

Grant Request – remedial work to Bells and Bell tower Corscombe Church

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Subject: FW: CORSCOMBE BELL TOWER ISSUES

Hi Tessa,

Attached below is the costing we received from Nicholson's re the bell tower issues we must remedy before any further use of the bells.

We may also have to replace the damaged rope if it cannot be repaired as it is not in a good condition.

I trust this info covers your request concerning the grant application to the PC.

I can add more information after the work is completed if necessary.

Thanks

Roger

From: Andrew Nicholson <andrew@nicholsonbellhangers.com>
Sent: 13 July 2026 08:37
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Subject: CORSCOMBE

Dear Charles

Further to the visit which Chris and Jasper made to the church last Friday, I understand that he has reported back to you to advise that the following will need to be addressed before the bells can be rung;

- The second and tenor (5th Bell) require new stays. We already have these in hand.
- The third rope requires a new tail end. We will hand-slice a new tail end onto your existing rope which will extend its life. I must, however, point out that the top end of the rope is significantly worn and the time is fast approaching when a new rope will be required. In the short term, I will turn your existing top end and hand-splice it back onto the sally, though this will only be a short-term fix. The current cost of a new rope would be **£221 + VAT**, this figure assuming that one of your ringers will fit the rope. I should warn that the current lead time for new ropes is 5-6 months.
- Birds have been able to gain entry to the belfry and they have left copious quantities of nesting material and much about the place. The nesting material around the treble is currently such as to prevent that bell from being rung. The wire mesh to one of the sound openings is defective, thus allowing birds to enter and the mesh will need to be replaced and all nesting material and other muck cleared out and removed before the bells can be rung.

Chris has undertaken the maintenance check and tighten.

The cost of the maintenance check, together with attending to all the above issues will be **£1223 + VAT**. I understand from Chris that one of our bellhangers should be available to attend to the outstanding matters towards the end of next week. If you could confirm your instruction to proceed, we will put everything in hand.