

The Young Ringers Hub – a "one stop shop" for young ringers, created and owned by young ringers



What are we doing and why?

The Young Ringers Hub is the cornerstone of the Central Council's Young Ringers for Ringing 2030 Workstream, which aims to create and sustain pipelines of young ringers. The Young Ringers Hub supports this aim by pulling all relevant information together in to one place in an intuitive way, enabling young ringers to find the support they need and somewhere to ring, wherever they are in their ringing journey.

It will be a "one stop shop" for all young ringers from school age to age 30, providing age appropriate support and guidance.

How are we doing it?

The Central Council will facilitate and host the Young Ringers Hub, with the content being developed and owned by young ringers. We're currently setting up project teams of willing volunteers to focus on under and over 18s content, social media strategy, website design and project management.

The website will be simple and intuitive to use and will be organised into the following four core sections:

- Under 18s
- 18-30
- University Ringing
- Resources for leaders

We will work with ringing organisations and create links to existing information, as well as creating bespoke content for young ringers across the age and needs spectrum.

There is a huge amount of information and many organisations out there that are involved with young ringers, such as ART, the Ringing World National Youth Competition and the Young Change Ringers Association. As part of this workstream, we aim to clarify how these organisations work together, as we need to make the ringing experience as seamless possible for young ringers as they navigate their way through their ringing journey. We can't afford to lose young ringers down the cracks!

The social media strategy will explore how this can be used to connect with young ringers and their parents, aligned to the four key sections.

The plan

We are kicking off the project's development stage now, which will start creating content and determine the resources needed to create and maintain the Young Ringers Hub. We will consider the people and financial resources needed to support this and will seek some financial support from the Central Council in due course.

The team will prioritise the development of the content, with the objective of delivering some quick wins and making sure that we have a realistic delivery plan. The team are all young volunteers, so we need to be mindful of not over committing.

One of our early priorities is to update the excellent Universityringing.org website that Jacqui Brown created. We will also work out how we can make sure that the information is kept up to date.

Further articles and updates will be published at key stages of the project.

Meet the team

We have a group of volunteers who answered the call for support earlier this year. We have a great mix of under 18s, students, ringers in their 20s, parents of young ringers and youth ringing leaders.

The team leaders are all young ringers, with a token oldie acting as the link in to the Central Council, managing upwards / outwards communication and liaising with other ringing bodies.

Under 18s content – Josephine Leggett



Josephine learnt to ring at a village 8 in East Sussex when she was 15, after being convinced to try it by school friends. She is now studying a socio-legal studies masters at the University of Bristol and has been

ringing with the society since her first year as an undergrad. She is passionate about increasing opportunities for young ringers and encouraging them to step into leadership roles.

Over 18s including university ringing- Carys Hughes Blagden



Carys is a 3rd Year Chemistry Student at the University of Sheffield. Along with Hana Booth, Carys won an ART award for how they revived the fortunes of the Sheffield University Guild of Change Ringers. She is keen to encourage and grow youth ringing, especially university ringing, as she has first hand experience of the trials and tribulations of starting a successful society and wants to offer more support to people who aspire to do the same.

Social Media Strategy - Hana Booth



Hana learnt to ring in Sandridge in Hertfordshire in 2022 and was taught by Vivian Nutton. After coming to Sheffield in September 2022 Hana joined SUGCR and participated in the limited ringing that took place that year. The following year Carys Hana joined forces to revitalise the society. Hana also joined the Sheffield Cathedral band and starting ringing more widely around the city and organising a lot of quarter peals!

Website Development - Tristan Lockheart



Tristan now rings in Cardiff and works as a rail operations manager, having graduated this year in geography from Leeds. He learnt to ring whilst at University in Leeds and was the university society secretary, so he's keen to support university societies and enable them to keep providing opportunities for new and existing ringers.

Tristan led a lot of the early thinking for the Young Ringers Hub project and deserves a lot of credit for this project becoming a reality.

Project Manager - Jimmy Yeoman



Jimmy graduated this year with a Master's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Birmingham and has since started work as a Civil Engineer in the city centre. He learnt to ring at a village six in in Suffolk and knows personally how challenging it is for people of all ages to secure opportunities for progression. With a strong knowledge of the ringing community on many levels, Jimmy hopes to bring a critical and holistic approach to assist in delivering this platform for other young ringers.

Central Council Workstream Lead – Andrea Haynes



Andrea is a retired rail project, strategic planning and risk management professional, with a keen interest in understanding project objectives and the delivery of project benefits. She's swapped railways for bellringing and wonders how she ever found time to work!

Contact us

If you are interested in learning more about this project or are interested in getting involved, you can contact the team on YR@cccbr.co.uk

Regular updates will be posted on the Central Council website via the following link:

[Young Ringers for Ringing 2030 – CCCBR](#)

Also, please take a look at the embryonic Young Ringers Hub website. This will develop over time and we'll let you know when any significant updates are made. You can also contact us through the website if you have any queries and we will do our best to help you.

[Young Ringers Hub – The home of under-30s ringing \(cccbr.org.uk\)](#)

Andrea Haynes

Young Ringers for Ringing 2030 Workgroup Lead