

## BELL RESTORATION FUND

INCOME	
2015	2016
£	£
1,024	731
District collections	
284	250
Individual Affiliation Scheme	
995	620
BRF Associate Members	
636	1,014
Other donations	
7,000	
Legacy	
827	1,000
100 Club Profit	
155	89
Raffles	
515	667
Sundry Income	
220	339
Gift Aid	
<u>636</u>	<u>673</u>
Investment income	
<u>12,293</u>	<u>5,383</u>
Total income	

EXPENDITURE	
2015	2016
£	£
2,000	
Grants Paid	
1,750	
Ab Kettleby, St James	
600	
East Norton, All Saints	
27	
Leicester, St Margaret	
Expenses	
	<u>250</u>
	Rothley
<u>4,377</u>	<u>250</u>
Total expenditure	
£7,915	£5,133
Surplus for year	

**Note:**  
Grant agreed in 2016, but not yet drawn:  
Ibstock £4,500

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BALANCE SHEET	
2015	2016
38,721	46,636
Income Account b/f	
<u>7,915</u>	<u>5,133</u>
Surplus 2015/16	
46,636	51,769
<u>10,293</u>	<u>10,293</u>
Capital Account b/f	
<u>56,929</u>	<u>£ 62,062</u>

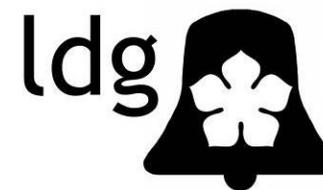
REPRESENTED BY	
2015	2016
1,490	1,490
C of E Investment Fund	
5,715	5,715
M&G Charifund	
6,437	6,486
NSB Investment a/c	
35,476	35,642
CBF Deposit A/c	
744	885
NWB Reserve a/c	
7,067	<u>11,844</u>
Current a/c	
	<u>£ 62,062</u>

Further information, details of Associate Membership and application forms for grants can be obtained from the Guild Treasurer:

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The award of a grant does not preclude a future request, though the existence of a previous award may bear on any decision.

Preference is given to applications where the total cost of the work exceeds £500



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of church bell ringers

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### GUILD PATRONS

The Bishop of Leicester  
The Archdeacon of Leicester

Registered charity no 508748

REPORT  
2015 & 2016

## OBJECT OF THE FUND

The Object of the Fund is to advance the Christian religion by providing financial assistance to Churches in the Diocese of Leicester for the purpose of maintaining and improving their bell installations. Maintenance and improvement includes: overhauling frames, existing bells and their fittings; installation of new bells and frames; and the augmentation of existing rings and re-casting of bells.

## PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Public benefits from the fund through the preservation, across the Diocese of Leicester, of a unique UK tradition and heritage. Local communities will be able to hear the bells ring for Divine Service, for weddings and on other occasions, and members of the public are able to participate in an inclusive activity that benefits them both physically and mentally.

## ADMINISTRATION

The General Committee of the Leicester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers administers the Fund. The Committee is responsible for approving grants from the Fund annually, after considering applications submitted in writing. The Guild has a BRF Committee that concerns itself with raising money for the Fund. Information about restoration and fund-raising is available from this Committee.

## SUPPORT

The Guild supports ringing at towers in the Diocese in other ways through the activities of its members, co-ordinated by other committees. In particular, the Guild is pleased to offer a first line of technical advice when maintenance or augmentation is being considered. Reference to professional agencies will always be suggested when appropriate, but in many cases work can be carried out successfully on a self-help basis.

## APPLICATIONS

Work on bells and their fixtures and fittings can be expensive. Grants can help, and **the Guild is always happy to provide advice, and welcomes applications for financial assistance from its Bell Restoration Fund.**

## GRANTS PAID IN 2015

The following grants were paid in 2015:

### **St James, Ab Kettleby**

Three bells have been added to the existing ring of three. The three new bells were donated, and all labour was provided free of charge, reducing the cost to £11,269. Grant awarded £2,000.

### **All Saints, East Norton**

The cast-in iron crown staples were removed from two bells, and the

fittings on all three bells were refurbished. Total cost £9,516. Grant awarded £1,750.

### **St Margaret, Leicester**

The six largest bell wheels have been re-soled and re-shrouded. Cost £4,420. Grant awarded £600.

## GRANTS OUTSTANDING AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

The undermentioned grant remained outstanding at 31 December 2015, as the work had not been completed:

### **St Peter, Leire**

Grant of £320 agreed in 2013 towards the cost of £1,320 for repainting the bell frame.

This grant has now lapsed, but the church is very welcome to reapply when they are close to starting the work.

## GRANTS AGREED IN 2016

### **St Mary the Virgin, Rothley**

Refurbishment of pulley blocks, cost £2,380. Grant agreed £250.

### **St Denys, Ibstock**

Rehang the six bells with overhauled fittings in a new frame. Cost £45,582. Grant agreed £4,500.