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BELL REPAIR FUND**

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1.0 Legal & Administrative Information

- 1.1 The full name of the charity is ' The Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers Bell Repair Fund' otherwise known as 'The Bell Repair Fund' or 'The Bell Fund'.
- 1.2 The Bell Repair Fund is run by The Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers ('The Association') which is an unincorporated association. The Bell Repair Fund is governed by the 'Rules of The Bell Repair Fund' and the Standing Orders of the Association. It is registered with the Charity Commission reference number 508480.
- 1.3 The custodian trustees consist of the President, General Secretary and Treasurer of the Association and in addition two other members of the Association who shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting of the Association. The current custodian trustees are given below:
Mrs C Ovington (General Secretary of the Association)
Mr D J Spaul (Treasurer of the Association)
Rev. G Galley
Mr R Appleby
- 1.4 General control and management of the administration of the Bell Repair Fund is carried out by the Bell Repair Fund Committee. Members of this committee are given on page 10 of this report.
- 1.5 The principal addresses of the charity are as follows:
For general administration, correspondence:
Mrs C Ovington,
26 Moorland Road, Sherburn in Elmet, Leeds LS25 6PN
For donations, cheques payable to 'The Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers Bell Repair Fund':
Mr D J Spaul,
7 Stoneybrook Close, West Bretton, Wakefield WF4 4TP
For grant applications:
Mr P McCoy
32 Clough Grove, Oughtibridge, Sheffield S35 0JX
For gift aid:
Mr A E Stamp
43 Layton Lane, Rawdon, Leeds LS19 6RQ

1.6 Names and addresses of relevant organisations and persons:

Bankers:

National Westminster Bank plc, 29 Boar Lane, Leeds LS1 6DZ

COIF Charities Deposit Fund Manager:

CCLA Investment Management Limited, St Alphage House,
80 Cheapside, London EC2V 6DZ

Independent Examiners:

Mrs J C Clark, Whernside, Cawood Common, Selby YO8 3RB

Mrs J S McCoy, 32 Clough Grove, Oughtibridge, Sheffield S35 0JX

- 1.7 The Bell Repair Fund is restricted to operating 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 ('the defined area').

2.0 Objectives

- 2.1 The objective of the Bell Repair Fund is to advance the Christian religion by providing financial assistance to churches within the defined area for the purpose of maintaining and improving their bell installations.
- 2.2 Maintenance and improvement of a bell installation is deemed to include the following:
- Taking out an existing ring of bells, supplying and installing a new frame and fittings, recasting the bells and erecting the same,
 - Taking out, overhauling and reclapping existing bells, supplying and installing a new frame and fittings and re-erecting bells,
 - Taking out existing bells, overhauling existing frame and fittings, recasting, or overhauling and reclapping the same and re-erecting,
 - Augmentation and bringing existing bells, frame and fittings to an adequate state of repair,
 - Other major repairs to bells, frame and fittings,
 - The provision of bells, frames and fittings,
 - The provision of bells, frames and fittings and erection of the same in churches which previously had none,
 - The acquisition of bells from churches within the defined area declared redundant, or subsequent redeployment and recasting.

3.0 Organisation

- 3.1 The Bell Repair Fund is managed and operated by the Bell Repair Fund Committee. The Bell Repair Fund Committee is assisted by an Allocation Committee and a Fund Raising Committee.
- 3.2 The Allocation Committee deals with applications for grants. It consists of the Chairman, the President, the General Secretary, the Treasurer and one representative from each Branch. Its chairman is appointed each year by the General Committee. Churches wanting financial assistance to carry out work can submit an application for a grant from the Bell Repair Fund to this committee. The committee usually meets annually in February to discuss such applications and forwards its recommendations, for approval or otherwise, to the Bell Repair Fund Committee.
- 3.3 The Fund Raising Committee endeavours to raise funds for the Bell Repair Fund by any means they see fit as long as permanent trading is not engaged in. It consists of five members of the Association appointed by the General Committee. It appoints its own chairman from one of its members. The committee meets regularly to organise and administer fund raising activities.
- 3.4 The Bell Repair Fund Committee holds an Annual General Meeting in March for the purpose of:
- receiving a report from the Allocation Committee and approving grant applications,
 - approving the Bell Repair Fund Annual Report and Accounts,
 - receiving a report from the Fund Raising Committee,
 - nominating custodian trustees, if a vacancy has arisen, and
 - dealing with any other matters.
- 3.5 Tax is reclaimed under the Gift Aid provisions on donations made at Association and Branch meetings and on payments made under standing order by individuals to the Bell Repair Fund.
- 3.6 Collections are taken for the Bell Repair Fund at Association General Meetings and some Branch meetings.
- 3.7 The Association operates a 'Friends of the Bell Fund' scheme. Friends are groups, either churches or ringing bands, who make regular donations to the Bell Repair Fund.
- 3.8 Applications for grants from the Bell Repair Fund should be submitted in writing to the Allocation Committee by 31 December. The submission should include the following information:-
- a brief description of the existing tower bells and equipment,
 - the reasons for changes being proposed as supported by the PCC,
 - the proposed changes, support from the Diocesan bells advisor, and Specification with at least two quotations for this work on relevant dated and headed notepaper from a specialist contractor, supplier, or installer.

3.9 The Allocation committee meets in February to consider the applications and makes recommendations. These are then approved, modified or otherwise by the Bell Repair Fund Committee at its Annual Meeting in March.

4.0 Policy

4.1 The basic concern of the Allocations Committee is that each application be treated on its supposed merits at the time of deliberation as against a stated set of unchanging guidelines arising from the agreed Rules. The Committee see it as their task to interpret these Rules and to report back to the Bell Repair Fund Committee with a set of proposals for grant allocation.

4.2 The funding of grants in support of schemes is made from the incoming revenue stream. It is recognised that donors to the Bell Repair Fund contribute their money to be spent on bell schemes and not to build up a capital fund. Therefore in calculating grants it is policy to allocate money that is available.

4.3 Those who are undertaking projects need to have the security that funding is in place before the project is in place. In the case of large projects this can result in a delay of several years between having a grant approved and requiring the payment. The Bell Repair Fund only pays out money in grants on completion of a project. Thus in large projects spanning several years there can be a delay between allocating the funding and actually paying out the money. Clearly it would not be making best use of money if the allocated money is held in the Bell Repair Fund account for the duration of the project.

4.4 Therefore when monies are allocated to projects it will be on the basis that payment on completion will be made out of money being paid into the fund at the time of completion.

4.5 The available funds are calculated on the basis of 100% of forecast income of the current year, 100% of the following year, 25% of the year after that, and 10% of the year after less the grant money already committed but not yet paid out. This amount is a maximum available and can only be allocated in full if suitable applicant projects have been submitted. The approved funding in the case of large schemes is thus paid out from future income - not money currently residing in the Fund. It is therefore important that successful applicants keep the fund managers informed of the timescale of projects and when their completion is likely.

5.0 Review

5.1 In 2014 grants were awarded to the following schemes payable on completion:

- Far Headingley (bearings, gudgeons and clappers),
- Laughton (augmentation from a chime of three bells to a ring of six),
- Meltham (roller boxes, bearings bell bolts, beam end securing),
- Roos (augmentation from six to eight bells),
- Treeton (rehang, new headstocks, bearings and roller boxes checked), and
- Wortley (rehang with new headstocks and mainly new fittings in old frame).

5.2 During 2014 eight grants were paid out following completion of schemes at Horton in Ribblesdale, Beverley St Mary, North Cave, Eastwood, Todmorden, Far Headingley, Meltham and Roos.

Horton-in Ribblesdale

5.3 The four existing bells at St Oswald's Church at Horton-in-Ribblesdale have been complemented by two additions, bought from All Saints' Church, High Wycombe. They arrived at the church in March 2014 and were installed by Taylors of Loughborough.

5.4 The church – said to be the most complete Norman church in the Yorkshire Dales – has had three bells since the 17th century, which were originally housed in an oak bell frame made by Thomas Mallaby. In 1995 the bells were repaired and rehung on the new frame, capable of taking up to six bells. A fourth bell, cast by Mears and Stainbank in 1896, was installed in 1999 and tuned to D flat. The latest additions from the old peal of twelve at High Wycombe were both cast in 1963 (by Taylors of Loughborough) and are tuned to E flat and F.

Todmorden

5.5 A major restoration of this rare complete eight by Robert Stainbank has now been finished. The ring, with a tenor weighing 14 cwts, dates from 1868, and the bells, together with the entire church, is under the protection of The Historic Chapels' Trust. The oak bell frame of 1868 has been retained and strengthened, and all the bells have been rehung on entirely new ringing fittings. No tuning of the bells was undertaken. A complete sound control system was also installed, allowing the bells to be heard to their full glory when appropriate, or quiet during practice sessions.

Meltham

5.6 A major maintenance programme has now been completed to restore the frictional and other worn parts of the installation of this ring of six bells which had been rehung in a new cast iron and steel bell frame and on new fittings back in 1936.

Roos

- 5.7 In 2012 the ring of five bells at All Saints' Parish Church were fully refurbished and augmented to a ring of six by the addition of a new treble bell. Since then the local band of ringers has gone from strength to strength with children from the local primary and secondary schools learning to ring. Two years later and a further two trebles have been added to augment the ring to eight bells.

Eastwood

- 5.8 The Parish Church formerly known as St Stephen's - located in the Eastwood area, just outside the centre of Rotherham, - was originally built in 1874 and is a Grade II listed building. The tower, spire and bells were the gift of Colonel Sir Charles J Stoddart, who was Mayor of Rotherham between 1904 and 1906. The steeple, which reaches a total height of 121 feet, was completed in 1910. The ring of eight bells was cast by John Warner & Sons of London in 1909. The church became redundant in 1991, the parish of Eastwood was dissolved and the few remaining ringers disbanded. By this time, 80 peals had been rung on the bells, the last one being on 1st June 1991. With the closure, the future of not only the bells, but of the whole building itself was uncertain.
- 5.9 However, in 1997, the church was acquired by Bishop Antony, Bishop of the Coptic Orthodox Diocese in Ireland, Scotland and NE England, (part of the Coptic Orthodox Church of Egypt) and was rededicated to St Anthony. Over the years which have followed, their members have undertaken an extensive programme of internal refurbishment in keeping with their religious traditions, while at the same time retaining much of the style of the church fabric as it was originally built. The bells remained completely silent as the ringing of bells does not form any part of Coptic worship.
- 5.10 Under the ownership of the Coptic community their main efforts have been directed to the church fabric. By necessity the bells have had to take a back seat and became unringable. Now a group of local ringers has restored them back to life and in May 2014 the bells were once again available for ringing.

6.0 Finance

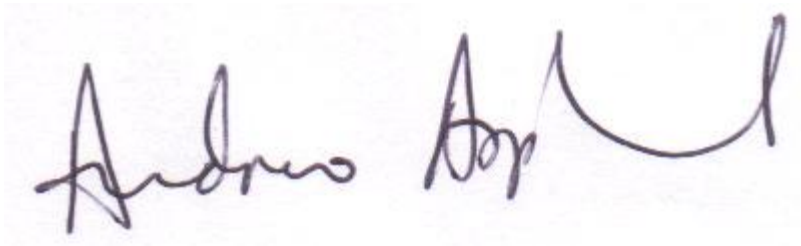
- 6.1 Donations come from a number of sources- individuals, ringing bands, and churches. Individuals who are tax payers are able to contribute under the Gift Aid scheme which allows us to reclaim additional money each year from the treasury. Donations are made through collections taken at Association and some Branch meetings, payments made via Branch or Association Officers, or by regular standing orders directly payable to a bank account. Ringing bands and churches who make regular payments are listed as Friends of the Bell Fund - a scheme set up to encourage commitment to regular giving.
- 6.2 Donations to the Bell Repair Fund in 2014 were significantly higher than the previous year but there are reasons for this. The Historic Chapels Trust returned £2450 of the

£3000 grant given to Todmorden (see para 5.5 above) as there was a surplus of funds available for this project. In addition the East Riding branch transferred £1000 from its branch reserves that was surplus to requirements. Taken together these almost account for the increased total indicating that donations from other, more regular, sources have remained broadly in line with the previous year.

- 6.3 The reprinting and selling of the Snowdon Diagrams book by the Association generated a profit from which a further £3000 was donated to the Bell Repair Fund in 2014.
- 6.4 A quarter of all Association members' subscriptions are transferred to the Bell Repair Fund and the amount transferred in 2014 was slightly more than that of the previous year due to an increase in the number of subscription payments received during the year.
- 6.5 Despite the large number of grants paid out in 2014 the fund had a surplus income over expenditure increasing the reserves at the end of the year to their highest ever level.
- 6.6 At the end of the year, approved grants totalling £26,500 remained unpaid awaiting completion of the following schemes: Kirby Overblow, Wadworth, Pocklington, Rise, Thirkleby, Treeton, Laughton, and Wortley.
- 6.7 The Annual Accounts are contained on pages 8, 9 and 10 of this report.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 7 March 2015

and signed on its behalf by

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Aspland', is written over a light blue grid background.

Andrew Aspland (Trustee)

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year ended 31 December 2014

	Note	2014 £	2013 £
Income and Expenditure			
Incoming Resources			
Donations		7,986.85	4,242.31
Donation from Snowdon Book Profits		3,000.00	3,200.00
Gift Aid- Tax claim repayments	1	327.15	349.02
Transfers from General Fund	2	3,123.75	2,888.00
Bank Interest	3	39.10	50.61
Total Incoming Resources		14,476.85	10,729.94
Resources expended			
Direct charitable expenditure:			
Grants			
Beverley St Mary		700.00	
Far Headingley		500.00	
Horton in Ribblesdale		2,000.00	
Meltham		750.00	
North Cave		300.00	
Roos		1,000.00	
Rotherham (Eastwood)		600.00	
Todmorden		3,000.00	
		8,850.00	1,100.00
Other expenditure:			
Administration	8	39.50	75.00
Total Resources Expended		8,889.50	1,175.00
Net (Outgoing)/Incoming Resources for the year		5,587.35	9,554.94
Net Movement in Funds			
Fund balance brought forward at 1 January 2014		22,672.23	13,117.29
Net (Outgoing)/Incoming Resources for the year		5,587.35	9,554.94
Fund balance carried forward at 31 December 2014		28,259.58	22,672.23

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Balance Sheet at 31 December 2014

	Note	2014 £	2013 £
Assets			
Sundry Debtors-			
Tax Reclaim	4	195.98	128.34
YACR General Fund	5	3,660.82	3,458.60
Bank Balances-			
NatWest Bank Current Account		1.00	41.00
NatWest Bank Business Reserve Account		16,632.50	11,092.21
COIF Charities Deposit Fund		8,027.08	8,027.08
Cash Balances-			
Held by Treasurer		0.00	0.00
Held by Branches	6	5.00	0.00
Less Liabilities			
Sundry Creditors			
YACR General Fund	7	39.50	75.00
NatWest Bank		223.30	
Net Assets		28,259.58	22,672.23
Represented by:			
Bell Repair Fund		28,259.58	22,672.23

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Notes to the Accounts for the Year ended 31 December 2014

1 Gift Aid

The gift aid figure comprises £259.51 tax claim repayments received during 2014 plus a further £195.98 due on gift aid donations made up to the end of the year less £128.34 tax repayments due at the end of 2013.

2 Transfers from the General Fund

Subscriptions for Qualified and Associate Members of 17 years and over, and Non-Resident Members for 2014 were £8.00; and for Qualified and Associate Members under 17, and Members of 17 and over in full-time education £4.00. 25% of all subscriptions are transferred into the Bell Repair Fund.

3 Bank Interest

All Interest received on deposits of the General Fund of the Association and the Bell Repair Fund is credited to the Bell Repair Fund. Interest received during the year was as follows:-

	£
National Westminster Bank- Business Reserve Account	6.53
Clubs & Societies Reserve Account	0.04
COIF Charities Deposit Fund	32.53
Total	£39.10

4 Tax Reclaim

This is the tax currently being claimed on Gift aid donations to the end of December 2014.

5 YACR General Fund

Some income to the Bell Repair Fund has been paid into bank accounts which although belonging to the Association hold its General Fund monies. This income will be transferred to the Association's bank accounts holding Bell Repair Fund monies at the earliest opportunity.

6 Cash Balances held by Branches

Money collected by Branches in 2014 but not banked.

7 Sundry creditors

To reimburse the payment made by the YACR General Fund for the printing of the FBF leaflet in 2014.

8 Other expenditure

The administration charge paid out in 2014 represented the cost of printing the Friends of the Bell Fund leaflet for 2013

Names of the Charity Trustees who Manage the Charity

The following are members of the Bell Repair Fund Committee during 2014.

Robert Appleby

Andrew Aspland (from May 2014)

Robert Cater

John Courtney

Neil Donovan

Barrie Dove

Giles Galley

Ian Johnson

Janine Jones

Peter Kirby

Judith McCoy (to May 2014)

Peter McCoy

Catherine Ovington

David Potter

Brian Sanders

David Spaul

Tony Stamp

Deborah Thorley