



Bath & Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers

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The BELL FUND of the Association is Registered Charity No. 73962

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The Association Ringing Support Fund and the Tower Advisory Service

The Association maintains a charitable fund, called the Ringing Support Fund (RSF) together with a Tower Advisory Service (TAS) which exist to support affiliated churches as follows:

1. Free inspections of bell installations by the TAS which includes:
 - A written report on the condition of the bells and associated fittings
 - Identification of any remedial work required
 - Advice on sound control measures where requested
 - Further information is available from the Ringing Support Fund Officer (bellfundofficer@btinternet.com)
2. Grant aid towards the cost of repair, restoration or augmentation of rings of bells.
 - Grant aid applications may only be made by affiliated churches
 - Grant decisions are made by the trustees of the fund, and decisions are made on the strength of the case and how they meet the criteria.
 - Churches should not assume the success of a grant application when starting works.
 - Further information is available from the Ringing Support Fund Officer (bellfundofficer@btinternet.com)

There are five sources of finance for the fund:

- PCC Affiliation Fees, which are paid in full into the fund
- Peal fees. When full peals are rung for the Association, each ringer contributes to the fund
- Donations from individuals
- Fund raising activities within our Association and its Branches.
- Transfers from our General Association funds. The General Fund is primarily supported by membership fees from individual ringers, and therefore members themselves are supporting the work of the Ringing Support Fund.

Administration costs are very low, and fully funded by the Association's General Fund

Eligibility is restricted to churches within the geography of the Association and the affiliation relationship is with the PCC or trustees where the building is in the care of a charity. Requests for support for the fund must be received from the PCC, or trustees.

Further information is available from the General Secretary (General.Secretary@bath-wells.org) or the Ringing Support Officer (bellfundofficer@btinternet.com).