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## New season brings new gas mains: Essential upgrade for Wootton, Bedfordshire

Spring to bring new gas mains to village of Wootton in Bedfordshire

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- Essential gas mains replacement work planned for Wootton
- Work expected to start in May 2017 and last an estimated nine weeks
- Project will help ensure local community keep on enjoying safe and reliable gas supplies for cooking and heating

Essential work that will help ensure Wootton residents keep on enjoying safe and reliable gas supplies is expected to begin next month.

Ageing metal gas mains are to be replaced with tough new pipes which should last for many years.

It's planned to start the work in early May 2017 and it is currently estimated that the project will take nine weeks to complete.

Engineers will be replacing gas mains in the following roads:

Lorraine Road, Farrell Road, Hoo Close, Emerton Way, Cannons Close, Dimmock Road and Studley Road

Work will also involve replacing service pipes to properties. Those residents affected will be contacted to arrange this work.

Dilbir Chana National Grid Authorising Engineer said: "It's essential that we do this work as it will help ensure people in Wootton keep on enjoying safe and reliable gas supplies for cooking and heating."

He added: "The project has been planned in close discussion with the local authorities and we'll do all we can to deliver the work with as little disruption to people as possible."

Residents are reminded they should ask to see official identification from any engineers seeking access to their properties. All project engineers carry official identity cards which people should ask to see before letting them in.

To verify the identity of an engineer or to get more information about this project people can call 0800 096 5678.

Information can also be found at [www.bettergaspipes.co.uk](http://www.bettergaspipes.co.uk)

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