**ART AWARDS 2024**

**APPLICATION FORM: NEW BAND/CLUSTER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**Section 1** is common to all awards; please try to complete your answers on one page.

**Section 2** is award specific. Please limit the **key information** in this section to no more than two pages of A4 (font 10). Please note, you can also send additional supporting information, such as links to short video clips (maximum 3 minutes), photos or links to websites (eg, Bellboard) where helpful.

**Section 1: Standard information for all awards**

**Please provide brief background details of the band/cluster on whose behalf you are applying. The purpose of this section is to provide some background context for the judges. Please fill in the boxes below each question.**

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| The name of the *specific* band/cluster that you are nominating. |
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| The location – where does this activity take place? |
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| Give a brief description of the activity. (Max 30 words) |
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| How long has the activity been going on or been in development?  |
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| How many people are involved and how has this varied over time? |
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| Please can you give an idea of the range of ages of those involved? |
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| If relevant, how frequent is the activity?  |
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**Section 2: Award specific information**

**You might want to consider some/all of the following questions in your response providing supporting evidence where appropriate. Answers should be completed in the box below.**

1. Ideas for recruitment and the success rate.
2. Rates of retention.
3. What has been achieved and how long has it taken to get to this stage?
4. What are the key factors which have led to success?
5. Have any barriers been overcome and how was this done?
6. Have you effectively used social media and/or technology?
7. Has the group linked into the wider ringing community?
8. Do the activities of the group promote ringing to the wider local community (e.g. through participation in local or school events)?
9. Do you have an evaluation process and can you share any ‘lessons learned’?

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| Please explain why you would like the nominee to be considered for this award, and the specific qualities and achievements that make the nominee suitable for The New Band/Cluster of the Year Award. Please make clear what specific achievements have been made in 2023. Suggested word count 500-700 words. |
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**Acknowledgements**

**Please note: this page forms part of your application but not part of our request to try to keep key information within approximately 2 pages of A4.**

I agree to the following conditions in connection with this application:

* I agree to accept the Judges’ decision as final and binding.
* I confirm that the content of this submission is accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.
* I agree to co-operate with all reasonable requests from ART to use the basis of this submission for media/publicity purposes in the context of the wider charitable use of promoting and fostering best practice in bell ringing and ringing training.

**Name and contact details**

**Signature………………………………………………………………………………………………………………**

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