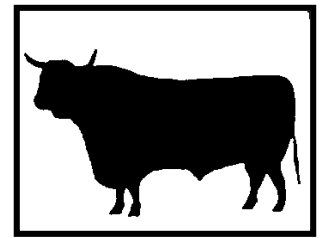


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Editorial

Wow – into April already – where has this year gone !!

Hope you all had a Happy Easter, and looking forward to some warmer, and drier weather !!

Speaking of looking forward to the rest of the year, there is a HUGE amount of things happening in the next few months, so please check out the “Dates for the Diary” section.

Also, speaking of dates, please note that Horton Hill will be CLOSED TO TRAFFIC from 17th to 28th June for sewer repairs...and no, this is NOT an April Fool joke !! More details later in this newsletter.

Now, if you have anything you would like included in the next newsletter, be it forthcoming events, or maybe just a report on what has happened ... from the school, from the church, from the Social Club, from local organisations and clubs, from anything happening in the village, then please let us know by 20th May – e-mails sent to newsletter@halsvh.org.uk

Thank you.

Dates for the Diary

Here is a list of what will be happening in and around Horton & Little Sodbury in the next few months

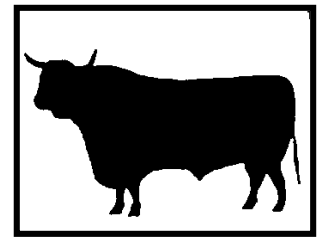
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Parochial Church Meeting @ Horton Church	Sun 28 th April	- see below for details
May Day Tea & Cakes & plant sale @ HVH	Mon 6 th May	- see below for details
Father's Day Breakfast @ HVH	Sun 16 th June	- see below for details
Sewer repairs on Horton Hill	17th June for 2 weeks	- see below for details
Get to know Horton @ HVH	Fri 12 th July	- see below for details
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Sausage & Cider Night @ HVH	Fri 20 th Sept	- more details next newsletter
Oktoberfest @ HVH	Fri 12 th Oct	- more details next newsletter
St James' Church Harvest Lunch @ HVH	Sun 27 th October	- more details next newsletter
Whirligig of Time - Malvolio @ HVH	Fri 15 th Nov	- see below for details
Craft Fair @ HVH	Sat 16 th Nov	- more details next newsletter
Christmas Cabaret @ HVH	Fri 6 th Dec	- see below for details

Boxercise classes are every Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6.30- 7.30pm at Village Hall.

Pilates classes starting again – see below or contact Sue Webb on sue@coreandmore.co.uk.

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Dates for the Diary in detail

A couple of events at The Social Club in April

Bingo Night

Fri 5th April @ Horton Social Club

Eyes down– it starts at 8pm. Bring ya dabbers.
(Ed – Starts at 8 – Garden Gate !!)

Quiz Night

Fri 19th April @ Horton Social Club

Get your thinking caps on – it's quiz night. It's an 8pm start
(Ed – as it's Easter ... Q: which country eats the most chocolate per capita? A: Switzerland !!)

Wellbeing Roadshow

Tue 9th April @ Hawkesbury Upton VH



There is to a WELLBEING ROADSHOW at Hawkesbury Upton Village Hall on Tuesday 9th April 2.30 to 4.30pm

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E: paul@wern.org.uk

(Ed – please see the poster at the back of this newsletter)

Sodbury Vale Benefice Celebration **Sat 13th & Sun 14th Apr. @ Horton Village Hall**

Rev Chris Butler, Rector of Sodbury Vale Benefice writes:

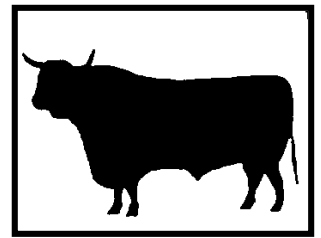
Quiet day and celebration service 13th and 14th April in Horton Village Hall for all in Sodbury Vale Benefice

Hearing God's voice. On Saturday 13th we are having a quiet morning in the village hall from 10.00-12.00 (followed by lunch). If you haven't been to one before, it is a time to come away from our ordinary lives and spend time in God's presence and think of ways to help us hear God's voice. There will be a couple of short talks and large periods of silence, when you can choose to go for a walk, sit in silence or take advantage of some of the craft material which will be provided. I am hoping this will become a regular thing so do put the date in your diary and come along. If you would like to bring along your lunch we can share a meal at the end.

On Sunday 14th April we are having a United Benefice Service in Horton Village Hall. I am hoping many of you will be able to come. It will be at 10.30 and will be a time to celebrate all that is happening in our parishes and benefice and afterwards share coffee and cake.

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Horton Bull Run

Sun 21st April @ Horton Village Hall

Why not spend a sunny Sunday morning enjoying a scenic 4 mile run through the Horton countryside. Starting at Horton Village Hall at 10.30 on Sunday 21st April, the Bull Run is a road run catering for all abilities. Hope to see you there.

Pre-entry is encouraged – Adult entry £9.00 and Child entry £6.00

More details available by calling 07501 080468,

or e-mailing hortonbullrun@ymail.com (yes – ymail.com!)

or by visiting the site www.hortonbullrun.co.uk



Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sun 28th April @ St James' Church, Horton

Martin May writes :

We will be holding our Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 28th April at 12.15, following on from our normal morning service. All are welcome.

There are vacancies on the Parochial Church Council as indeed there is a vacancy for a Church Warden (Richard Needs is standing down after many years of sterling service). If you would like to stand for either the PCC or the role of church warden, please make contact with either Tina or Richard.

May Day Get Together – tea, cakes & plant sale

Mon 6th May @ Horton VH

We are going to use this Bank Holiday Monday to have a bit of a get together at Horton Village Hall.

Starting around 2pm, there will be tea & cake, and also a plant sale. This is where gardeners are encouraged to donate any extra specimens they have, and purchasers will make a donation to the village hall.

But basically, it is an opportunity for everyone to meet up with friends and enjoy the atmosphere on a wonderful “start of summer” day.

(Ed – it's a Bank Holiday Monday – it's bound to be sunny !!)

Father's Day Breakfast

Sun 16th June @ Horton Village Hall

Details are still being worked on, but please make a note in your diary.

Starting around 8:30am, there will be a “Father's Day Breakfast” on Sunday 16th June at Horton Village Hall.

There will be fruit juice, fried breakfast and toast, with tea & coffee. What more could you want !

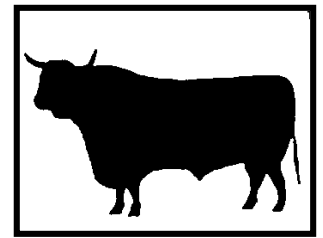
The price is still to be determined, but one thing is for sure – pre-booking is essential !!

More details to follow.

(Ed – by the way, you don't have to be a father to come along, you just need to like a nice breakfast 😊 !!)

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Sewer Repairs on Horton Hill

Mon 17th to Fri 28th June

And let me start by saying that this is NOT an April Fool joke !!

The road between Horseshoe Farm to just above the Village Hall will be closed from 17th to 28th June.

Wessex Water will be repairing the sewer underneath Horton Hill. To do this they will be fully closing Horton Hill from just above the Village Hall down to the junction with King Lane. This will be for 2 weeks starting on 17 June. It'll be closed from about 8am till early evening, but they hope to be able to provide limited access to residents during the day.

Other vehicles will be sent on a diversion through Little Sodbury End and past St Adeline's.

They also have to replace some damaged manhole covers and frames which they plan to do on the first day of the road closure, which will involve small excavations. Otherwise they will complete the works from the existing manholes.

To confirm, the road closure will be lifted for evenings/weekends.

Then, from the 1st to 5th July, Wessex Water intend doing some work on the smaller sewers that go from the Village Hall to Horton Hill and from Horseshoe Farm to Horton Hill, but this work will not require a road closure.

Please look at the back of the Newsletter PDF for

- Plan of sewer system in Horton
- Horton Hill diversion signing schedule and plans for where the signs will be.
Please note.
 - Yellow are advisory, for example you are not obliged to follow the diversion if you know an alternate route
 - Red are mandatory
- Sewer repairs leaflet



Get to know Horton

Fri 12th July @ Horton Village Hall

On Friday 12th July, starting at 7:30 at Horton Village Hall, there is an opportunity for those unacquainted with the history of the village (and also to those who are) to come to the hall to see the exhibitions that are always on show and a few more besides. More details will be circulated nearer the time.

And the bar will be open !!

(Ed – the history of the village is really amazing, and almost as old as some of my jokes !!)

Beer Festival

Fri 16th to Sun 18th August @ Horton Social Club

Now this IS a set of dates for your diary.



Yes, it's that time of year again. The annual Horton Beer Festival will be flowing from Friday 16th to Sunday 18th August at the Horton Social Club.

There will be real ale, ciders and live music.

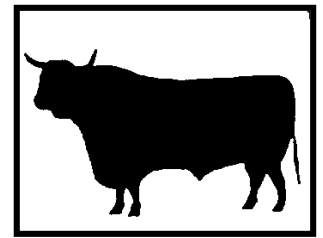
More details available at the Social Club.

(Ed - Hum ... I'm giving up drinking beer for a month.

Sorry, bad punctuation. I meant ... I'm giving up. Drinking beer for a month!)

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The Whirligig of Time (a play by Richard Curnow) Fri 15th Nov @ Horton Village Hall

On Friday 15th November, starting at 7:30 at Horton Village Hall, you really need to come along to this one-man play, "The Whirligig of Time". What's it about? Well, check out the web site

<https://www.tortivetheatre.com/events-1/the-whirligig-of-time-gloucestershire>

"To hell with anger management! Malvolio from *Twelfth Night* was done wrong...notorious wrong; so-much-so that he swore to be revenged on the whole pack of those that carried out their campaign of cruel bullying and emotional torture. The *Whirligig of Time* sees us catch up with Malvolio as he relates, with a great deal of satisfaction, how skilfully he has kept his word.."

'Early Bird Tickets' (at £12.50) are available now, but will increase in price nearer the time of the performance. (Ed – "Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them" ... and then there are others who become the editor of this newsletter !!)

A Christmas Cabaret Fri 6th Dec @ Horton Village Hall

Another definite date for your diary – because it is never too early to think about Christmas !!.

Ok, so here's a thing. It's been a long time since we have seen locals performing at the Hall, so we are going to put on a Christmas Cabaret. There will be people performing on stage; there will be mince pies; the bar will be open. It's Christmas !! All we need to do now is organise it.

Alison Barlow writes :

"In a bid to beat the Winter Blues it is suggested the village puts on another revue at the Village Hall. We are looking for any individuals, households, family/friend groups who have party pieces or short entertainments that they would be willing to perform before a friendly audience. Only rehearsals required are within your act – with everyone joining together on the day to enjoy the tomfoolery of their peers."

If you fancy being a part of it in any capacity (either on stage or front of house), then please get in contact either Alison Barlow or Tony Wake through newsletter@halsvh.org.uk, and put "Christmas Cabaret" somewhere in the Subject Line.

What else has happened

The Horton Hoe Down

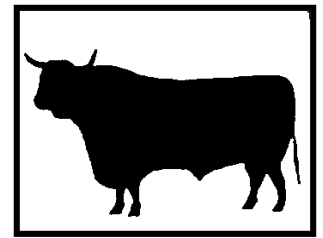
Chris Bateman writes :-

On the 9th February, The Horton Hoe down, organised by The Friends of Horton School, turned out to be yet again another great evening for all who attended, raising £548 for the school! Adults and children all joined in with the dancing which was expertly played and orchestrated by The Bees' Knees.

There was great food and drinks put on by FOHS and an Auction which gave bidders the chance to buy special items and experiences, such as afternoon tea at a De Vere hotel or a water park experience at The Wave! Thank you to all that came and supported the evening.



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The Horton Quiz Trilogy !!



Many thanks to all who attended the quiz trilogy, that took place over the months of January, February and March. All who came along had a great time ... with different winners at each quiz, and an overall winner of the Luminaries – well done to them.
Hopefully see you next year.

Other news

New notice board at the hall

If you have walked past the village hall over the past week or so, you may have noticed something different. The old notice board has been taken away and replaced by a new one, now attached to the wall of the hall. Please have a look next time you are passing – it will have a list of all the events happening in the village.



Chipping Sodbury Vision Support Group

The group writes :



We are a group of individuals with varying degrees of sight impairment who meet at the Old Grammar School rooms on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2pm. Members discuss various challenges and ways and means to help each other to solve day to day problems. We have a variety of visiting speakers. All are welcome including carers and those with normal vision. There is a small charge of £2 pp to include refreshments.

If you would like further information, please contact Tony on 01454 314066 or Linda on 01454 851507

Other Church News

Horton Church has signed up to “easyfundraising.org.uk”

Martin May writes :

Money for nothing.....but, sorry, the chips are not free!!

Horton Church has recently signed up to easyfundraising.org.uk as a route to generating donations to the upkeep and ongoing repairs of the church.

IT COSTS YOU NOTHING....honest!

The principle is based around online shopping. All you have to do is click on the link below, and the retailers will donate part of what you spend to the cause of your choice.

To help donate to St James the Elder Church. Horton, all you have to do is click on the unique registration link <http://efraising.org/RxdxW6H7uQ> and start shopping.

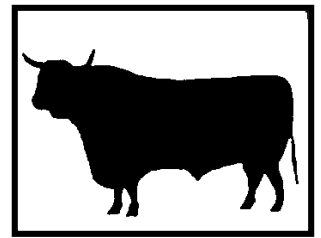
So, if you are an Amazon, John Lewis, Ocado, Sainsburys, Waitrose (other supermarkets are available!) or one of over 7000 online retailers, please sign up now and let's see how much we can raise in the next 12 months.

Many thanks for your support.



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Chair chairman@halsvh.org.uk
Hall bookings emma@halsvh.org.uk or on 01454 322879

Quick Quiz

Answers to last edition's quiz

- 1.. Who or what is the "Great Chieftain o' the Pudding Race" ?
2. In the UK, how many teaspoons are there in a tablespoon?
3. What two letters are worth the most points in Scrabble?
4. What is celebrated on February 2 in the US?
5. True or false – only female ducks quack:?

Haggis
3
Q and Z
Groundhog Day
True

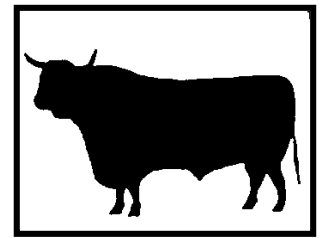
Five quick questions to test your knowledge ! Answers provided in next edition

1. An infamous BBC prank (from 1957 !!) suggested what food stuff now grew on trees" ?
2. With which animal do the French best associate April Fools Day?
3. What relation is your mother's brother's son to you?
4. "I ate his liver with some Fava beans and a nice chianti" is a well-used quote (from Silence of the Lambs), but how are Fava beans better known in the UK?
5. True or false – April the first, at one time, was New Year's Day.


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Reduced price for pre-entries

HORTON BULL RUN

SCENIC 4 MILES

Sunday 21st April

10.30am start

Horton Village Hall, BS37 6QN

More details – 07501808468

www.hortonbullrun.co.uk

e:hortonbullrun@gmail.com

Pre-entry

Adult entry £9.00

Child entry £6.00

Horton Social Club

2024 Beer Festival

live music **SAVE the DATE** Karaoke

Open All Weekend
 16th - 18th August

Real Ales Guest Ciders

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The Keepers Wotton Area Community Hub

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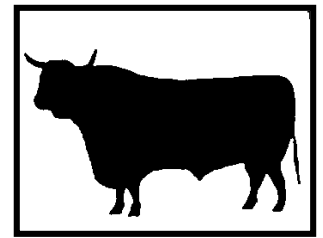
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EVERGREENS

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Village Agent Update

Help, support, and advice for residents of the Cotswold Edge area, which embraces the villages of Acton Turville, Badminton, Little Badminton, Hawkesbury Upton, Wickwar, Horton and Little Sodbury.



There's a term which I heard for the first time a few months back, but which now seems to be cropping up more and more frequently: Ageing Well. It's the concept that getting older should not be perceived as a barrier to living a fulfilling life, and the realisation that there are many things that we can do to help us enjoy life to the full. In my Village Agent role, I spend a lot of time working with an increasing number of groups and organisations who are committed to helping us age well. Some you will have heard of, such as Age UK, but many of the others are new to me. There are also lots of voluntary groups operating locally, providing support and the opportunity for people to get together. One of these is the very successful Evergreens group, who have regular meetings in the village hall at Hawkesbury Upton. In April, Mandy from Evergreens and I will be putting on a special event to showcase the sort of services available to help people age well. Full details of the event are below.

More information on the Village Agent project can be found here: www.wern.org.uk/village-agents

Contact me on:
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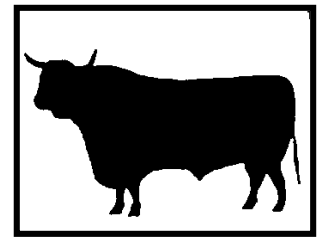
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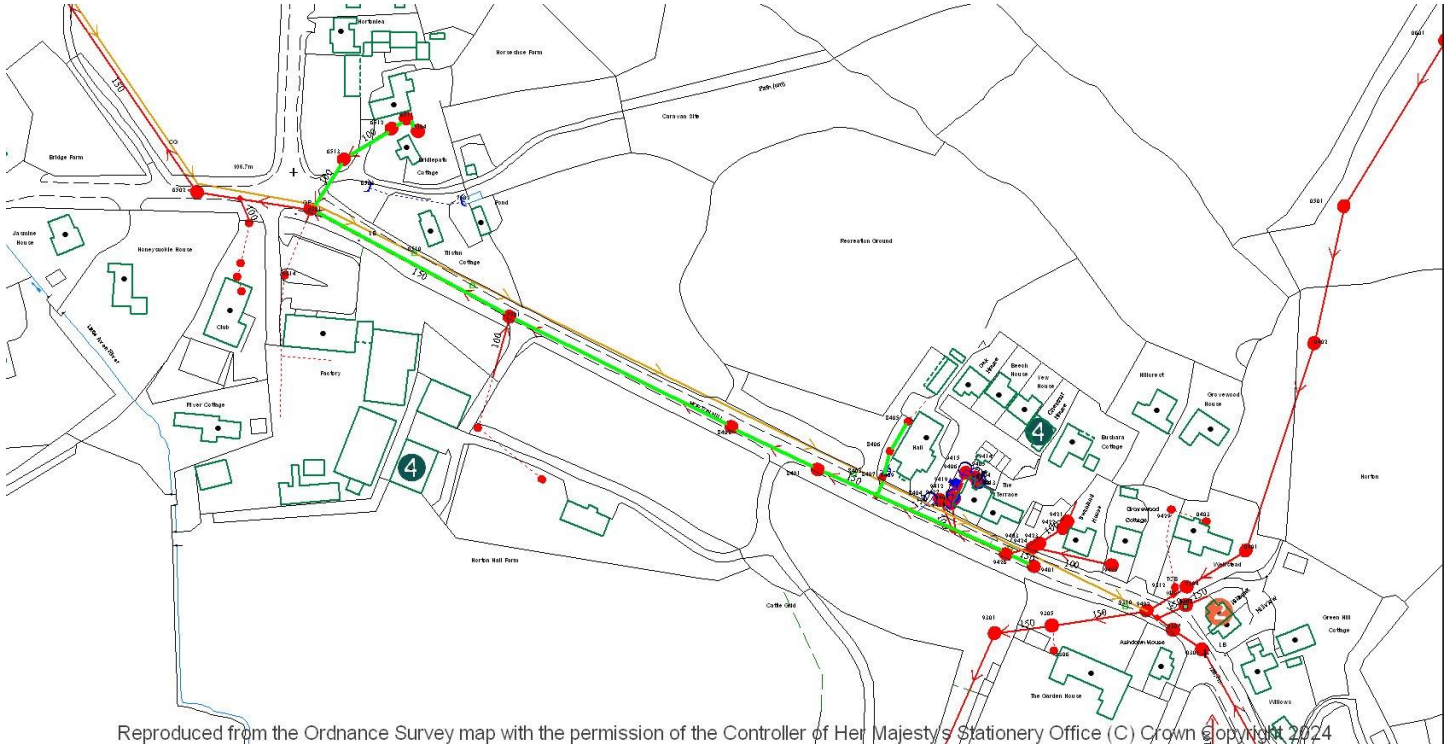
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



Plans for sewer repairs on Horton Hill

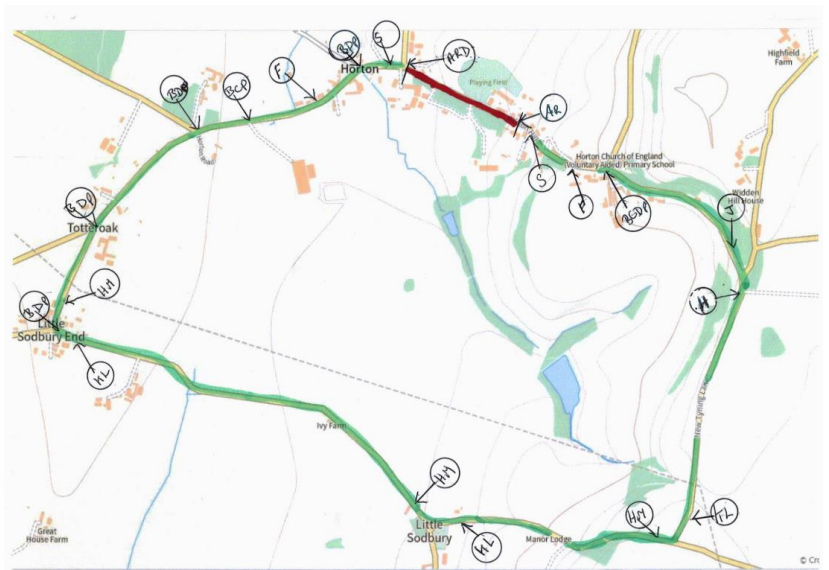
Plans of sewer system in Horton



Signage and diversion route

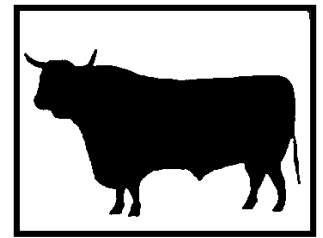
ALL SIGNS ARE TO CARRY CHEVRON LOGO

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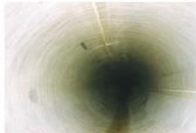
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Sewer repairs leaflet



Before: as the sewer ages it is more liable to leak and collapse.



After: the sewer has been fully lined, with any disruption kept to a minimum.

HOW WILL IT AFFECT YOU?

You can still use water for washing and toilet flushing.

To accommodate equipment there may be some restrictions on parking outside your home for a short period while relining takes place.

If you have any problems with the work we are doing or questions about it, please contact us on 0345 600 4 600.

Should you require more information on the processes and you have access to the internet, please visit wessexwater.co.uk/trenchless

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HELP US STOP THE BLOCK

Blockages can cause flooding in your home and pollution in streams, rivers and beaches. So please help us stop the block and only flush the three Ps: paper, poo and pee

visit wessexwater.co.uk/binit

SEWER RENOVATION

the no-dig way



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BACKGROUND

Many of our sewers are more than 100 years old and as they age they are more likely to leak and collapse. To avoid this we are repairing and renovating sewers now.

We are using no-dig technology that means we can line the existing pipe, avoiding excavation where we can to reduce any disruption.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

1 We inspect and survey the sewer using CCTV to locate areas that require repair.

We use high pressure water jets to clean the sewer walls.

Existing flows through the sewer are pumped away to isolate the section for repair.

2 A felt liner, or tube, impregnated with an epoxy resin is pushed into the sewer using water pressure, turning the tube inside out and forcing it against the sewer wall.

3 The water is heated, hardening the resin and producing a fully lined, tightly fitted sewer repair.

The ends of the liner are removed and robotic cutters open the connections to houses and businesses.

