

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Charity Registration No 270036

Executive

Notes of the meeting held on Saturday 24th May 2025, by Zoom.

Present: Tina Stoecklin (President), Vicki Chapman (Deputy President), Fergus Stracey (Treasurer), Ernie de Legh-Runciman (Secretary), Peter Harrison, Catherine Lane, Beverly Faber

Apologies: Ian Roulstone

1. The minutes of the Executive held on 27th April were approved.
2. The 2024 CCCBR accounts are in final preparation. Once completed, they will be forwarded to the Independent Examiner.
3. A request from the Publications Team for expenditure on a new print run of The Manual for Belfy Maintenance was approved
4. The 2024 Trustee Annual Report is in preparation and will be published in the 2025 Annual Council Meeting papers.
5. The Executive discussed the development of a forward plan for 2026, building on the Ringing 2030 business plan. They agreed to focus on detailed planning for the next two years, with a summary of longer-term goals beyond 2026. It was proposed updating the existing business plan and working with workgroup leads to outline specific goals for 2026. The Executive also discussed the need for visual representations of progress towards 2030 goals and considered including the forward plan in the annual report.
6. The Executive discussed the challenges and expectations around increasing ringers by 2030, emphasizing the need for clear communication about deliverables and infrastructure support rather than promising specific numbers. Tina highlighted the importance of grassroots-level efforts and noted that while ambitious targets are possible with increased recruitment and retention, there are resource and funding challenges, including the need for paid support staff.
7. The planning work for the 2025 Annual Council meeting in Sheffield is progressing well. Information regarding events and booking details will be available shortly on the Council's website.

Following this meeting, the Executive met with the Workgroup Leaders.

This meeting covered various aspects of bell ringing initiatives, including recruitment, membership, and resource development. Discussions focused on enhancing support for young ringers, improving project management, and addressing challenges in bell maintenance and preservation. The meeting also explored plans for future publications, website

improvements, and collaborative efforts to strengthen the bell ringing community and its infrastructure.

The next meeting of the Executive will be on Wednesday 25th June 2025.

Ernie de Legh-Runciman
Secretary, CCCBR
6th June 2025