



Meet Our Bellringers

A Template for Sharing the People Behind the Bells

One of the best ways to introduce visitors to your tower is through the people who keep the bells ringing.

Use this template to create profiles for your website, social media, display boards, parish magazine or Heritage Open Days exhibition. These personal stories help visitors connect with your ringing community and show that bellringing is welcoming, friendly and open to everyone.

You don't need to answer every question, simply share enough to give visitors a glimpse into the people behind the ropes.

Meet Our Bellringer

Name:

(First Name)

Age (Optional):

(Optional)

Occupation or Interests:

(Tell us a little about yourself.)

How long have you been bellringing?

(Months or years.)

How did you first discover bellringing?

(Perhaps through family, friends, school, Heritage Open Days, moving to the area, or simply hearing the bells.)

What made you decide to give it a go?

(What sparked your curiosity?)

What do you enjoy most about bellringing?

(Friendship, teamwork, challenge, history, serving the church, travelling, learning new methods...)

Favourite thing about your tower:

(The people, the bells, the views, the history or something unique.)

Favourite ringing memory:

(A memorable wedding, outing, first quarter peal, striking competition, ringing for a national celebration, learning a new method...)

What would you say to someone thinking about learning?

(Offer encouragement in your own words.)

Did you know?

(A fun fact about yourself or your tower.)

Tips for Great Bellringer Profiles

- Write naturally, as though you're chatting with a visitor.
- Keep answers personal and authentic.
- Focus on your own experiences rather than technical ringing terms.
- Include a smiling photograph where possible.
- Show the diversity of your ringing community by featuring different ages, backgrounds and levels of experience.
- Update your profiles regularly so visitors can meet different members of your tower.

Example Profile

Meet Sarah

Sarah has been ringing for just over two years after seeing a post on social media about a local "Learn to Ring" course.

"I'd always wondered how church bells worked but never imagined I'd be able to learn myself. Everyone was so welcoming, and I quickly realised bellringing is about much more than bells—it's about friendship, teamwork and being part of something that's been enjoyed for generations."

Sarah particularly enjoys ringing for weddings and community celebrations and says the highlight of every practice night is spending time with friends in the tower.

Her advice for anyone thinking about learning?

"Come along and give it a try, you might surprise yourself. None of us started as experts, and everyone remembers what it's like to be a beginner."

Behind every bell is a person with a story to tell. Sharing those stories helps visitors discover that church bellringing is not just about heritage, it's about community, friendship and the people who keep this remarkable tradition alive.