

Message from St Mary Bourne Parish Council

Tuesday 19th December 2023

Reducing the occurrence of 'tankering' by Southern Water in St Mary Bourne.

You may be aware, rising water levels are impacting on Southern Water assets. The Flood Emergency Group have been in dialogue with Southern Water and they have confirmed the following remedial action will be taken, see communication from Southern Water:-

'Southern water will be installing an overpump tonight outside the Bourne Valley Inn, as part of our groundwater mitigation work. We will need to close the road from 6pm and diversions will be in place. We anticipate that the work will take 6 hours to complete. The local community may notice an increased presence and machinery, while we excavate and carry out the installation. This work is necessary to help prevent homes and businesses in the area from flooding and will allow us to reduce tankering in the village. We are very sorry for any disruption this causes while we carry out this urgent work'

Tonight's action is overpumping from one manhole into another manhole 160 meters away. This has no impact on the chalk stream or vitacress. This is to relieve the pressure on the manhole that is spilling and to put in place a quieter pump that will allow us to reduce tankering in St Mary Bourne and Stoke.