



O & P

Bell Maintenance

Repair and maintenance undertaken on chimes and rings of church bells.



SITE/JOB

**St John Darlington
Darlington Co Durham**

28th November 2025

Basic Method Statement removal of bells.

Job Description:

Remove all eight bells from the bell frame and lower to the ground onto pallets ready for collection by lorry.

Detailed procedure / order of work:

Remove the following from each bell:

wheel, stay, pully box, slider and clapper – store in chamber below.

Position lifting frame / utilise new steel beam (installed and spec'd for this purpose), slings, lifting block.

Undo bearing bolts, lift each bell to above frame level and rest on timbe balks.

Remove headstocks – store in chamber below.

Manoeuvre each bell individually over centre trap and lower to ground using an electric hoist rated at 1T (max bell weight ½ T).

Lower onto Euro Pallet to enable moving with a pallet truck.

On completion remove lifting gear and tools, replace trapdoors (if in place at start of job)

Expected Duration of work:

2-3 days

Note: Top trapdoor to be in place unless lifting is in progress.

Hazards:

Working at height

Use of power tools

Lifting

Dropping tools

Carrying equipment up the tower.

Usual risks associated with use of manual tools

Precautionary Measures:

Relevant training / experience
Relevant PPE
Keeping trap doors shut when not in use

Equipment:

Lifting block
Lifting frame
Slings
Power tools
Hand tools.

Max weight to be lifted 0.55 tonnes.
All equipment tested to a minimum of 1 Tonne.

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