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1.0 Legal & Administrative Information

- 1.1 The full name of the charity is ' The Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers Bell Repair Fund' otherwise known as 'The Bell Repair Fund' or 'The Bell Fund'.
- 1.2 The Bell Repair Fund is run by The Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers ('The Association') which is an unincorporated association. The Bell Repair Fund is governed by the 'Rules of The Bell Repair Fund' and the Standing Orders of the Association. It is registered with the Charity Commission reference number 508480.
- 1.3 The custodian trustees consist of the General Secretary and Treasurer of the Association and in addition two other members of the Association who shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting of the Association. The current custodian trustees are given below:
Miss A D M Thorley (General Secretary of the Association)
Mr D J Spaul (Treasurer of the Association)
Rev. G Galley
Dr M F D Burton
- 1.4 General control and management of the administration of the Bell Repair Fund is carried out by the Bell Repair Fund Committee. Members of this committee are given on page 10 of this report.
- 1.5 The principal addresses of the charity are as follows:
For general administration, correspondence:
Miss A D M Thorley,
13 King Edward Street, Sutton - in -Craven, Keighley BD20 7ET
For donations, cheques payable to 'The Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers Bell Repair Fund':
Mr D J Spaul,
7 Stoneybrook Close, West Bretton, Wakefield WF4 4TP
For grant applications:
Mr D Ian Johnson,
Elm Tree Farm, Fearby, Masham HG4 4ND
For gift aid:
Mr A E Stamp
43 Layton Lane, Rawdon, Leeds LS19 6RQ

1.6 Names and addresses of relevant organisations and persons:

Bankers:

National Westminster Bank plc, 29 Boar Lane, Leeds LS1 6DZ

COIF Charities Deposit Fund Manager:

CCLA Investment Management Limited, St Alphage House,
80 Cheapside, London EC2V 6DZ

Independent Examiners:

Mrs J C Clark, Whernside, Cawood Common, Selby YO8 3RB

Mrs J M Armeson, 8 Walnut Place, Chapeltown, Sheffield S35 1PR

- 1.7 The Bell Repair Fund is restricted to operating in the Counties of the North, East and West Ridings of Yorkshire (as defined at 31 March 1972) and the City of York, together with those churches situated at the said date in Darlington, Hurworth, Stockton on Tees and Cotherstone in the County of Durham, and Beighton in the County of Derbyshire ('the defined area').

2.0 Objectives

- 2.1 The objective of the Bell Repair Fund is to advance the Christian religion by providing financial assistance to churches within the defined area for the purpose of maintaining and improving their bell installations.
- 2.2 Maintenance and improvement of a bell installation is deemed to include the following:
- Taking out an existing ring of bells, supplying and installing a new frame and fittings, recasting the bells and erecting the same,
 - Taking out, overhauling and reclapping existing bells, supplying and installing a new frame and fittings and re-erecting bells,
 - Taking out existing bells, overhauling existing frame and fittings, recasting, or overhauling and reclapping the same and re-erecting,
 - Augmentation and bringing existing bells, frame and fittings to an adequate state of repair,
 - Other major repairs to bells, frame and fittings,
 - The provision of bells, frames and fittings,
 - The provision of bells, frames and fittings and erection of the same in churches which previously had none,
 - The acquisition of bells from churches within the defined area declared redundant, or subsequent redeployment and recasting.

3.0 Organisation

- 3.1 The Bell Repair Fund is managed and operated by the Bell Repair Fund Committee. The Bell Repair Fund Committee is assisted by an Allocation Committee and a Fund Raising Committee.
- 3.2 The Allocation Committee deals with applications for grants. It consists of the Treasurer and one representative from each Branch. Its chairman is appointed each year by the General Committee. Churches wanting financial assistance to carry out work can submit an application for a grant from the Bell Repair Fund to this committee. The committee usually meets annually in February to discuss such applications and forwards its recommendations, for approval or otherwise, to the Bell Repair Fund Committee.
- 3.3 The Fund Raising Committee endeavours to raise funds for the Bell Repair Fund by any means they see fit as long as permanent trading is not engaged in. It consists of five members of the Association appointed by the General Committee. It appoints its own chairman from one of its members. The committee meets regularly to organise and administer fund raising activities.
- 3.4 The Bell Repair Fund Committee holds an Annual General Meeting in March for the purpose of:
- receiving a report from the Allocation Committee and approving grant applications,
 - approving the Bell Repair Fund Annual Report and Accounts,
 - receiving a report from the Fund Raising Committee,
 - nominating custodian trustees, if a vacancy has arisen, and
 - dealing with any other matters.
- 3.5 All income, with the exception of gift aid, is receipted. The following persons of the Association are issued with receipt books and are authorised to receive payments to the Bell Repair Fund:-
- The Treasurer
 - The General Secretary
 - Branch Treasurers or nominated individuals.
- Cheques should be made payable to ' The Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers Bell Repair Fund'.
- 3.6 Tax is reclaimed under the Gift Aid provisions on donations made at Association and Branch meetings and on payments made under standing order by individuals to the Bell Repair Fund.
- 3.7 Collections are taken for the Bell Repair Fund at Association General Meetings and some Branch meetings.

- 3.8 The Association operates a 'Friends of the Bell Fund' scheme. Friends are groups, either churches or ringing bands, who make regular donations to the Bell Repair Fund.
- 3.9 Applications for grants from the Bell Repair Fund should be submitted in writing to the Allocation Committee by 31 December. The submission should include the following information:-
- a brief description of the existing tower bells and equipment,
 - the reasons for changes being proposed as supported by the PCC,
 - the proposed changes, support from the Diocesan bells advisor, and Specification with at least two quotations for this work on relevant dated and headed notepaper from a specialist contractor, supplier, or installer.
- 3.10 The Allocation committee meets in February to consider the applications and makes recommendations. These are then approved, modified or otherwise by the Bell Repair Fund Committee at its Annual Meeting in March.

4.0 Policy

- 4.1 The basic concern of the Allocations Committee is that each application be treated on its supposed merits at the time of deliberation as against a stated set of unchanging guidelines arising from the agreed Rules. The Committee see it as their task to interpret these Rules and to report back to the Bell Repair Fund Committee with a set of proposals for grant allocation.
- 4.2 The funding of grants in support of schemes is made from the incoming revenue stream. It is recognised that donors to the Bell Repair Fund contribute their money to be spent on bell schemes and not to build up a capital fund. Therefore in calculating grants it is policy to allocate money that is available.
- 4.3 Those who are undertaking projects need to have the security that funding is in place before the project is in place. In the case of large projects this can result in a delay of several years between having a grant approved and requiring the payment. The Bell Repair Fund only pays out money in grants on completion of a project. Thus in large projects spanning several years there can be a delay between allocating the funding and actually paying out the money. Clearly it would not be making best use of money if the allocated money is held in the Bell Repair Fund account for the duration of the project.
- 4.4 Therefore when monies are allocated to projects it will be on the basis that payment on completion will be made out of money being paid into the fund at the time of completion.
- 4.5 The available funds are calculated on the basis of 100% of forecast income of the current year, 100% of the following year, 25% of the year after that, and 10% of the year after less the grant money already committed but not yet paid out. This amount is a maximum available and can only be allocated in full if suitable applicant projects have been submitted. The approved funding in the case of large schemes is thus paid out from future income - not money currently residing in the Fund. It is therefore important

that successful applicants keep the fund managers informed of the timescale of projects and when their completion is likely.

5.0 Review

5.1 In 2012 grants were awarded to the following schemes payable on completion:

- Heptonstall (Quarter-turn bells, rehang on ballbearings and refurbish),
- Hutton Buscell (Tidy up bell fittings and repair netting to louvres),
- Kirk Deighton (Check over bearings and refurbish pulley boxes),
- Silkstone (Replace bearings on five bells, work on pulleys, clappers and wheels), and
- Wadworth (DIY repairs with Monk Bretton fittings to bring back to ringable state)

5.2 During 2012 grants totalling £26,800 were paid out following completion of schemes at Ecclesfield, Heptonstall, Kirk Deighton, Low Bentham, Monk Bretton, Ossett, Roos, Silkstone, Swillington and Tong. Details of some of these schemes are given below.

Ecclesfield

5.3 Bells have rung out from the tower of St. Mary the Virgin, Ecclesfield for over 400 years. It was one of the first churches in the Sheffield and Rotherham area to have a ring of bells. In 2011 the bells were removed from the tower by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in preparation for adding two more bells. They were taken to the foundry in London where retuning was carried out to five of the original eight bells. No tuning work was carried out to the ninth. Two were recast (the third and fourth) and two brand new bells were cast (the first and second). All the bearings were replaced and the wrought iron clappers refurbished with new crown staples and stainless steel pivot pins. New framework was added to the existing frame to take the extra two bells and to reorder the others. The newly augmented bells were rung for the first time on Thursday 1st December 2011. The Rededication service was held on Saturday 11th February 2012.

5.4 2012 has been a good year for the ringers at Ecclesfield - 12 months of ringing on the new ring of 10, ringing for the Olympics and the Queens Jubilee, some new people joining the band to learn to ring, the 100th peal at Ecclesfield and the bells being featured on 'BBC Breakfast'.

Monk Bretton

5.5 Since 1979 when the late Mr Paul Taylor clambered up the tower and advised a re-hang of the six Mears and Stainbank bells, the local band have endeavoured to ring for Services by patching, and in some cases replacing, the fragile wheels, and coaxing the timber frame and headstocks to carry on whilst hoping for better things to come.

5.6 At long last, in the name of The Selman Project, their hopes were realised following a bequest from Miss Selman, a benefactor of the church. This enabled the PCC to fund a re-hang of the bells, which was generously assisted by a grant from the Yorkshire

Association of Change Ringers Bell Repair Fund. Messrs. Paul Mason and Nathan Coleman from John Taylor & Co with the assistance of local ringers whipped out the tired looking, much loved, (by some) installation in quick time. It was clear when the old timber frame was being dismantled that the ringers had been lucky to be ringing the bells at all; some of the supporting members just fell apart, not due to wood rot but to constant movement loosening the aging joints.

Ossett

- 5.7 One of the tallest Churches in Yorkshire has something else to shout about with the addition of two new bells to its belfry, making it one of only two belfries in the country to be able to ring 14 bells. Trinity Church Ossett, a Grade II* listed building dating from 1865, has become one of only two belfries in the UK with a 'ring of 14' bells, putting the small West Yorkshire town firmly on the map.
- 5.8 The work was carried out by Taylors of Loughborough, who cast the original eight bells for the Church in 1865. Eight became ten when the same bells were recast by their founders in 1934, with another two being added in 1988. The two extra bells have been installed over a complicated process lasting several weeks. Now that they're in. Vicar Paul Maybury says: 'This is a great thing for Trinity Church to become part of an elite group of Churches who can ring 14 bells. We really want to encourage people to come and have a look at them and we've taken big steps in improving access to them. Hopefully this will draw people in, to discover all the treasures of the Church.'
- 5.9 The addition of the bells, which were funded by a private donor signifies the start of an 18 month development phase for the Church which is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. 'Trinity Church Heritage Education Project' is designed to put the Church firmly on the tourist and heritage map. The project will bring to life the rich heritage of this stunning Victorian Church through conservation work of important original features, the creation of educational resources for schools and interpretation throughout the building, including the bell tower. David Pygott is the Ring Master of Trinity Bells. Having started bell ringing himself at the age of four, he's constantly on the lookout for new members. 'It's a brilliant way to make music, keep you fit and stimulate your brain all at the same time. If you're looking for a new hobby or have done bell ringing before, we'd love to hear from you. We're a friendly bunch who really enjoy what we do and anyone who wants to give it a try is more than welcome.'
- 5.10 David also said that the addition of the two new bells will hopefully bring people flocking to Ossett from all over the country in order to have a go at ringing a peal in this historic Church. 'It'll really put Ossett on the map' he said. We have added the two new bells to create a lightweight set of 10 bells as we are struggling to get enough people to ring the heavy 4 bells. But this will also give us a complete ring of 14 which up until now has only been available at Winchester and Birmingham'

Roos

- 5.11 They made a sweet sound to welcome a very special visitor. Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu was in remote Holderness to dedicate a new bell at All Saints Church in Roos. The whole community had worked together to raise funds to restore the existing five bells and add a new one. They appealed for donations and did sponsored challenges. A well-attended service involved the Archbishop ringing and blessing the new bell. Speaking afterwards, he said: "The bells really are ringing brilliantly. To raise £47,000 in the matter of such a short period in these difficult times is very impressive. I have never been to Roos before, only to Withernsea. But I am very glad they invited me today. The music and the singing of the children was lovely."
- 5.12 The year-long fundraising push was launched after fears the existing bells might not last. Helen Audley, tower captain at All Saints, was heavily involved with the fundraising and took part in the service. She said: "Three of our old bells date back to the 17th century and the remaining two were cast in 1911. One hundred years later, it became apparent that the bearings and other fittings were worn out and drastic action was needed if the bells were not to fall silent. Given that Roos has an active and enthusiastic band of local ringers, the decision was made to add an extra bell at the same time."
- 5.13 The new bell was cast last November by J Taylor & Co, the company that made the 1911 bells. Mrs Audley said: "We had to raise £47,000 in a year to restore the old bells and cast the new one – never in a million years did I think we would have raised this amount in a year. The bells are much appreciated in Roos. It's a small rural community and the appeal received tremendous support. The money was raised by various fundraising events, awards and private donations. People have been generous financially, but the practical help we have received has been amazing. The fundraising events we held pulled together sections of the community who maybe wouldn't otherwise have got involved."
- 5.14 The money went towards rehangng the bells on ball bearings, refurbishing or replacing many of the other fixtures and fittings and cleaning and repainting the bell frame. Explaining the addition of another bell, Mrs Audley said: "Change ringing on five bells is very limiting. The maximum number of different changes is 120. The addition of an extra bell will increase that to 720. In ringing terms, that is far more interesting."

Tong

- 5.15 The bells of a historic church are ringing once more after being silent for half a century. The village of Tong on the outskirts of Leeds has had a church since Saxon times. The present church of St James dates from 1727. Up to the 1960s its six ancient bells - five dating from 1730 and the sixth from 1841 - were rung regularly to draw the faithful to worship. But the number of bell-ringers dwindled. In addition the bells' mechanism was old, needing frequent maintenance.
- 5.16 The mechanism was neglected, and fell into disrepair as both water and pigeons penetrated the bell tower. But in 2008 parishioners launched a programme of fund-

raising to have the bells restored, the mechanism replaced, and the bells renovated. They raised £11,000, much of it through gift days, funeral bequests and coffee mornings. One worshipper of many years asked that donations be made to the project to celebrate her 90th birthday. Grants were also awarded by the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers and the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. Then came a grant of £45,900 from the Heritage Lottery Fund - achieving the total cost of £63,000.

- 5.17 The bells were taken to John Taylor's Bell Foundry at Loughborough for cleaning and tuning. New bell wheels, pulleys and other fittings were fabricated. They were returned to the church and the Right Reverend Nick Baines, Bishop of Bradford, conducted the re-dedication service at St James's Church, in Tong village, after they rung out for the first time in over half a century.
- 5.18 A local group of bell ringers has been formed, but more recruits are needed to complete the team. Louise Connacher, who has been a bell-ringer since she was 16, co-ordinated the project, which also focused on learning about the history of the bells and bellringers. She said: "It's absolutely wonderful – this has been a project that has been going on for many years. I live in the village and people are always stopping me in the street and saying how much they enjoy hearing the bells."

6.0 Finance

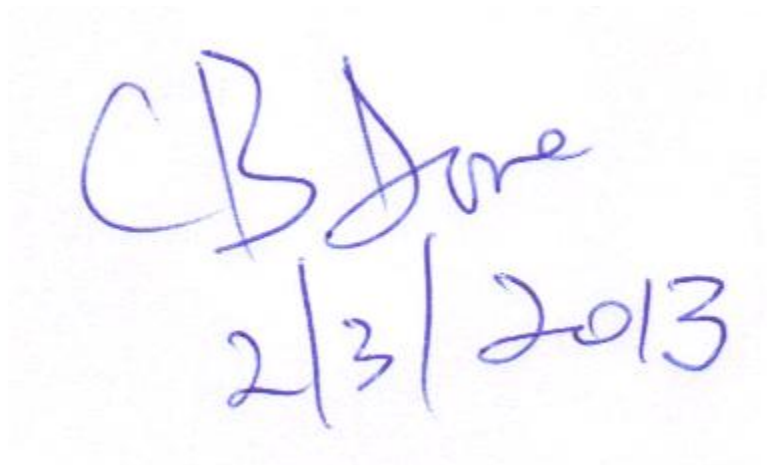
- 6.1 There was a significant increase in income received by the Bell Repair Fund in 2012 over that received in previous years. The reprinting and selling of the Snowdon Diagrams book by the Association generated a profit from which £8200 was donated to the Bell Repair Fund.
- 6.2 Donations came from a number of sources- individuals, ringing bands, and churches. Individuals who are tax payers are able to contribute under the Gift Aid scheme which allows us to reclaim additional money each year from the treasury. Donations are made through collections taken at Association and some Branch meetings, payments made via Branch or Association Officers, or by regular standing orders directly payable to a bank account. Ringing bands and churches who make regular payments are listed as Friends of the Bell Fund - a scheme set up to encourage commitment to regular giving.
- 6.3 A quarter of all Association members' subscriptions are transferred to the Bell Repair Fund and the amount transferred in 2012 was more than that of the previous year due to an increase in subscription payment due to the removal of discounts for older members..
- 6.4 Since last year the income from bank interest has increased slightly.
- 6.5 Collections for the Bell Repair Fund began in 1940 but it was not until 1948 that the first grant was made - to Hutton Cranswick - of £5 (worth £156.58 in today's money). In terms of today's money it took until 1991 before the total cumulative amount paid out reached £100,000 and ten years later in 2001 that figure reached £200,000. This year a large number of payments were made. Grants were claimed by ten towers, totalling £26800.

This is the largest sum of money paid out in any one year and is due to the completion of several high profile major projects which all occurred this year. To date 288 grants have been paid out from the Bell Repair Fund and the cumulative amount given has now reached £300,000 (all in today's money).

- 6.6 The administration charge represents the cost of postage incurred between September 2009 and September 2012.
- 6.7 At the end of the year, approved grants totalling £6,600 remained unpaid awaiting completion of the following schemes: Kirby Overblow, Horton in Ribblesdale, Arncliffe, Hutton Buscell and Wadworth.
- 6.8 The Annual Accounts are contained on pages 10, 11, and 12 of this report.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 2 March 2013

and signed on its behalf by

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "C B Dove" followed by the date "2/3/2013". The signature is written in a cursive style.

C B Dove

(Trustee)

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year ended 31 December 2012

	Note	2012	2011
Income and Expenditure		£	£
Donations		4671.34	4690.92
Donation from Snowdon Book profits		8200.00	
Gift Aid- Tax claim repayments	1	416.77	485.79
Transfers from General Fund	2	3046.00	2611.00
Bank Interest	3	89.47	82.77
Total Incoming Resources		16423.58	7870.48
Resources expended			
Direct charitable expenditure: Grants			
Ecclesfield		6000.00	
Heptonstall		1500.00	
Kirk Deighton		500.00	
Low Bentham		200.00	
Monk Bretton		5000.00	
Ossett		4000.00	
Roos		4000.00	
Silkstone		600.00	
Swillington		500.00	
Tong		4500.00	
		26800.00	8500.00
Other expenditure: Administration		28.69	0.00
Total Resources Expended		26828.69	8500.00
Net (Outgoing)/Incoming Resources for the year		(10405.11)	(629.52)
Net Movement in Funds			
Fund balance brought forward at 1 January 2012		23522.40	24151.92
Net (Outgoing)/Incoming Resources for the year		(10405.11)	(629.52)
Fund balance carried forward at 31 December 2012		13117.29	23522.40

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Balance Sheet at 31 December 2012

	Note	2012 £	2011 £
Assets			
Sundry Debtors-			
Tax Reclaim	4	140.26	176.74
YACR General Fund	5	2375.76	2881.25
Bank Balances-			
NatWest Bank Current account		13.00	76.00
NatWest Bank Business Reserve Account		2491.68	8120.72
COIF Charities Deposit Fund		8027.08	12027.08
Cash Balances-			
Held by Treasurer		0.00	0.00
Held by Branches	6	69.51	252.61
Less Liabilities			
Sundry Creditors			
Snowdon Books Account	7		12.00
Net Assets		13117.29	23522.40
Represented by:			
Bell Repair Fund		13117.29	23522.40

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Notes to the Accounts for the Year ended 31 December 2012

1 Gift Aid

The gift aid figure comprises £453.25 tax claim repayments received during 2012 plus a further £140.26 due on gift aid donations made up to the end of the year less £176.74 tax repayments due at the end of 2011.

2 Transfers from the General Fund

Subscriptions for Qualified and Associate Members of 17 years and over, and Non-Resident Members for 2011 were £8.00; and for Qualified and Associate Members under 17, and Members of 17 and over in full-time education £4.00. 25% of all subscriptions are transferred into the Bell Repair Fund.

3 Bank Interest

All Interest received on deposits of the General Fund of the Association and the Bell Repair Fund is credited to the Bell Repair Fund. Interest received during the year was as follows:-

	£
National Westminster Bank- Business Reserve Account	1.93
Clubs & Societies Reserve Account	0.04
COIF Charities Deposit Fund	87.50
Total	£89.47

4 Tax Reclaim

This is the tax currently being claimed on Gift aid donations to the end of December 2012.

5 YACR General Fund

Some income to the Bell Repair Fund has been paid into bank accounts which although belonging to the Association hold its General Fund monies. This income will be transferred to the Association's bank accounts holding Bell Repair Fund monies at the earliest opportunity.

6 Cash Balances held by Branches

Money collected by Branches in 2012 but not banked.

7 Advanced payments

Income banked from Snowdon Books sales which is not BRF money.

Names of the Charity Trustees who Manage the Charity

The following are members of the Bell Repair Fund Committee for 2012/13

Digby Burton
Robert Cater
John Courtney
Neil Donovan
Barrie Dove
Giles Galley
John Hallett
Ian Johnson
Janine Jones
Peter Kirby
Judith McCoy
Peter McCoy
David Potter
Brian Sanders
David Spaul
Tony Stamp
Deborah Thorley