

WHO WE ARE

Bells and bell ringing gear routinely require maintenance and repairs to ensure they are in good, fit, safe condition for bell ringers to perform upon and ensure this truly English art thrives.

The Oxford Diocesan Bell Fund was set up in 1974 as a Registered Charity. It is governed by Governing Trustees, who are the General Committee of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, and managed by 7 elected Trustees.

Its objective is to raise and collect money for investment in suitable charitable investments. Interest and dividends arising from the investments are used to award grants to eligible Church Bell renewal and restoration projects in the Diocese of Oxford.

As it is a capital fund, the invested money is not depleted, and a sustainable source of funding has been established.

The Fund offers provisional grants to projects before the full costs are known and in advance of a Faculty being approved. In this way ringers and Church officers are encouraged and supported from the earliest stages of a project. When final costs are known the grant can be adjusted accordingly.

Some Statistics....

The Fund has supported over 200 projects within the Diocese and grants worth over £400,000 have been paid.

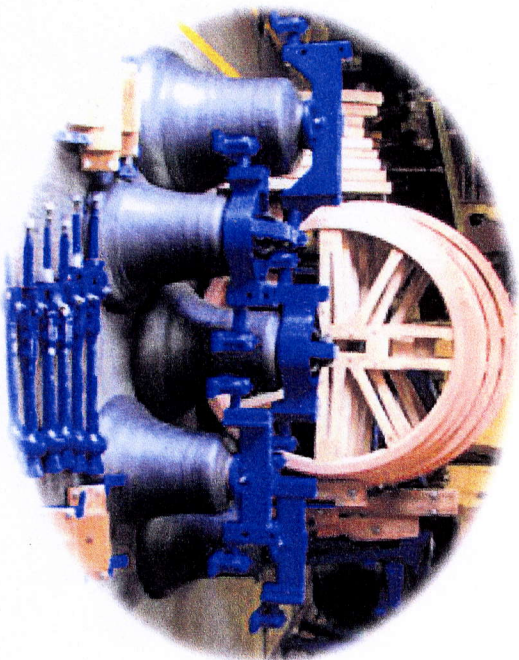
At the end of 2014 the market value of the investments was £504,655

Income received from investments in 2014 was £22,459

The Oxford Diocesan Bell Fund

Registered Charity Number 26830

BELL REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE



WE CAN HELP YOU!

We offer Grants to projects, which cost more than £3,000. Grants are based on 20% the cost of eligible works. The maximum grant awarded to any project in any one year is £10,000.

We can connect you with ODG Towers and Belfries experts who assist with independent advice, inspections, reports, and maintenance related training.

We can suggest other sources of financial assistance including the ODG Bell Restoration Fund.

www.odg.org.uk/bellfund

YOU CAN HELP US

We need you to help us accomplish our objective of supporting bell related projects within the Diocese of Oxford, so if you have a project underway or are planning a scheme, please get in touch!

To make the fund sustainable and inflation proof, we need to grow the capital value, year-on year.

We are pleased to receive:

- Personal donations, (Gift Aided where possible)
- Covenants and bequests
- Donations in memory of past ringers
- Donations from towers (a wedding fee perhaps?)
- Collection from a Branch Service or Meeting
- Donations from PCC's

We appreciate and encourage your involvement in the fund-raising activities we organise and benefit from. In particular

- The Annual Ringing Day in May
- Leap Year Sponsored Ringing.
- Branch 100 Clubs
- Branch raffles and collections

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