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YOUNG RINGERS FOR RINGING 2030

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Why are we doing this?

Get more young people involved in ringing

And keep them ringing!

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What are we doing?

Executive Sponsor
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Workgroup Lead
Andrea Haynes

Young Ringers Hub
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* Projects will be launched in 2026 subject to resources. Scoping and development activities currently underway

University Ringing
Adrian Sweeting
& Tristan Lockheart

Under 18s
*2026**

Ringing networks
*2026**

School lesson plans
Jason Hughes
& Neil Jones

Supported by the following Interns and Martyn Bristow, Technology workgroup lead

Inga Griffiths- Hunt : websites content

Lucas Williams : websites build

Catherine Williams : School lesson plans

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How are we doing it?

- Approach to projects has been re-assessed due to struggling to secure committed volunteers
- Small core team established
- Project remits agreed
- 3 student "Summer Honorariums" appointed to support website build, content creation and school lesson plans
- Roles funded by a bequest aimed at supporting Ringing 2030
- Pace of progress has significantly increased

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Young Ringers Hub

- One stop shop for young ringers from school age to age 30
- Enables young ringers to find somewhere to ring and provide age appropriate information and guidance, wherever they are in their ringing journey
- 4 sub sites – University Ringing, Under 18s, Ringing Networks and Resources for leaders

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Young Ringers Hub

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CONTACT

Our Sites

Under 18s

Over 18s

University Ringing

Leaders

News

Summer Ringing Festival Announced

Join us this July for a weekend of ringing, workshops, and social activities open to all ages.

New Resources for Leaders

We've added fresh materials to support leaders in engaging and training young ringers.

University Ringing Societies Expand

Two new societies have joined the University Ringing network this term — welcome aboard!

University Ringing

- Building on Jacqui Brown's fantastic Universityringing.org
- Survey of societies undertaken in June 25 to find out what works well and what Unis want
- 24 responses from 21 institutions
- See QR code for survey feedback
- Guidance being produced for Uni autumn term based on survey outputs to support unis
- Generic content and Uni Society information being updated
- AbelSim are now supporting the ART Uni recruitment package

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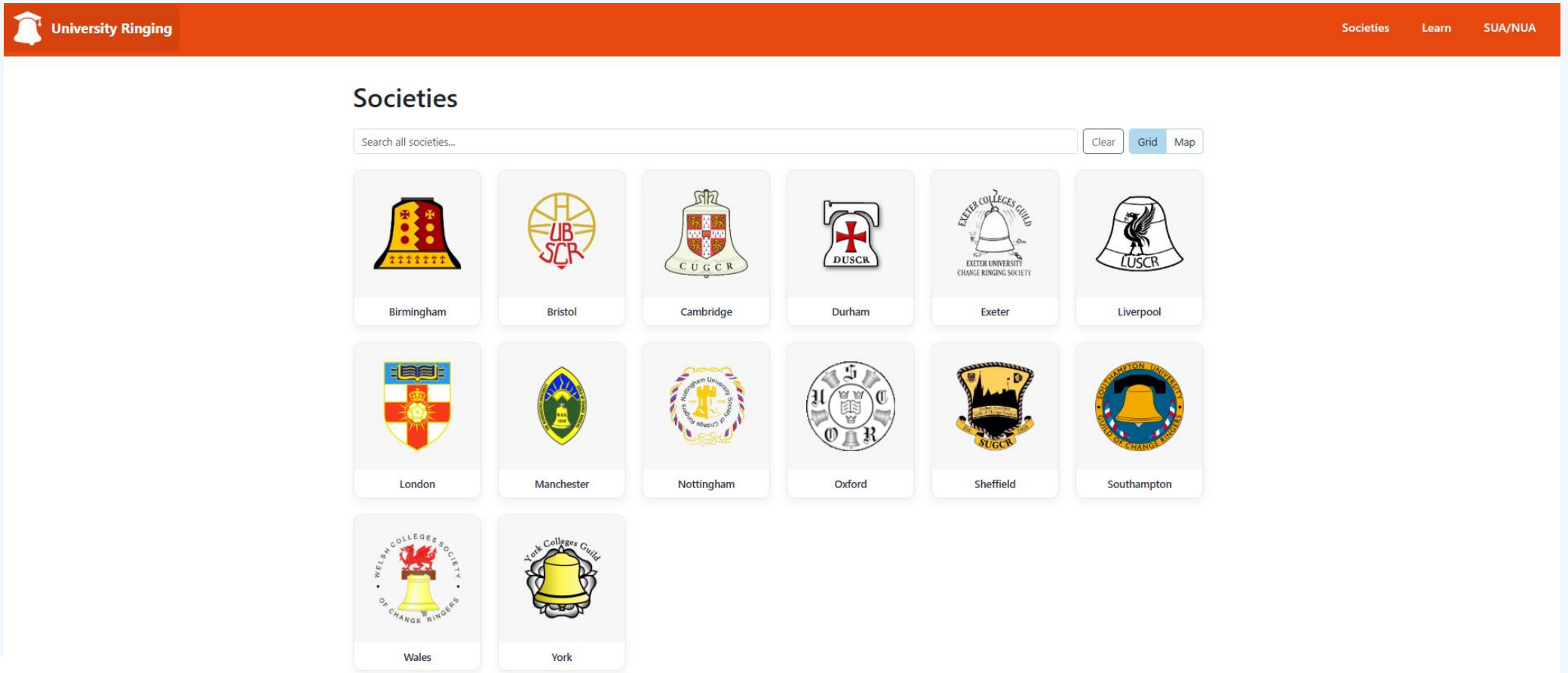
University Ringing – straw man



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University Ringing

CC Youth Ringing Workgroup

University Ringing Society Survey 2025 Results

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Under18s

- Feedback from youth leaders and parents that a website akin to University Ringing would be helpful for under 18s
- It will include information for new and existing ringers and parents / carers
- Profiles of youth teams to be included and maintained
- Working with Derbyshire scouts and ringers to create a blueprint that could be used across all youth groups, including a potential aligned CCBR sponsored ringing badge scheme

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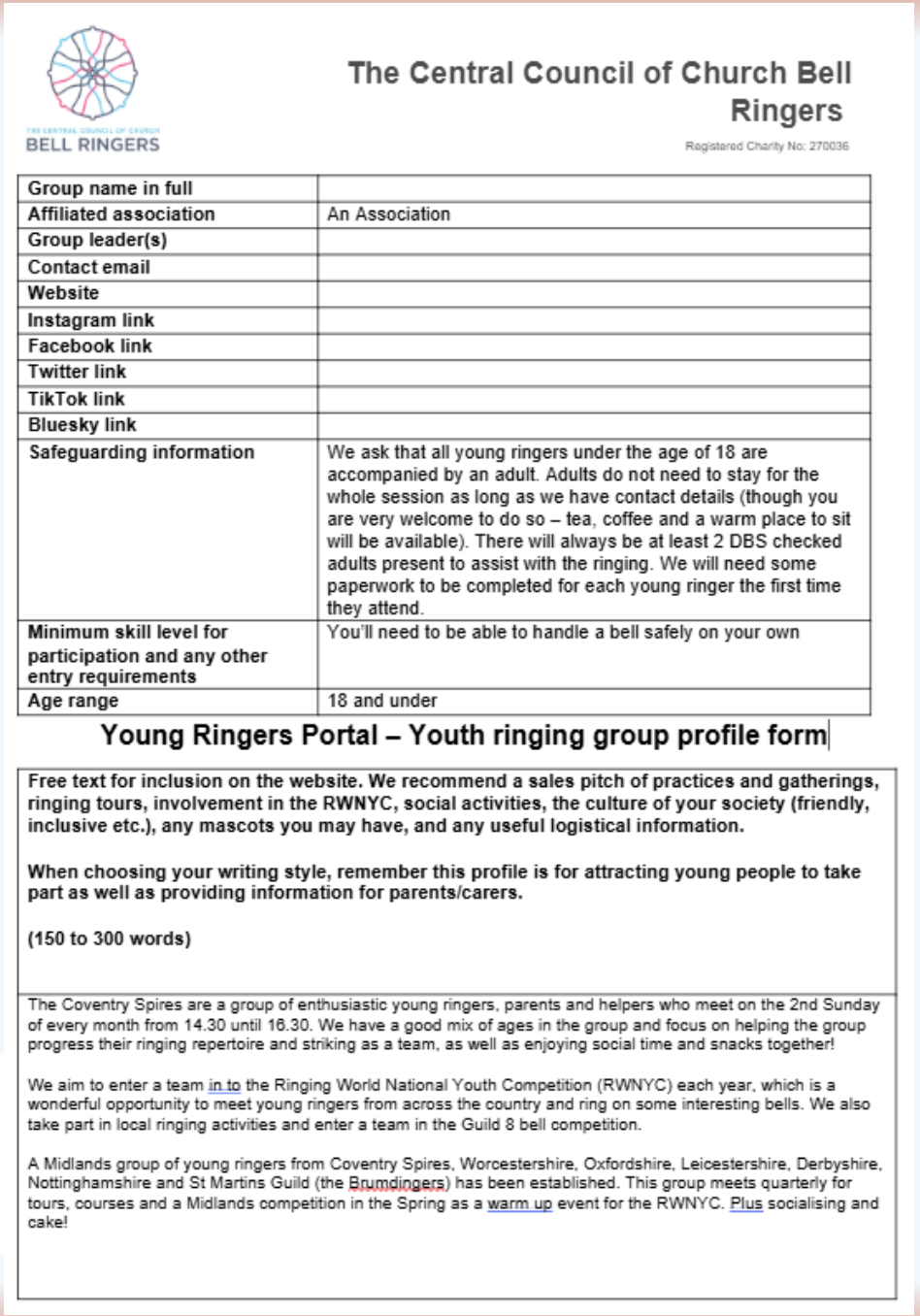
Under 18s

Example input proforma for youth teams



The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

Registered Charity No: 270036

Group name in full	
Affiliated association	An Association
Group leader(s)	
Contact email	
Website	
Instagram link	
Facebook link	
Twitter link	
TikTok link	
Bluesky link	
Safeguarding information	We ask that all young ringers under the age of 18 are accompanied by an adult. Adults do not need to stay for the whole session as long as we have contact details (though you are very welcome to do so – tea, coffee and a warm place to sit will be available). There will always be at least 2 DBS checked adults present to assist with the ringing. We will need some paperwork to be completed for each young ringer the first time they attend.
Minimum skill level for participation and any other entry requirements	You'll need to be able to handle a bell safely on your own
Age range	18 and under

Young Ringers Portal – Youth ringing group profile form

Free text for inclusion on the website. We recommend a sales pitch of practices and gatherings, ringing tours, involvement in the RWNYC, social activities, the culture of your society (friendly, inclusive etc.), any mascots you may have, and any useful logistical information. **When choosing your writing style, remember this profile is for attracting young people to take part as well as providing information for parents/carers.** **(150 to 300 words)**
The Coventry Spires are a group of enthusiastic young ringers, parents and helpers who meet on the 2nd Sunday of every month from 14.30 until 16.30. We have a good mix of ages in the group and focus on helping the group progress their ringing repertoire and striking as a team, as well as enjoying social time and snacks together! We aim to enter a team in to the Ringing World National Youth Competition (RWNYC) each year, which is a wonderful opportunity to meet young ringers from across the country and ring on some interesting bells. We also take part in local ringing activities and enter a team in the Guild 8 bell competition. A Midlands group of young ringers from Coventry Spires, Worcestershire, Oxfordshire, Leicestershire, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and St Martins Guild (the Brumdingers) has been established. This group meets quarterly for tours, courses and a Midlands competition in the Spring as a warm up event for the RWNYC. Plus socialising and cake!

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School lesson plans

- PR tool to raise awareness of ringing in schools, by aligning ringing to the national curriculum across all subject areas
- Primary plans have been drafted and require work to review, trial, finalise, market and roll out
- Gap analysis and curriculum cross check underway
- Currently running the Science plan through the development process
- Seeking primary / science teachers to review the content and trial the plan
- PowerPoint teaching resources being designed, aimed at being delivered by non ringing teachers

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School lesson plans

How Are Bells Made?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RW2Vwq6qco0&t=6s/

- Which metals are used to make bell metal?
- What properties do metals have?
- Why do you think metal is used for making bells?

Science

DING DONG!

Investigating Bell Metals and Forces

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Ringing networks

- Objective is to close the gaps between the various youth ringing organisations and create clear pathways for young ringers, wherever they are
- Positive response to consultation on indicative ringing networks proposal in the spring
- Regional structure to be created, which includes all young ringers up to age 30 with supporting comms networks
- The Young Ringers Hub will provide the information and guidance to support this
- *Project to be launched in 2026; support will be needed*

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Resources for leaders

- Including:
  - Case studies
  - Tower visit guidance, taster sessions and pathways into towers / teaching hubs
  - Links to useful information elsewhere e.g. Safeguarding, Mobile Belfries Trust
  - Summer schools, after school clubs
  - Event playbooks
  - Belfy upkeep and projects
  - How to start / run a youth team

What do you want to see?

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Plans for the rest of 2025

- Updating of university society information
- Launch University Ringing, followed by the Young Ringers Hub
- Customised branding to be applied to websites and school lesson plans
- Trialling of Primary Science lesson plan in schools and completion of remaining plans
- Creation of blueprint for school lesson plan roll out and marketing strategy – *help needed!*
- Create resources for leaders
- Content collaboration with the Ringing World

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Plans for 2026

- Continuous improvement of the Young Ringers Hub
- Prioritised incremental roll out of Primary school lessons plans with supporting marketing strategy
- Explore viability of Secondary lesson plans
- Development of Derbyshire scouting national blueprint for youth groups and supporting CCCBR sponsored badge scheme
- Create ringing networks to support and sustain youth ringing
- Seek funding for our plans via the Heritage Lottery Fund bid
- Further collaboration with the Ringing World
- Set up teams to own and maintain the resources

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What do you want?

We want to provide the best possible resources to support young ringers

Please can you speak to your Guilds, especially young ringers, their leaders and parents / carers and let me know what you would like to see

Thank you

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Andrea Haynes – workgroup lead

Volunteers are key to the success of this workgroup. Please contact me if you would like to help us with our very important work

Thank you

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