CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 January 2025 To 31 December 2025

Charity name: Bells4TheWesternFront

Charity registration number: 1165567

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote good citizenship amongst the public and to advance public education by: a) installing, maintaining and improving church bells and bell installations on the Western Front, and, if necessary, maintaining any tower and belfry, so that bells can be rung to enhance or create important memorials to fallen members of the armed forces; b) installing and maintaining audio and visual aids to educate in the role of bells and bellringing; and c) otherwise commemorating those who served in the armed forces in WW1 and who died on the Western Front, including grants to registered charities established with charitable purposes similar to our own.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	As above
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.	Para 1.18	Confirmed – the aims of promoting good citizenship amongst the public and advancing public education have regard to that guidance.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Our current grant making policy relates solely to St George's Memorial Church in Ypres. We have granted to the church all bells and fittings and associated equipment and installations that are fixed in situ in the church. This grant largely took place on completion of the installation in 2017, although residual work continued into 2018. Items of a moveable nature that are placed in the church for use by ringers, church members and visitors will generally remain in the ownership of the charity and this will be clearly indicated. Exceptions to this policy to be approved case by case by the Trustees. No grants were made in 2025. Volunteers: Bellringing is generally a voluntary activity. We advise, and where possible support, the St George's Memorial Church in its activities to attract and train volunteers to become bell ringers at the church in order to form and nurture a local band of ringers as part of the church community.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Charity is indebted to its trustees and the many committed volunteers who are involved in our activities. This includes the bell ringers at St George Memorial Church at Ypres for their part in delivering our public benefit objectives.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Completion of Ypres project with the bells being dedicated on 22nd October 2017 and significant progress with the training and development of a local band and working with the Church and local community in the context of our objectives. In 2022 this included discussions to address local concerns about the effectiveness of the overall soundproofing of the tower when the shutters are closed for general ringing (which includes practice sessions and visiting bands). This was addressed in 2023 as noted above. In addition, a stunning and beautiful Memorial window for Rifleman Bertram Prewett has been completed by its maker, Eleanor Carr from near York, and has been installed in the centre window on the East side of the tower within a group of three windows.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	We are not currently actively fundraising.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity has bank balances totalling £42,635 and its only financial commitments relate to the remaining cost of around £10,000 for completing the illuminated, hand written memorial book noted above.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The Trustees do not hold reserves because the charity does not employ staff or have any other operational commitments.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Our donors tend to be relatives of the Fallen, or Schools and other organisations connected to them, who wish to establish a long-lasting remembrance. Donors also include bellringers from around the world who support our charitable objectives.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	In Ypres we work closely with the Chaplain and church authorities at St George's Memorial Church and the ongoing achievement of our objectives is dependent on their support, and that of the local band of volunteer bellringers. As for future projects, the charity continues to rely on the talent and expertise of our trustees, in particular the drive and enthusiasm of Alan Regin without whom the charity and its projects would not exist.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	By collective decision of the current trustees.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	We work closely with the Chaplain and Church Council of St George's Church, Ypres in several ways. The use of the bells for their charitable purpose depends on having visiting ringers and a local band of ringers. We have agreement with the Council relating to ongoing access to, and use of, the bells at all reasonable times together with facilitating the training of new ringers and fostering its success (involving promotion in church publications, notices, the church website and in relevant meetings). We also have agreement in relation to the showing of recorded audio/video content in the church and some practical aspects of this. The main part of this is structured educational material on the history of bells and change ringing and the practical aspects of how bells are rung. Multiple languages can be involved. The required arrangements for tower trips for visitors have also been discussed and agreed in principle, although insurance and health and safety considerations apply. The Council remains enthusiastic about the bells and we are satisfied with the undertakings given by them.

Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Bells4TheWesternFront
Other name the charity uses	Formerly Bells4StGeorgeYpres
Registered charity number	1165567
Charity's principal address	39 Maud Road London E13 0JT

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Alan Regin			
2	David R Smith			
3	Ian G Campbell			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Exemptions from disclosure

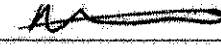
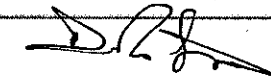
Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Alan Regin	David Richard Smith
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee
Date	31 October 2026	

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Bells4TheWesternFront	No (If any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01-Jan-25	To	31-Dec-25

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	-	-	-	-	14,000
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Bank interest	85	-	-	85	77
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	85	-	-	85	14,077
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	85	-	-	85	14,077
A3 Payments					
Bank charges	60	-	-	60	61
Travel and accomodation	-	-	-	-	-
Surveyor costs for potential project	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	-	-	-	-	4,752
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	60	-	-	60	4,813
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	60	-	-	60	4,813
Net of receipts/(payments)	25	-	-	25	9,264
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	42,610	-	-	42,610	33,320
Cash funds this year end	42,635	-	-	42,635	42,584

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

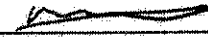
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	CAF Bank	42,636	-	-
	Santander	-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	42,636	-	-

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Handbells	Unrestricted	3,060	-
	Memorial Book	Unrestricted	844	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		DAVID RICHARD SMITH	31-Oct-26
		ALAN REGIN	31-Oct-26