

We are writing to advise you that we have been appointed as contractor to carry out essential repairs on the retaining wall at **The Nook, on the B3263 (New Road), Boscastle**. The work is anticipated to take approximately 12 weeks, though adverse weather conditions may increase this.

The wall is showing signs of structural instability and as it supports the carriageway, prompt repairs are essential in order to avoid further deterioration. Specialist piling techniques will be used to reinforce the wall vertically and horizontally, strengthening it for the future. Due to the nature of the work, some excavation and drilling is needed, which can cause noise. However works will be carried out in the daytime, during normal working hours and every effort will be made to keep disturbance to a minimum. The full programme of work will be reviewed once the design details have been confirmed, a little closer to the time.

In order for these repairs to take place, it will be necessary to close a section of the road, approximately 30m, close to the repairs. Access for residents will be maintained, however there will be no route through the works at any time, for the full duration of the works. All vehicles wishing to access Boscastle village itself, will need to take the alternative diversion route. However pedestrian access will be maintained throughout.

We realise that this will cause concern to the businesses and residents of Boscastle and in an effort to minimise the disruption to holiday trade, we are planning to carry out the repairs in January 2019. We would like to ensure everyone is fully informed, has good notice of the works and the road closure and have any questions answered before work commences. To this end, we will be in touch again soon, once the programme of work is finalised, to arrange a meeting for the Parish Councillors where we can provide you with all the information you need to pass to the local community. In the meantime, please feel free to email me if you have any questions.

Kind regards.

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