

# Severn Trent blames leaking valve for pollution incident

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The Environment Agency (EA) is investigating a pollution incident after sewage leaked into the River Biam in Aylestone, Leicestershire.



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Severn Trent Water discovered a storm-tank valve was leaking in Amy Street, Braunstone Town, last Thursday and said it went to fix it the same day. It said the storm tank, which would normally store excess rain water, was full of sewage because the company was undertaking maintenance work and upgrading pumping stations.

"To take the pressure off, the sewage was moved from another pumping station into the tanks instead of rain water. As soon as we found out we went out with the Environment Agency and fixed the leak," a spokeswoman said.

A full maintenance programme of all Severn Trent's assets was under way and the company was constantly checking them to ensure they were in good condition, the spokeswoman said.

The EA issued a statement in which it said it was continuing its investigation. "Currently no environmental impacts have been reported," it said. A spokeswoman said: "If we are going to be taking any action we would not be able to say."

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