

# THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS BELL REPAIR FUND

England & Wales · Charity number 502576

## Details

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Other names	THE BRF
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1973-07-19
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BY WAY OF GRANTS TO CHURCHES INCURRING EXPENDITURE ON THE PROVISION, MAINTENANCE OR IMPROVEMENT OF THEIR BELLS AND BELL INSTALLATIONS OR FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE FABRIC OF THEIR TOWERS AND BELFRIES.

**Activities:** To provide financial assistance by way of grants to churches in the Diocese of Coventry incurring expenditure on the provision, maintenance or improvement, including augmentation, of their bells and bell installations where the bells are to be hung for full circle ringing.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** DIOCESE OF COVENTRY
- Coventry City
- Warwickshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£28,566	£69,994	-	-
2023-12-31	£28,019	£6,788	-	-
2022-12-31	£27,743	£17,783	-	-
2021-12-31	£24,102	£23,646	-	-
2020-12-31	£26,016	£39,287	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ann Joan Hall		2014-10-11
Christine Fay Homer		2025-04-25
Rosemary Joy Pluckrose		2025-04-25
Sarah Elizabeth Thomas		2026-04-25

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# Accounts

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## Coventry Diocesan Guild Report 2024

### Trustees Annual Report

This annual report has a threefold purpose. Firstly, it summarises what took place in the year. This aspect is covered more fully and in a timely manner in the Guild Magazine published quarterly. Secondly it acts as a repository for all the useful information needed about the Guild and as such serves as its handbook. Finally, but not of least importance, it satisfies the obligations placed on the trustees of a registered charity to make public our operation.

Generally, the trustees are the elected officers of the Guild and form the Executive Committee of the Guild. They also serve as the trustees of the separate Bell Repair Fund (BRF) charity. The close relationship between these two charities means that this one report covers the work of both and that separate meetings of each charity are not held.

2024 has been a difficult year for the Guild. During January, our longest standing Trustee and Treasurer of 44 years, Simon Rogers notified us of his sudden but serious illness. We were all devastated when he passed away on April 8<sup>th</sup>. May he rest in peace.

This has left an enormous gap in our Guild and has presented many challenges for the remaining Trustees. Our thanks to Mark Sayers, a previous Trustee, for stepping up and guiding us through this challenging period. We are pleased to welcome Mrs Claire Tosh who has become the new Guild Treasurer.

Guild membership, as measured by those paying subscriptions during the year, has increased in 2024, after having decreased over the last few years. At the time of preparing the accounts the Guild's paying membership in 2024 was split thus:-

District	Senior	Junior	Total	Towers
Coventry District	100	6	106	16
Rugby District	84	4	88	13
Warwick District	251	13	264	43
Unattached	13	—	13	—
Totals	448	23	471	75

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There are also 7 active life members resident within the Guild taking the resident membership to 478. Thanks go again to Gerald Trevor and Freda Bennett for their invaluable help in the collecting and recording of your subscriptions over the last 12 months. After many years of service, Freda has handed the responsibility to Alison Collins and we wish her the best of success in her new role. If you have not paid your subscription for 2025 by the time you read this (adults £10; juniors £2) could you to send the money to one of us as soon as possible. At the October business meeting, members agreed to use Membermojo to help with the collection of subscriptions. This will be implemented in 2025 with a view to collecting subscriptions in 2026.

This year the General Fund ended up with a surplus of £851. New training bells, purchased with the Jill Roberts legacy are gradually being installed. We paid for two during the year, Shipston and Long Compton. The Guild now therefore has reserves of £26,754, of which £12,209 is designated for expenditure on special projects. The remaining £14,545 is held in the general funds, this is roughly equivalent to 3 years income.

The Trustees will continue to monitor the income, and currently the reserves are deemed sufficient for the Guild.

Thanks must go to Sarah Thomas for examining this year's Guild and Bell Repair Fund accounts, her first year in the role. Also, many thanks to Jane Rogers who helped with the transition following Simon's death.

The Guild Bell Repair Fund income for the year surpassed £28,000, mainly due to income from the Phil Faulks Memorial Bell Repair Fund. Expenditure was about £69,994 giving us a surplus of nearly £10,000 over the year. During the year we donated sums of money to 6 different churches for various improvements to their rings of bells, the highest amount of which was the £45,000 given to Bulkington for the rehangng of the bells including casting of two new bells. This is the largest grant the Guild has ever give and is only possible because of the Phil Faulks legacy. Grants were given to:

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Bulkington	£45,000
Burton Dassett	£19,000
Harbury	£1,068
Long Compton	£126
Nuneaton	£3,300
Tredington	£1.500

It was decided at the Guild six monthly meeting to cancel the inspection scheme which had been running since 2018. Much of the work done recently in the Guild on bell installations has come as a result of these inspections and they have picked up on some important points that might easily have been overlooked.

The Guild Bell Repair Fund now has reserves of £33,500, with £17,500 of these already committed to further projects. It is due almost entirely to the Phil Faulks Fund that we can make such commitments. The very nature of the Fund means that the donations it makes to churches vary from year to year according to repairs, maintenance issues, and enhancements that occur and qualify for support. The donations made from the Fund vary from a few hundred pounds to several thousand according to the work needed. In simple terms with over 100 towers with bells in the Guild the Fund at the end of 2024 is equivalent to just over £335 per tower. The Trustees regard the current level of reserves as adequate. They are being proactive in using the money effectively by donating to churches having bell maintenance reports whilst still being receptive to funding any maintenance needed on bells/fittings; and augmentations to existing rings.

After 20 successful years, it was decided to retire the 100 Draw club. The money raised over the years has been so important to our continued support of the bells within the Guild. Member numbers had been falling and with the Phil Faulkes legacy, there is now a reliable flow of money on to the BRF. Thanks to Joy Pluckrose and Chris Worley for running the scheme for so many years.

The Guild takes its contribution to local communities very seriously and encourage all members to take part in National events. Ring for the King bands are going

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from strength to strength and are involved in community activities. Many towers rang to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D Day landings. Warwick rang at 6.30 am, the time the initial landings took part.

Rosemary Spencer, who had been editor of the Guild magazine, Guild Matters, decided to retire her pen and Janette Wolf has taken over as editor. We wish Janette the best of success and thank Rosemary for her service.

Training has continued to be a key focus in 2024 with Training Hubs now running at Kineton; Lighthorne; Leek Wootton; Stretton on Dunsmore; and Tysoe. Many individual towers and "Clusters" are helping local ringers perfect their striking; hunting and method ringing, including the transition from 6 to 8 bells and beyond. The success of any training relies on the dedication of many volunteers who give their time so willingly to not only run the sessions but also to help by sharing their experience and 'know how'.

Successful striking competitions were held at Clifton upon Dunsmore in March and Bulkington in September. The drive to improve standards is of great importance. Every time we ring the bells it is a public performance and part of the cultural heritage of this country. We have a duty to make sure it is of the highest standard. Regular Surprise major practices are held to allow more experienced ringers to practice and improve their skills.

The Guild participated in the celebratory ringing for the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D-Day Landing in June; and those towers within the Borough of Solihull joined in the Solihull Council celebrations in March and April to commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Solihull becoming a Municipal Borough; the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of becoming a County Borough; and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of it becoming a Metropolitan Borough.

The Guild outing to Coventry Cathedral in January proved popular and our thanks go to Chris Worley for his informative tour of the Cathedral and to Audrey and Andrew Alldrick for the opportunity to climb the tower and ring the bells.

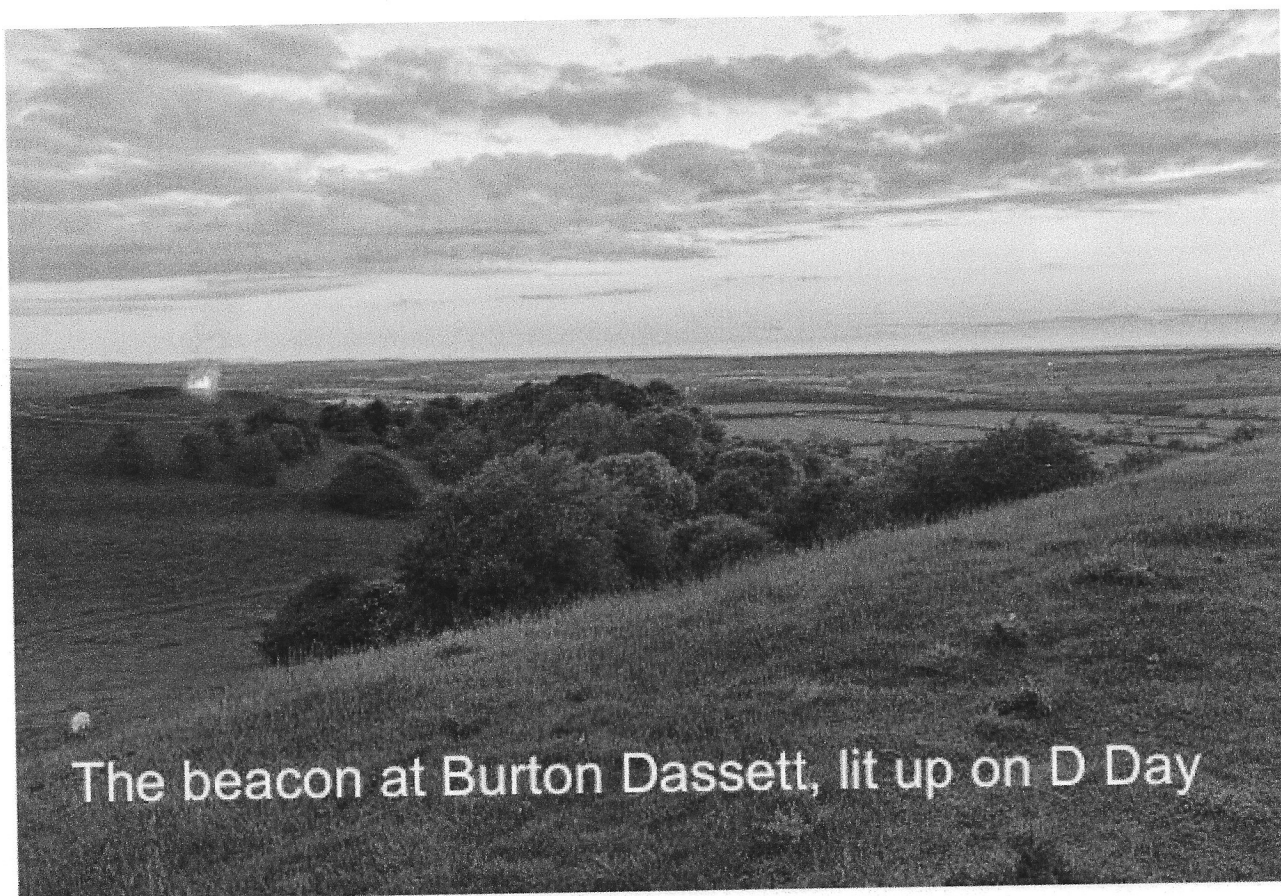
The July Outing to Mollington; Cropredy; Byfield; Napton on the Hill; and Stockton proved popular as did the evening meal and quiz at Long Itchington.

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The Youth Team practice monthly and the highlight of this year's activities was a trip to London for the Ringing World National Youth Competition. The band rang well and our young members are a credit to the Guild and to the teachers who give so generously of their time to help them develop.

The Guild's "New for November" initiate certainly caught the imagination of members with many "firsts" recorded. Peals and quarter peals were scored and members tried new methods; conducting; visiting a new tower; and going on a ringing outing. A summary of the "Firsts" can be found later in the Annual Report. A successful Carol service was held at Wellesbourne.

***Michael Chester, (President), Annie Hall (General Secretary), Claire Tosh (Treasurer) & Steve Tibbetts (Ringing Master)***



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The Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers					
Charity Number 517977					
Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024					
		Unrestricted Funds 2024	Designated Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>					
Subscriptions	Coventry	992	-	992	1,048
	Rugby	808	-	808	790
	Warwick	2,516	-	2,516	2,436
	Unattached	110	-	110	100
	Late/Early	50	-	50	10
	Non-resident	10	-	10	5
	Gift Aid Recovered	-	-	-	500
<b>Total subscription income</b>		<b>4,486</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,486</b>	<b>4,889</b>
Donations		94	-	94	65
Report Advert		50	-	50	80
Bulding Society Interest		105	-	105	104
Youth Team Donation		-	-	-	1,600
<b>Total income</b>		<b>4,735</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,735</b>	<b>6,738</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Officers' expenses		180	-	180	497
Central Council subscriptions		90	-	90	90
Annual report		271	-	271	274
PR, website, etc		-	-	-	120
Training		100	-	100	180
Youth Team		601	-	601	598
Donations - Training Bells - Jill Roberts Legacy		-	4,000	4,000	3,358
Liabilities/Maintenance insurance		427	-	427	427
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>1,669</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>5,669</b>	<b>5,544</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit prior to transfers</b>		<b>3,066</b>	<b>(4,000)</b>	<b>(934)</b>	<b>1,194</b>
Transfer of subs to Bell Repair Fund		(2,215)	-	(2,215)	(2,170)
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>		<b>851</b>	<b>(4,000)</b>	<b>(3,149)</b>	<b>(976)</b>
Total funds brought forward 1 January		13,694	16,209	29,903	30,879
<b>Total funds carried forward 31 December</b>		<b>14,545</b>	<b>12,209</b>	<b>26,754</b>	<b>29,903</b>
<b>Funds breakdown</b>					
General Fund		14,545	-	14,545	13,694
Churches Conservation Trust Fund		-	936	936	936
Jill Roberts Legacy		-	9,673	9,673	13,673
Youth Team		-	1,600	1,600	1,600
<b>Total Funds at 31 December</b>		<b>14,545</b>	<b>12,209</b>	<b>26,754</b>	<b>29,903</b>
<b>Statement of Assets at 31 December</b>					
Coventry Building Society		-	10,138	10,138	10,033
Cash at Bank and in Hand		14,464	2,071	16,535	19,880
Ringing World Credit		81	-	81	80
<b>Current Assets</b>		<b>14,545</b>	<b>12,209</b>	<b>26,754</b>	<b>29,993</b>
Sundry Creditors		-	-	-	90
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>14,545</b>	<b>12,209</b>	<b>26,754</b>	<b>29,903</b>
The accounts were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 24 March 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:					
Claire Tosh		Sarah Thomas			
Trustee and Treasurer		Independent Examiner			

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### Accounts for the Coventry Diocesan Guild Bell Repair Fund

The Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers			
Charity Number 502576			
Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024			
		Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Income</b>			
Subscriptions from Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers		2,215	2,170
Coventry Diocesan Trustees - Philip Faulks Memorial Bell Repair Fund		24,424	24,051
Donations from PCC affiliation scheme		246	246
Draw Club		961	480
Surplus from Guild events and sales		268	649
Building society interest		452	423
<b>Total income</b>		<b>28,566</b>	<b>28,019</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Donations - Bulkington - St James		45,000	-
Donations - Burton Dassett - All Saints		19,000	-
Donations - Harbury - All Saints		1,068	-
Donations - Long Compton - SS Peter & Paul		126	-
Donations - Nuneaton - St Nicolas		3,300	-
Donations - Tredington - St Gregory		1,500	-
Donations - 2023 (5)		-	6,200
Maintenance inspections		-	588
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>69,994</b>	<b>6,788</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>		<b>(41,428)</b>	<b>21,231</b>
Total funds brought forward 1 January		74,960	53,729
<b>Total funds carried forward 31 December</b>		<b>33,532</b>	<b>74,960</b>
<b>Statement of Assets at 31 December</b>			
Coventry Building Society		31,301	50,850
Cash at Bank and in Hand		2,231	24,110
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>33,532</b>	<b>74,960</b>
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Trustee and Treasurer		Independent Examiner	

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# Accounts

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*The four trustees are the elected officers of President, Secretary, Treasurer and Ringing Master and form the Executive Committee of the Guild. They also serve as the trustees of the separate Bell Repair Fund (BRF) charity. The close relationship between these two charities means that this one report covers the work of both and that separate meetings of each charity are not held.*

*2023, has had some real high points. The restoration at Bulkington and the augmentation at Burton Hastings have been completed and both rings are now greatly improved. Though the Guild's grants have made a big difference, we must thank the local ringers that have put in so much time and effort into getting these jobs completed. Well done!*

*In going around the Guild we see a lot of people supporting their own tower, and others, helping out with the training of ringers and also putting in time for the Guild. This is greatly appreciated and is what makes us "tick" as a Guild. Without volunteers such as these we cannot function as a Guild. Thank you.*

*The Working Party that is looking into how we operate is up and running and is starting to get to grips with what is indeed a large task. Our thanks go to all officers of the Guild and at a District level they do a lot of work, often unseen, and it is very much appreciated.*

*Guild membership, as measured by those paying subscriptions during the year, has stabilised over the last year, the total paying membership being 455 from 69 Guild towers. This is a slight increase on last year's total. Yet, puzzlingly, there are fewer towers represented by the membership. At the time of preparing the accounts the Guild's paying membership in 2023 was split thus:-*

<u>District</u>	<u>Senior</u>	<u>Junior</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Towers</u>
Coventry District	104	4	108	18
Rugby District	78	5	83	14
Warwick District	241	13	254	37
Unattached	<u>10</u>	—	<u>10</u>	—
Totals	433	22	455	69

*There are also 6 active life members resident within the Guild taking the resident membership to 461. Our thanks go again to Gerald Trevor and Freda Bennett for their invaluable help in the collecting and recording of your subscriptions over the last 12 months. If you have not paid your subscription for 2024 by the time you read this (adults £10; juniors £2) we would urge you to send the money to one of us as soon as possible.*

*This year the General Fund ended up with a surplus of nearly £770. We also benefited by a further donation of £1,600 from Linda, widow of the late John Illingworth, to be used specifically for the Guild youth team. It is hoped that the legacy of Jill Roberts (Sutton-under-Brailes) will be spent on training bells in 2024, the other £3,500 of this having been spent on the new treble bell at Burton Hastings. The Guild now therefore has reserves of nearly £30,000, of which over half is designated for expenditure on special projects. This is roughly equivalent to 5 years income which the Trustees will be monitoring during the year but which we regard as acceptable at present.*

*Thanks must go to David Bell for examining this year's Guild and Bell Repair Fund accounts, his fourth and final year in the role prior to his move to Yorkshire.*

*The Guild Bell Repair Fund income for the year surpassed £28,000, mainly due, of course, to income from the Phil Faulks Memorial Bell Repair Fund. Expenditure was £6,800 giving us a surplus of over £21,000 over the year. During the year we donated sums of money to 4 different churches for various improvements to their rings of bells, the highest amount of which was the £4,000 given to Burton Hastings for the augmentation to 6 bells. Grants were given to:*

Ansley	500.00
Ryton on Dunsmore	1500.00
Tysoe	200.00
Burton Hastings	4000.00

Another 4 towers also benefited from the maintenance inspection scheme that we arranged with Taylor's of Loughborough. Much of the work done recently in the Guild on bell installations has come as a result of these inspections and they have picked up on some important points that might easily have been overlooked.

The Guild Bell Repair Fund now has reserves of nearly £75,000 but we have already committed nearly £72,000 towards 4 different projects. It is due almost entirely to the Phil Faulks Fund that we can make such commitments. The very nature of the Fund means that the donations it makes to churches vary from year to year according to repairs, maintenance issues, and enhancements that occur and qualify for support. The donations made from the Fund vary from a few hundred pounds to several thousand according to the work needed. In simple terms with over 100 towers with bells in the Guild the Fund at the end of 2023 is equivalent to just over £700 per tower. The Trustees regard the current level of reserves as adequate. They are being proactive in using the money effectively by donating to churches having bell maintenance reports whilst still being receptive to funding any maintenance needed on bells/fittings; and augmentations to existing rings.

Also, our thanks go to Simon Rogers. He has been Treasurer for 40 years and would welcome someone to take over the role.

The "Ring for the King" initiative, begun in 2022, gathered momentum in the spring of 2023, with local communities keen to take up the art of bellringing. Learners were recruited from many different villages including Alderminster and within the Ferncumbe Benefice (Hatton, Honiley and Rowington). Additional training sessions were run to prepare people to ring for the Coronation on 6<sup>th</sup> May. All towers were encouraged to ring over the Coronation weekend, and routes were planned throughout the Guild to ring the bells at towers without bands. Members then gathered together at Wellesbourne to celebrate in style. The bells were rung at over 90 towers across the Diocese, bringing communities together in celebration. A full list of those tower performances is in this report. New clothing lines were produced for the event and also plaques could be ordered to display in towers recording this event. A letter was received from Buckingham Palace and also the Bishop of Coventry thanking members for their contribution to the National event.

Training has been of key focus in 2023. A new training centre has been established in Lighthorne. This has been a great success in developing the ringing skills of members from across the Diocese.

During 2024, we hope to roll out the model to other areas in the Diocese. The six new training bells will help with this objective.

Successful striking competitions were held at Leek Wootton in March and Harbury in September. The drive to improve standards is of great importance. Every time we ring the bells it is a public performance and part of the cultural heritage of this country. We have a duty to make sure it is of the highest standard. Regular Surprise major practices are held to allow more experienced ringers to practice and improve their skills.

The Youth Team practice monthly and the highlight of this year's activities was a trip to York for the Ringing World National Youth Competition. The band rang well and our young members are a credit to the Guild and to the teachers who give so generously of their time to help them develop.

The Guild quarter peal fortnight in November proved a success with 46 performances recorded of which 78% were recorded as a 'first'.

Regular business meetings take place across the Guild. Their popularity declines, as in every Guild. Members want to enjoy ringing together rather than attend meetings. This year's AGM was held in Brinklow, and the six monthly in Stoke. The outing in July was well attended. One of the best attended events is always the annual Carol Service, which was held this year at Wolston.

After 10 years as Ringing Master and Trustee, Mark Sayers retired in April and the role was taken by Steve Tibbetts. Thanks, Mark, for all your hard work and commitment to the Guild.

Thanks to all the District Officers, Guild Officers and organisers for all your hard work this year. Bellringing is in a better place because of the time you spend, selflessly supporting others. Thank you.

**Michael Chester, (President), Annie Hall (General Secretary), Simon Rogers (Treasurer) & Steve Tibbetts (Ringing Master)**

<b>The Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers</b>				
<b>Charity Number 517977</b>				
<b>Accounts for the year ending December 31st 2023</b>				
	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2023</b>	<b>Designated Funds 2023</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023</b>	<b>Total Funds 2022</b>
<b>Income</b>				
Subscriptions:				
Coventry	1,048	-	1,048	924
Rugby	790	-	790	782
Warwick	2,436	-	2,436	2,397
Unattached	100	-	100	170
Late/Early	10	-	10	0
Non Resident	5	-	5	15
Gift Aid Recovered	500	-	500	505
<b>Total Subscription Income</b>	<b>4,889</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,889</b>	<b>4,793</b>
Donations	50	15	65	329
Report Advert	80	-	80	-
Building Society Interest	104	-	104	11
Jill Roberts Legacy	-	-	-	4,531
Youth Team Donation	-	1,600	1,600	-
	5,123	1,615	6,738	9,664
<b>Operating Costs</b>				
Officers' Expenses	497	-	497	224
Central Council Subscriptions	90	-	90	160
Annual Report	274	-	274	292
Newsletter Costs	-	-	-	-
PR, Website etc	120	-	120	28
Training	180	-	180	45
Youth Team	598	-	598	614
Donation	-	-	-	-
Liabilities/Maintenance Insurance	427	-	427	466
	2,186	0	2,186	1,829
Element of Subs to Bell Repair Fund	2,170	-	2,170	2,120
Jill Roberts Legacy	-	3,358	3,358	-
	4,356	3,358	7,714	3,949
Surplus of Income over Expenditure	767	-1,743	-976	5,715
<b>Total Funds at January 1st</b>	<b>12,927</b>	<b>17,952</b>	<b>30,879</b>	<b>25,164</b>
<b>Funds at December 31st</b>	<b>13,694</b>	<b>16,209</b>	<b>29,903</b>	<b>30,879</b>
<b>Funds at December 31st</b>				
General Fund	13,694	-	13,694	12,927
Churches Conservation Trust Fund	-	936	936	921
Jill Roberts Legacy	-	13,673	13,673	17,031
Youth Team Designated	-	1,600	1,600	-
Sundry Creditors	90	-	90	-
<b>Total Funds at December 31st</b>	<b>13,784</b>	<b>16,209</b>	<b>29,993</b>	<b>30,879</b>
<b>Statement of Assets at December 31st</b>				
Coventry Building Society			10,033	
Cash at Bank and in Hand			19,880	
Ringing World Credit			80	
Sundry Debtors			-	
			29,993	
Note: It is anticipated that the money from the Jill Roberts legacy will be used during 2024.				
<b>The accounts were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees</b>				
<b>on January 29th 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:</b>				
<b>Simon Rogers</b> Trustee and Treasurer			<b>David Bell</b> Independent Examiner	

<b>The Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers Bell Repair Fund</b>		
<b>Charity Number 502576</b>		
<b>Accounts for the year ending December 31st 2023</b>		
	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2023</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2022</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Element of subscriptions from Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers	2,170	2,120
Coventry Diocesan Trustees - Philip Faulks Memorial Bell Repair Fund	24,051	23,918
Donations from towers and individuals	-	658
Donations from PCC affiliation scheme	246	301
Gift Aid Recovered	-	-
Draw Club	480	480
Surplus from Guild events and sales	649	222
Building Society Interest	423	44
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>28,019</b>	<b>27,743</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Donation – Ansley	500	-
Donation – Ryton on Dunsmore	1,300	-
Donation – Ryton on Dunsmore	200	-
Donation – Tysoe	200	-
Donation – Burton Hastings	4,000	-
Donations - 2022 (10)	-	17,300
Maintenance Inspections (4)	588	483
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>6,788</b>	<b>17,783</b>
Surplus of Income over Expenditure for the year	21,231	9,960
Total Funds at January 1st	53,729	43,769
<b>Total Funds at December 31st</b>	<b>74,960</b>	<b>53,729</b>
<b>Statement of Assets at December 31st</b>		
Coventry Building Society	50,850	40,426
Cash at Bank and in Hand	24,110	13,303
Sundry Debtors	-	-
<b>Total Funds at December 31st</b>	<b>74,960</b>	<b>53,729</b>
Note: The Bell Repair Fund has further commitments of £71,700		
<b>The accounts were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on January 29th 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:</b>		
<i>Simon Rogers</i> Trustee and Treasurer	<i>David Bell</i> Independent Examiner	

**THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS BELL REPAIR FUND**

England & Wales - Charity number 502576

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# Accounts

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**History and Objectives**

The Fund was formed in 1973 to provide financial assistance by way of grants to churches within the Diocese of Coventry incurring expenditure on the provision, maintenance or improvement of their bells and bell installations or for the maintenance of the fabric of their towers and belfries.

The Fund is the recipient of the income from the Philip Faulks Memorial Bell Fund which was established from a legacy in 2018. The Fund is held and administered by the Coventry Diocesan Trustees, registered charity 249165.

**Trustees, Structure and Governance**

The Trustees during the year and to the date of this report are:

M Chester – President

M W Sayers – Guild Ringing Master

Mrs A Hall – Secretary

S P Rogers - Treasurer

The Trustees are also Trustees of The Coventry Guild of Church Bellringers, registered charity 517977.

The Trustees meet four times a year to review the Fund's activities, its finances, the risks it faces and to consider applications for grants. On appointment Trustees go through induction and training relevant to the needs of the Fund and themselves.

The principal address of the Fund is 3 Richardson Close, Warwick CV34 5HD.

**Financial Review and Activities**

The income in the year was £27,743 of which £23,918 came from the Philip Faulks Memorial Bell Fund. This was the fourth full year of income from that Fund. The Trustees anticipate that the 2023 level of income from the Philip Faulks Memorial Bell Fund will continue for the foreseeable future but may fluctuate from year to year according to stock market conditions.

Eleven donations were made in 2022, totalling £17,783, mainly for frame painting and the re-bushing of clappers. A total of £483 was also paid out for maintenance inspections at 4 churches. The surplus for the year was £9,960 and the reserves are £53,729.

The Trustees are being proactive in using the new level of income effectively by donating to churches having bell maintenance reports whilst still being receptive to funding any maintenance needed on bells and fittings; and augmentations to existing rings. The Trustees encourage any towers thinking about work on their bells and fittings to apply to the Fund for a donation as with more cash available the donation could be a lot larger than those from the previous years. Please contact the Trustees if your bells have not been inspected yet.

In 2023 the Trustees have committed nearly £57,000 to 4 different other churches, mainly for the re-hanging of bells and augmentation. The very nature of the Fund means that the donations it makes to churches vary from year to year according to repairs, maintenance issues, and enhancements that occur and qualify for support. The donations made from the Fund vary from a few hundred pounds to several thousand according to the work needed. In simple terms with over 100 towers with bells in the Guild the Fund is equivalent to just over £500 per tower. The Trustees regard the current level of reserves as adequate and are satisfied that the Trust has met its public benefit objectives in the year.

The Trust is regarded as a going concern with its reserves being held in cash deposits.

**TRUSTEES' REPORT – continued**

**Reserves policy**

It is the policy of the Trustees to hold unrestricted cash reserves equivalent to at least one year's typical net income. Amounts in excess of this are available to meet the years in which charitable activities (assistance by grants to qualifying bodies) exceed the norm.

**Risk policy**

The major risks, to which the Trust is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, have been reviewed and minuted. The Trustees continue to keep the Trust's activities under review and to monitor the effectiveness of the internal controls and other means, including appropriate insurance cover, so as to minimise risks identified.

**Professional advisers**

The Trust's advisers are:

Banking	Coventry Building Society, Warwick and Lloyds Bank, Warwick
Independent Examiner	D Bell, Tysoe
Insurance	Ecclesiastical Insurance, Gloucester <i>In conjunction with The Coventry Guild of Church Bellringers</i>

**Statement of the Trustees' responsibilities**

The charity Trustees are responsible for preparing a Trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity Trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

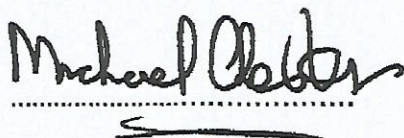
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

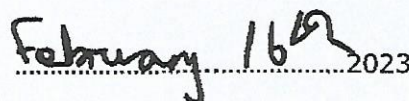
The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, Financial Reporting Standard 102, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The financial statements are not required to be audited under the provision of Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 but are required to be independently examined.

Approved by the Trustees

M Chester  
President

  
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
The Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers Bell Repair Fund**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers Bell Repair Fund (the Fund) for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 4 and 5.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Fund 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 Fund'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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

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.

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*David Bell*

*24<sup>th</sup> February* 2023

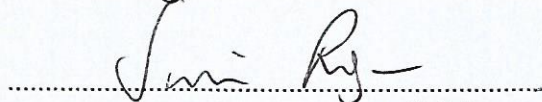
**The Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers Bell Repair Fund**  
Registered Charity 502576

**Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022**

**BALANCE SHEET at 31 December 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash at bank & in hand	53,729	43,769
Fundraising cash in hand	-	-
	<u>£ 53,729</u>	<u>£ 43,769</u>
<b>Represented by</b>		
Unrestricted funds	<u>£ 53,729</u>	<u>£ 43,769</u>

Approved by the trustees on February 24 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



S P Rogers, Treasurer

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Donations</b>		
Philip Faulks Memorial Bell Fund	23,918	23,132
The Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers	2,120	120
Others	959	301
<b>Total donation income</b>	<u>26,997</u>	<u>23,553</u>
Fundraising – Draw Club etc	702	480
Interest	44	69
<b>Total income</b>	<u>27,743</u>	<u>24,102</u>
<b>Expenditure on</b>		
Charitable activities being grants to:		
Shotteswell, St Laurence	1,000	-
Chilvers Coton, All Saints	1,000	-
Astley, St Mary Virgin	6,500	-
Tysoe, Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary	150	-
Stretton-on-Dunsmore, All Saints	500	-
Burton Hastings, St Botolph	500	-
Honiley, St John Baptist	700	-
Tredington, St Gregory	3,200	-
Keresley, St Thomas	900	-
Rugby, St Andrew	850	-
Farnborough, St Botolph	2,000	-
4 churches for bell maintenance inspections	483	-
8 churches for various aspects of bell maintenance	-	21,900
15 churches for bell maintenance inspections	-	1,746
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<u>17,783</u>	<u>23,646</u>
<b>Surplus for year</b>	<b>9,960</b>	<b>456</b>
Total funds at 1 January	43,769	43,313
<b>Total funds at 31 December</b>	<u>£ 53,729</u>	<u>£ 43,769</u>

Note: The Trustees also awarded grants in 2022 totaling £56,700 to churches for work to be undertaken in 2023-2024.

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### **Accounting Policies**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with statements of standard accounting practice issued by the UK accountancy bodies. The particular accounting policies adopted are described below:

#### *(a) Basis of Accounting*

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 and the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations. The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise.

The financial statements have been prepared the Fund meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102 and qualifies as a small entity.

#### *(b) Fund Accounting*

Unrestricted funds comprise the accumulated surpluses made by the charity over its lifetime. These funds are available for use by the Trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

#### *(c) Incoming Resources*

Income is accounted for as received and is stated gross.

#### *(d) Resources Expended*

Assistance to qualifying bodies comprises grants payable in furtherance of the Fund's objectives and is recognised in the accounts when claimed by the recipient.

#### *(g) Cash Flow Statement*

Advantage has been taken of the exemption for small entities in Financial Reporting Standard 102, Section 1a, not to prepare a cash flow statement

### **Trustees' Remuneration**

No trustee received any remuneration or expenses in either accounting period.

### **Taxation**

There is no liability to taxation on the result for the year because the Trust is a registered charity.

**THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS BELL REPAIR FUND**

England & Wales - Charity number 502576

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# Accounts

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**History and Objectives**

The Fund was formed in 1973 to provide financial assistance by way of grants to churches within the Diocese of Coventry incurring expenditure on the provision, maintenance or improvement of their bells and bell installations or for the maintenance of the fabric of their towers and belfries.

The Fund is the recipient of the income from the Philip Faulks Memorial Bell Fund which was established from a legacy in 2018. The Fund is held and administered by the Coventry Diocesan Trustees, registered charity 249165.

**Trustees, Structure and Governance**

The Trustees during the year and to the date of this report are:

A F Alldrick – President

M W Sayers – Guild Ringing Master

Mrs A Hall – Secretary

S P Rogers - Treasurer

The Trustees are also Trustees of The Coventry Guild of Church Bellringers, registered charity 517977.

The Trustees meet four times a year to review the Fund's activities, its finances, the risks it faces and to consider applications for grants. On appointment Trustees go through induction and training relevant to the needs of the Fund and themselves.

The principal address of the Fund is 3 Richardson Close, Warwick CV34 5HD.

**Financial Review and Activities**

The income in the year was £26,016 of which £22,338 came from the Philip Faulks Memorial Bell Fund. This was the second full year of income from that Fund. The Trustees anticipate that the 2020 level of income from the Philip Faulks Memorial Bell Fund will continue for the foreseeable future but may fluctuate from year to year according to stock market conditions.

Ten donations were made in 2020, totalling £36,910, including one of £25,000 for the rehanging of the bells at Snitterfield. The others were mainly for frame painting, re-bushing clappers and the augmenting of the bells at Radway. A total of £2,377 was also paid out for maintenance inspections at 15 churches. The deficit for the year was £13,271 and the reserves are £43,313.

The Trustees are being proactive in using the new level of income effectively by donating to churches having bell maintenance reports whilst still being receptive to funding any maintenance needed on bells and fittings; and augmentations to existing rings. The Trustees encourage any towers thinking about work on their bells and fittings to apply to the Fund for a donation as with more cash available the donation could be a lot larger than those from the previous years. Please contact the Trustees if your bells have not been inspected yet.

In 2021 the Trustees have committed just over £20,000 to 5 different other churches, mainly for clapper repairs and frame painting. The very nature of the Fund means that the donations it makes to churches vary from year to year according to repairs, maintenance issues, and enhancements that occur and qualify for support. The donations made from the Fund vary from a few hundred pounds to several thousand according to the work needed. In simple terms with over 100 towers with bells in the Guild the Fund is equivalent to just over £400 per tower. The Trustees regard the current level of reserves as adequate and are satisfied that the Trust has met its public benefit objectives in the year.

The Trust is regarded as a going concern with its reserves being held in cash deposits.

## TRUSTEES' REPORT – continued

### Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Trustees to hold unrestricted cash reserves equivalent to at least one year's typical net income. Amounts in excess of this are available to meet the years in which charitable activities (assistance by grants to qualifying bodies) exceed the norm.

### Risk policy

The major risks, to which the Trust is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, have been reviewed and minuted. The Trustees continue to keep the Trust's activities under review and to monitor the effectiveness of the internal controls and other means, including appropriate insurance cover, so as to minimise risks identified.

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### Statement of the Trustees' responsibilities

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The financial statements are not required to be audited under the provision of Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 but are required to be independently examined.

Approved by the Trustees

A Alldrick  
President



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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
The Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bellingers Bell Repair Fund**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bellingers Bell Repair Fund (the Fund) for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 4 and 5.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Fund 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 Fund'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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

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.

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**Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020**

**BALANCE SHEET at 31 December 2020**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash at bank & in hand	43,313	56,584
Fundraising cash in hand	-	-
	<u>£ 43,313</u>	<u>£ 56,584</u>
<b>Represented by</b>		
Unrestricted funds	<u>£ 43,313</u>	<u>£ 56,584</u>

Approved by the trustees on ..... 25-2-2021 and signed on their behalf by:



S P Rogers, Treasurer

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Donations</b>		
Philip Faulks Memorial Bell Fund	22,338	21,688
The Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers	2,140	2,480
Others	465	484
<b>Total donation income</b>	<u>24,943</u>	<u>24,652</u>
Fundraising – Draw Club etc	742	605
Interest	331	217
<b>Total income</b>	<u>26,016</u>	<u>25,474</u>
<b>Expenditure on</b>		
Charitable activities being grants to:		
Kineton, St Peter	2,000	-
Wolvey, St John Baptist	500	-
Radway, St Peter	4,500	-
Studley, Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary	1,000	-
Whitnash, St Margaret	900	-
Stoneleigh, St Mary Virgin	150	-
Clifford Chambers, St Helen	1,600	-
Dunchurch, St Peter	160	-
Snitterfield, St James Great	25,000	-
Kenilworth, St Nicholas	1,100	-
St Mary's, Warwick	-	575
St Nicholas, Warwick	-	2,100
St Michael's, Stockton	-	1,014
15 churches for bell maintenance inspections	2,377	2,397
<b>Total expenditure #</b>	<u>39,287</u>	<u>6,086</u>
<b>Surplus for year</b>	<b>(13,271)</b>	<b>19,388</b>
Total funds at 1 January	56,584	37,196
<b>Total funds at 31 December #</b>	<u>£ 43,313</u>	<u>£ 56,584</u>

# The Trustees also awarded grants in 2020 totaling £20,400 (2019 – £33,500) to churches for work to be undertaken in 2021-2022.

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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The financial statements have been prepared the Fund meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102 and qualifies as a small entity.

#### *(b) Fund Accounting*

Unrestricted funds comprise the accumulated surpluses made by the charity over its lifetime. These funds are available for use by the Trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

#### *(c) Incoming Resources*

Income is accounted for as received and is stated gross.

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Assistance to qualifying bodies comprises grants payable in furtherance of the Fund's objectives and is recognised in the accounts when claimed by the recipient.

#### *(g) Cash Flow Statement*

Advantage has been taken of the exemption for small entities in Financial Reporting Standard 102, Section 1a, not to prepare a cash flow statement

### **Trustees' Remuneration**

No trustee received any remuneration or expenses in either accounting period.

### **Taxation**

There is no liability to taxation on the result for the year because the Trust is a registered charity.