

CHANGE RINGING FOR THE FUTURE

REPORT ON BREAKOUT GROUPS NORTH EAST REGION

A. What's working well in your area?

Working together	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clusters of towers working together ▪ Good, effective communication eg website, Facebook ▪ Ringers helping out at other towers in their areas on a local basis ▪ Ringing spirit in some local towers ▪ Co-operation with some territorial associations to improve give opportunities for slightly advanced ringing ▪ University societies supporting other towers in their city ▪ Mutual support between local and university ringing societies 	<p style="text-align: right;">x 3</p> <p style="text-align: right;">x 2</p>
Training and development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 'Give it a go' sessions to introduce students to bell ringing ▪ Plenty of good initiatives for example ITTS ▪ Creation of ringing centre which is used ▪ Local ringers supporting development of students (eg ringing on higher numbers, peals) 	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Peals ▪ Engagement with ringers of the same age ▪ Students going home bring benefits to home tower/local area 	

B. What's NOT working well in your area?

Working together	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Even in these modern times people don't want to travel far ▪ Some traditional territorial society boundaries ▪ Apathy by many that others can help and that that help may not be far away ▪ Communication between towers 	<p style="text-align: right;">x 3</p>
Recruitment & training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recruitment ▪ More importantly retention ▪ Attracting new recruits in specific areas ▪ Teaching ▪ Students are generally inexperienced in teaching ringing ▪ Poor standards of teaching leave learners wanting to quit ▪ Less training courses put on than in the past 	<p style="text-align: right;">x 3</p>

Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Too old fashioned ▪ University support doesn't seem to be there ▪ Too much politics ▪ No effective leadership ▪ High turnover in committee can lead to lack of continuity and leadership ▪ Poor tower leadership ▪ Websites ▪ Facebook ▪ Different levels of support in different branches 	x 2
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C. What cross-boundary initiatives are happening near you?

Working together	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Links with other university societies (eg NUA, SUA) ▪ Annual joint meeting between groups ▪ Joint outings ▪ Practices attracting ringers from different association ▪ Some (but limited) cross association/branch cooperation 	
Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Joint courses (eg ITTS) 	x 2
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Use of ringing centres ▪ Quarter peals ▪ Peals ▪ Some branches are forward-thinking ▪ 10-bell practices ▪ 12-bell practices ▪ None 	x 2

D. What are the cross-boundary opportunities in your region?

General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Striking competitions on all numbers ▪ Non-ringing social events ▪ Developing leadership in ringing ▪ Across regions ▪ Use ringing centre as catalyst 	
Recruitment & training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sharing of education options (eg specialist courses) ▪ Good recruitment opportunities at universities 	X 2