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## **Regular waterpipe breaks investigated**

All reported waterpipe breaks are attended to as soon as possible. In an effort to minimise these breaks, and the implied inconvenience to affected parties, we are investigating the cause of the apparent increase in these incidents in Hill Street and Milkwood Drive. We have:

- requested that the most recently replaced section of pipe in Hill Street be tested by the supplier (we are awaiting results);
- serviced the air- and pressure reducing valves and monitor changes in the system;
- checked the valves in the vicinity of the reservoirs;
- repaired and replaced two faulty valves at the water treatment works;
- requested the design engineer of the upgrades to the water treatment works and the Old Place reservoir to assist in identifying the probable cause of these breaks; and
- installed data loggers to provide a pressure profile on these lines.

We are working hard to identify the source of these continued breaks so that we may solve the cause of this problem. We thank residents for their understanding and continued support.

For further enquiries contact the Water Department on 044 302 6331 (o/h)

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