

## The Village Leaf

### News Flash - sewerage scheme latest

Work on the Rushlake Green first time sewerage scheme suspended as M Holleran goes into administration. Southern Water in talks to seek out new contractor to meet March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.



On 21st December 2009 M Holleran, the contractors who have been doing the work on the Rushlake Green first time sewerage scheme, were placed into administration. All sewerage work in Rushlake Green has therefore, for the moment, ceased.

We have contacted Southern Water and learned that the news may not be as bad as it first appeared. Apparently the main contract for the scheme was actually with a joint venture: 'Holleran Mouchel Parkman', which was awarded a contract by Southern Water in 2004. Within this joint venture, construction and technical capabilities were provided by The Holleran Group whilst design and project management expertise were supplied by the professional support services group Mouchel Parkman. So while the existing contractor M Holleran (a wholly owned subsidiary of The Holleran Group), has ceased trading, Southern Water has already begun discussion with Mouchel Parkman, to get a new contractor in place to re-start the work on the Rushlake Green scheme as soon as possible.

Southern Water is "optimistic" that a new contractor will be on board by mid January. Southern Water are under pressure to get work going again quickly because apparently they are under a regulatory obligation to have the first time sewerage system up and running by 31st March 2010. So the indications are that as far as Rushlake Green residents are concerned, the connection agreements taken out with Southern Water will be fully honoured and the work completed by the March deadline.

However we should also take this opportunity to express our sympathy for any local individuals or businesses that have been left with financial losses as a result of M Holleran's collapse. Hopefully by the time we put out our next Village Leaf newsletter the new contractor will be in place and starting work. We understand that, once the new contractor is agreed, Southern Water will send an explanatory letter to all affected residents.

In the meantime, we trust that this brief note has been helpful. Please pass it on to anyone who you feel might be interested or concerned, particularly those not online as we will only be doing an email at this time.