

**Milton Abbot Grouped Parish Council  
Retaining Wall Quotations**

**QUOTE A**

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Client: Milton Abbot Grouped Parish Council

Site Address: The Parade, Milton Abbot

Telephone No: Clerk Emma James 07742 557 982

**Retaining Wall, Milton Abbot**

Thank you for your letter dated 21/05/15 regarding the existing retaining wall alongside the play area.

After inspection it is apparent approx 30m @ 1.30m high = Approx 39 m2 of the existing wall is leaning over considerably. Although I wouldn't say it is in imminent danger of collapsing it will need attention soon. The problem has arisen by the pressure behind the wall plus the original wall is constructed using an earthy type backfill lacking structural strength rather than a mortar backing which provides a more substantial structure.

The method of repair would be to carefully take down the existing wall, salvage and clean good quality stone for re-use, remove poor quality stone then rebuild using mortar for increased structural stability using salvaged stone mixed with new stone incorporating weep pipes. A concrete foundation may also be required.

Cost to supply additional stone, labour, materials, plant hire - £150.00 per m2 x 39m2 = £5850.00 ex vat

Cost to clear waste materials from site on completion of works - £500.00

During construction works it would be in everyone's interests including the general public, neighbours and road users if this section of road is closed. I'm not sure if this is possible without highways approval but if my quote is of interest to you we can look into meeting the highways dept for their recommendation. I have at this stage made no allowance for road closure application fees, traffic management costs.

We hope you find this quotation to be of an acceptable price. If there are queries on the proposed project, don't hesitate to phone on the above numbers.

**QUOTE B**

Dear Emma,

Sorry for the delay. We have been and looked at the wall this evening, its not an easy project to price.

Yes there is a section of the wall out of alignment, there are other areas that need attention.

We would

- Completely take down the section in question and rebuild.
- Other areas would be taken down and rebuilt.
- Repoint the repaired sections.
- Repoint the rest of the wall.

<b>Estimated price</b>	<b>£15000.00</b>
<b>VAT 20%</b>	<b>£ 3000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£18000.00</b>

Dave has had many years experience stonewalling.

If you wish to proceed with this quote, due to other work commitments it will not be until October / November at the earliest.

**QUOTE C**

Hi Emma,

Thank you for your Email.

Shaun has been over to Milton Abbot and taken a look at the section of wall in question.

It is a beautiful historic section of walling and certainly a job we would like to the opportunity to be able to undertake.

On assessment, the wall is a retaining wall of natural stone and lime mortar construction and has become unstable from the bottom 1/4 upwards and is leaning forwards toward the road. The length of the section which need repair is 26.5m in length and 1.3m high.

We would be looking at starting the repair from the righthand side of the arch and running down to the road drain which is where the wall then becomes stable again. The existing wall would be carefully racked back allowing for a releatively seamless and strong join to be made between the new and existing sections. In order to retain the character and historic value of the wall the existing stone and stone capping would be cleaned and reused. Any additonal new stone that is required would be mixed in so as to blend with the aged stone. Both stone and Lime would be sourced locally from a suitable quarry to get the best colour match possible. A new concrete foundation would be laid underground to give stable footings for the wall. A land drain would also be installed behind the wall and weep holes installed within the wall to ensure proper water run off.

It is hoped that the wooden fencing that sits inside the wall would not have to be removed to facilitate the repair, however this is not possible to confirm until excavation begins.

The road to the side of the wall is approximately 4m wide and this would need to be coned off during the works. We would cone off the working area in 10m sections so as not having to block the whole section of road at anyone time. this amount of space would be required to be able to store the cleaned stone in preparation for rebuilding. An area would also need to be allocated to place a skip for any waste materials as the wall is excavated. As the site was visited in the day we would need to know if the area is generally used for car parking and what would be in place to ensure that we are able to access at all times.

We would anticipate the costing for this job to be in the region of £20,000 + vat. This is our best estimate at this stage. Should you wish to appoint us to undertake the works we would then review the costing once we are able to get full guidance from the council on road management during the works.

We hope this is of help and thank you for contacting us to provide an estimate and look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards