committee authority to invest surplus funds.

### 3.8 Remuneration of Trustees

No remuneration was paid to any Trustees

### 3.9 Risk Assessment

The Trustees have identified and reviewed the major risks to which they believe the Association may be exposed and have taken steps to minimise and manage those risks.

### **3.10 Organisation**

The Association is organised into twelve Branches covering the two Dioceses. The Branches have their own officers responsible for encouraging good ringing in the churches with bells within their area and working within the charitable objectives of the Association as a whole.

The Management Committee, which has three meetings each year, is responsible to the members, through the AGM, for the general running of the Association. The Branches are represented on the Management Committee.

The Association is affiliated to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

## **4 Aims and Public Benefit**

### **4.1 Objectives of the Association**

The objectives of the Association are as set out in Rule 2:

- 1 To promote the ringing of bells for Divine Service
- 2 To practise ringing to obtain a higher standard of ringing
- 3 To educate the public in the art and science of change ringing
- 4 To provide financial assistance by way of grants to affiliated church authorities incurring expenditure on the provision, maintenance or improvement of their bells and bell installations.

In furtherance of the first two of these objectives the Association organises and encourages training sessions and bell ringing competitions. The main Association-level training is the annual Spring training day using reasonably central towers. There is a second Autumn training day again using reasonably central towers. Training at the Branch level is both ongoing and based on specific training days.

Grants to approved belfry repair and improvement projects are available from the Belfry Repair Fund. Applications are considered at the two main Management Committee meetings, in the spring and autumn. The Association Belfry Advisers are available to discuss the condition of bells and their fittings.

### **4.2 Public Benefit Statement**

Our Objects and Aims are focused towards two things. First, the preservation of the UK tradition and heritage of change ringing, and second, the support of Christian worship by promoting the ringing of bells for Divine Service. We achieve this by:

- i educating the public about change ringing;
- ii training and developing change ringers from all walks of society;
- iii practising the art of change ringing to improve standards;
- iv providing financial support for belfry repair and restoration.

The public benefits through the preservation of a uniquely UK tradition and heritage, and because we assist them to participate in an inclusive activity that significantly benefits them both physically and mentally.

The Trustees paid due regard to the Commission's guidance on public benefit in producing this statement.

Approved by the Management Committee on 27 January 2024, and signed on its behalf by

R W Haynes (Chairman)

B L Lazenby (Hon Treasurer)

**Gloucester & Bristol Diocesan Association**  
**Statement of Financial Activities for the**

		2023
	Association	Branches
Note	£	£
<b>Income</b>		
Subscriptions	2 14,435	1,619
Gif Aid Tax Refund	3 1,829	231
Affiliation Fees	4,890	
Interest & Investment Income	4 3,833	126
Donations & Legacies	250	355
Non Resident Life Members	70	
Peal Fees	260	
Training Day	270	
Report Adverts and Sales	150	
Fundraising		1,223
Miscellaneous	6	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>25,993</b>	<b>3,554</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Grants Paid	8 3,710	2,319
Annual Report - (500) (2022- 450)	670	
Insurance	566	
Central Council	258	
Ringing Courses		
Meetings & Social	100	280
RWNYC	50	
Donations		225
Depreciation of assets	5 511	511
Miscellaneous	40	411
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>5,394</b>	<b>3,746</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) before Other Gains</b>	<b>20,599</b>	<b>(192)</b>
Gain/(Loss) on Investments	4 (396)	
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>	<b>20,203</b>	<b>(192)</b>
Represented by		
Restricted Belfry Repair Fund	1 19,554	
Unrestricted General Fund	1 649	(192)
	<b>20,203</b>	<b>(192)</b>

**Summary of Fund Movements in the year**

	Note	Balances Brought Forward	Income
		£	£
Restricted Fund	6&7	115,862	23,710
Unrestricted Fund	6&7	2,704	2,283
Branches		18,397	3,554
		<b>136,963</b>	<b>29,547</b>

## Balance Sheet at 31 Octo

	Notes	Association £	2023 Branches £
<b>Investments</b>			
Charifund	4	<u>26,809</u>	
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Badges, Books and Other Assets	5	260	275
Due from Branches		2,030	
Other Debtors and Prepayments		2,685	30
CBF & Other Investment Accounts		69,329	9,069
Bank Deposit Accounts		17,675	
Bank Current Accounts & Cash		<u>19,981</u>	<u>10,886</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>111,960</u>	<u>20,260</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Due to Association		0	2,030
Other Creditors		<u>0</u>	<u>25</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<u>0</u>	<u>2,055</u>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>		<u>138,769</u>	<u>18,205</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
Restricted Fund		0	
Unrestricted Fund		<u>0</u>	<u>18,205</u>
		<u>0</u>	<u>18,205</u>

<b>Branch Accounts</b>			
	Bristol	Bristol Rural	Cheltenham
<b>Income &amp; Expenditure Account</b>	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>			
Subscriptions	148	171	175
Donations			
Tax Refund			
Interest		21	
Fundraising		260	
Meetings			
Miscellaneous			
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>148</u>	<u>452</u>	<u>175</u>



<b>Expenditure</b>			
Grants Paid			
Ringing Courses			
Donations			30
Meetings & Social Activities			
Depreciation			
Miscellaneous		86	154
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	0	86	184
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for year</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>-9</b>
Balance at 1 November 2022	1,993	2,707	368
Balance at 31 October 2023	2,141	3,073	359

## Balance Sheet

<b>Assets</b>			
CBF & Other Investment Accounts		2,488	
Stocks of Books and Other Assets		38	
Debtors & Prepayments			
Bank and Cash	2,141	624	361
	2,141	3,150	361
<b>Less Liabilities</b>			
Due to Association		77	2
Miscellaneous creditors			
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>2,141</b>	<b>3,073</b>	<b>359</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
Bell Projects Fund			
General Fund	2,141	3,073	359
	<b>2,141</b>	<b>3,073</b>	<b>359</b>

## Notes to the Accou

### 1 Accounting Policies

#### Basis of Accounting

These Financial Statements are prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommendation in accordance with Financial Reporting Standards (FRS 102). The Financial Statements

#### Association Funds

In prior years all Association Funds were recognised as Unrestricted; income allocated that it is to be used for this purpose, is recognised as Restricted in these accounts. This accounts. For clarity the breakdown of income and expenditure by Fund, previously shown in the Notes to these accounts.

**The Belfry Repair Fund (Restricted)** exists to provide grants towards repairs, renovation, installation of new rings and similar purposes, and to provide instruction. The fund is supported by members' subscriptions, as determined by the Annual General Meeting (Rule 20)

**The General Management Fund (Unrestricted)** exists to cover the general management of the Association. It was agreed in 2002 that it is prudent to maintain the fund at 1 1/3 of average annual expenditure.

**Branch Funds** exist to cover the general running expenses of the Branches and to support the work of the Branches.

### Grants

Grant applications are approved at a percentage of eligible expenditure; such approval is subject to inspection of the project works by an Association Belfry Advisor, at the same percentage as the grant. Grants that are approved but not yet payable are not recognised as commitments. Details of grants provided are given in Note 8

## 2 Subscriptions

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	Rate	To Belfry Repair Fund	No
Senior & Retired	£15	£12	1,023
Junior	£2.50	£1.50	75
Retired (Concession) - withdrawn from 2023	£10	£9	1
Associate	£10	£9	9
HLM	£0		10
Unpaid			36
Arrears			
Total			<u>1,154</u>
Retained by Branches			

### Association

#### Allocated to-

Belfry Repair Fund- Restricted  
General Fund- Unrestricted

#### Note

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## 3 Gift Aid Tax Refund

20

	<u>No</u>
Members Subscriptions	497
Arrears	
Peal Fees	
Donations	1

### Association

Branches- Donations & GASDS

#### Total

#### 4 Investments

##### Interest & Investment Income

M&G Charifund

CCLA Deposit Fund

Other Deposit Accounts

##### Association

Branches

##### Total

#### Valuation- 1950 Units M&G Charifund

	<i>pence/unit</i>
Market value at 31 October 2022	1395.13
Market value at 31 October 2023	1,374.82
<b>Unrealised loss</b>	

*Historical Cost*

#### 5 Other Assets

##### Association

Badges- at Cost 62 @ £4.20

<b>Branches</b>	Year	Cost £
Bristol Rural- Books		
Forest- Trophies		
Gloucester- Odd struckness meter	2020	£307
Swindon- Ringing Centre	2021	£874
Tewkesbury- Training Bell	2014	£550
Wotton- Odd struckness meter	2019	£307

A list of items owned by the Association but not included in these accounts is listed on

#### 6 Income and Expenditure by Fund

2023

	Belfry Repair Fund
<b>Income</b>	£
Subscriptions	12,815
Gif Aid Tax Refund	1,652
Affiliation Fees	4,890
Interest & Investment Income	3,833
Donations & Legacies	250
Courses	270
Other Income	
	<b>23,440</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Grants Paid	3,710
Courses and Competition	50
Management and administration	

## 7 Transfers between Funds

£1,213 has been transferred from the Unrestricted Fund to the Restricted Fund in accordance with the requirement that the Unrestricted Fund be maintained at 1 1/3 of average expenditure, with any excess transferred to the Restricted Fund in years 2021-2023.

## 8 Grants for Belfry Repair

### Association

### Date Approved

Ruardean	2016/22
Norton	2021
Central Council Mobile Belfry	2022
Cirencester	2022
Corse	2022
Longhope	2022
Staunton (Gloucester)	2022
Bisley	2022
Stroud	2022
Haresfield	2022
Ashchurch	2022
Hardwicke	2023
Naunton	2023
Cricklade	2023
Elmore	2023
Kemerton	2023
Hartpury	2023
Syston	2023
Stoke Bishop	2023
Windrush	2023
St Mary de Crypt, Gloucester	2023
St Briavels	2023
	TOTAL

These grants are awarded at 20% of qualifying expenditure

Details of potential future grant applications are shown in the Trustees Report

### Branches

### Date Approved

Swindon- South Marston	2021
Cirencester- Cirencester SJB	2022
Forest- Corse	2022
Forest- Longhope	2022
Forest- Staunton, Gloucester	2022
Gloucester- Norton	2022
Stroud- Stroud	2022
Cirencester- Siddington	2023
Tewkesbury- Kemerton	2023
Tewkesbury- Ashchurch	2023
North Cotswold- Naunton	2023
Swindon- Cricklade	2023

TOTAL

**on of Church Bellringers**  
**year to 31 October 2023**

Total	2022		Total
£	Association	Branches	£
	£	£	
16,054	12,913	1,338	14,251
2,060	1,879	31	1,910
4,890	5,040		5,040
3,959	1,906	15	1,921
605	710	705	1,415
70	50		50
260	214		214
270			0
150	154		154
1,223		576	576
6		70	70
<b>29,547</b>	<b>22,866</b>	<b>2,735</b>	<b>25,601</b>
6,029	18,528	1,852	20,380
670	690		690
566	516		516
258	240		240
0	14	84	98
380	68	(69)	(1)
50	85		85
225		220	220
511		485	485
451	172	114	286
<b>9,140</b>	<b>20,313</b>	<b>2,686</b>	<b>22,999</b>
20,407	2,553	49	2,602
(396)	(2,956)		(2,956)
<b>20,011</b>	<b>(403)</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>(354)</b>
19,554			0
457	(403)	49	(354)
<b>20,011</b>	<b>(403)</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>(354)</b>

**ear to 31 October 2023**

Expenditure	Gains/ (Losses)	Surplus/ (Deficit) per SoFA	Transfers between Funds	Balances Carried Forward
£	£	£	£	£
(3,760)	(396)	19,554	1,213	136,629
(1,634)		649	(1,213)	2,140
(3,746)		(192)		18,205
<b>(9,140)</b>	<b>(396)</b>	<b>20,011</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>156,974</b>

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Total	Association	2022 Branches	Total
£	£	£	£
<u>26,809</u>	<u>27,205</u>		<u>27,205</u>
535	289	786	1,075
2,030	105		105
2,715	3,245	83	3,328
78,398	27,403	8,768	36,171
17,675	47,042	2,790	49,832
30,867	13,277	6,075	19,352
<u>132,220</u>	<u>91,361</u>	<u>18,502</u>	<u>109,863</u>
2,030		(105)	(105)
25			0
<u>2,055</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(105)</u>	<u>(105)</u>
<u>156,974</u>	<u>118,566</u>	<u>18,397</u>	<u>136,963</u>
0	115,862		115,862
18,205	2,704	18,397	21,101
<u>18,205</u>	<u>118,566</u>	<u>18,397</u>	<u>136,963</u>

Chippenham	Cirencester	Forest	Gloucester	North Cotswold	Stroud	Swindon
£	£	£	£	£	£	£
149	162	82	83	90	127	183
	20	40			45	50
		159				18
		17	6	16	56	
212					409	
<u>361</u>	<u>182</u>	<u>298</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>637</u>	<u>251</u>

	200			250	919	500
-33	41		-50	51	92	
						450
12			64		26	32
-21	241	0	14	301	1,037	982
<b>382</b>	<b>-59</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>-195</b>	<b>-400</b>	<b>-731</b>
563	713	4,927	688	571	2,263	1,468
945	654	5,225	763	376	1,863	737
	458	4,433	146	176	1,368	
		75	50			
30						
915	358	1,264	1,335	672	495	750
945	816	5,772	1,531	848	1,863	750
	137	547	768	472		13
	25					
<b>945</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>5,225</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>1,863</b>	<b>737</b>
		4,050	300			
945	654	1,175	463	376	1,863	737
<b>945</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>5,225</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>1,863</b>	<b>737</b>

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nended Practice (SORP) Accounting and Reporting by Charities and  
are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention.

to the Belfry Repair Fund, raised with the publicly stated intention  
s does not affect individual line items in these or prior period  
own of the face of the Statement of Financial Activities, is contained



ations (excluding ropes) or augmentations of existing rings of bells,  
 supported by donations and affiliation fees and a proportion of

ement expenses of the Association. The Management Committee  
 nditure with any excess transferred to the Belfry Repair Fund.

pport belfry repair projects in their area

l is initially valid for two years. Grants are paid after completion and  
 ge of eligible expenditure incurred up to a maximum of the approved  
 ts as they are contingent on third party support. Details are

23	2022	
£	No	£
15,345	812	12,066
187	71	165
10	195	2,000
90	2	20
0	11	0
0	23	0
422		
16,054	1,114	14,251
1,619		1,338
<b>14,435</b>		<b>12,913</b>
12,815		11,575
1,620		1338
<b>14,435</b>		<b>12,913</b>

23	2022	
£	No	£
1,768	518	1,783
51		30
0	68	8
10	5	58
<b>1,829</b>		<b>1,879</b>
231		31
<b>2,060</b>		<b>1,910</b>

2023
<u>£</u>
1,504
1,896
433
<b>3,833</b>
126
<b>3,959</b>

2022
<u>£</u>
1,543
143
220
<b>1,906</b>
15
<b>1,921</b>

2023
<u>£</u>
27,205
26,809
<b>-396</b>

2022
<u>£</u>
30,161
27,205
<b>-2,956</b>

£10,500

2023
<u>£</u>
260

2022
<u>£</u>
(69) 289

		Depreciation charge in 2023
38	38	
75	75	
50	50	
0	450	450
50	50	
62	123	61
<b>275</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>511</b>

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	2022	
General Fund	Belfry Repair Fund	General Fund
<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
1,620	11,575	1,338
177	1,836	43
	5,040	
	1,858	48
	623	87
486		418
<b>2,283</b>	<b>20,932</b>	<b>1,934</b>
	18,528	
	99	
1,634	54	1,632

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1,634

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18,681 1,632

rdance with Management Committee decision of 2002 that the  
isferred to the Restricted Fund. The calculation is based on the

Bfwd at 1 Nov 22	Approved 2023	Paid 2023	Cfwd at 31 Oct 23
£	£	£	£
23,000			23,000
8,137			8,137
1,000			1,000
5,124			5,124
3,670			3,670
1,665			1,665
12,463			12,463
448	-448 <i>withdrawn</i>		0
920		920	0
874		874	0
9,568			9,568
	2,095		2,095
	660	660	0
	620	620	0
	105		105
	53	53	0
	2,527		2,527
	1,475		1,475
	662		662
	481	481	0
	414		414
	102	102	0
66,869	8,745	3,710	71,904

Bfwd at 1 Nov 22	Approved 2023	Paid 2023	Cfwd at 31 Oct 23
600	-600 <i>withdrawn</i>		0
500	-500 <i>not required</i>		0
550			550
500			500
3,000			3,000
300			300
919		919	0
	200	200	0
	200	200	0
	250	250	0
	250	250	0
	500	500	0

6,369	300	2,319	4,350
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Tewkesbury	Wotton-under-Edge	Total	2022
£	£	£	£
104	145	1,619	1,338
200		355	705
54		231	31
	10	126	15
	342	1,223	576
		0	418
		0	70
358	497	3,554	3,153

450		2,319	1,852
		0	84
195		225	220
55	124	280	349
	61	511	485
	37	411	114
700	222	3,746	3,104
<b>-342</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>-192</b>	<b>49</b>
819	1,317	18,397	18,348
477	1,592	18,205	18,397

		9,069	8,768
50	62	275	816
		30	53
427	1,544	10,886	8,865
477	1,606	20,260	18,502
	14	2,030	105
		25	
		0	
<b>477</b>	<b>1,592</b>	<b>18,205</b>	<b>18,397</b>
		4,350	6,369
477	1,592	13,855	12,028
<b>477</b>	<b>1,592</b>	<b>18,205</b>	<b>18,397</b>



**Independent Examiners' Report to the Trustees of  
The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers**

We report to the Trustees on the accounts of the Association for the year ended 31 October 2023, which are set out on pages 11 to 16.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Association you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). We report in respect of our examination of the accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out our examination we have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiners' statement**

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us 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. We 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.

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