

MAIL ORDER REPAIR & RESTORATION

If you value your older books and fine bindings but they are in need of repair or restoration why not let us provide you with an individual estimate from our skilled crafts people?

Our craft bindery will restore and repair any prized and valued volume, bible, photograph album or other paper artefact that is showing signs of dilapidation due to its advanced age and use or accidental damage from a fire or flood. We have a lifetime of experience in preserving for posterity many different sorts of paper, parchment, and other binding materials including leathers (goatskin, sheepskin, pigskin, vellum, suede or calf) cloths and wooden or paper boards.

CHOOSE FROM 3 FORMATS:

There are three main options to choose from dependant on the current condition and state of your book:

- 1) **A sympathetic total repair and restoration of the original binding reusing as much of the existing materials as possible supplemented by our use of archival quality matching new materials as necessary**
- 2) **Rebacking the volume with a new, strengthened spine but retaining the original boards. Where possible, the existing spine may be remounted over the new spine**
- 3) **Replacement of the original binding with a new fine binding in a style that is totally in keeping with the original appearance and that is correct for the period that the book dates**

With any of the above formats broken and damaged pages are repaired and preserved, broken sewing threads removed and replaced with the pages re sewn usually by hand using traditional methods. Book ownership or donation plates, booksellers/bookbinders labels and any inscribed manuscript notes are carefully preserved during the restoration or new fine binding process. All leather bindings are treated with preservative to prolong their life before leaving our bindery.

In this way, precious and fragile books including family bibles and hymnals or prayer books, can be strengthened and lovingly preserved for future use and handling, so that you, and your future generations, can enjoy them for many years to come.

For further protection, a special book box or slip case can be especially constructed to house the repaired book – this will greatly help to keep the restored binding clean, free from dust and help prevent further mechanical abrasion and damage.

Please contact us now and ask our advice and an estimate for the recommended remedial restoration costs of your particular favourite books.

WHAT INFORMATION DO WE NEED TO GIVE YOU AN ACCURATE ESTIMATE?

Ideally, it is always best to let our craftspeople see at first hand each book so that a full assessment and quotation can be made. However, we can give a fairly accurate estimate without obligation provided we have enough information.

Let us know the title of the volume, age (date of publication if known), number of pages and size of binding (height, width & thickness). We'll also need to know details of the original binding materials, how complete the existing binding is (are any boards or spine missing or badly damaged?), whether joints (hinges) are loose or broken and whether any pages/sewing are coming loose.

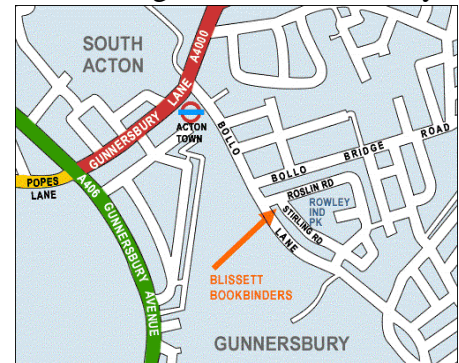
If you require a new fine binding, we'll need to know your preference for style and materials we are to use, extent of blind or gold decoration and whether you need a book box or slipcase.

HOW TO PLACE YOUR ORDER

Carefully pack up your book or books into a secure package and send or bring them to our bindery in Acton, West London UK. Our address is:

Blissett Bookbinders
Roslin Road
Acton
London
W3 8DH

Opening hours: Monday-Thursday 7.30 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.
Fridays 7.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.



Please enclose your individual specific instructions for repair or new fine binding including your choice of style and format, covering material and colour and desired lettering and numbering details. Don't forget to include a note of your return address, telephone number (daytime), E-mail address and your name.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

We will check your volume/s on arrival and look at your instructions. If we need any further information to complete your quotation/order, we'll contact you. Otherwise we will send you our invoice for the work including return carriage costs (unless you want to collect the volume personally). Payment should be made to **Blissett Bookbinders** by sterling cheque drawn on an UK bank, credit card or sterling bankers' draft.

Once your payment has been credited, work will proceed and should take about ten weeks to finish. All restored or newly bound volumes will be returned to you or can be collected during normal office hours.

CHARGES

Mail order book restoration and repair or new fine binding charges start from as little as about **£70** per volume plus UK vat at the standard rate. Costs exclude return packing and carriage. For a full detailed quotation of our costs, please contact us in advance. We are happy to accept orders by post if accompanied by full payment (N.B. postage at customers' own risk). We recommend if sending work to us in the post that you use Registered Mail or Special Delivery. Payments can be made in cash (if personally delivering work), by cheque, postal order, sterling bankers draft, debit card or most credit cards either in person or over the 'phone.



Please note that there is a small bank/admin surcharge made when using debit or credit cards but not on personal cheques.

PAYMENT SURCHARGES Debit card transactions @ 30p

Credit card transactions @ 2.5%

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