

Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers

Rules of the Bell Repair Fund

The Bell Repair Fund is a Registered Charity, number 508480

1. The fund shall be known as the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers Bell Repair Fund.
2. The object of the Fund shall be to advance the Christian religion by providing financial assistance to churches in the Counties of the North, East and West Ridings of Yorkshire (as defined at 31 March 1972) and the City of York, together with those churches situated at the said date in Darlington, Hurworth, and Stockton on Tees in the then County of Durham 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 reerecting bells;
 - c. Taking out existing bells, overhauling existing frame and fittings, recasting, or overhauling and reclapping the same and reerecting;
 - d. Augmentation and bringing existing bells, frame and fittings to an adequate state of repair;
 - e. Other major repairs to bells, frame and fittings;
 - f. The provision of bells, frames and fittings and erection of the same in churches which previously had none;
 - g. The acquisition of bells from churches in the Counties of the North, East and West Ridings of Yorkshire (as defined at 31 March 1972) and the City of York, together with those churches situated at the said date in Darlington, Hurworth, and Stockton on Tees in the then County of Durham declared redundant, or subsequent redeployment and recasting.
3. The membership of the Fund shall be that of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers as defined in the rules thereof together with such Parochial Church Councils and/or individuals as may make donations to the said Fund and thereby become Friends of the Bell Fund.
 - a. The Fund shall be administered by the Bell Repair Fund Committee of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers, hereinafter referred to as "The Committee". The Committee shall consist of the Custodian Trustees and other members appointed by the General Committee. The Committee shall elect its own Chairman who shall ex-officio be a member of the General Committee. Each member of the Bell Repair Fund Committee shall meet the legal requirements to act as a Charity Trustee.
 - b. The Committee shall have the power, after considering an application submitted to it in writing, to approve a grant from the Fund.
 - c. The Committee shall have the power to appoint sub-committees which shall report back their actions fully and promptly to the Committee.

- d. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt such persons as it considers necessary to assist in its deliberations. The number of co-opted persons at any one meeting of the Committee shall not exceed three.
 - e. The President, General Secretary and Treasurer of the Association shall be ex-officio Custodian Trustees of the Fund and two other members of the Association elected at the Association's Annual General Meeting shall act as Custodian Trustees of the Fund.
 - f. Such bank accounts as may be required shall be opened in the name of the Fund. Any two of the five Custodian Trustees shall have the power to sign cheques.
 - g. 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.
 - h. 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.
4. In the event of the dissolution of the Fund the assets of the Fund shall be distributed equally among those churches which by their Parochial Church Councils at the time of dissolution have been for at least three years immediately prior to the date of dissolution Friends of the Bell Fund.
5. The Treasurer shall prepare a balance sheet as at the 31 December in each year and an income and expenditure account for the year ended on that date which shall be independently examined by independent examiners and be presented to the Annual General Meeting of the Association first held after 31 December in which the Fund's accounts are prepared. The independent examiners shall be elected annually by the members of the Association at their Annual General Meeting,
6. 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 addition or deletion shall be made except at a General Meeting of the Association. Particulars of a proposed alteration, addition or deletion shall be notified in writing to the General Secretary, placed on the agenda and announced at a General Meeting. This proposition shall not be put to the vote until the General Meeting following its announcement.