

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

RESTORATION FUND

1. The fund shall be known as the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers Restoration Fund.
2. The object of the Fund shall be to advance the Christian religion by providing financial assistance to Churches in the Diocese of Oxford for the purpose of maintaining and improving their bell installations by making grants to them. Maintenance and improvement of a bell installation shall be deemed to include the following:
 - (a) taking out an existing ring of bells, supplying and installing a new frame and fittings, recasting the bells and erecting the same;
 - (b) taking out, overhauling and reclapping existing bells, supplying and installing a new frame and fittings and re-erecting bells;
 - (c) taking out existing bells, overhauling existing frame and fittings, recasting, or overhauling and reclapping same and re-erecting;
 - (d) augmentation and bringing existing bells, frame and fittings into an adequate state of repair;
 - (e) other major repairs to bells, frame and fittings.
3. The membership of the Fund shall be that of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers as defined in the rules thereof.
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 - (a) The Fund shall be administered by the General Committee of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, hereinafter referred to as the Committee.
 - (b) Applications for grants from the Fund shall be made only by the Branch to which the tower belongs, such application to be made on an application form to be obtained from the General Secretary of the Guild.
 - (c) All applications for grants shall be considered by the Committee provided that the Committee shall in their report to the Annual General Meeting of the Guild include particulars of all applications which have been made and their decision thereon.
 - (d) Any grant authorised by the Committee which is not claimed within three years of the date on which it is authorised shall lapse, but any such lapsed grant may be re-voted by the Committee on a fresh application being made.
 - (e) No grant shall be paid until the work in respect of which the grant was made has been completed to the satisfaction of an Officer of the Guild, who shall forward a certificate to that effect in writing to the Honorary General Treasurer.
 - (f) The Committee shall have the power to appoint sub-committees which shall report back their actions fully and promptly to the Committee.
 - (g) The management of the Fund shall be an item on the agenda of every meeting of the Committee.

5. (a) The Honorary General Treasurer and the Trustees of the Guild shall be ex-officio Trustees of the Fund (hereinafter referred to as the Fund Trustees).
- (b) Such bank accounts as may be required shall be opened in the name of the Fund. Cheques and other orders drawn on these accounts shall be signed by two of the Fund Trustees.
- (c) Any outstanding monies in the hands of the Committee not required for the immediate purposes of the Fund shall be invested in any manner authorised by law which the Fund Trustees may think fit in the best interests of the Fund.
- (d) The Committee and its sub-committees shall have the power to raise funds by any means they see fit as long as permanent trading is not engaged in.
- (e) The Fund shall be set up by the total transfer to it of the balance of the monies held by the Guild under the name of the Restoration Fund.
6. If in general meeting the members shall decide that the Fund should be dissolved then the Committee shall dispose of the assets of the Fund and (after the satisfaction of all proper debts and liabilities) they shall be applied to similar charitable purposes of the Church of England as the Committee shall with the consent of the Charity Commissioners decide.
7. The Honorary General Treasurer shall prepare a Balance Sheet as at 31st December in each year and an Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended on that date which shall be audited by an auditor elected by the members of the Guild at their Annual General Meeting, and presented to the members of the Guild at the Annual General Meeting of the Guild first held after 31st December in which the Fund's accounts are prepared.
8. No alteration or addition or deletion of these rules shall be made so as to cause the Fund at any time to cease to be a charity in law. No alteration or addition or deletion shall be made except at the Annual General Meeting of the Guild or at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Guild especially called for the purpose. Notice of any proposed alteration or addition or deletion of these rules shall be given to the Honorary General Secretary of the Guild at least one calendar month prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting.