

Handbell Ringers of Great Britain

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Dear Handbell Leader

WHMF *Crescendo* Scheme

We are writing to tell you about an exciting new development for helping to teach young people to ring handbells, handchimes or Belleplates.

The *Crescendo* scheme has been in existence for over 10 years now and has become an accepted and popular way of keeping young ringers interested in improving their style and knowledge.

Now, however, we have made access to the *Crescendo* scheme even easier – and it is FREE.

You can download extra copies of the attached leaflet from the HRGB web site together with the progress sheets on which each ringer can keep track of their progress. If you'd rather use your own method of keeping track (e.g. a wall chart for a junior group of ringers) then please do so.

Simply email us when your young ringers have achieved the necessary number of targets (there is also a Leaders or Teachers guide to help with this) and we will email you a personalised certificate for each ringer.

If a lapel badge and Presentation Certificate are required, these can be ordered through the HRGB online 'shop' for a small sum.

We hope you'll consider using the scheme and we look forward to sending you the first certificate!

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THE 'CRESCENDO' SCHEME

'Crescendo' is a staged programme to encourage you to develop your handbell ringing skills which will, we hope, generate enthusiasm for all the aspects involved.

Who is it for?

It's meant for new, young ringers – although existing ringers are very welcome to join in too.

We've even had some adults doing the scheme too and they are most welcome.

Why is it called the 'Crescendo' Scheme?

We had to call it something! It seemed to be like some music, starting softly, building up to a big finish, so 'Crescendo' it is.

Do I have to be a member of HRGB?

No. We hope that you will want to be in due course, but it's not necessary at the start.

How does it work?

We have identified 70 different aspects of handbell ringing which can be achieved. Some targets are easy, some are hard. Work through them at your own pace, in any order.

Who checks to see if I've achieved each one?

Your teacher or team leader. There are notes on the website for him or her, describing the standards required. We will ask him or her to let us know as you complete each stage.

What do I get?

You get recognition all the way through. There are 4 certificates to be achieved – for 10, 20, 40 and 60 targets achieved.

Do I have to do anything else?

Well, it's probably a good idea to tell your teacher or team leader in advance - after all, he or she will have to check things off as you progress.

Also, if there are several junior ringers in your team, they might want to be involved in planning everyone's progress.

How do I start?

Just go to www.hrgb.org.uk and look for 'Crescendo'. From there you can download two record sheets on which you mark the targets off as you achieve them.

I've been ringing for several years - would I have to start at the 10 target level?

No. If you're an experienced ringer, some of the 'easy' stages won't be appropriate for you. Just go through the sheet with your teacher or team leader and mark off those in which you both agree that you are proficient.

That will set the level you are on; if you want the certificates for those you have already passed, ask your leader to send us an email as below – and start working for the next one!

How do I get the Certificates?

Ask your teacher or team leader to send an email to us at sales@hrgb.org.uk including your name as it should appear on the

certificate and the level you have achieved (i.e. *pp*, *mp*, *mf* or *ff*) and we will email your certificate to him or her.

Are there any badges?

Yes, there is a lapel badge to go with each stage - together with a presentation certificate. If you would like the badges and presentation certificates, order them from our online 'shop' - they cost £2.50 for each stage (including postage).

How much does the 'Crescendo' Scheme cost?

Everything is **free of charge** (unless you want the lapel badges and presentation certificates)

Contact us at:

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*HRGB: to advance, provide and encourage
for the public benefit the art of handbell tune
ringing in all its forms*

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This Certificate was awarded to:

pp
A Ringer

*who has reached the pp standard
described in the HRGB/WHMF
'Crescendo' Scheme*

*Alan Hartley – Patron, WIMF
Tim Willetts – Chairman HRGB
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Stage 1 completed?

- a *pp* certificate like the one above can be ordered by your leader and delivered by email

The four lapel badges can be ordered from our online 'shop':

pp for 10 targets

mp for 20 targets

mf for 40 targets

ff for 60 targets

