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Little Church Street to close

Work is to be carried out on collapsed pipes in Little Church Street from week commencing Monday 21st July. This will see Little Church Street closed for up to four weeks while the work is carried out. Early meetings were arranged by Rugby BID for the local businesses in the area to meet with Severn Trent and Rugby Borough Council to discuss their concerns. An agreement was reached to have work start on the 21st July.

Severn Trent Water is carrying out work to fully repair the collapsed pipes in this area. 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.

This closure will also mean that for the duration of the work the car park in this part of town will not be accessible. Shoppers and visitors to Rugby will be directed to the John Barford multi story car park and Rugby Borough Council has agreed to reduce the cost of the short stay band for the four weeks commencing 21st July to just 80p for 3 hours. They will also be keeping the car park open until 8pm. In addition to this, Rugby School car park will have some spaces for customers to use and this will be run by The Rotary Club all money raised will go towards Polio Plus which aims to eliminate polio from the world.

“Severn Trent need to carry out this work and it is unfortunate but the circumstances are beyond anyone’s control. However, Rugby BID has worked hard to keep everyone informed and has arranged several meetings with businesses, Severn Trent and the Council to help resolve any issues and concerns,” said Aftab Gaffar, Operations Director for the Rugby BID Company.”

All agencies and Councils have worked together to 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 four weeks.