

Press Release

Replacement of WW2 water storage tank nears completion

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Peter Ferenczy, Asset Manager, Sembcorp Bournemouth Water, at the Beaulieu Hilltop storage tank which is undergoing restoration and replacement.

Work on replacing a Second World War storage tank which holds water for much of the Beaulieu area is expected to be completed within the next month.

The £265,000 project was ordered by Sembcorp Bournemouth Water (SBW) after routine checks revealed that the tank, at Beaulieu Hilltop, was in poor condition.

It was subsequently taken out of service to avoid any risk to the safety or reliability of local water supplies while temporary remedial works were carried out.

A study and survey of the tank and supporting steel framework later identified that some of the steel bracing needed replacement and repair.

The tank, which holds more than 270,000 litres of water, had also come to almost the end of its working life and required replacement after nearly 70 years.

Peter Ferenczy, SBW's Asset Manager, said work had begun at the beginning of January and was due for completion by next month, April, at the latest.

He added: "This water tower forms an important part of the local water supply.

"Replacement of the tank is part of our ongoing programme to maintain the network of water assets and ensure the safety and reliability of the service well into the future."

The restoration and replacement project is being carried out by Southampton-based contractor, PTC.