

South Hams Clock Servicing

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Mrs S. Bond,
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Dear Sue,

Many thanks for the invitation to inspect your clock and to offer options for conversion to automatic electric operation.

The existing clock is not in good condition and appears to be in need of servicing if it is to continue in operation. It also requires regular access to allow adjustment in order to display the correct time.

Turret clocks can be of value to collectors however the existing clock is not of high quality nor has any conspicuous marks of a known maker and therefore has very limited appeal. Sadly this means that the sale of the existing clock is unlikely to offset the cost of the new installation. Once removed this can be fully assessed.

Recommendation

It is recommended that a 230V geared electric stepper motor is installed. This is controlled by a microcomputer with a built-in accurate internal clock. The clock will automatically self-correct in the event of a power cut, and will automatically account for the hour changes in the spring and autumn. The company which supplies these bespoke systems manufactures them in the UK.

Both the electric clock and the microcomputer are within moisture resistant casings (IP65).

The existing clock will need to be removed to allow for the installation and it is anticipated that the new system will be linked to the existing hands without disturbance of the face.

For the work of removal of the current clock, adaptation to fit, and installation of the electrical system the estimated cost will be **£4200**.

The unit will not require any intervention or servicing. A periodic inspection of the installation is recommended for electrical safety in line with the premises electrical inspection regime.

Included in the cost of this work, the loose dust and grit in the tower will be removed, and stainless steel anti-infestation mesh will be fitted on the inside of the 3 louvre openings.

Additional Options

Striking

The microcomputer can also control a strike hammer. This can be set for night silencing as required.

This additional element will cost **£940**

Painting the Face

The painted face is showing signs of ageing and the paint is faded. The use of a lifting 'cherry picker' will be a more cost effective way of conducting the work rather than scaffolding. However this is still not a cheap operation. To repaint the numbers on the face (and the hands) using top quality marine gloss paint would be an additional **£880**.

While the cherry picker is on-site the roof and towers could also be inspected if desired. This option is dependent on the width of the gateway to the carpark being over 2.3 metres wide.

There is no VAT payable on the above figures.

If I can be of any further help or you would like to discuss any of the options further, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,



Rob van Es