Bell Restoration Fund Rules

1) The fund shall be known as "The Kent County Association of Change Ringers' Bell Restoration Fund".

2) The object of the fund shall be to advance the Christian religion by providing financial assistance to churches in the county of Kent or that part of London formerly in the county of Kent for the purpose of maintaining and improving their bell installations by the making of grants from the fund.

3) Maintaining 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 reclappering 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 reclappering 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, fittings and towers;

f) the provision of bells, frames and fittings and erection of the same in churches which previously had none.

4) The fund shall be administered by the Committee of The Kent County Association of Change Ringers, who shall have the power after considering an application submitted in writing to approve a grant from the fund.

5) The Chairman, General Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer shall be the Trustees of the fund. Any two of them may sign cheques drawn on the fund. The Trustees shall have the power to invest or otherwise deal with such sums as the Committee of the Association may place in their hands in such manner as the Committee or any subcommittee appointed for the purpose by the Committee shall direct.

6) In the event of the dissolution of the fund the assets of the fund shall be distributed equally among those towers and churches which at the time of dissolution were in union with the Association for the charitable purposes of the said towers and churches.

7) The Honorary Treasurer shall prepare a balance sheet as of 31st December in each year and an income and expenditure account for the year ended on that date which shall be examined by a Registered Auditor or Independent Examiner elected by the Members of the Association at the Annual General Meeting of the Association first held after 31st December to which the fund's accounts are prepared.

8) No alteration or addition to 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 the Annual General Meeting of the Association or at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association especially called for the purpose. Notice of any proposed alteration or addition to or deletion of these rules shall be given to the General Secretary of the Association at least one calendar month prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting.

Adopted at EGM 10th April 2023

NB: The proposed rule 2 that was adopted at the EGM on 10th April 2023 was subsequently rejected by the Charities Commission, and therefore reverts to the object stated in the Register of Charities