

Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers

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Membership Application Form

Please complete using BLOCK CAPITALS

Applicant Details

FIRST NAME

SURNAME

PREVIOUS SURNAME (IF APPLICABLE)

EMAIL ADDRESS

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER

ADDRESS LINE 1

ADDRESS LINE 2

ADDRESS LINE 3

POST CODE

Membership & Tower

Membership category (see note 2) — delete those not applicable:

Adult / Junior / Associate

HOME TOWER / UNATTACHED

BRANCH

Declarations

I confirm that I have read the Guild Rules and Code of Conduct, and that I am eligible for membership of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers. The Guild Rules and Code of Conduct can be found on the Guild website (ldgcb.com).

I agree to undertake the Basic Awareness Safeguarding training (C0), once every 3 years, which is a requirement for all volunteers. (see note 3)

Link: <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>

I consent to my membership details being held on computer in accordance with the latest Data Protection Acts (see note 4).

SIGNATURE

DATE

Proposer & Seconder

Note: Proposers and Seconders must be Ringing Members of the Guild. The proposer shall confirm the nominee's competence and eligibility for election. (Rule 2a)

PROPOSED BY

SIGNATURE

SECONDED BY

SIGNATURE

- Proposer: please tick to confirm that you have seen a photographic ID document confirming the identity of the above applicant. This only applies to applicants aged over 18.

Junior Membership (complete if applicable)

If applying for Junior membership please obtain the approval of your parent or legal guardian.

DATE OF BIRTH OF JUNIOR RINGER

PARENT / GUARDIAN NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

For Official Use — Membership Accepted

DATE AND PLACE OF ELECTION

RECORDED IN BRANCH MINUTES

BRANCH SECRETARY / OFFICIAL SIGNATURE

GUILD MEMBERSHIP OFFICER ADVISED (DATE)

NEW MEMBER NUMBER

After your membership has been accepted, go to the Guild website and click on the **Membermojo** logo for online registration. Follow the instructions and complete the form. It will be sent for approval to the Guild Membership Officer. Once approved, you will be invited to finalise the registration by paying your subscription online (Bank Transfer / Tower contact) or online via Stripe.

Send this completed form to the Guild Membership Officer.

LDGCBR MEMBERSHIP FORM NOTES (rev May 2026)

Note 1: Membership Validity

Election of Members: New Members must be elected at any business meeting of your local Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. Prospective members must fill in this Application Form and may only be elected by a majority vote of members present. Election is completed by registering on Membermojo and payment of the current subscription. (Rule 2e)

Subscriptions are due on election and on 1st January each subsequent year. A proportion of every subscription goes into the Guild's Bell Repair Fund; rates are agreed at the Guild AGM each year and take effect from 1st January of the following year. Those aged under 16 on 1st January or in full-time education may be granted a reduced subscription. (Rule 7f)

Where a Member is newly elected after 1st October, their subscription shall be deemed to include the following year. (Rule 7f)

A Member shall be deemed to have withdrawn if their subscription has not been paid by 31st March. Re-admission requires re-election at a Branch meeting. (Rule 2a)

Note 2: Membership Categories

Ringling Member: A Ringer living within, or actively ringing for Sunday service at a tower within, the Diocese of Lincoln. Pays an Annual Subscription. Covered by Guild Insurance and can vote at Branch and Guild meetings. (Rule 2a)

Associate Member: A non-ringer living within the Diocese who wishes to support the Guild. Pays a reduced subscription. Not covered by Guild Insurance, no voting rights, cannot hold office. (Rule 2d)

Note 3: Safeguarding

The Basic Awareness Safeguarding training (C0) is a Church of England requirement for all church volunteers (including bellringers) to complete once every 3 years. This is a short online course taking approximately 90 minutes.

<https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>

Register on the portal and create a password, then click on the Basic Awareness Training link. In-person training can be arranged for those without computer access. Once completed, provide your tower captain with a copy of your downloaded certificate.

Note 4: Data Protection Policy (Declaration of Consent / GDPR)

The details provided on this form will be held on both a computerised and manual filing system. This data will be processed by the Guild for ringing purposes only. No commercial use will be made of the information provided. Your name will be published in the Guild's Annual Report.

Where you are a tower correspondent or an officer of the Guild, this information will be published in the Annual Report and on the Guild's website. It may be provided to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, The Ringing World Limited, and to other ringers upon request.

Details of peals rung on behalf of the Guild, including ringers' names as submitted by the Conductor, will be sent to The Ringing World and may be published online (e.g. Bellboard and Pealbase).

Any restrictions you wish to place on your consent should be notified in writing to the Guild Officers. To obtain a copy of the data processed, contact the Guild's Data Controller. A statutory fee not exceeding £10 may be charged.

Note 5: For Official Use Only

The Branch Secretary may keep a copy of this form but the original should be sent to the Membership Secretary. The date and place of election and any age details must be recorded — otherwise the form will be returned, as this may be required by HM Revenue & Customs for audit purposes.