

Water quality improvement

Goose Hill, Portesham

Why are we carrying out this work?

We are investing more than £200,000 to replace a section of deteriorating water main within the B3157 (Goose Hill) on the western side of Portesham.

The existing main has suffered a significant number of bursts and causing inconvenience and disruption to customers in the area.

Installing new plastic pipes will ensure you have improved water quality and a more reliable source for years to come.

How long will this work last?

The scheme is scheduled to take place for six weeks, between Monday 30 September – Friday 8 November 2024, as highlighted on the map with this flyer. Our team will be working seven days a week to get this project completed as quickly as possible.

Which road will be affected?

The B3157 (Goose Hill) will be closed to through traffic between the entrance to Manor Dairy and just past Malthouse Meadow for the main replacement.

Access will be maintained for residents and businesses throughout, including to both the Manor Dairy and Malthouse Meadow throughout although it may be delayed at times. Our on-site team will be happy to assist with specific access requests or queries. Access will be maintained for emergency services.

Why does the road need to be closed? Can it not be reopened at the end of each day?

Road closures are always a last resort. In this case, the position of the existing main means the closure is necessary to ensure the safety of the public and our workforce.

An official signposted diversion will be in place, using the B3157, A354 (Weymouth Way), B3159 and A35 roads. Reopening road at the end of each day would be impossible due to the location and nature of the work. We are planning these works in a way that minimises the impact on the local community, road users and our construction team as much as possible.

Why is the diversion route so long?

When roads are closed, roads of a similar designated level or higher must be used for the diversion. Due to the location of this work, in this case, that means the above routes offer the most appropriate diversion route.

What are we doing to minimise disruption?

First Bus are supplying a shuttle service between Abbotsbury and Bridport (and vice versa) to ensure local people can make connections during the closure. This service, which is free to users, will be funded by Wessex Water.

Further enquiries about local bus services should be made directly to First Bus.

Will it be noisy and what measures are you taking to minimise this?

Due to the nature of the work required there may be some noise disruption but our team will be working hard to keep this to a minimum. The scheme will generally be restricted to working hours only (8am to 5pm) although there may be the occasional need for work outside these times.

Will the work disrupt waste and recycling collections and postal services and other deliveries?

Dorset Council will be contacting their waste and recycling collection services about the closures to ensure they can plan accordingly.

Working with Portesham Surgery, we will also help to ensure that the usual home delivery of medications they carry out will remain unaffected.

I have a business that is likely to be affected by this work. What can I do?

Please get in touch with us and the project team will be able to speak to you. We may be able to assist with signs making clear that your business remains open through the work or other measures.

If you believe your business has suffered losses as a result of work we're doing in the public highway, you may be able to claim compensation. Speak to our team, or visit [wessexwater.co.uk](https://www.wessexwater.co.uk) for more information.

Why can't work be carried out at night?

Some elements of the works are likely to be noisy and would require lighting. This would create a disturbance which would be unfair on residents.

How are you informing the local and wider community?

As well as holding a community drop-in session during August, we have been in constant contact with local businesses, Chesil Bank Parish Council in preparation for this project.

There will also be plenty of signs in place throughout the village to indicate the work taking place.

In addition to traditional road signs, digital road signs will be placed at a number of locations, such as near Weymouth and Bridport, to advise drivers about the road closure.

Where do I go for more information?

If you have any questions about our work, please call 0345 600 4 600 or visit [wessexwater.co.uk/contact-us](https://www.wessexwater.co.uk/contact-us).

There is also plenty of advice online including frequently asked questions and help from our web chat team. Visit [wessexwater.co.uk](https://www.wessexwater.co.uk)

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