

EBSB Bell Restoration Grant Guidelines

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1. In general, the branch will endeavour to make a grant of 1% of the total cost of bell restoration work (including new bell casting, recasting, bell fittings, bell hanging, augmentation and VAT)
2. Building work, ringing room decoration and any work not directly associated with the restoration work are excluded. General maintenance (e.g. painting frames) and wear and tear items such as new ropes and replacement stays are also excluded.
3. Applications should be supported by estimates approved by the P.C.C.
4. Grants will only be offered to projects that receive Diocesan approval (i.e. Faculty or Certificate)
5. Applications will only be considered at Branch AGM and Half Yearly meetings, and grants must be approved by a majority of members voting.
6. Towers are allowed to make further applications, up to one year after the work has been completed, if previous applications have been refused due to lack of branch funds.
7. If the work has not been completed within 3 years of the grant being approved, the grant will lapse and a further application will need to be made.
8. The branch may approve grants of part of the total cost of the work.
9. Payment will only be made after the work has been completed, and approved by a member of the Guild Towers and Belfries committee.
10. The branch reserves the right to revise grants up or down on final costs, particularly if less work is completed than was anticipated when the grant was offered.
11. As a guide, the funds in the branch accounts should not be allowed to fall below £2600 (at 2018 prices) Grants approved but not paid must be taken into account. Funds potentially available for bell restoration work will be identified in the branch accounts.
12. An EBSB Bell Restoration Grant may be given in addition to any grants received by the applicant from the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers Restoration Fund, the Oxford Diocesan Bell Fund and any other grant making bodies.