

Affordable Solutions

Are electric gates cheap and can I afford them for my home? The answer is simple, what is your budget now, and how much do you want to spend on upkeep and maintenance? The costs of an electric gate is more than just the initial installation. Like a car, there will be maintenance and repair costs with a moving machine.

Is there any ongoing maintenance required? The reliability and usage of all systems influences the cost of upkeep. The design of the system, where its located and the type of use, directly results in the service maintenance and repairs necessary to keep the system working smoothly. A non-working system is of little use and in most cases can be a hazard or even a security/safety risk.



What are the gate options? There are three main choices: ONE, invest in the comprehensive solution that is tailored to suit the needs of the user and the property its allowing entry to : TWO, agree the best design and split the work in to stages, adding as and when funds are available: THREE, take a chance on the affordable solution and hope it works, is safe and lasts.



Why not just go for the cheap option? Sadly, the problem is that most, if not all, lower budget systems, have a short life expectancy, they cost more to bring up to a good design and expectable level of reliability, than they originally cost.

The reason why is the vast part of a system's build is what you do not see, the foundations and cables, the gate construction, hinge bearings, soak-a-ways, the structural, mechanical and electrical suitability throughout. More often or not the cost of removing what is there before upgrading can be costly. Working on an entrance that is in use can cause delays and upsets that add to the cost of repair or replacement. Access issues arise that may not have been there when the installation first went in. Ground-works may have been easier or less disruptive originally, or other products, systems or services may now be obstructing access.



What if the funds are not there straight away? Our advice is to wait until you can do the job correctly or carry the project out in phases. Do the ground-works and install the gates, post, and furniture correctly, with ducting and cable routes ready. Power supply, communications and control cabling or access routes can be laid in preparation. The automatic controls and equipment can be added later, assuming everything is suitable and compatibly designed.

Avoid budget gate installations, as these cheaper installations ALWAYS cost more in the long run!

