



## **Bell Restoration Fund Rules**

### **Amendments made at the 2025 AGM in Red**

#### **1. Title**

The Fund will be known as the Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers Bell Restoration Fund (the Fund).

#### **2. Object**

The Object of the Fund will be to provide financial grants to church authorities within the Association's area for work to provide, restore, maintain and improve their bells and bell installations.

#### **3. Scope**

Work to provide, restore, maintain and improve bells, bell installations and their supporting structures could be considered for a grant.

#### **4. Administration**

The Fund administrators (the Fund Committee) will be a Chairman and three Life or Resident Members of the Association elected at the Association's Annual General Meeting, plus the current Association Secretary.

The Fund Committee will consider written applications, recommend grants from the Fund and co-opt members to fill vacancies as necessary. Any vote will be taken on a majority of those present.

The Fund Committee will recommend an amount which must be approved by an absolute majority of the Association Management Committee.

#### **5. Grants**

Applications for grants must be made by Parochial Church Councils (PCCs) to the Association Secretary in writing (which includes email) using the Association's application form available from the Association's website. The application must include full details of the scheme - the proposed work, planned timescales, present fund raising status and a copy of the specification and quote received for the work.

The Fund Committee will meet, as soon as reasonably practical, to discuss and consider applications. Any grant not taken up within two years of approval will lapse and, if still required, will have to be reauthorised by the Management Committee.

#### **6. Income**

The Fund's income will comprise:

- 50% of Resident Ringing Member, aged 19 and over, annual subscriptions.
- Non-Resident Ringing Life Member subscriptions.
- Association peal fees.
- Surplus from Association general income as agreed by the Association General Committee.
- **Unless otherwise specified**, donations, gifts and bequests from tower bands, church authorities and individuals.

- Tax recovered from Gift Aid.
- Investment income and interest.

## **7. Payments**

Grants will only be paid to the applicant PCC when the agreed work is completed.

## **8. Report and Accounts**

The Association Secretary will prepare a Fund annual report to be included in the Association's Annual Report. The Association Treasurer will prepare Fund accounts each year, ending 30<sup>th</sup> November, within the Association accounts published in the Association's Annual Report.

## **9. Changes to these Rules**

Changes to these rules shall be made in accordance with Association Rule 12.