

Milly Southworth

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Sent: 25 July 2024 16:24
To: clerk@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk; opsman@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk
Subject: Torpoint Civic Chain

Dear Milly and Phil,

Many thanks for visiting us yesterday and allowing us to view the the Torpoint Civic chain.

As follows is our quote for repairs and restoration to the Civic. Work is itemised as follows:

- Remove existing brass and silver hooks from side medallions, remove all old lead solder. Make new replacement hooks in sterling silver, and solder to the original positions on the side medallions.
- Check all links throughout the whole chain, make replacements where necessary to match the original links, fit and solder. Solder existing links where open, or where original solder joints have cracked.
- Rebuild or replace large silver swivel clip on the front part of the chain. Make and fit a new link, and solder.
- Make and supply extra drop link for the enamel jewel pendant, and solder.
- Restore outer blue enamel ring on the enamel pendant to front of chain, and repolish existing silver, and refinish as necessary.
- Make a new fitting for the rear of the enameled piece to attach the back engraved section that has been glued on.

Total cost of the works is £2465.00, plus VAT at 20% which totals £2958.00.

An additional insurance premium for a 14 day period (Lloyds of London, c/o T.H. Marsh & Co Ltd) at £498.00 (VAT exempt) is also required.

Total for above works and insurance is £3456.00.

As requested we have put together a separate quote for a guard chain:

Quotation for the creation of a guard chain with double clips in a heavy weight 4mm belcher style silver chain is £134.00, plus VAT at 20%, which totals £165.60.

All the above work will be carried out solely by ourselves, at our business premises at Buck & Co Jewellers, Goldsmiths and Diamond Mounters, 12 Market House Arcade, Bodmin.

It is expected that all proposed works will be completed within 12 days, and as discussed yesterday we believe we can undertake this work starting the second week in September. As we do not open on Mondays, this would be from the 10th September. We are happy to hold this piece for the duration of the work, and will notify you immediately that the work is completed.

We conduct our work with the upmost care and attention, and we will do our best to make you aware of any obvious risks before the work commences. We have made known our concerns for the current handling and storage of the chain, which we consider to be unsatisfactory considering the age and value of the piece. We have issued advice accordingly regarding transport cases, and we are happy to continue to advise and assist you with this.

We are proud to prepare this quote for the work for you, and will notify you immediately if any additional required work comes to attention as the job progresses, and no supplementary works will be carried until agreed by both parties. We have however been thorough in our assessment of the piece, so believe that additional costs will be unlikely.

We thank you for your interest in our small family business and we welcome your commitment to keeping this work local to Cornwall. It is a privilege and honour to have been considered to work on a piece of such local historical importance. If you have any further questions, or require clarification on any of these points please do not hesitate to contact us. If you prefer, we are also happy for you to visit us again to go over this in person, once we reopen after our summer break on the 13th August.

Regards,

Trevor Buck
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Buck & Co Jewellers, Goldsmiths and Diamond Mounters.