



Stewardship & Management Workgroup
of The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers



Westley Award for Church Bell Maintenance & Improvement 2022

Background

In the last year many towers have been making a return to regular ringing after lockdowns, meaning that belfries have had to be inspected after a period of silence and defects made good. Recruitment and retention of ringers is also near the top of many towers' agenda and bells and ringing rooms need to be in prime condition to facilitate this.

This year the CCCBR Stewardship and Management Workgroup and Westley Group are again teaming up to recognise the efforts of those who have become involved in belfry maintenance in the last few years and whose achievements make such a difference to bell installations and fellow ringers. A prize of £100 and a certificate will be awarded to the best entry demonstrating commitment, achievement and dedication to developing, sharing and passing on their knowledge and skills. Entrants of all ages and levels of experience are welcome.

The closing date for entries will be 28th May 2022 at 12 noon and the award will be presented at the CCCBR AGM in September 2022.

The Award

The award will be made to a person who has engaged in supporting maintenance and improvement of tower bell installations for the first time in the last 5 years, and shows the most commitment to developing and using their own skills, and developing such skills of others. Activities may be in towers and elsewhere, for example advice, videos, demonstrations, preparation and presentation of training materials, etc.

Applications

Nominations may be made for yourself or for someone else. Female nominees and younger people are particularly encouraged to apply! Those who applied in previous years may enter again. People who are or have been employed by a professional bell foundry, bell hanger or similar organisation are NOT eligible for an award.

The closing date for nominations will be noon Saturday 28th May 2022. Applications, on the form provided, will be reviewed during June and the winner announced in July.

Please note that the judges may wish to contact the applicants to ask for clarification of points in the application.

Prizes

Westley Group will award the winner £100 and a certificate. The judges may also commend other applicants and present a certificate to them.

Judging

The judging panel will be drawn from members of the CCCBR Stewardship & Management Workgroup, independent members and previous winners or runners up. The judges' decisions will be final.

The judging criteria will be:

- Benefits of the work undertaken by the nominee
- Nominee's approach to learning about tower bell maintenance and improvement
- Nominee's support for others not previously involved in maintenance and improvement
- Scale and scope of activities undertaken in the last 5 years (The number and cost of projects are not primary criteria)

Please return the Application form to westley22@cccb.org.uk by noon on Saturday 28th May 2022.



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Application Form

Please return to westley22@cccbr.org.uk by noon on Saturday 28th May 2022.

(The completed form should not exceed 3 pages, plus up to 3 pages for examples)

Nominee's name:	<input type="text"/>		
Email address:	<input type="text"/>		
Tower:	<input type="text"/>		
Member of:	<input type="text"/>	Association / Guild	
Gender:	<input type="text"/>		
Age band: Under 25, 25-44, 45-64, 65 and over:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
If under 18, date of birth:	<input type="text"/>	and parental consent:	
Parent/carer's name (BLOCK CAPITALS)	<input type="text"/>		
Parent/carer's signature	<input type="text"/>		

I confirm that the nominee is not and has never been employed professionally in a bell foundry, bell hanging or related organisation.

Name of person making nomination (if different):	<input type="text"/>
Email address:	<input type="text"/>

I confirm that the nominee is aware of this nomination.

Date of first involvement in belfry maintenance and improvement:	<input type="text"/>
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Reason for becoming involved in tower bell installations and maintenance:

How they learned about tower bell installations and maintenance and continue to do so:

How the nominee has supported others in developing their skills in tower bell maintenance and improvement:

Nominee’s plans for future activity, their own further learning, support for others in tower bell maintenance and improvement, and improving environments for ringers and ringing:

Summarise up to 3 key activities and their benefits undertaken by the nominee, that are associated with the maintenance and improvement of bells (whether in towers or otherwise, for example advice, videos, demonstrations, preparation of training materials, etc.):

Examples of maintenance work undertaken and the benefits of the projects (up to 3 different examples):
Please list your examples here then use no more than one side of A4 for each example, including photos and diagrams that help to explain the activities.

Example 1:	
Example 2:	
Example 3:	