



**Annual Report of
The Troyte Ringing Centre**

2018

TROYTE RINGING CENTRE

Annual Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31st December 2018

CHARITY DETAILS

CHARITY NAME The Troyte Ringing Centre (often known as the "TRC") was set up in 2004.

CHARITY REG'D NUMBER The Centre was granted charity status by the Charity Commission in July 2018. Its Registered Charity Number is 1179374.

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CHARITY TRUSTEES

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

The Troyte Ringing Centre is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and its governing document is the TRC Constitution adopted on 27th July 2018. The members of the TRC are for the time being its seven trustees. Additional trustees or trustees to fill vacant posts are appointed by the remaining trustees with due regard to knowledge, skills and experience of the candidates. In particular, appointees must demonstrate their competence in ringing full circle tower bells and in the training and development of appropriate ringing skills.

Management

The TRC operates primarily from St Michael and All Angels Church, Bampton and from All Saints Church, Huntsham in Devon. The Centre has management agreements with the Parochial Church Councils of both churches which provide for access and maintenance arrangements and the respective responsibilities of the TRC and the PCCs. The trustees and other voluntary helpers appointed by the trustees are responsible for the day-to-day management and administration of the Centre. All the trustees and helpers work for the Centre on a voluntary basis without remuneration other than the reimbursement of reasonable expenses.

The Centre is in the first year of its charitable status, but is developing a range of management policies covering issues such as health and safety, safeguarding, investment and risk management.

Links to other bodies

In addition to the agreements in place with the respective PCCs of Bampton and Huntsham, the Centre cultivates links with the North East Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, is recognised as a Ringing Centre by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers and is designated an ART Teaching Hub by the Association of Ringing Teachers. The TRC also has a close relationship with Bampton Church of England Primary School and runs an after-school bellringing club for its pupils.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The TRC sets out its objective in its Constitution, namely:

For the public benefit, to recruit and train bell ringers, using individual and group-based programmes of continuing education and development, in Mid Devon, West Somerset, Taunton Deane and surrounding areas for the purpose of advancing the art of bell ringing on bells hung in towers for full circle ringing which are audible to the general public.

Note: *This object requires the TRC to operate within three principal fields of activity: with the general public for the purpose of increasing public knowledge and understanding of*

tower bell ringing, within groups of practising bell ringers for the purpose of developing group ringing performances and with individual bell ringers to enable them to integrate more effectively into existing groups of ringers.

In attempting to meet this objective the TRC carries out a range of activities, primarily:

- 1) Developing competence in the full circle ringing of tower bells through training, mentoring, focused practices and recorded performances for those living principally, but not exclusively, within the local authority areas of Mid Devon, West Somerset and Taunton Deane Districts.
- (2) Providing suitably competent bands of ringers to meet the reasonable bellringing needs and interests of the communities of Bampton and Huntsham and those living within the wider geographical areas of interest to the Centre.
- (3) Providing appropriate recruitment information and events for those living principally within the geographical areas of interest to the Centre.
- (4) Using any surplus income not used for meeting objectives 1,2 or 3 for the long-term maintenance and enhancement of the equipment used by the Centre which is owned by others and to support local communities.

Public Benefit

The Trustees are mindful of the guidance given by the Charity Commission in respect of demonstrating public benefit arising from the work of the TRC. In carrying out the activities outlined above the following public benefits are derived:

- Towers within the geographical area of interest are supported to provide information, open events and recruitment activities to explain and foster an understanding of tower bell ringing in the general population. Raising awareness of the heritage and history of bells and tower bell ringing from the mid-16th century is a key component of our public information activities.
- Through helping teachers in local towers or by directly providing tuition, the T.R.C. enables new recruits to bellringing to be taught to control bells safely and effectively, thus sustaining ringing activities in towers that might otherwise fall silent and maintaining the centuries old tradition of ringing bells in England.
- Through providing continuing training in bell ringing, less experienced ringers are supported to maintain and develop their ringing and thus to improve their standard of public performance.
- Through offering readily-available practice facilities using well-maintained bell installations, sound control systems and silent practice computer-based training, the T.R.C. is further supporting ringers of all levels of ability. It thereby encourages the retention of ringers and supports ringers to achieve higher standards of public performance, while avoiding excessive disturbance to neighbours from long and frequent periods of open ringing.
- Through raising funds through its activities, the T.R.C. supports its host churches to meet running costs, the costs of day to day bell maintenance and the investment needs for the longer-term overhaul of the bell installations. Surplus income is offered to other towers in the area to assist with the costs of the maintenance and overhaul of their bell installations.

- Bell ringing is an activity open to people of all ages from 8 to 80 and of all backgrounds. It offers good physical exercise and the opportunity for mental stimulation and social interaction.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE IN 2018

Individual tuition

A major Devon-wide ringing recruitment initiative in February 18 in connection with the “Ringing Remembers” (end of the First World War commemoration) campaign led to the TRC helping to train three new ringers for local towers. In addition, three other new ringers have been recruited and trained for the Centre’s own band.

Group practices

The Centre holds its own twice-weekly practices which are open to the TRC band and other local ringers. These provide regular development opportunities for individual ringers. In addition, a weekly improvers practice for call change ringers is run by invitation to appropriate ringers in local towers and there is a weekly After-School Bell Club for youngsters from the local primary school.

Eight specially-designated Extended Practices in basic ringing skills were also offered to ringers throughout the area and attracted 38 student attendees.

Recorded performances – peals and QPs

The TRC supports a regular band for weekly peal attempts and hosts occasional attempts by others. 39 successful peal performances were recorded in 2018 – see the TRC website: <http://www.troyterringingcentre.org.uk/peals/peals2018.htm>. A “peal” is a continuous performance of a minimum of 5,000 changes and takes between 2½ - 3 hours to complete.

The Centre also hosts regular quarter peal attempts by the local branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers and other bands. 28 successful quarter peal performances were recorded in the year. A “quarter peal” is a continuous performance of a minimum of 1,260 changes and takes about 45 minutes to complete.

Providing facilities for branch practices

The local North East Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers organises three regular practices each month for ringers at different levels of ability and interest: advanced 6-bell methods, plain Triples & Major methods and a Surprise Major practice. These are held using the facilities at the TRC’s Huntsham tower.

Sunday Service ringing

The Centre’s band of local ringers performs regularly prior to most Sunday services at Bampton and Huntsham. Normally this occurs on 6 occasions each month.

Weddings and requested ringing

There are frequent requests to ring for weddings at both churches and for ceremonies taking place at Huntsham Court. In 2018 there were 25 requests for wedding bells. Occasional

requests are also received for the bells to be rung to celebrate people's special events such as mile-stone birthdays and wedding anniversaries and in 2018 there were 8 celebration rings.

Recruitment & Open Events – February & October

In February Bampton tower took part in a county-wide initiative to recruit and train new ringers to commemorate the end of the First World War, the "Ringing Remembers" campaign promoted by H.M. Government and the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. TRC facilities were used to help train three recruits who ultimately rang on 11th November with other bands.

A new ringer was recruited for Bampton in October as part of a promotion linked to the Bampton Fair Day and is currently undergoing training.

A set of display boards illustrating the history and practice of bells and ringing is maintained by the Centre and has been borrowed by several towers during the year to support recruitment or public relations events.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Background – how we arrived at the present situation

The TRC became a registered charity on 31st July 2018. The Centre started life with the installation of a practice bell and simulator within the tower of Bampton church in 2001. Between 2001 and 2004 more than £65,000 was raised for the remodelling and rehangng the eight bells in All Saints Church, Huntsham. Huntsham was the tower in which Charles Troyte augmented the three bells, which existed therein up until 1856, to form a ring of six in 1866 and a ring of eight in 1874. It was on these bells that the first peal was rung for the newly-formed Guild of Devonshire Ringers in February 1875. It was considered appropriate to name the Troyte Ringing Centre to reflect the pioneering work of the Troyte family in the second half of the 19th century.

The TRC was fully operational from November 2004 using both the six bells and simulator at Bampton and the eight bells with sound control at Huntsham. In 2007 the TRC won the Founders Company prize for being judged as the best ringing centre in that year.

Our aim has been to demonstrate that tower bells can be a very real asset to the local community rather than a liability to the churches in which they are installed. We consider that finance was the simplest measure of asset value available to us. The first illustration of this was that support for our work was given by each Parochial Church Council provided we raised all the necessary finance to set up the centre without contributions from either PCC, as they were burdened with raising funds for major repairs to the fabric of both their church buildings. Thus, raising more than £80,000 between 2000 and 2004 to provide the facilities needed to create the ringing centre indicated the support we received from both local communities. Between 2004 and 2018 the average income from the bell ringing activities at both towers was £2,700 at Huntsham and £4,475 from Bampton. Income from the Huntsham-based activities has been principally from peal ringing and from celebration ringing at weddings, blessings and other local community celebrations. At Bampton the income has been mainly from donations received from members of the local community.

This income has been used to purchase and maintain the equipment needed to properly function as a ringing centre, to provide annual grants to each PCC and to invest in funds for

the long term major works needed to keep these two rings of bells in the best working order throughout the next 100 years.

Annual Grants

Since 2004 the TRC has made annual grants of £700 to Huntsham PCC and £1,000 to Bampton PCC. These grants reflect the use we have made of the church premises including lighting and heating costs and the future needs of each PCC including the longer-term structural maintenance of the towers in which the bells are located and their work with local communities including families and young people.

Investments for the Longer-Term Major Works

Bells have a relatively long life and we are blessed with the opportunities we have to ring on pre-reformation bells and those cast several hundred years ago. However, the equipment needed to keep bells working effectively has a shorter life. We have been very much aware of the fact that the work we have been doing to create the TRC will have consequences for maintenance and major works to the bells and their fittings for each local community long after we have departed this life.

Therefore, we requested each PCC to set up on our behalf CBF Church of England Investment Funds – Accumulated Shares – into which we would make annual investments, so that when the longer-term need for major works arises the local community would not be faced with major fund-raising projects. The two funds which have been created have been valued at 31st December 2018 as follows:

Bampton PCC Account No 615265001J Bells Major works valued at £9,267.61

Huntsham PCC Account No 011505001J Bells Major Works valued at £4,029.15

Current Account Closing Balance

We started the process of opening an HSBC Community Account in June 2018, however it was not until 9th November that we received paying-in and cheque books so that the account was usable. With all outstanding invoices paid and the above grants and investments made, our Current Account had on 31st December 2018, a surplus of £5,630.31.

Arrangements are now being made to transfer £3,000 into a COIF Deposit Fund, but revised money laundering requirements are clearly delaying this process.

The Financial Statement for the year ending 31st December 2018 is appended.

DECLARATION OF TRUSTEES

This annual report was approved by the Trustees at their meeting held on 7th April 2019.

Signed Michael Hatchett Chairman

Signed Jenny Jones Secretary

Troyte Ringing Centre
**FINANCIAL STATEMENT for Year Ending 31 December
2018**

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT		General	Huntsham	Bampton	Training	TOTAL 2018	TOTAL 2017
	Note	Designated £	Designated £	Designated £	Designated £	£	£
RECEIPTS							
Use of bells	1		1,773	19		1,792	0
Voluntary receipts	2		1,097	464		1,561	0
Fund raising	3		30	25		55	0
Other incoming resources	4		25	2,521	1,242	3,788	0
Total receipts		0	2,925	3,029	1,242	7,196	0
PAYMENTS							
Maintenance & Repairs	5			120		120	0
Fund raising costs	6					0	0
Charitable activities	7			1,000		1,000	0
Training	8				75	75	0
Other Outgoing Resources	9	108	400			508	0
Total payments		108	400	1,120	75	1,703	0
Surplus (Deficit)		(108)	2,525	1,909	1,168	5,493	0
TRANSFERS							
Transfers between funds	10					0	0
Surplus (Deficit) after transfers		(108)	2,525	1,909	1,168	5,493	0
AVAILABLE FUNDS							
Available funds at 1 January	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
Available funds at 31 December		(108)	2,525	1,909	1,168	5,493	0
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		General	Huntsham	Bampton	Training	TOTAL 2018	TOTAL 2017
	Note	Designated £	Designated £	Designated £	Designated £	£	£
Monetary assets							
Bank current account		(108)	2,525	2,029	1,185	5,630	0
Reserves		0	0	0	0	0	0
		(108)	2,525	2,029	1,185	5,630	0
Liabilities							
Cheques not presented			0	120	17	137	0
Agency Account	12					0	0
		0	0	120	17	137	0

Financial Statement approved at Trustees Meeting on 10th March 2019

Mike Hatchett
Jenny Jones

Chairman
Secretary

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT	General	Huntsham	Bampton	Training	TOTAL 2018	TOTAL 2017
	Designated	Designated	Designated	Designated		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1 Use of bells						
Peals		945			945	
Quarter Peals		100			100	
Weddings, funerals and celebrations		570			570	
Visiting Ringers			10		10	
Branch Practices		158	9		167	
	0	1,773	19	0	1,792	0
2 Voluntary receipts						
Non-Gift Aided Donations		712	14		726	
Gift Aided Donations		385	450		835	
Income tax recovered (Gift Aid Scheme)					0	
	0	1,097	464	0	1,561	0
3 Fund raising						
Trading		30	25		55	
Events					0	
	0	30	25	0	55	0
4 Other incoming resources						
Bell Club fees & subscriptions				80	80	
Training fees				116	116	
Grants		25	2,117	1,046	3,188	
Refreshments					0	
Other			403		403	
	0	25	2,521	1,242	3,788	0
5 Maintenance & Repairs						
Maintenance & minor repairs			120		120	
Major Repairs					0	
New Equipment					0	
	0	0	120	0	120	0
6 Fund raising costs						
Invoices & reimbursements					0	
Cost of trading					0	
	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 Charitable activities						
Grants			1,000		1,000	
Donations to charities					0	
	0	0	1,000	0	1,000	0
8 Training						
Training Material						
Reimbursements				75	75	
	0	0	0	75	75	0
9 Other Outgoing Resources						
Administration	108				108	
Grants for investment (major repair fund)		400			400	
Transfer to reserves					0	
Other costs					0	
	108	400	0	0	508	0

10 The General Fund which is used for payments which are not liabilities falling to one of the other funds, e.g. insurance, website costs, accounting software, has no income of its own and therefore relies on transfers from other funds. The total of all transfers must equal zero.

11 Monetary Assets less Liabilities

12 Money which passes through the TRC's bank account, but which is not part of its income or expenditure. e.g. Collections for other charities.