

# Young Ringers for Ringing 2030 Workgroup

## Annual Report 2026

### 1 Introduction

The Young Ringers for Ringing 2030 workgroup have been really busy since May 2025 . We have started to deliver the benefits of the projects we're leading and have a plan to get the remaining projects over the line and move the workgroup on to a more "business as usual" stage.

Progress was really helped by the engagement of the 2025 Summer Honorariums, some of whom you met in Sheffield, who supported the content development and build of the Young Ringers Hub and progressed the school lesson plans project.

### 2 Progress from May 2025 to May 2026

The [Young Ringers Hub – Young Ringers Hub](#) website is now live and consists of four sub sites – University Ringing, Under 18s, a Library of information and resources for young ringers and leaders and a Development Pathways site.

[UniversityRinging](#) has been launched and has replaced the excellent site previously developed by Jacqui Brown. The site is complete apart from the Resources section and the 2026 Summer Honorariums are working through the actions to complete this in time for the new term. The content of the Resources section was informed by the Survey conducted last year by Adrian Sweeting.

The site includes a comprehensive list of active societies, with contact details, socials, Bellboard links, websites, maps and photos. There is also a list of other societies that welcome young ringers where there isn't a student society, along with their contact details. It also has a neat feature, whereby if you search for somewhere that isn't listed, you'll get a "contact us" message which will be directed to the workgroup.

To create this resource, we looked at the top 150 plus educational establishments by enrolment and made sure that all of these were covered by one of the entries.

The workgroup will reach out to societies to make sure that details are kept up to date as part of its business-as-usual role.

The site also includes a section on learning to ring and a detailed events section, which chronicles the NUA and SUA as far back as 1960!

The [U18 Ringing](#) site is now live and contains details of all the youth groups, plus association contacts where youth groups don't exist. There's quite a lot of work to do on this to complete the various sections,

which include why ring / learn to ring, competitions, schools, uniformed groups and information for parents / carers. This will be carried out by the 2026 Honorariums.

*Note that the RWNYC will remain a standalone competition with its own rules, website etc with links to / from the YRH.*

The U18 site will also host the school lesson plans, bell club playbooks and other useful materials. We're also working with Derbyshire ringers and scouts to build on the work they have done and roll this out nationally.

We now have Josephine Leggett on board as Youth Development Officer, which is fantastic and has been a game changer for the workgroup.

### **3 Plans for May 2026 to May 2027**

We have two new summer honorariums on board from June to September 2026. A lesson learned from 2025 was to have a really detailed set of tasks for them and enable them to hit the ground running in June. We have a detailed action plan and handovers are taking place in June between them and the existing team. Thanks to Lucas Williams, Oliver Bennett and Nikolai Komar for the really great work you have done and welcome to Clara Waller and Oliver Townson.

We will be launching the YRH site shortly after the RWNYC. We will get the landing page ready for this and as much of the other sites as possible, with further development continuing after the launch.

We have some great YRH leaflets that we're distributing at the National 12 bell contest on 20<sup>th</sup> June and at the RWNYC on 4<sup>th</sup> July (including via the medal bags). It is designed so that it doesn't become out of date, as changes are made the YRH and links to the website. It has a QR code that takes you to the YRH, plus has details of the YRH and dedicated University Ringing socials. We'll make these available to print at home or via a printing company as part of the launch.

The key things we'll be working on over the summer and beyond are as follows:

- Completion of University Ringing
- Completion of the Under 18s site
- Roll out of the uniformed groups playbook and badge sponsorship proposal
- Marketing and roll out of school lesson plans
- Bell club playbook roll out
- Population of the Library with new and existing materials / links
- Customisable DofE fliers
- Social media plan
- Sustainability plan for the YRH

We will pick up the Development Pathways piece as the next big initiative, once the YRH is launched. The objective of this is to create the infrastructure, focussed on existing centres of excellence, to enable opportunities to develop young ringers and plug the leaky pipeline of young ringers. We're scoping this at the moment, using experience from initiatives such as Cast of 1000 and the Young Change Ringers Association to inform how we do this. We will produce some proposals and invite feedback and ideas.

We are also looking for new people to joining the workgroup.

Andrea Haynes is stepping down as workgroup lead at the end of 2026 after two and a half years in the role. There will be some outstanding project work to deliver, but the main focus of the new WG lead will be to manage the transition into business as usual and make sure that the YRH is maintained.

We are also recruiting for a replacement Youth Development Officer, as Josephine Leggett has secured a job in the field that she studied for her Masters. Congratulations Jose! The role is being advertised in June and will be an 8-month fixed term part-time contract.

#### **4 Summary**

- We've achieved a lot with some really good and dedicated people
- We've still got a lot to do
- We are very short of volunteers to support the workgroup

Please contact us if you are interested in supporting us or have any updates or information that could be useful, via the YRH [Contact – Young Ringers Hub](#) or direct to [YR@cccbr.org.uk](mailto:YR@cccbr.org.uk)

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