



To whom it may concern,

Re: St John the Baptist acceptance of Henry Groves organ refurbishment quote.

At the Church Council meeting on May 17th 2023, the committee had a full discussion regarding which quote to accept for the much needed refurbishment of the organ. Subsequent to 4 quotes being gathered in 2022, the Diocese and Neil Daly (organ tuner) had advised that St. John the Baptist Church should employ an organ adviser to look at the organ, and assess the quotes. Paul Hale, an accredited member of the Association of Independent Organ Advisers and with an impressive track record as an organ consultant was duly appointed.

In January 2023 Paul Hale viewed the organ and submitted his report. He advised that 2 of the quotes received should be dismissed. Paul advised that a requote be requested from 'Henry Groves of Nottingham.'

The conclusion of the quoting process was that Paul Hale recommended the quote provided by Jonathan Wallace, Principal of Henry Groves. Their quote was thorough, creative, and offered excellent value for money. Other factors favouring the quote were that Henry Groves employ 4 people, rather than sub-contracting work. Their work is known to be of a high standard, as evidenced by the fine instrument at St. Mary's Church, Potters Bar, and Paul advised that the work done by the firm will last 50 years or longer.

A proposal was put forward to accept the Henry Groves quote. This proposal passed unanimously.

Yours Faithfully,

DCC Secretary

Team Vicar, St John the Baptist Church.