

Media advisory: Two-day A361 closure at Burrowbridge

Road users are being urged to carefully plan their journeys as one of the main routes through the edge of the Somerset Levels is closed over two days next month.

The A361 will be closed to through traffic in both directions at the road bridge over the River Parrett in Burrowbridge between 8am on Tuesday 27 August and 5pm on Wednesday 28 August to allow investigative work to take place.

A diversion, using the A361 (Burrow Wall), Townsend, A372 (Langport Road), into Bridgwater using Parkway, A39 (Bath Road), A38 (Broadway and Taunton Road) and then the A361 will be in place.

Nearby roads Riverside and School Lane will also be closed to through traffic near the A361 between these times, with access maintained for residents, businesses and emergency vehicles from the north side of the A361 closure.

A diversion for that closure, linking Riverside to the A372 at Westonzoyland via the village of Thorngrove will also be in place.

The closure is to allow for an assessment of the area around the water main that is attached to the A361 road bridge over the River Parrett in the centre of Burrowbridge.

A Wessex Water spokesperson said: "This main was installed in the 1960s and the sleeve designed to protect it has sustained damage, leaving the pipe at risk of further deterioration and leaks.

"By digging trial holes within this A361 closure we can determine where connections to the existing water main can be made ahead of a proposed pipe replacement scheme.

"Road closures are always the last resort but in this case the closure is essential due to the position of the main and the surrounding network.

"We apologise for any inconvenience caused and have written extensively to customers and businesses locally to inform them about this investigative work.

"We are also working with Somerset Council to ensure Variable Message Signs (VMS) are in place around the area to warn road users about the closure.

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