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Dear Mr Ediss

West Rainton: St Mary's Parish Church – Tower Clock

As you are aware our regional engineer Mike Tomlinson was recently on site to carry out annual servicing of the above clock. During the visit he serviced the clock and left everything in working order and also took the opportunity to examine, as best he could from an internal position, the dial on the external wall of the church.

His investigation revealed that there is significant corrosion on the back of the dial and whilst he could not determine a great deal of detail he was extremely concerned as to the integrity of the returns that hold the copper glazing panels in place and the fixings that hold the dial on the wall.

I am not suggesting at this stage that the dial is dangerous but I must, as part of the service we provide, bring to your attention that we are concerned as to this situation.

The dial itself we believe is manufactured from cast iron which, whilst being a quite resilient metal is prone to localised pitting corrosion when the paint no longer protects the surface of the metal.

The best and most viable long-term solution to this situation would be to remove the clock dial for a full workshop overhaul and renovation, followed by reinstating on new stainless steel fixings.

To carry out this work safely would require scaffolding and I am sure you will realise that would become a very expensive activity.

Nevertheless, I would be happy to put together a more detailed specification and fixed price quotation, including the cost of scaffolding, for your further consideration *should you so desire*.

I hope this information meets with your requirements but please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further clarification of any of the points raised.

I look forward to hearing from you and remain.....

Yours sincerely



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