

# Gabion Basket Retaining Wall

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## Aim

Gabion baskets are used to create a retaining structure designed to hold back embankments and prevent land slippage, or to stabilise slopes against erosion. They are large metal-mesh rectangular baskets which are carefully filled with stones once in position.

## Eligibility

Any land is eligible.

Gabions must be under, supporting or close alongside an upgraded or new path.

## Requirements

Gabion baskets should be:

- based on a level, hard and firm ground
- bedded on soil loosened and raked level, or a bed of raked sand
- baskets filled with selected stone laid and built-up to avoid sagging or movement
- crushed rock and fines rammed into cracks to firm-up the fill to level surfaces
- landscaped into adjacent banking or path edges or verges using turf and spoil.
- soil brushed into stonework and seeded, to help stabilise and give a more natural look

## Payment

You can claim £100 per cubic metre.

## Inspections

The inspectors will check:

- The location and extent of the work as is detailed in the contract schedule of works and contract map.
- That the capital item requirements have been met as detailed above.

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