

## **Brookeborough and Tempo Practice**

The Department of Health can confirm that the Western Health and Social Care Trust has agreed to take on the contract of Brookeborough and Tempo GP Practice located in Fermanagh.

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## **Publication of 'DVA Monthly Tests Conducted Statistics – July 2023'**

The 'DVA Monthly Tests Conducted Statistics – July 2023' report, containing statistics up to July 2023, is now available

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## **Update on resurfacing scheme for Avenue Road, Lurgan**

A carriageway resurfacing scheme on the Avenue Road, Lurgan commenced on Monday 3 July 2023.

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## **Lib Dem investigation reveals sewage cover up**

Water firms are failing to disclose how much sewage is being discharged into rivers, lakes and coastlines.

Environmental Information Requests by the Liberal Democrats revealed that water firms could be guilty of a scandalous cover up.

We have no idea how many billions of litres of sewage is being pumped into our precious rivers and lakes. The true extent of environmental damage caused by this scandal is completely unknown.

*Tim Farron*

The staggering admission follows public outrage at water companies destroying the environment with sewage discharges. Currently, water firms only provide the length of sewage discharges, broken down by time. However, they refuse to publish the volume and litres of sewage discharged, essential information for understanding the environmental impacts.



Thames Water said they did not hold the volume data, however, the firm has previously made public that some of its monitors do measure volume. Last year it was reported Thames Water pumped over two billion litres of sewage into the Thames over a 48 hour period. This data was not given when Thames Water responded to the Environmental Information Request.

Meanwhile, Scottish Water does publish the volume of sewage discharged into waterways. Scottish Water's sewage monitors revealed that 174 million m<sup>3</sup> of sewage has been dumped into Scotland's rivers, lakes and coastal waters since 2018, with 47 million m<sup>3</sup> in 2022. Unlike England and Wales just a small proportion of Scotland's storm overflows have monitors installed.

The Liberal Democrats believe the industry is either not telling the truth on holding the data, or it has installed inadequate sewage monitors. Previous analysis by the party has found one in six sewage monitors were broken last year.

Ministers need to get tougher on these water firms by demanding they fit proper sewage monitors which are up to the job. The Government is letting water firms get away with faulty and flawed monitors.

*Tim Farron*

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