Project Type: Maintenance; High-level Work

Project Title: Pattress Painting at Alwalton

Location: St Andrew’s Church, Alwalton

Aims: To paint the pattress plates (tie plates) at the top of the tower.

Total Cost: £1300 approx.

Funding Sources: PCC Funds

Project Duration: I day to do the work. A few weeks to identify a contractor who could work at height without scaffolding.

Brief Overview

The quinquennial report identified that the pattress plates at the top of the tower were rusting and in need of painting. Not a particularly expensive or difficult job in itself, but the location of the plates did present a challenge in terms of access. With the cost of scaffolding being particularly high, the Churchwarden carried out some research and identified a company which used ropes to descend to the pattress plates on the side of the tower. The company had experience working on churches and Cathedrals and covered all health and safety aspects.

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Top Tips: Do some research to find the best solution that suits the task required and your budget.

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