



Central Council of Church Bellringers  
Tower Stewardship Committee



The Alliance to Reduce Crime against Heritage (ARCH) is a new voluntary national network which will take forward initiatives to tackle heritage crime and galvanise local action as part of the Heritage Crime Programme.

The ARCH initiative originated with English Heritage and was set up to encourage participation in crime prevention in the heritage sector through the involvement of local agencies. Most importantly for us as bell ringers, the list of members includes a number of Dioceses, The Church of England as a corporate body, cathedrals and the Churches Conservation Trust. The Central Council has become a member of ARCH with a view to encouraging ringers to join in local intelligence work for protecting church buildings including their bells. Most ringers will already be aware of the incidence of theft and damage in their churches and this is one way in which we can all help.

Responding to local groups ringers effectively become the eyes and ears for any local threats to buildings and other heritage items. Ringers are often around churches at times when the presence of church staff is minimal or absent and thus may help particularly in the surveillance field. Ringers may wish to become members of local networks and for more information visit the website or make a direct enquiry to the ARCH co-ordinator.

**SPOT IT**

**LOG IT**

**REPORT IT**

**Key Contacts:**

- CCCBR Tower Stewardship Committee: [www.cccbr.org.uk/towerstewardship](http://www.cccbr.org.uk/towerstewardship)
- ARCH Website: [www.english-heritage.org.uk/professional/advice/advice-by-topic/heritage-crime/arch/](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/professional/advice/advice-by-topic/heritage-crime/arch/)
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