

PRESENTER LINK

Parent are angry after sewage water has repeatedly flooded a sports pitch used by children in Ystrad Mynach. A manhole cover on the site has burst open every month since December. Alicia Pocock reports.

**NATURAL SOUND OF WATER**

**LOCATION INTERVIEW**

*So it pops the manhole... it is absolutely mental.*

REPORTER SCRIPT

That's Carys Sage. A parent in Ystrad Mynach describing the gallons of sewage water flooding out of a manhole cover and on to the xx sports pitches where her son trains with xx rugby club.

CARYS SAGE CLIP

*It is absolutely disgusting it's just foul. Tampons, condoms, just all over the field it has contaminated the field they expect children to play on this.*

REPORTER SCRIPT

Caerphilly County Borough Council took to Facebook with a post titled Setting the Record Straight to say that this was not a regular occurrence. But residents tell me that last weekend's floods was the third time it has happened in three months...

RESIDENT CLIP

**NATURAL SOUND**

REPORTER SCRIPT

Wading through stewing sewage isn't just a bit grim but it could also have serious health implications for those playing there, as Dr Chris Lowe from the department of biomedical sciences at Swansea University explains.

ACADEMIC CLIP

*This is going to be sewage that is presumably untreated... quite dangerous.*

REPORTER SCRIPT

Welsh Water says that they will be investigating the problem over the coming days and will be clearing the sewage debris from last week's storm this afternoon. But Ystrad Mynach councillor Martin James says that Welsh Water and Caerphilly Borough Council have been slow to action on this.

LOCAL COUNCILLOR CLIP

*They should have done something... first time this happened.*

REPORTER SCRIPT

What's is that the site has been earmarked to be the new community sports hub in Ystrad Mynach to mitigate the loss of space at Trinity Field that the council is turning into private land.

UNNAMED CLIP

*You're going to have... no it's not.*

REPORTER SCRIPT (PAY OFF)

Caerphilly County Borough Council says any additional works required to fully address such issues before any plans are progressed but users of the pitch feel that this is a problem that won't be flushed away anytime soon.