

# Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches

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The Diocese of  
**Canterbury**



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

*Dear Lionel*

## CONFIRMATION OF DAC ADVICE MAIDSTONE, ALL SAINTS – PIGEON PROOFING

I am writing to inform you that the Standing Committee of the DAC has agreed the Committee's formal advice on the above proposals, which is set out in the enclosed notification of advice. Please read the document carefully to note any comments, which the Committee may have made, or any conditions which may be linked to the Committee's decision. **Please take care to ensure that these documents are not lost or mislaid. We are increasingly finding that PCCs are submitting alternative copies of papers not bearing the DAC stamp and this is resulting in delays in the processing of faculty casework.**

In addition to the notification you will find enclosed stamped copies of the paperwork seen by the DAC and upon which the Committee's advice is based.

A copy of the notification has been sent direct to the Diocesan Registry (tel: 020 7593 5110) who will send you within the next few days a copy of the faculty petition and public notices.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Diocesan Registry or me if you have any questions.

*Best wishes*

*I*

DAC/2015/116

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(Rule 3.6)  
Diocesan Advisory Committee  
Notification of Advice



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**This notification constitutes advice only and does not give you permission to carry out the works or other proposals to which it relates. A faculty must be obtained from the court before the works or proposals may lawfully be carried out.**

**In the diocese of Canterbury**

**Parish of Maidstone, All Saints with St Philip and St Stephen Tovil**

**Church of Maidstone, All Saints**

The church is listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

The listing is grade I

At a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Diocesan Advisory Committee

The following works or other proposals were considered:

Pigeon proofing the building in accordance with a proposal by Absolute Pest Control dated 26 January 2015.

The Committee **recommends** the works or proposals for approval by the court subject to the following provisos:

- (1) The window netting must be fixed to coincide with the masonry of the arch.
- (2) Where possible, fixings should be made into mortar joints rather than into stonework.

**This advice does not constitute authority for carrying out the works or proposals and a faculty is required.**

In the opinion of the Committee the work or part of the work proposed is not likely to affect—

- the character of the church as a building of special architectural or historic interest
- the archaeological importance of the church
- archaeological remains existing within the church or its curtilage

Because of the nature of the proposals, consultation has not been held with any of the statutory consultees.

**This advice is valid for 24 months from the date given below.**

Signed:

Date:

8/9/15

Secretary to the Diocesan Advisory Committee

Footnotes:-

- (1) The insurance policy for the church building will include a condition that the PCC notifies the insurer of any activity which might increase the insured risk. Obvious examples are alterations to the wiring installation, the erection of any scaffolding or any disruption to the fabric of the building. The faculty petition includes a question as to whether the church's insurers have been informed about the work which is to be carried out and the Diocesan Registrar will need to see a copy of the letter from the insurers confirming that they have been notified.
- (2) If the PCC has received a grant from Historic England or the Heritage Lottery Fund under the Repair Grant Scheme for Places of Worship 2002 to 2005, the grant offer will have included a condition that they notify Historic England when seeking faculty or any other approval for works to the church. Historic England does not need to be told about maintenance and minor repairs, works in the churchyard (other than extensions) and reversible works of liturgical adaptation that are compatible with the building. This condition ceases to apply ten years after the last grant payment. Churches grant aided by Historic England before this scheme came into operation no longer need to obtain their separate approval for changes.

As one of the churches' secular partners Historic England will already have been consulted if significant alterations to the building are proposed, whether or not grant aid has previously been made available.

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Our Ref: AQ/DW/26012015

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8/8/15	Date

**Re: PIGEON PROOFING**

Following the recent survey at the above site. We now take pleasure in submitting our competitive proposal for the installation of an effective bird deterrent system including:-

- Current situation
- Itemised recommendations
- Quotation
- Method statement

All prices quoted are nett of all discounts and valid for sixty days from the above date.

Please quote Ref: AQ/DW/26012015 on all future correspondence.

We trust the enclosed is satisfactory. Please contact me direct on **01622 833330** or **07972557187** if you have any queries or visit our Web site at [www.absolutepest.co.uk](http://www.absolutepest.co.uk)

Yours sincerely

**Danny Weeks**  
Surveyor

## Current Situation

Pigeons are roosting and perching on all ledges surrounding the glass and windows to specified windows. Pigeons are also perching on the top wall above the window and possible nesting inside the gullies adjacent to the windows. Guano (pigeon fouling) has been seen covering the window ledges and on the floor beneath the windows, this is a potential slip hazard as bird fouling can be very slippery especially when wet.

## Recommendations

Absolute Pest Control recommends these methods of proofing to the specified windows and ledges:

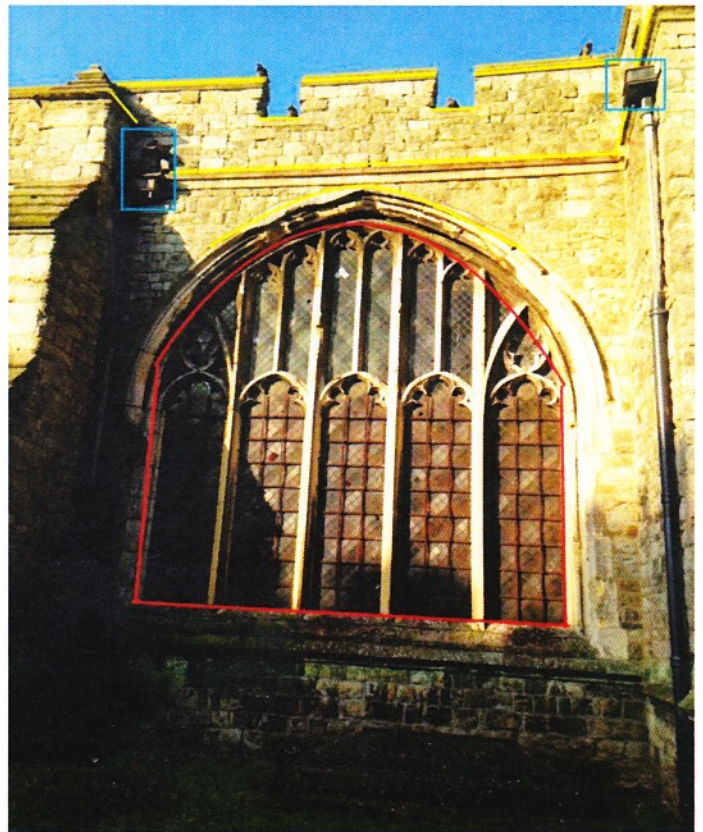
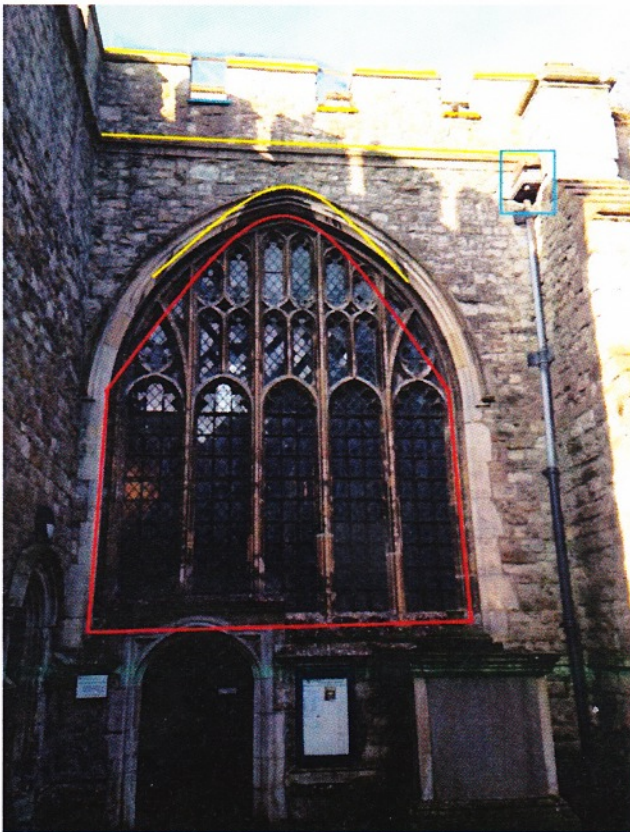
1. To install a bird netting system to the entire window area. Stainless Steel fixings and wires shall be installed to the perimeter of the window (aslong as Absolute has permission to fix into building). The net is then clipped to the tensioned wire with Stainless Steel hog ring staples. Netting is the best possible method to deny birds to access such areas.
2. To install a galvanized mesh cage around the entire hoppers to deny birds to nest inside the gullies. Bird point spikes shall be installed to the top of cage to deny the birds to perch on top.
3. To install bird point spikes to the ledge and cornis band above window to deny birds to perch and foul down beneath.
4. To install bird point to the top leading edges of specified areas.

All bird fouling accessible will be bagged and removed from site. Contaminated areas will be treated with a biocide to disinfect the area. Staining will remain to some surfaces due to its acidic nature.

### Window 1

### Window 2

(Red Lines: Netting, Yellow Lines: Spikes, Blue Box, Mesh)



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Absolute Pest Control will access these areas via Ladders and/or mobile scaffold tower, all our technicians are PASMA trained. The top leading edges will have to be accessed via the roof area.

**Quotation**

Our cost to carry out the above works will be as follows:

Options	Price	
Labour per day	£400.00 + VAT	
Option 1 (Bird Netting per Window)	£130.00 + VAT	(price is per window)
Option 2 (Meshing installation per hopper)	£20.00 + VAT	(price is per window)
Option 3 (Spikes to ledge above window and cornis band)	£100.00 + VAT	(price is per window)
Option 4 (Spikes to top leading edge)	£70.00 + VAT	(price is per window)

*(Please note all prices above are priced at per window elevation, if works were to be done consecutively with the other it would dramatically reduce the labour charge. Absolute shall agree on a labour price once options have been chosen e.g. Option 2 and 4 are to be carried out to Window 1 which would not take an 8hour shift so labour charge will be reduced)*



## Method Statement

Client: Mrs Shaw, All Saints Church, Maidstone, Kent

### Job Description: Bird Proofing methods to windows

**1. Equipment to be used in the operation.**

(All equipment is logged and routinely checked in line with the Company Health and safety Policy).

*Birdnet* Installation Kit, small hand tools and fouling clearance equipment all supplied by Absolute Pest Control services.

**2. PPE to be used**

(Equipment is logged and routinely checked in line with the Company Health and safety)

PPE to be used, will be Hard-hats, steel toe-capped boots with 200 joules toecap, Disposable protective suits/overalls, particle filter half mask + type AP filter to 0.3 microns in diameter, Fluorescent vests, Safety goggles and gloves to BS2082 1C. Glove's to be taped at the wrists. Safety harnesses with 1.2m lanyard and karabiner attachment.

**3. Personnel Training**

All personnel who carry out duties on behalf of Absolute Pest Control services, undergoes and in house training programme which includes basic bird deterrent works, confined space training, the safe use of fall safe arrest systems, IPAS, PASMA, CSCS/CPCS and LUL entrance qualifications.

**4. Method of Operation**

**i. Access of personnel and equipment to work areas.**

All works to be carried out via scaffold tower & steps/ladders

**ii. Security of personnel at work area.**

Areas will be coned off to prevent other personnel entering the work site

**iii. Cordoning off of work area.**

Work areas to be identified by site.

**iv. Storage of equipment.**

All tools and material to be stored in contractor's vehicles or at a pre-agreed location during down time.

**v. Working Schedule**

All works to be carried out with visits to site during normal working hours Monday – Friday 08.00 – 17.00.

Signed: Danny Weeks

Date: 26-01-15

## Quality Assurance Statement

### Installation of Bird Proofing Products

Absolute Pest Control Ltd carries out the installation of all bird proofing systems that are currently available from market leader Network Bird.

All systems are installed as per manufactures instructions. All systems are installed by a fully competent team of operatives. In doing so, all products will be covered under the manufactures guarantee.

On completion of any installation, it will be required that the client inspects the works prior to signing a completed Service Inspection Report. Any concerns can be dealt with prior to leaving site.

Should any part of the new installation become faulty within 10 days of completion, Absolute Pest Control will return free of charge to survey the fault, rectify free of charge if agreed that it is due to poor installation, or provide a quotation to repair, rectify if fault is due to a third party.

Netting systems, pin and wire systems and Avishock systems will require two chargeable maintenance visits per year to inspect, repair any minor fault or damage, tighten and clean the product to enable Absolute Pest Control Ltd to be able to commit to any warranty.

For further information, or in case of emergency, please contact:

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