



The Kent County Association of Change Ringers

Bell Restoration Fund [Registered Charity No 261294]

GUIDELINES FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS AND PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE

1. The KCACR Bell Restoration Officer should be contacted at an early stage, and certainly before quotations for the work being considered are requested.
2. KCACR can help with bell restoration in two ways:
 - a. By practical help in doing some of the work, or in some cases all of the work, in the tower.
 - b. By financial assistance in the form of a grant.
3. Note: if a grant is awarded, this will not be reduced if practical assistance is given but a grant may be reduced if no approach is made to KCACR for possible practical help.
4. All applications for grants are considered by the general committee of the KCACR, and all grants are based on the amount of funds available at the time of application. Grant monies offered will be available for up to five years from the date of offer, after which time the offer will lapse and a new application will be required.
5. More than one quotation should be obtained and help can be given in considering and comparing the work described.
6. Proposals to change main bearings should be dependent on inspection and a proven requirement since opinions vary as to whether this is always necessary. Grants may be reduced if it is considered that bearings are going to be replaced unnecessarily.
7. Building and other work to towers may be considered.
8. Augmentation to higher numbers will be considered less favourably.
9. Single bells and chimes will be considered.
10. Grants will be paid on the satisfactory completion of the work to the specification provided.
11. An invitation for a representative of KCACR to attend any dedication service is not a strict requirement but gives an opportunity to present a grant or cheque.

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