

# CHURCHYARD PUSH PULL TESTING AND ESSENTIAL SAFETY WORK

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Council does not have a member of staff trained to undertake the push pull testing and the Churchyard has a considerable number of memorials that are giving cause for concern. Five memorials are roped off and are considered a high risk of causing injury.

A contractor has been identified and this report presents the costs in order to provide Council an overview of the issues being faced and the cost of overcoming those issues.

## 2.0 WORK TO BE CONTRACTED

### 2.1 Push Pull testing

It is estimated that there are 900 memorials to test. The cost is £2.60 a memorial. Only the memorials of concern will be catalogued.

900 memorials x £2.60 = £2,340

### 2.2 Essential Remedial Works

It is recommended that the Council allow for 100 memorials that require remedial works. This is likely to consist of staking the memorial, banding and signing. (Memorials over 39" height will incur additional costs)

100 memorials x £14.85 = £1,485

### 2.3 Laying down of larger stones

Larger memorials that require digging out and laying down cost £117.20. It is recommended that three of these are allowed for.

3 memorials x £117.50 = 352.50

## 3.0 ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

Memorials that need attention that is not essential can have the graves discretely marked. All graves and memorials requiring work to be undertaken will require signing to ask the grave owners to make contact with the Parish Council.

It is recommended that £200 be allowed for these materials.

## 4.0 TOTAL COST

The total cost of the identified contractor is £4,177.50. No other contractor has been identified. Longer term this work will be incorporated into the reviewed maintenance team skills and push pull testing and remedial work can be undertaken on a rolling basis.