



**KIRKBYMOORSIDE TOWN COUNCIL
GRANT SCHEME APPLICATION FORM**

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Project Details	<p>All Saints Kirkbymoorside has a very long history of uninterrupted bell ringing.</p> <p>The 6 bells are rung every Sunday, to mark national events (Queens funeral, Kings Investiture, D-Day Commemoration etc.) and weddings. Through local popularity our ambition is to create a large enough pool of capable ringers that will allow us to expand the days we ring on i.e. Market Day, 10k Run, Tractor Run and others.</p> <p>Bell ringers cannot practice ringing at home, when learning how to ring church bells, ringers have to practice on the church bells. All Saints there is one practice evening a week on a Tuesday.</p> <p>A bell simulator allows ringers to practice on the church bells with the bells silenced and without it being necessary to have a full band of ringers. A bell simulator consists of retro-reflective sensors fitted to each bell wired via an interface box to a PC. The PC runs a simulator software package. The sound of the bells is then simulated on the PC and played on loudspeakers to the ringers in the ringing room. The software on the PC can also replace bell ringers, allowing a learner to practice with 5 simulated, perfect ringers. We would like to purchase and install a bell simulator. There are many ways a simulator can be used to help to improve ringing, I have identified three of the main advantages for the All Saints bell tower:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Kirkbymoorside bell ringing band has a high proportion of new ringers and the age profiles of the more experienced ringers means we will need to recruit steadily over the next few years to maintain/increase a sufficient number of ringers. Our new ringers are all capable of ringing a bell correctly and are ready to be moved onto the next level. The band does not contain enough experienced ringers to allow this to happen at the speed the new ringers can learn. Having the simulator to automatically 'fill in' on one or two bells (ringers), will cover this gap.

	<p>ii. With any skill, the way to improve is practice. For the new ringers we do provide additional training sessions on certain Saturdays, but at the moment this training focusses on bell handling (how you ring the bell) as opposed to developing ringing (playing more complex Methods (tunes)) as the bells have to be muffled. It is not possible to learn a method without hearing it. Being able to practice with the bell silenced to the outside world, audible to the ringers in the chamber would mean that we would be able to more quickly bring our new ringers up to speed.</p> <p>iii. The simulator will make it far easier to fulfil our ambition of being able to provide the town with more occasions of ringing.</p> <p>Mechanically and electrically, installation of the simulator is very simple. We would use David Bagley to supply and install the simulator. He has the experience and has dealt with our diocese in the past. He has installed simulators in both Pickering and Helmsley. More information can be found at http://www.bagleybells.co.uk/. The most suitable PC software is ABEL. It would be a sad waste to buy a new PC to run the simulator and we believe we can buy a perfectly satisfactory second hand one from JRA Services in Kirkbymoorside.</p>									
What are the full costs of the project (including VAT if applicable)	<p>Costs:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>6 Bell Simulator</td> <td>£ 625.00</td> <td>Supply and install</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PC</td> <td>£ 250.00</td> <td>Budget</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PC Software</td> <td>£ 20.00</td> <td>One off Licence payment</td> </tr> </table> <p>All Saints' Tower has very limited income, the ringers all pay an annual subscription but this goes to the branch. We receive income from Weddings and visiting bands of ringers, but these funds do get consumed by the costs to operate the bells (as an example we are in the process of re-furbishing the bell ropes, 2 per year at a cost of £120 for each rope, as we cannot afford to have them all done at once)</p> <p>The cost to install a simulator is not feasible with our means and we are approaching you in the hope the town might be able to provide a grant to cover the cost of this project.</p>	6 Bell Simulator	£ 625.00	Supply and install	PC	£ 250.00	Budget	PC Software	£ 20.00	One off Licence payment
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Grant Amount:	£895.00									
What is the structure of your organisation?	<p>Informal group <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Registered charity <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other <input type="checkbox"/> Please give details below</p>									

Supporting information

To qualify all applicants must provide a FULL financial disclosure which are as follows:	
i. 3 months copies of statements from ALL Bank accounts and statements of monies held in funds ETC	✓
ii. Must include a statement from the applicant of what applications to other bodies have or had been applied for and awarded to fund this project.	None
Copy of the most recent/audited accounts	N/A