

## New Year marks new gas mains for Wymondham

January marks the start of a gas mains upgrade for Wymondham that will ensure safe and reliable gas supplies for local people for decades to come.

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National Grid will be renewing the gas mains in Market Street and Middleton Street. Work is due to start on Market Street on 5 January and is expected to take four weeks. The existing iron gas mains will be replaced with tough plastic pipes that have a lifespan of at least 80 years.

To keep engineers and road-users safe, traffic management measures will be in place. A short section of Market Street will be closed during the works. There will be a diversion route allowing motorists to use the nearby car park. Pedestrian access to shops and businesses will also be maintained.

National Grid authorising engineer Vince Doggett said: "This is essential work so that local residents and businesses can continue to benefit from safe and reliable gas supplies for many years in the future. We will make every effort to minimise any disruption caused by our work."

If members of the public have any queries or concerns they can call National Grid customer services on 0800 0965678.

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- We own and operate the gas National Transmission System in Great Britain, with day-to-day responsibility for balancing supply and demand. Our network comprises approximately 7,660 kilometres (4,760 miles) of high-pressure pipe and 618 above-ground installations.
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