



Truro Diocese Guild of Ringers & Cornwall
Scout Association Bell Ringing Badge



Dear Leaders

Over the past 12 months a unique Bell Ringing Badge has been developed and trialled between the Truro Diocese Guild of Ringers and St Mabyn Scout Group in North Cornwall and has been authorised as an official Cornish activity badge by the County Commissioner for Scouting in Cornwall.

The bell ringing badge is for Cub Scouts, Scouts and Explorer Scouts, the badge requirements are on page 2. Once achieved the colourful Cornish badge can be proudly worn permanently on the left arm of the uniform sleeve as a permanent activity badge.

The badge requirements can be undertaken at most church bell towers, on hand bells or with prior arrangement at Bradoc Church where they have a specially designed tower bell mini ring which is perfect for learning, they also have a very clever dumbbell with computer simulator. The badge could be undertaken by a single young person that may already bell ring or can be done by the whole section (maximum group sizes will vary depending where the activity is undertaken).

It is a great opportunity to engage with your local churches and maybe even do some activities there too; such as learning about the church, faith, doing brass rubbings or maybe even helping to do some community work such as assisting to maintain the building, grounds or church yard.

By undertaking the bell ringing badge and depending on how you choose to engage with your church the activity could also go towards the Our Skills, World or Teamwork Challenge badges.

So what's next.... If you're interested in taking part in this unique Cornish badge you will need to;

1. Register with Robert Pearce – the guild education officer by email at; pearceandpearce@btinternet.com, stating your group name, section, numbers wishing to partake and where you would like to undertake the badge – Robert may be able to help with advice on this.
2. Ensure each young person taking part completes and gets signed off the badge achievement record on page 3 below (it's important not to lose this record).
3. Once the badge requirements are completed Leaders will need to fill out the badge request form on page 4 and post it along with an SAE and all completed badge achievement record forms to Robert Pearce to obtain the badges.

Not only is this a great looking badge but it's fab for fitness, teamwork, co-ordination and its great fun too! The 30 members that have already completed this badge absolutely loved doing it! So what are you waiting for sign up now!

Yours in Scouting

Ann Jameson -ADC Active Support – North Cornwall District. (Any Scout related queries in relation to this badge please get in touch with me at Stmabynscoutgroup@aol.co.uk)



**Truro Diocese Guild of Ringers & Cornwall Scout
Association Bell Ringing Badge Requirements**



This badge can be earned by Cub Scouts, Scouts or Explorer Scouts by choosing from options 1, 2, 3 or 4 below and then completing all tasks under your chosen option.

1) Option One Tower Bells

- a. Name the parts of a church bell
- b. Understand how a church bell works
- c. Understand the safety of a bell and how to test if it is up or down
- d. Learn to ring the bell (aided) on and off the stay.
- e. Learn to set the bell (aided)
- f. Attend ringing practice for 6 weeks.

2) Option Two Mini Ring Bells *(pictured opposite)*

- a. Name the parts of a church bell
- b. Understand how a church bell works
- c. Understand the safety of a bell
- d. Learn to ring the bell unaided.
- e. Learn to ring rounds
- f. Learn to call 6 bells into queens.
- g. Attend ringing practice for 6 weeks.



3) Option Three Dumbbell *(available at Bradoc Church)*

- a. Name the parts of a church bell
- b. Understand how a church bell works
- c. Understand the safety of a dumbbell and how to ring the bell up or down
- d. Learn to ring the dumbbell unaided.
- e. Learn to ring rounds with tower bells or simulator
- f. Learn to call 6 bells into queens.
- g. Attend ringing practice for 6 weeks

4) Option Four Hand Bells, Bell plates or Chimes

- a. Name the parts of the instruments
- b. Understand how they work and how you play them
- c. Understand how to take care of the bell plate or chimes and why gloves are worn.
- d. Learn to ring the bells, plate or chimes in rounds and call changes.
- e. Learn to play a simple tune either with hand bell notation or with sheet music.
- f. Learn to call 6 bells into queens.
- g. Attend ringing practice for 6 weeks

In order to undertake this badge please register with Robert Pearce the Guild Education Officer by email at; pearceandpearce@btinternet.com

The badge can be undertaken by an individual or whole section at any church or by prior arrangement using the Mini ring, simulator or dumbbell at Bradoc Church.



TDGR & Cornwall Scout Association Bell Ringing Badge Participant Record of Badge Achievement



Keep this record in a safe place as this will need to be submitted to gain your badge.

Participants Name:

Section: Cubs/Scouts/Explorers *(delete as appropriate)*

Scout Group Name:

District:

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Please Tick the option completed

Option One	Tower Bells	<input type="checkbox"/>
Option Two	Mini Ring Bells	<input type="checkbox"/>
Option Three	Dumbbells	<input type="checkbox"/>
Option Four	Handbell/Plate/Chime	<input type="checkbox"/>

Name of Church attended :

Captain of the Tower:

Bell Ringing Badge Record of Achievement

Task	Date Completed	Signed by tutor/instructor
Name the parts of a church bell, mini ring dumbbell or Hand Bell, bell plates or hand chimes.		
Understand how a church bell or hand bells etc work		
Understand the safety of a bell and how to test if it is up or down (for those undertaking options 1+3 above) or how to take care of it (for option 4)		
Learn to ring the tower bell/dumbbell (with help if needed), or learn to ring the mini ring, hand bells, bell plates or chimes unaided.		
Learn to set the bell (option 1 and 3 with assistance)		
Learn to ring rounds (assistance may be required on tower bells)		
Play a simple tune (hand bells only)		
Learn to call 6 bells into queens		
Attend Ringing Practice for six weeks		
Bell Ringing Week One		
Bell Ringing Week Two		
Bell Ringing Week Three		
Bell Ringing Week Four		
Bell Ringing Week Five		
Bell Ringing Week Six		

Please give this completed form back to your section leader so they can apply for your badge



**Truro Diocese Guild of Ringers & Cornwall
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Leaders Badge Request Form**



Section: Cubs/Scouts/Explorers (*delete as appropriate*)

Scout Group Name:

District:

Name of Leader applying for badges:

Leader contact telephone number:

Quantity of badges being applied for _____ the badges are being sponsored by TDGR and are at no cost to Scout groups therefore *please ensure a completed record of the participant achievement form is enclosed for each young person that a badge is being requested for* and also enclose a stamped addressed envelope for the return of the badges to the relevant section leader.

Please post all badge request forms with completed achievement records & SAE to:

Robert Pearce
Guild Education Officer
24 Western Avenue
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