

**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS**

LUTON DISTRICT

BELFRY REPAIR FUND RULES

1. The Fund shall be known as the 'Luton District Belfry Repair Fund'.
2. The object of the Fund shall be the promotion of Christianity through the provision of financial assistance to churches in the Association's Luton District for the purposes of maintaining and improving their bell installations. Such maintenance and improvement shall be deemed to include the following:
 - (a) removing an existing ring of bells, supplying and fitting a new frame and fittings, re-casting and re-hanging bells;
 - (b) removing, overhauling and re-clapping existing bells, supplying and fitting a new frame and fittings and re-hanging bells;
 - (c) removing existing bells, overhauling existing frame and fittings, re-casting or quarter-turning, reclapping and re-hanging bells;
 - (d) augmenting and bringing existing bells, frame and fittings into a proper state of repair;
 - (e) other major repairs to towers, frames, fittings and bells;
 - (f) providing and fitting frames, bells and fittings in towers which previously had none.
3. The Fund shall be administered by the Luton District Committee comprising the Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer of the Luton District Belfry Repair Fund, the District Ringing Masters and such number of committee members as may be elected by the Annual District Meeting from time to time. The Committee shall consider applications for financial assistance and any grant recommended shall be subject to ratification by simple majority of members present and qualified to vote at the next business meeting of the District.
4. Grants shall be valid for a maximum period of five years from the date of ratification. Re-applications will be permitted subject to the requirements set out in Rule 3.
5. Before payment of a grant is made the Committee shall be satisfied that the necessary approval from the P.C.C. and the Diocese has been obtained, and the work has been carried out. Payment shall be made to either the P.C.C. or to some other appropriate fund as nominated by the P.C.C.
6. The Chairman and Secretary of the Luton District and the Treasurer of the Fund shall be Trustees of the Fund and cheque signatories. Cheques drawn on the Fund's account shall be signed by any two of the signatories. The Trustees shall invest or otherwise deal with such sums as may accrue to the Fund from time to time in such a way as the District Committee may direct.
7. In the event of the Fund's dissolution its accrued assets shall be transferred to the Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers Central Bell Restoration Fund for the sole purpose of bell maintenance and restoration.
8. The Treasurer of the Fund shall prepare a balance sheet as at 31st December each year and an income and expenditure account for the year ended on that date, each of which shall be audited by an auditor appointed by the Annual District Meeting and presented to the Annual District Meeting first held after 31st December of the year to which the accounts relate.

9. No alteration to or deletion from these Rules shall be made which affects the legal charitable status of the Fund and notice of any other proposed amendment shall be given in writing to the District Secretary at least one calendar month prior to the date of the Annual District Meeting, and shall become effective on receiving a two-thirds majority of members present and qualified to vote at the Annual District Meeting.

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