

# £2 million pledge on water supplies

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SEVERN Trent water chiefs plan to pump £2 million into a major project to improve water supplies around Stroud.

The water authority will rip out or reline 38 miles of pipework in Stroud, Stonehouse and King's Stanley during a two year operation.

Customers have been promised better water pressure and cleaner supplies when the job is complete.

Authority district manager Bob Symcox said: "The Stroud scheme is designed to achieve even higher quality standards and service to customers."

Some pipes will be scraped and relined but because of corrosion, others will be completely renewed.

Added Mr. Symcox: "The Stroud scheme is part of our investment programme in the Midlands. There will inevitably be interruptions to customers' water supplies, but this will be kept to a minimum and

warnings will be given in advance."

"But the long term advantages of the scheme will far outweigh the short term inconvenience."

Severn Trent's information caravan will be visiting the area and giving customers a chance to learn more about the project.

The work is part of Severn Trent's massive multi-million pound investment programme — £4 billion in the next 10 years.

The pipeline work was welcomed by Coun. Gilbert Reeves (Ind. Berkeley) first deputy of the Stroud council environmental services committee.

"I certainly think we are very lucky to get this investment in our district," he said. "Any investment in improvements for the area as a whole can only be a good thing."