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## **Burst sewer forces Little Church Street to close**

Emergency work is to be carried out on a burst sewer pipe beginning Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 10am for up to two weeks. The work will mean that Little Church Street will be closed to all traffic during this time though pedestrian access will still be possible.

Severn Trent Water is carrying out emergency work to replace almost 10 metres of pipe work. In order to access these pipes the road must be dug up resulting in the closure of Little Church Street to vehicles. Pedestrian access along the street will be reduced but a pathway will be made available. Severn Trent has stressed that anyone who is having difficulty in getting through should speak to the team on-site who will be able to help.

This closure will also mean that for the next two weeks the car park in this part of town will not be accessible. Shoppers and visitors to Rugby will still have ample parking to choose from across the town centre including North Street, Chestnut Fields, The Clock Towers Multi-Storey, John Barford Multi Storey and the Westway car park off Corporation Street.

“Severn Trent need to carry out this emergency work and it is unfortunate but the circumstances are beyond anyone’s control. However, in the short space of time since the closure of Little Church Street was announced Rugby BID has worked hard to keep everyone informed and has had several meetings to help resolve any issues and concerns,” said Aftab Gaffar, Operations Director for the Rugby BID Company.”

All agencies and Councils are working with all affected businesses to minimise disruption in the town. This will ensure that all businesses are open and able to trade. Rugby’s excellent shopping facilities will continue to be vibrant during this period. However, there will be a need to allow delivery traffic to use the pedestrianised areas of Sheep Street and High Street during this period.

Little Church Street will be reopened as soon as the work is completed, which is anticipated to be within two weeks.