



14 March 2007

Bringing the Sparkle Back to the Heart of Bodmin

South West Water will be continuing its drive to improve the water mains in Bodmin town centre, bringing the sparkle back to the water supply of thousands of local homes.

Head of Asset Management & Development Graham Murphy said, "The work taking place from the 19 March in Bodmin town centre is an essential 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."

Although the company appreciate that any large engineering project of this scale may cause some inconvenience to road users and shop owners, we have 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 in Bodmin town centre has been specially timed for the early spring to avoid the busy Christmas season and 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.

There will be traffic control measures in operations while work is taking place and all diversion routes will be clearly marked.

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.

If any customers would like more information about the works taking place and when we might be relining in your area, please contact our customer service department on 0800 169 11 44.

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Notes to editors

- South West Water will be operating road closures and traffic control measures on Fore Street, Bodmin from the 19 March 2007 to 25 May 2007.
- There will also be a two week break between 1 April 2007 and 15 April 2007 to reduce the impact on businesses and road users during the busy Easter break.
- Work is currently progressing well ahead of schedule and we expect to be finishing mains renovation work in Bodmin before the currently advertised date.
- Discounting the Easter fortnight, during this period Fore Street will be closed from 09.00 hours until 18.00 hours each day. To minimise disruption we will be working seven days a weeks.
- Water supply to properties will be disrupted for short periods and notification will be given to each property accordingly. Essential water users (cafes, hairdressers, restaurants) will be offered a temporary main water supply wherever possible.

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