



How the Ringing Census works

The Ringing Census takes place during **16–22 November 2026**. It has two parts: ringers share information about their own ringing, and towers provide information about their band.

1. Ringers take part during Census Week

There will be two links sent out during Census Week. One will be for all ringers to complete individually, and one will be for a tower representative to complete on behalf of the tower. The information to be included in the responses is related to what happened during 16-22 November 2026. Therefore, you may not be able to complete the census until the end of the week, or into the next week.

2. Towers provide information about their band

Each tower should make sure its ringers know about the Census and complete the tower return when asked. The tower response helps build a picture of ringing at that tower and complements the information provided by individual ringers.

3. Census Champions and Enumerators offer support

Enumerators are assigned a group of towers from the target sample. Their main follow-up work takes place after Census Week. They contact the Tower Captain or nominated contact, encourage completion of the Tower Headcount Survey, answer straightforward questions and follow up where a return has not been received. They also record when a tower is inactive or unable to provide a return.

The target sample is part of the Census method. **It does not limit which ringers can take part.** Every ringer is invited to complete the individual questionnaire, and every tower should help make sure its band knows about the Census and responds to any request for tower information.

4. Results help inform the future of ringing

The responses will be brought together to build a more accurate picture of the ringing community. Results will be published in aggregated form to inform future planning, including work on recruitment, retention, training and the ambitions of Ringing 2030.

For the latest instructions, links and privacy information, visit the [CCCBR Ringing Census page](https://cccb.org.uk/census/)