

SEWAGE BREAKOUT - SANDY RIDGE

There has been a major sewage breakout at Sandy Ridge. Southern Water sprang into action and had people on site within about an hour, and we have notified KCC Floods, Environment Agency, and Network Rail, whose land is also affected. Because of the location there may be an escape into the Bourne, and hence through the Rec, so will be monitoring there.

There will be a major operation to drain, camera, excavate and repair, but in the meantime there will be a continuous fleet of tankers taking sewage past the damaged section, and traffic management is already being set up here on Maidstone Rd at the pumping station.

The new SW Manager Andy Morris is constant contact, and will update if anything changes. Harry and I both agree this new crew is a major improvement on the way these events have been managed in the past

SOUTHERN WATER UPDATE

Quick update. Access to the burst site is going to be difficult, it's in a back garden and we are going to need to make some calls to the railway that I will be making now due to safety distance from the line.

Looking at some different options as it stands, we appear to possibly have badger sets and trees that would need to be looked at if we dug directly on the burst. It may be the case that we dig away from the burst and line through the burst location. We will know more when we drain the line and camera it. As it stands excavations in the garden will probably start first thing in the morning as the line will drain back overnight. That may change depending on conversations this afternoon.

We have one of our team Pat knocking on doors this afternoon to give out a brief update, as we know more we will either send out further teams to knock or a letter drop.