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## Gas mains replacement on Cuckstool Lane, Burnley

Cuckstool Lane closed to traffic for three weeks while vital gas mains replacement work is carried out.

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- Road closed for five weeks
- Engineers replacing a section of medium pressure gas main
- New plastic pipe will last at least 80 years once in the ground

National Grid engineers will be carrying out essential work to replace an old cast iron gas main with a modern plastic pipe on Cuckstool Lane, Fence, Burnley.

Work is set to start on Monday 12 October and is expected to take until Sunday 15 November to complete. Cuckstool Lane will be closed to traffic while the work is carried out.

Stephen Murray, Head of Contract West said: "We need to do the work to make sure that the people of Burnley can continue to count on a reliable gas supply. We're replacing a section of old metal main with a modern type of plastic pipe which will last at least 80 years once it is in the ground.

"We know that closing the road will cause issues for local people but we hope that they will be patient with us. We'll do everything in our power to get our job done as quickly as possible.

"We hope that people will understand that a few weeks of work will allow us to guarantee them a safe and reliable gas supply for many decades to come.

"If people have questions about the work, they can get in touch with us on 0161 703 1000."

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