

University Ringing



Association of Ringing Teachers

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1. University Packages

The Association of Ringing Teachers (ART) is a registered charity which aims to promote good ringing practice and standardise the process of teaching bell ringing. For a University Society looking to recruit, its support can be massively beneficial – and where better to start than their University Recruitment Packages?

1.1 What they offer

- **Vouchers for M1/2 day courses** – details of these can be found below. The vouchers allow members of your society to attend for *free!*
- **Shop vouchers** – to be used on the [online shop for teaching resources](#).
- **Expense reimbursement** – money towards mini rings or promotional recruitment materials, such as leaflets or banners.

1.2 How to apply

Details about the application process are emailed to all university societies and published on the ART social media in late May/early June. This will include a short form to fill in with details about what sort of support your society would benefit from. Applications close in the summer shortly after, so apply quickly to ensure you don't miss the deadline!



TIP

Make sure the contact details for your society are up to date on the [University Ringing website](#) so that you receive all the necessary information! If you have any questions or are concerned that you haven't received the form, send a message to ART directly through their website: <https://bellringing.org/contact-us/>.

1.3 After applying

Information about what the ART recruitment package can offer your society will be sent to you via email shortly after the closure of the application process.

1.4 Recruitment Report

After receiving your ART Recruitment Package, you'll need to put together a report explaining how your society used and benefited from the package, with photos. This will be due in the Autumn term, so document your recruitment activities as you go to make it as easy as possible to put together!

2. Day courses

ART offer a selection of day courses, which train you to teach others to ring. A list of the available events can be found at <https://events.bellringing.org/en/events>.

2.1 Day courses on offer

- **Module 1, Bell Handling** – this provides you with the skills and techniques necessary to take a ringer from their first lesson to having competent bell control. This course is suitable for anyone who can themselves demonstrate confident and competent bell control.
- **Module 2F, Foundation Skills** – this course shows new and experienced teachers how to support their students and develop the necessary foundation skills for good ringing and then move forward to ringing changes. This course is suitable for anyone who can ring plain hunt or above.
- **Module 2C, Change Ringing** – this is similar to Module 2F, though with a greater focus on hunting, methods and change ringing. It is suitable for ringers who have rung a quarter peal of Bob Minor or above.

2.2 Accreditation

Following completion of your day course, you will have the opportunity to become an accredited bell ringing teacher. This involves completing a multiple-choice theory test and then putting your skills into practice by teaching as much as possible. Your mentor should log which skills you have taught, before then arranging an assessed lesson with an ART assessor. Once accredited, you will become eligible for ART membership. More information about the benefits and details of accreditation can be found [here](#).

2.3 Arranging a day course

If there are no convenient day courses available for members of your society, or if lots of members of your society are interested in attending one, you can arrange to host one yourself. Send an email to events@bellringing.org to find out more about how to do this.

3. Learning the Ropes

ART offer a variety of resources for ringing teachers and learners alike, many of which are based around the Learning the Ropes scheme. More information about other resources can be found at <https://bellringing.org/>.

3.1 What is it

The Learning the Ropes scheme provides a series of levels and goals for ringers to work through. It can be very useful for knowing what to teach your ringers next and to allow them to assess their own ringing progress.

3.2 SmART Ringer

This website allows you to register your ringers online and track their progress on the scheme by registering them for the completion of milestones. It can be accessed at smartringer.org. Your ringers can receive certificates to print off upon the completion of each level.

3.3 Masterclass

Once your ringers have passed the Learning the Ropes level 5 grade, they are invited to a day-long masterclass session to improve their ringing further and provide next steps.

4. The ART Awards

Every year, ART host an awards scheme to recognise both people and groups of ringers who have displayed particular dedication to good practice in the teaching and development of ringing. Previous ART Awards and winners can be found [here](#) – in 2026 there were seven categories of award, with the winners each receiving a financial prize.

4.1 How to apply

The awards are based on the calendar year, so applications will typically open around November and close by the end of the year. The application process involves filling in forms that detail your activities across the year – the more detail you can provide, the better!



TIP

Try to keep a log of all your society's accomplishments and activities as you go through the year to make the application process easier! Photos, statistics and writeups will all be massively helpful when making your application.

4.2 What to apply for

You can apply on behalf of your society for any of the awards relating to a group, or otherwise nominate individuals within your society. The Sarah Beacham Youth Award is particularly relevant for university societies, but many of your society's achievements will be relevant to several of the awards.

4.3 Winning Examples

- [DUSCR, 2026 winner of the Sarah Beacham Youth Award](#)
- [BUSCR, 2026 joint-winner of the Band or Cluster of the Year Award](#)
- [BUSCR, 2025 winner of the Sarah Beacham Youth Award](#)

Conclusion

ART can help your society out hugely with recruitment and teaching. This is especially true of the university recruitment package, but beyond that they offer a wealth of resources and day courses to support all ringing groups. If you have any questions, feel free to [get in contact](#) with them directly, as they are receptive to offering support wherever possible!

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