



# Surrey Association Ringing Recovery Plan

# Activities during Lockdown



- Surrey Association
  - Activities:
    - Christmas Party
    - Open RRs at ADMs, Surprise Major RRs
    - Information – Website, links to CCCBR/ART, Emails, how to RR
  - Ringing Recovery Committee
    - Tower Survey
    - Ringing Recovery Plan
- CCCBR & ART: Survival and Recovery
  - Toolbox
  - Recovery Champions (Paul / Noel)

# Survey - Summary

- 61 towers responses (out of 71)
  - Appreciated being contacted
  - 31 towers were ringing during restrictions when permitted
  - 26 having virtual meetings
  - 19 having RingingRoom practices (beneficial / new ringers)
  - Information and advice being provided is good
  - **Keen to get back**
- Concerns
  - Loss of ringers / tower leaders / lack of ringers
  - Out of practice / Loss of ringing confidence
  - Loss of confidence to be around others
  - Recruitment and Training
  - Tower maintenance
  - Towers as risk of stopping ringing

# Recovery Plan

Need input and action by All:

- CCCBR & ART Initiatives
  - Survival and Recovery Toolkit
  - National recruitment campaign
  - Recovery Champions
- Association with Districts and Training Committee
  - Coordinated by the Recovery committee
  - Allocated a budget of £10,000 + a generous donation
- Towers and Individuals
  - All levels of experience

# Tower Maintenance

All towers need to ensure bells are safe and in good working order

- Maintenance inspections by professionals
  - Grants for inspections (75%)
  - 16 towers taken up offer
- All towers encouraged to undertake maintenance inspections
  - Assistance from other steeplekeepers / experienced ringers

# Loss of Confidence / Out of Practice



All towers need to ensure bells are safe and in good working order

- Towers
  - Own basic handling and ringing practices (Rule of 6 – from 17<sup>th</sup> May)
  - Request assistance of other experienced ringers
- Districts / Training Committee
  - Open (need to book) basic handling and ringing practices (from 21<sup>st</sup> June), various appropriate towers
  - Plan of ringing and training events (from late July / August)
    - Open practices, focused practices, training sessions, drop-in sessions, combine with RR sessions
    - Handling
    - Basic methods
    - Training refresher courses
    - Outings – Ringing / Social
    - Quarter Peal day / week

# Recruitment

- CCCBR – national recruitment campaign (needs to be timely)
- CCCBR / ART Toolkit – ideas for recruitment
- Recruitment Banners:
  - Grant to towers to obtain their own banners (£30 / tower)
  - Provide design examples
- Lapsed ringers

# Support for Towers

- Follow on Survey – Needs
- Towers encouraged to:
  - ask for help
  - join forces with another tower where needed (practices, services, training, maintenance, social...)
  - Tower clusters
- Volunteer experienced ringers:
  - to support other towers practices / training / development
- All ringers to be encouraged to:
  - Adopt a tower (regular visitor to another tower) – practices / services ringing
  - Take someone with you
- Enhanced support for towers at risk of stopping ringing



## Other....

- All events to follow government, church and CCCBR guidelines
- Support with risk assessments
- Communication
  - Individual initiatives each communicated at appropriate time
  - Information, Advice, Ideas, Encouragement, Organising
  - Use of Member Mojo emails – different groups ('Notices', 'Tower contacts',...)
  - Website
  - Facebook
  - CCCBR & ART websites - Use existing information / tools
  - Newsletter



# Questions and Discussion