

GUIDANCE NOTES

TOWER GROUPS

These notes are issued as guidance on the formation and running of Tower Groups or Clusters.

It was agreed at the 2014 AGM to recognise and encourage the formation of Tower Groups to help in the bringing together ringers from Towers with small / incomplete bands for the purpose of practices, training and ringing for services. It is intended that every ringer in Lincolnshire should be given the opportunity and encouraged to join a group and have access to the benefits including participation in Guild Events e.g. Striking Competitions.

It is recognised that many groups already exist and it is planned to build on their success by extending their area of inclusion and by adding new groups.

Branch Committees will help determine the tower groups and invite towers / ringers to join whilst recognising the existing groups and the convenient geographical location. A register of the groups should be maintained.

Guide Lines

1. A tower group may be any number of individuals and towers but should aim at being a natural grouping. A mixture of larger and smaller towers with a good cross section of learners and experienced ringers forming a group size that will help create opportunity for all the ringers to participate regularly.
2. The group should be geographically close with individual towers having the final say about which group they wish to belong. A group may cross Branch boundaries.
3. The tower groups should decide themselves on the degree of formal organisation that each requires including how teams for striking competitions are selected for Guild Events.
4. All towers and members should be encouraged to join a group.