



## Gas Network Upgrade – Eythorne Road, Shepherdswell, Dover

We've been carrying out upgrades to our pipe network in the Eythorne Road area of Shepherdswell. This work will ensure a continued safe and reliable supply of gas is delivered to nearby homes and businesses. This is part of our 30-year programme of work to replace our old mains, reaching the end of their useful lives, with new, reliable plastic pipe.

Our contractor, I&G Contracting, who are completing this project on our behalf, started work on Eythorne Road in the week beginning 9 September. To keep everyone safe, we needed to close Eythorne Road around our worksite as we moved along the road. Our engineers have now replaced approximately 500m of old metal mains with new plastic pipe and upgraded around 50 service pipes to nearby properties.

On request from Kent Council, we suspended our work along Eythorne Road on 10 December and reopened the road. We'll need to close Eythorne Road to complete the remaining work between Penfold Gardens and Bernards Gardens and will be in touch with a new date when this has been agreed.

In the week beginning 6 January 2025, we'll need to complete pipe upgrades on Mill Lane between the junctions of Moon Hill and Coombe Drive. To keep everyone safe we'll need to close Mill Lane around our work site. We'll also be upgrading the pipes in Millfields. We estimate this phase of work will take approximately 7 to 8 weeks.

Due to a local event taking place over Easter 2025, we've made the decision to postpone the final phase of our work requiring road closures, at the junctions of Eythorne Road, Westcourt Lane, Coxhill and Church Hill. This work has been rescheduled to begin in the week beginning 28 July 2025 and is expected to last for approximately three weeks.

Signed diversions will be in place for affected motorists where roads are closed. Access will be maintained for residents and businesses.

We're writing to residents and other local stakeholders to explain the details of this work. This letter can be shared with anyone you feel may have an interest in our work.

We understand roadworks can be frustrating. However, the new plastic pipe has a lifespan of 80 years. This means that once our work is done, Shepherdswell residents and businesses will be able to enjoy the benefits of a safe and reliable supply of gas for many years to come.

Have a question, or something you'd like to let us know about? We're here to help. Please visit our website for details on ways to contact us: <https://www.sgn.co.uk/Contact-SGN>