

ECCLESFIELD HANDBELL RINGERS

Making music on handbells since 2004

Finance Committee
Ecclesfield Parish Council

February 2023

Additional information in support of our grant application

Our 170 musical handbells were cast as a complete set at Whitechapel Bell Foundry and are one of the largest and rarest sets in the country. They are now almost 100 years old and of historical importance to the village. We have looked after them and try to do regular maintenance ourselves but it is now nearly 20 years since they had a professional inspection and overhaul at the foundry. Within the next 3 months we are planning to send them to John Taylor's Bell Foundry at Loughborough, as Whitechapel Foundry is no longer in existence. Hopefully they will be able to replace some of the worn springs, clappers and handles. The bell metal is generally in good condition but one or two bells may need re-casting. Until they are inspected we cannot have an exact quote for the work but after preliminary conversations with the foundry we are anticipating a cost of around £9000 to £10,000.

Ecclesfield Handbell Ringers is a musical group that has been active in the village for around 120 years. We host an annual Carol Concert in the village and are always willing to ring at any suitable venues. The group is open to anyone, young or old, who wants to learn our traditional form of handbell ringing. We play all types of music from light classical to modern tunes.

As a normally self-funding organisation, all members pay a weekly subscription to cover our practice room rent and also insurance for the bells and public liability. Any income we have had from concerts has been saved towards maintenance but to cover the cost of this necessary work will leave us with almost nothing for music and other equipment.

We would be very grateful for any grant towards this work however large or small.

Ecclesfield Handbell Ringers

CONTACT

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ECCLESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Serving your Community Since 1894

Ward Based Grant Application Form

Please ensure that **all** the details requested on the following pages are completed in full. **Please note that the Parish Council will be unable to process your application if any of the required information has been omitted.**

Applicants may be required to provide proof of expenditure of any previous grant by providing invoices, receipts etc. before a new application may be considered.

Please submit this form completed within one month of receiving it.

- 1 What is your group called? *Give your name as it appears on your bank account.*

Ecclesfield Handbell Ringers

- 2 Please give us your contact details.

Title First name Surname

Position in group (if applicable)

Address.

<input type="text"/>	
<input type="text"/>	Postcode

Your phone number, if we need to talk to you.

Council Offices Mortomley Lane SHEFFIELD S35 3HS
☎ 0114 284 5095 ✉ admin@ecclesfield-pc.gov.uk
🌐 www.ecclesfield-pc.gov.uk

Your email address, if you have one

ecclesfieldhr@gmail.com

3. Full address of where your activities will be based.

Gatty Memorial Hall, Priory Rd, Ecclesfield, S35 9XY
(and elsewhere as necessary)

4. Which Ward will the project cover? Please tick the appropriate box (you may tick more than one):

Burncross	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chapelton	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ecclesfield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
High Green	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thorncliffe	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grenoside	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. What is the purpose of your group – what difference do you make and how do you meet the needs of your community?

To make music on handbells and to entertain.
To encourage others to take part
To promote Ecclesfield in the wider community.
To preserve the tradition of handbell ringing, and the heritage
of our bells.

6. What activity will you put on or project will you undertake if we give you a grant and when will this take place?

We hold an annual Christmas Concert in Ecclesfield.
We are available to give talks/demonstrations and
perform concerts at any reasonable events in the
Parish

7. Does your group receive funding from anywhere else? Please state who this is from and the amount of funding

We are mostly self-funding by member subscriptions but are applying to other grant making bodies to fund our current project.

8. Please give us a breakdown of what you want the funding to pay for :-

Item requested	£ per item/activity	Total
	£	£
	£	£
Please see additional sheet.	£	£
	£	£
	£	£
	£	£
	£	£
	£	£
Total cost of activity		£ 10,000
Total cost of grant requested from us		£

9. You must provide a copy of your latest financial accounts together with a copy bank statement.

10. Please list all the people who are authorised to make withdrawals from your account.

Name	<input type="text"/>	Name	<input type="text"/>
Name	<input type="text"/>	Name	<input type="text"/>

11. How many people have to sign for each withdrawal?

2

12. Please give details of your bank account including bank, account number and sort code. Please give details of who a cheque should be made out to.

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13. Would all applicants please note that it is a requirement of the Parish Council that photographic evidence is provided of the event/purchase.

Please note that the Parish Council is subject to Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other related legislation. This means that most of the information you supply to the Council will probably be public. If you do not want any information released your grant cannot be considered.

Declaration of intent

This application needs to be signed by the person whose name appears as the contact at the beginning of the form.

I can confirm that the organisation named on the front of this form has authorised me to make this application.

I can confirm that all the answers to the questions are true.

Name	<input type="text" value="Molly Barker"/>		
Position in group	<input type="text"/>		
Signed	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text" value="2/2/23"/>
	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>

The Parish Council has been advised to request a short questionnaire on any risks there may be in respect of applications for financial assistance. Therefore in order to be satisfied that there will be no legal implications for the council if they do give a grant in response to your request, I would be pleased if you could kindly reply to the following few points.

QUESTIONS	TICK BOX OR ANSWER
1. Does the applicant/your group have adequate <u>public liability insurance in the Group's name</u> to a minimum of at least £2 million cover for any activities etc. which may benefit from the council's grant. Please supply us with a copy of your certificate along with your application.	✓
2. Is the premium paid up to date (give date)	✓
3. Have police checks (CRB disclosure) been carried out for group members who deal with children and vulnerable adults	N/A.
4. What steps have been taken to minimise any accidents, loss or damage to property or people or property.	✓
5. Will the grant be repaid to the Parish Council if the event does not take place or the items that the grant is requested for are not purchased?	Yes
6. Will the lack of a grant stop the event taking place or seriously curtail or reduce the activities of the group in any way	Yes
7. Has the health and safety of members of the group or the public participating in an event been properly assessed and have satisfactory conclusions been drawn from this assessment	N/A
8. Are you satisfied that all possible risks have been adequately covered by the systems and procedures you have placed in force for the event or for the use of the equipment purchased from the grant	Yes

Signed by Chairman Date 3/2/23

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Hi Julie

This is a copy of email received by our Chair, Lynne Dawson, from John Taylors Bell Foundry a year ago. It does not include cost of recasting (maybe) 2 bells which we think are cracked. We also think prices may have risen since last year. We will also incur transport costs to Loughborough and back. Hence our total estimate of £10,000 for the project.

Naturally, Taylors will not give an exact quotation until they have seen the bells. It seems uneconomic to transport the bells to Loughborough for inspection and quote, and then take them back at a later date to have the work done. We hope to take them, wait for an on-site inspection, and then give the go-ahead so we can leave them to get on with the job, all on one day.

From: Handbells <handbells@taylorbells.co.uk>

Sent: 07 January 2022 11:28

To:

Subject: The Ecclesfield handbells

Thank you for your enquiry regarding the Ecclesfield handbells, as an approximate guide to refurbishing costs, an estimate for replacing all the leather striking pegs, clapper pivots, spring felts and crown staple washers is –

£ 4,760.00p (£ 5,712.00p INC VAT)

An estimate for replacing half (85) of the handles is –

£ 2,125.00p (£ 2,550.00p INC VAT)

If you can get the bells to Taylors I could give them a free inspection, and give precise quotes for emergency repairs, recommended work and a full refurbishment to “as new” condition respectively.

I hope that this is helpful, if however you have any further queries, please let me know, with kind regards

David Cole

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

As per item 7 on application, I have sent other applications to local charities, - St Mary's Lane Trust, Feoffees, Freshgate Trust - but have yet to receive any definite replies.

We have always expected to contribute some money from our own funds but if we cannot get some grants to help we shall have to cover the project totally from our own reserves and this will leave us with almost nothing to purchase music or replace other equipment, say tables, cloths, uniforms, etc.

I hope I have given you enough information to clarify the situation.

Thanks

Molly