

Dear All

We are delighted to confirm that Southwell Town Council along with Local Contractor Nick Coupe will be replacing the towns hanging basket watering system.

The current watering system was installed c2000. In 2017 Council agreed to a gradual replacement of the watering system, but it was not commenced. In 2020, during the check of the Christmas tree and hanging basket brackets, the watering system was found to be faulty. Following a severe leak into one of the retail shops damaging stock and a full system test earlier in 2022 we have deemed the plastic domestic pipework, having been patched up and fixed many times in the past 20 years unfit for purpose. The system also needs to be re designed to be effective.

We have measured for a full watering system – 800 metres of pipe needs to be replaced. The proposal is to replace the system with a commercial irrigation system in PVC, with an expected lifetime of >20 years.

The contractor will be working over the entrances to the shops and at height so the road will need to be closed over 3 consecutive Sundays when the town is at its quietest.

Therefore, please be aware that there will be road closures in place on Sunday 8, 15 and 22 May, this is to ensure the system is up and running and ready for hanging baskets and flags to be displayed in time for the Queens Jubilee. As in previous years STC will be providing 60 Hanging baskets to brighten the town.

Kind Regards

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