

Guidelines for Applications for Grants from the Bell Restoration Fund

- Applications should be made in writing to the General Secretary of The North Wales Association of Church Bell Ringers. His/her contact details can be found in the Association Annual Report or on the Association web site.
- The Trustees will normally expect to consider applications before any work has started but will consider retrospective applications, where expenditure has had to take place as a matter of urgency. In such cases **a retrospective application will only be considered if the Association Bell Advisor has been notified before any work commences.**
- The Committee normally meets three times per year to consider applications.
- The Trustees will normally expect to see evidence of competitive tendering, for example, at least two quotations. Where applicable, please include copies of any reports prepared by bell engineering firms.
- The Trustees will only award grants with which all Church Law and Faculty Rules have been complied. All applications must include a statement to confirm that this is the case.
- The Trustees will endeavour to provide grants of up to 10 per cent of the expected cost inclusive of VAT.
- The actual level of funding will depend on the resources available to the Trustees at the time of the application and any other demands on the fund.
- In most cases, parishes will be eligible to reclaim VAT under The Listed Places of Worship Scheme. Where VAT is successfully reclaimed, the Trustees ask that the VAT element of the grant be repaid to the fund so that the money can be used to support other applicants.
- Where a grant has been offered but work has not commenced within two years of the offer being made, the offer will be withdrawn and the applicant must reapply. The new application will be considered in the context of the resources then available and any other demands on the fund.
- Grants will normally only be paid on completion of planned work and following inspection of the work by a representative of the Committee. The purpose of the inspection is to ensure that the work has been completed to a satisfactory standard. The inspection will normally be undertaken by The Association Bells Advisor or any other competent person appointed by the committee.