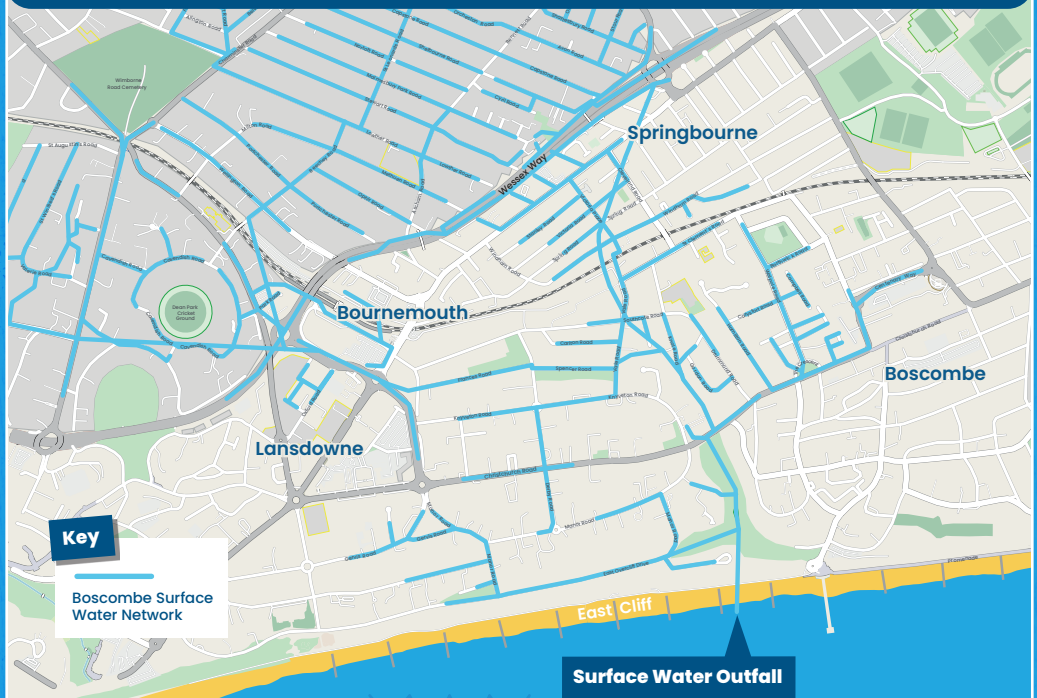


SURFACE WATER OUTFALL

Boscombe Beach



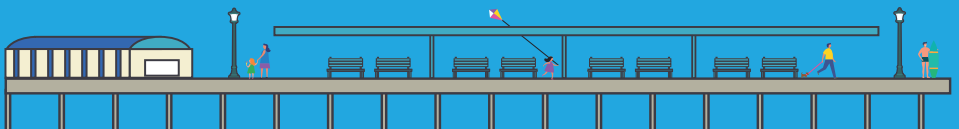
What is a surface water outfall?

Water coming from this surface water outfall pipe is rainwater which has flowed through the underground water system. Rainwater that falls onto roofs and roads flows into road drains and gullies. This rainwater as well as any other water that enters the drains and gullies then flows through these underground pipes and into the nearest river or the sea.

Where is the water coming from?

The rainwater travels from the East Cliff and Springbourne areas to this surface water outfall at Boscombe beach. These pipes are not connected to the underground sewage network.

Only rain down the drain.



What affects the water quality at Boscombe beach and how can you help?

Litter & Pollutants

Community members work hard to keep the local area safe and free from litter, for us all to enjoy. After heavy rain all sorts of nasties can get washed into roadside drains and out to sea. As rainwater travels, it can pick up cigarette butts, dog poo and other pollutants like pesticides and car oil. This flows into the surface water outfall pipe causing rainwater to be discoloured and leads to localised poor water quality at the beach and local rivers.

How can you help?

- ✓ Cigarette butts and litter should always go in the bin.
- ✓ Dog poo is full of bacteria that will thrive in a stagnant drain. Bag it and bin it.
- ✓ Use natural fertilisers and pesticides in your garden.
- ✓ Dirty wastewater from cleaning should go down the toilet.
- ✓ Sweep up debris during building work so it does not wash down drains.

Report any oil or chemical spill to the Environment Agency
0800 80 70 60.

Misconnections

The water coming from this surface water outfall is not connected to the underground sewage network. However, if houses and businesses have not been properly plumbed in then they might be misconnected. If this happens then there is a chance sewage may enter the underwater system and flow into the sea.

How can you help?



- ✓ Make sure your waste pipes are connected to the right drain – you can do this by visiting connectright.org.uk for more information.



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For more top tips and information, visit litterfreedorset.co.uk

