

Appendix B – Website Cookie Statement



B.1 Introduction

This Website Cookie Statement forms **Appendix B** of the Dorset County Association of Church Bell Ringers Data Protection Policy.

The Association's website, built using the standard WordPress platform, uses a small number of cookies to ensure the website functions correctly. Cookies are small data files stored on your device that help provide a secure and reliable browsing experience.

This statement explains the cookies currently used by the Association's website and the purposes for which they are used.

B.2 Cookies Used by the Website

The Association's website uses only the following categories of cookies:

Authentication Cookies

These cookies are essential for managing users who log in to the website administration area. They are not used during normal public or member browsing.

For authorised officers who log in to administer the website, WordPress sets authentication cookies that remember login details during the session, avoiding the need to repeatedly authenticate while navigating the administration pages.

Commenter Cookies

If a visitor leaves a comment on the website, WordPress can store cookies containing the visitor's name, email address and website as a convenience so that these details do not need to be entered again when posting future comments.

The Association does not currently enable comments on its website, and consequently these cookies are not normally created.

Test Cookie

WordPress sets a temporary cookie to determine whether your web browser accepts cookies. This cookie contains no personal data and is automatically deleted when you close your browser.

B.3 Why These Cookies Are Used

The cookies used by the website fall into the following categories:

Strictly Necessary

Authentication and test cookies are essential for the secure operation and administration of the website. Without these cookies, authorised officers would be unable to log in and manage website content.

Functional

Commenter cookies, where comments are enabled, provide a convenient experience for returning visitors by remembering information previously entered into comment forms.

B.4 Managing Cookies

You may manage or disable cookies through your web browser settings.

Please note that disabling strictly necessary cookies may affect the operation of parts of the website, particularly the administration functions used by authorised officers.

B.5 Changes to this Cookie Statement

This Cookie Statement may be updated from time to time to reflect changes to the Association's website or to applicable legal or regulatory requirements.

The current version is published on the Association's website and forms Appendix B of the Association's Data Protection Policy.