



The East Grinstead and District Guild of Church Bellringers

**94th Annual Report
and
Statement of Accounts for 2021**

President

Mr Ray Large

Vice Presidents

Rosalind Cowsill

Andrew Brock

Robin Grant

Roger Cowsill

Officers

Chairman	Kate Wills
Ringing Master	Kate Wills
Secretary	Vacant
Asst Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Michael Bullett
C.C. Rep	Vacant

Committee

Iain Davey

Sheila Marsh

David Finch

Trustees of the E. J. Oliver Memorial Fund
(Registered as a Charity)

Kate Wills

Michael Bullett

Andrew Brock

Emma Tamkin

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2021

With Covid continuing to put a strong damper on bell ringing, the Guild did not hold any meetings until the autumn.

The September meeting was held at Bletchingley (10) in the afternoon, with 13 Guild attendees plus one local. The ringing was organised by Robin Grant. Several courses of Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung.

In October the meeting was held at Horley (8) in the afternoon, and the ringing was organised by Robin Grant.

The AGM was postponed from March to October and held via Zoom. 14 members attended, with apologies received from a further 16. A minor but logical change was made to the Rope Fund rules, and a new Rope Fund Trustee, Emma Tamkin, was elected to replace Candy O'Donovan. We are grateful to Candy for her work as a trustee over the previous few years.

The November meeting was held at Buxted (8) in the morning when 7 members attended, augmented by 4 locals. The ringing, organised by Roger Cowsill, comprised Call Changes on 8, Plain Hunt on 5, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Single Oxford Bob Triples, and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

The December meeting was held at Withyham (8), also in the morning, and there were 7 members and 1 local in attendance. Ringing, organised by Roger Cowsill, comprised Rounds & Call Changes on 8, Plain Hunt on 5, Stedman Doubles, and Cambridge Surprise Minor. Everyone partook of coffee, mince pies, and Christmas muffins in between ringing. Many thanks for Roger and Ros Cowsill for the coffee and mince pies, and to Elaine Farrow for the muffins.

In the light of the rapid spread of Omicron, the January 2022 meeting planned for Lingfield (8) was cancelled and deferred until February (instead of the usual informal dinner).

The February meeting at Lingfield (8) was supported by 11 members. The ringing, organised by David Finch, comprised Rounds and Call changes, Plain Bob Doubles, Cambridge Surprise Minor, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, and Plain Bob Major.

I am grateful, as always, to the support of the committee, particularly during these difficult times, and to those Guild members who ran the ringing at meetings in my absence.

Kate Wills

**THE EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Subscriptions received		0.00		280.00
Bank interest received		0.24		1.96
		0.24		281.96
Expenditure				
CC Affiliation fee	40.00		40.00	
Secretarial costs	0.00		10.00	
Website costs	155.99		144.88	
Meeting costs	0.00		35.00	
		195.99		229.88
Net income before dinner contribution		(195.75)		52.08
Dinner contribution		0.00		0.00
Excess/(deficit) of income over expenditure for the year		(£195.75)		£52.08

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

Assets	2021		2020	
	£		£	
Bank accounts	Current	303.02		487.90
	Deposit	2,512.64		2,512.40
Cash in hand		0.00		0.00
Debtors	Subs unpaid at the year end	0.00		15.00
		2,815.66		3,015.30
Liabilities	Sundry creditors	(228.46)		(232.35)
		£2,587.20		£2,782.95
Represented by				
General reserves b/f		2,782.95		2,730.87
Net result for the year		(195.75)		52.08
Reserves c/f		£2,587.20		£2,782.95
Approved by the Committee on			2022 and signed on their behalf by	

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Kate Wills
Chairman

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Mike Bullett FCA
Hon. Treasurer

**THE EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS ROPE FUND
KNOWN AS THE E J OLIVER MEMORIAL FUND**

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

The Fund was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission (England & Wales) in 1980 under registration number 280023 under legislation which is now in the Charities Act 2011

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Registered charity number 280023

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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Principal office of The Fund

Mid Barn, Ashcombe Priory
Chafford Lane
Fordcombe
Tunbridge Wells
Kent
TN3 0SP

Bankers

Barclays Bank PLC
8 Calverley Road
Tunbridge Wells
Kent, TN1 2TB

Statement of the Responsibilities of the Trustees

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report and the Financial Statements of the Trust in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The Charities Act 2011 requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, and of the movement in funds for that period. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 Accounting & Reporting by Charities;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Trust will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Accounting Policies

- (i) Income is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as it arises.
- (ii) Grants are recorded once the Trustees have given a commitment to make one.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The Trust

The Fund was established many years ago and was registered with the Charity Commission in June 1980 and operates under the working name of The E J Oliver Memorial Fund. The Rules of the Fund are set by the members of The East Grinstead & District Guild of Church Bellringers ("The Guild"). Under The Rules the Chairman and the Treasurer of The Guild, who are appointed by the members of the Guild, are ex officio trustees and the members of the Guild also appoint 2 further trustees from among The Guild membership.

Trustees

During the year the Trustees were:

Kate Wills - Chairman
Andrew Brock
Michael Bullett - Treasurer
Emma Tamkin - from 9 October 2021
Candy O'Donovan - until 9 October 2021

On appointment the Chairman instructs the Trustees on the objects of the charity and the way in which it operates.

Charitable status

The Fund is a charity and, although because of its small size is not required to do so, has registered voluntarily with the Charity Commission in England and Wales under number 280023.

Objects of the Trust

The advancement of Christian religion by providing financial assistance mainly, but not entirely, within East and West Sussex, Surrey and Kent, for the purpose of purchasing ropes to enable church bells to be rung in the English tradition.

Public benefit

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit, and have taken it into account in planning the activities of the Trust.

The Trust provides grants in accordance with its objectives. As such the Trustees consider that it fulfils its public benefit requirements.

Activities during the Year

The trustees made one grant of £250 to St. Mary the Virgin Speldhurst to assist the tower with the purchase of new ropes (2020 ENIL).

Future Activity

The Trustees will continue to monitor matters in 2022 and, if appropriate requests are made, will make grants.

Financial results

There was a deficit of £250 (2020 surplus £53). The net assets of the Trust at 31 December 2021 were £1,469 (2020 £1,719).

Connected party transactions and trustee benefits.

There were no connected party transactions and no trustee received any remuneration or other benefits from The Fund.

Reserves policy

All of the funds are held for the general purposes of the Fund. The trustees retain sufficient reserves to make appropriate grants when these are requested.

Risk management

The Trustees have identified the risks to which they consider the Trust is exposed and have taken steps to control and minimise those risks. Systems are in place to monitor these risks, to report on them as appropriate and to take action where necessary to safeguard the Trust.

Independent examination or audit of the accounts

As the Trust has gross income of less than £25,000 a year it is not required to have the Financial Statements either audited or independently examined. The Trustees have decided that it would be appropriate to take advantage of this to save costs.

Signed

Kate Wills - Chairman
2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Income from:				
Incoming resources from donors				
Share of Carol service surplus		0.00		0.00
Other voluntary incoming resources				
Donations from tea money and collections from quarterly meetings	0.00		51.75	
Dinner raffle donation	0.00		0.00	
Investment income		0.00		51.75
Bank interest received		0.16		1.10
Total income		0.16		52.85
Application of funds:				
Grants awarded				
Total applied	250.00		0.00	
Gains and losses on investments				
Realised gains(losses)		0.00		0.00
Net movement in funds surplus/(deficit)		(249.84)		52.85
Balances brought forward at 1 January		1,718.95		1,666.10
Balances carried forward at 31 December		£1,469.11		£1,718.95

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Assets				
Bank accounts				
Current Deposit		62.26		312.26
Cash in hand		1,406.85		1,406.69
		1,469.11		1,718.95
		0.00		0.00
		1,469.11		1,718.95
Liabilities		0.00		0.00
Net assets		£1,469.11		£1,718.95
Funds				
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund		844.11		1,093.95
Legacy Fund		625.00		625.00
		£1,469.11		£1,718.95

Note: The Legacy Fund is unrestricted and undesignated but the Trustees wish to show legacies received as a separate fund to remember the generosity of past donors.

Approved by the Trustees on _____ 2022 and signed on their behalf by _____

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 Kate Wills
 Chairman

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 M L S Bullett FCA
 Hon. Treasurer