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Bringing the Sparkle Back to Bodmin Town Centre

South West Water will be rejuvenating the water mains in Bodmin town centre from Monday 5 February, with work scheduled for completion by 25 May 2007.

South West Water's Head of Asset Management & Development Graham Murphy said, "The work taking place in Bodmin town centre is part of a £4.2 million scheme to reline and renovate 88 kilometres of water main, over an area stretching from Bodmin Moor to the borders of Padstow.

The initial stages of the scheme started at the end of 2005 and will continue until December 2008, finally resulting in improved drinking water and increased water pressure for thousands of households in East Cornwall."

Although the company appreciate that any large engineering project of this scale may cause some inconvenience to road users and shop owners, it has been working closely with the highways authority and chamber of commerce to minimise disruption to customers and businesses.

As a result of careful consultation the work has been specially timed for the early spring to avoid the busy Christmas season and the summer holidays.

The company will also stop work for two weeks during the Easter holidays, from 1 April to the 15 April. During this time all traffic restrictions will be removed and temporary road reinstatements will be carried out.

In order to renovate pipes the company often need to turn customer's water supply off for short periods of time, however they always notify customers in advance of any expected works, with clear details of all planned shut downs.

South West Water would like to thank local town councils, businesses, road users and residents, whose cooperation and support will enable us to complete this essential refurbishment on schedule and with minimal inconvenience to everyone involved.

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