

SAFETY LESSONS LEARNT BULLETIN

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Pumping Station Kiosk damaged following storm

Information sharing:

Maintenance electrician was requested to attend Aston On Carrant, a small sewage pumping station in the Tewksbury area. Visit was required due to a reported issue with pumping station kiosk.

On arriving on site it was found that the metal control kiosk was lying face down with signs of impact damage to its top edge and had been knocked over by a tree during local storms. Safety checks were carried out due to the casing being metal and possibly live.

Prior to the safety checks being carried out, the site had been cleared of the debris and trees and there had been new fencing installed by contractors.

It is to be noted: that the panel remained in operation during the time it was face down and that the trees were on a 3rd parties land.

Electrician arranged for CEMA & Weston Power Distribution (WPD) to pull/remove fuses so that the kiosk could be returned to its upright position.

When the kiosk was righted, it was found that live cables from an old tariff had been ripped out and exposed due to the fall.

With the panel face down it was impossible to carry out any inspection of the inside of the kiosk. The exposed cables could only be seen after the kiosk was righted.

Key messaging:

- Do not make assumptions that damaged electrical equipment is safe to touch. Wait until it has been electrically inspected and safe to do so
- Take 20 and If safe to do so carry out a visual inspection
- Get the correct help to make equipment and areas safe
- Demarcate areas before leaving site and inform others of the site situation
- Report immediately to the site manager and raise follow on work and raise Safety Net incident
- If you see any trees with in ST land that require attention (leaning, dead) raise jobs to get them looked at by Summers Inman
- Where trees overhang /encroach ST property that require attention and have an increased risk of causing damage. Report to the appropriate 3rd party.

