

## **PC Summary of the Planned Wessex Water Murcott Lane Road Works**

Wessex Water are installing a new water mains pipe along Murcott lane from the Cloatley Road to the southeast to the Flintham Hill turnoff for Oaksey to the northwest . The work will take some five months and represents an investment of some £700,000. The old pipe apparently runs along under the road's east verge (the Folly Field side) and will be left in situ. The new pipe will be fitted at the bottom of a trench to be dug along same (east) side of the road, through the tarmac. Once a section of the new mains is ready to take over from the old pipe there will be a brief mains water switch off period as the local supply pipe to residences are switched from the old water main to the new one.

At present three mains shutdown periods are envisaged which will take place between 11pm and the early hours, each preceded by a week's notice.

Existing infrastructure such as cables and pipework have been identified by ground penetrating radar and other survey means and will be left intact.

Dates: Work will commence on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April, but the first visible work (i.e. the first digging) may not be until the 13<sup>th</sup>. Operations will progress from the Cloatley Road end to the Oaksey turnoff in sections of approximately 100 yards at a time.

Access: While the work is underway (i.e. for some five months) there will be *no through traffic allowed* along this road, but access for local houses and businesses will be maintained at all times save when the trench is actually being dug across an access road. Residents and businesses with specific needs should liaise in advance with the site supervisor or site manager (see below) and they will do their best to help.

Rubbish: Collections will continue as usual. If there are obstructions at the time, the road workers will take affected bins from their usual places to a more convenient location, and returned after collection. Those with specific requirements such as disabled access to bins should inform the site supervisor. Everyone should ensure their own bins are clearly labelled so they can be correctly returned.

Bus services: This service will be permanently discontinued from April 7<sup>th</sup> this year. Users will need to use the Wiltshire Connect service instead (see <https://www.connectingwiltshire.co.uk/royal-wootton-bassett-malmesbury/>).

Communications: Information from Wessex Water to residents and local business owners will be by letter, email, the Hankerton Whatsapp Group and the Grapevine. The PC will try to feed weekly reports to the village.

Contacts:

- a) Once work starts the 1st point of contact is the Site Supervisor, Ashley Russell (07788 353939). 2nd point of contact is the Site Manager, Robert Dixon (07919 111906).
- b) Before the work starts the contact is the Design Engineer, Jamie Prangle, on 07823-370-095 who will also hopefully feed notifications onto the Hankerton Village WhatsApp group.

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On behalf of Hankerton

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