

# ULTIMATE SERVICE

TIXOVER RETAINING WALL

 LAFARGE  
TARMAC

CONTRACTING

**Partnership** RUTLAND COUNTY COUNCIL AND LAFARGE TARMAC

**Main Contractor** RUTLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

**Location** TIXOVER, RUTLAND

**Completion** MAY - JULY 2014

*We were delighted with the finished outcome of the new retaining wall. The project was completed within the required timescales and the aesthetic look was restored so that it was very much in keeping with its rural location.*

## THE CHALLENGE

When a 40 meter retaining wall was subsiding in a rural part of Rutland, Lafarge Tarmac's Contracting team were called in. With the risk of further landslides a real threat, it was imperative that the affected area was cordoned off whilst preventing disruption to the day to day running of the nearby farm and maintaining access and utilities services to surrounding houses.

The timescales were tight with work commencing in the middle of May and requiring completion by the end of July in order to provide access for crucial farming equipment at a key time of the year.

## OUR SOLUTION

Lafarge Tarmac put an experienced foreman and supervisory team in place to oversee the project and ensure that expertise was maximised on this complex maintenance project. The team quickly moved to put a temporary access road and pathway in place for farm use and for local residents.

Specialist machinery and site equipment including a crane, concrete pump and remote controlled compacter were also brought in to ensure that the 5 meter excavation required was achieved ensuring that health and safety was maintained at all times.

These measures allowed the wall to be restored to its original dry stone effect, sourcing local stone in the process, and allowing new drainage to be installed to prevent any future problems.

## RESULTS & BENEFITS

As a result of the skill and expertise of Lafarge Tarmac's Contracting team the new retaining wall was completed ahead of schedule and to cost (circa £215k) with the final aesthetic look of the wall being restored to its original state. Full access to the surrounding houses and farm buildings was re-opened and all future threats of land slippage and further decay to the highway eradicated.



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