

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers

Notes for Application for a Grant from the Belfry Repair Fund

In order to apply for a Grant from the Fund, please complete the Application Form attached. There are no right or wrong answers and there is no "points marking" system, but the clearer a picture you can give, the easier the Management Committee will find it to arrive at a decision. The Form is a Word document and we would like you to complete it and submit it electronically. Every member of the Committee will then receive a complete copy of your application in advance of their Meeting.

The Management Committee are the Trustees of the Charity and they administer the Fund. They have the responsibility of ensuring that Grants are awarded wisely. The income of the Fund comes from many sources, including donations, legacies and affiliation fees, but the bulk of the income comes from payments made annually by the ringers of the two Dioceses.

The Committee meets twice a year - in February or March and September - and it will help if you can submit your application at least a month before a meeting.

You are welcome to telephone the Grants Coordinator, Malcolm Taylor - 01684 298995 - or the Association Secretary, Steve Coleman - 01452 831197 - at any time for further information, but the following notes may help.

1. Grants are available for work on the bells and fittings of affiliated towers.
2. Applications where efforts will be made to reduce costs (for example, by providing local labour and materials) will be looked on favourably.
3. The Association will normally arrange for a Belfry Advisor to inspect the tower and bells.
4. More generous grants are likely to be given for augmentations to six rather than to augmentations to higher numbers.
5. Safety is of paramount importance and consideration will be given to this when allocating grants.
6. The grant will normally be paid after completion of the work and inspection by an Association Belfry Advisor has taken place. No grant will be paid unless a faculty has been granted.
7. The Association Rules concerning Grants are:

Rule 18 Tower Affiliation

A Tower shall be affiliated to the Association on payment of an annual sum to be determined by the Annual General Meeting on the recommendation of the

Management Committee; affiliation will entitle the tower to benefit from Association funds towards repairs and instruction as defined in Rule 20.

Rule 20 Belfry Repair Fund

i. The Belfry Repair Fund shall exist to provide grants towards repairs, renovations (excluding ropes), or augmentations of existing rings of bells, installation of new rings and similar purposes, and to provide for instruction.

ii. The Fund shall be supported by donations and affiliation fees and a proportion of the Ringing Members' subscriptions to be determined by the Annual general Meeting, after consideration of a recommendation to be made annually by the Management Committee.

iii. The Fund shall be administered, and grants made there from, by the Management Committee.

And lastly, could we remind you that we can supply impartial advice on all aspects of your bells and fittings through our Belfry Advisers.

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