



SWANAGE TOWN COUNCIL

SEYMER ROAD DRYSTONE WALL REBUILD

Work is commencing in November 2020 to rebuild the drystone wall adjacent to Seymer Road. Parts of it have become unstable due partly to the trees that were growing just inside the wall and partly because earth is banked up inside the wall which the wall is not strong enough to support. To avoid any part of the wall collapsing unexpectedly into the highway the entire wall is to be rebuilt mostly reusing the existing stone.



The work is expected to take 14 weeks as the wall is dismantled and rebuilt largely by hand. It will be rebuilt in the same style with the “cock and hen” coping.



The earth banking against the inside of the wall will be removed but retained on the Downs. The earth will be placed in a nearby “dip” in the landform to minimise the impact. This will avoid landfill costs and is the most sustainable option as there is minimal transport and any viable seed bank held within the topsoil is retained on the Downs.

You will see the grass and soil in this “dip” being scraped back. As the earth will be a mixture of topsoil and clay subsoil we will be removing the topsoil in this “dip” first before placing any subsoil excavated from behind the wall and finally recovering with the topsoil.

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