

Gas mains upgrade in the pipeline for Castleton, Derbyshire

Essential work scheduled to start after busy bank holiday weekend

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- Essential gas mains renewal for Castleton begins on Tuesday 31 May
- Project scheduled to start after busy Bank Holiday
- Work will keep gas flowing for the rest of the century

Tuesday 31 May will see National Grid engineers upgrade gas mains in Castleton that will keep the gas flowing to local residents and businesses until the end of the century.

In the six-week project National Grid will be renewing 400 metres of gas pipes in Goosehill and The Stones. The existing iron mains will be replaced with larger, tough, durable plastic pipes that will help meet rising demand for gas in the village and last at least 80 years.

Work will also take place on the footpath leading to Peak Cavens. Access for residents and walkers will be maintained during the project.

National Grid Authorising Engineer Paul Martin said: "This vital work will ensure that local people continue to benefit from safe and reliable gas supplies for many years into the future. As Castleton is likely to be very busy over the Bank Holiday weekend we have scheduled the work to start afterwards. This will mean that local residents and visitors can enjoy the popular holiday weekend without any disruption. It will also allow business to continue as usual for local shops."

"When the project starts we'll make every effort to reduce disruption and complete this essential project as soon as possible."

Gas engineers may need access to homes and businesses to replace service pipes (the pipes that take gas from the main in the road to individual properties). This work will involve briefly interrupting the gas supply and anyone who is affected will be notified beforehand.

All National Grid engineers carry official identity cards, which people should ask to see before allowing them on their property.

For any enquiries about this work people should contact National Grid's customer services team on 0800 096 5678.

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