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Helping churches acquire surplus and/or
redundant bells to be hung
for English-style full-circle bell-ringing.

KELTEK TRUST – Projects in Oxfordshire

Place	Dedication	
Abingdon	St Helen	Relocation of six surplus bells.
Broadwell	St Peter & St Paul	Location/supply of two bells.
Buscot	St Mary	Location/supply of two bells.
Fulbrook	St James the Great	Location/supply of a bell.
Kencot	St George	Location/supply of a surplus bell.
Milton	St Blaise	Relocation of five surplus bells.
Shellingford	St Faith	Location/supply of a bell and relocation of a surplus bell.
Shilton	Holy Rood	Location/supply of a bell.
Shiplake	St Peter & St Paul	Location/supply of a bell and relocation of five surplus bells.

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Abingdon, Oxfordshire, St Helen



The ring of ten bells were replaced by a newly cast ring during 2005. The Trust assisted with the relocation of some of the original bells; the front six are to be installed at St Cyprian's Cathedral, Kimberley, South Africa. The 7th was to become a clock bell at Falmouth parish church but it was stolen from a bell-hanger's premises.



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Broadwell, Oxfordshire, St Peter & St Paul



The unringable ring of five bells has been restored and augmented to a ring of eight. The old 2nd bell has been removed from the ring and is now a service bell. The 2nd & 3rd of eight are the former treble and 2nd bells from the replaced ring at Yorktown, Camberley. The treble and replacement 2nd bell are newly cast bells.



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Buscot, Oxfordshire, St Mary



Numerous bell-restoration projects have been undertaken within the Oxford diocese and many have a high degree of self-help; the scheme at St Mary's is typical. Tony Crabtree, the instigator of the project has been the driving force behind several restorations in the *Vale of the White Horse*. The long unringable minor-three hung in a part medieval timber frame. With help from the Keltek Trust, the pre-1999 four-bell frame and single bell from St John the Baptist, Purbrook have been installed below the original 3-bell bell-frame. Purbrook's old frame & bell had to be removed as part of their *Ringling in the Millennium* scheme to install a light ring of six bells. The existing treble & second are now the second and third of the new ring; the ex-Purbrook bell is the tenor and the new treble is from the redundant church at Woolverton, Somerset. The Edward Neale tenor bell remains in the old 3-bell bell-frame. The bells were dedicated on Saturday 25th March 2000.



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Fulbrook, Oxfordshire, St James the Great



The ring of three have been augmented to six. This involved replacing one of the original three bells that was considered of poor tone. The 3rd of the augmented ring is an ex-Trinity House buoy bell acquired by the Trust. The project was completed during July 2004.

Youtube video of the bells ringing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zg-YAFL0i0>



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Kencot, Oxfordshire, St George



Subject to Faculty and fund-raising it is planned to re-instate the ring of 3. The 2nd bell was removed during 1778 presumably for repair and was never returned. A bell ex-Twyford, Hampshire has been acquired for the project to augment the ring of two.



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Milton, Oxfordshire, St Blaise



The pre-2002 ring of six has been replaced with a newly cast ring of eight bells hung in a new frame. The poor-toned 2nd bell of the original ring was retained and is on display in the church. The remaining five bells have been slightly re-tuned to create the back five of a ring of six and installed at the church of St Michael & All Angels, Hackthorn, Lincolnshire.



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Shellingford, Oxfordshire, St Faith



Shellingford's three bells were augmented to four in 1920 and to six for the Millennium. The 1920 bell was deemed to be too small and light to be part of a ring of six bells and it has been relocated to Wetton, Staffordshire. The 2nd of six is a redundant bell from the now demolished church of St Stephen, Tovil, Kent. The restored and augmented bells were dedicated on 12th July 1998.



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Shilton, Oxfordshire, Holy Rood



Subject to Faculty and fund-raising it is hoped to restore the unringable ring of three bells and augment to six. The Keltek trust has offered to donate a bell suitable as the second of six.



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Shiplake, Oxfordshire, St Peter & St Paul



The pre-2010 ring of eight bells has been replaced with a newly cast ring. The Trust has helped to relocate some of the earlier ring. The two trebles have been installed at Newnham, Hampshire as part of the augmentation project. The 3rd has been installed at Winterborne Stickland, Dorset and the 4th at Thoroton, Nottinghamshire. The 5th bell has been installed at Nunton, Wiltshire where the unringable three has been augmented to four and re-hung for chiming. The Trust has also provided Shiplake with a sanctus bell.