



## Newsletter Copy

### Ready-to-Use Copy for Parish Magazines, Community Newsletters and Local Publications

Heritage Open Days are a wonderful opportunity to invite your local community to discover what happens **Behind the Bells**. Whether you're promoting an open tower, guided tours or bellringing demonstrations, these ready-made articles can be adapted for your local event.

Simply personalise the highlighted sections with your own details.

### Short Notice (Approx. 50 words)

#### Discover What Happens Behind the Bells

As part of **Heritage Open Days**, **(Church Name)** is opening its bell tower to visitors on **(Date)** from **(Time)**.

Come and meet our bellringers, explore areas of the church not normally open to the public, learn how church bells are rung, and discover one of Britain's living traditions.

Everyone is welcome.

### Standard Article (Approx. 150 words)

#### Go Behind the Bells This Heritage Open Days

Have you ever wondered what happens inside a church bell tower?

As part of **Heritage Open Days**, **(Church Name)** is inviting visitors to go **Behind the Bells** on **(Date)** between **(Time)**.

Visitors will have the opportunity to explore the tower, meet our volunteer bellringers, learn how change ringing works, discover the history of our bells, and enjoy a unique glimpse into one of Britain's most fascinating living traditions.

Church bellringing has been part of community life for centuries, marking celebrations, remembrance, weddings and weekly worship. Today it continues to thrive thanks to dedicated volunteers who enjoy sharing this remarkable skill with others.

Whether you're interested in local history, heritage, engineering, or simply curious about the sound of church bells, we'd love to welcome you.

For further information, please contact **(Contact Name)** at **(Email / Telephone)**.

## Feature Article (Approx. 300 words)

### Behind the Bells – Discover the Hidden World of Church Bellingring

Most of us recognise the familiar sound of church bells, whether celebrating a wedding, marking a special occasion, or calling people to worship. But few have the opportunity to discover what happens behind the scenes or meet the volunteers who make those bells ring.

As part of **Heritage Open Days**, **(Church Name)** is opening its tower to visitors and inviting the local community to explore the fascinating world of church bellingring.

Visitors will be able to meet local bellringers, enjoy guided tower tours, learn how bells are rung, hear about the history of the church and its bells, and discover why this centuries-old tradition continues to flourish today.

Bellingring is much more than preserving historic bells. It is a living tradition, passed from one generation to the next through teaching, teamwork and friendship. Every week, volunteers gather to practise, ring for church services, celebrate important occasions and help keep this unique part of our heritage alive.

Whether you're interested in local history, engineering, architecture or simply looking for something different to enjoy during Heritage Open Days, there will be something for everyone.

We warmly invite visitors of all ages to join us on **(Date)** between **(Time)**.

Come along, meet the people behind the ropes, discover the stories behind our bells, and experience this remarkable tradition for yourself.

We look forward to welcoming you.

### Top Tips

Before sending your article to a newsletter editor, remember to:

- Add your event date, time and location.
- Include contact details or a website for further information.
- Mention if refreshments or family activities will be available.
- Include a high-quality photograph if possible.
- Submit your copy before the publication deadline.

A friendly invitation, a compelling story and an eye-catching photograph can encourage visitors to step inside your tower and discover the people, skills and stories that keep our bells ringing.