

When Dowsing saved using heavy equipment, possible damage, and a lot of time and money.

In these modern times, you may wonder why water diviners/dowsers are still in such demand in the 21st Century. Here's one reason, written by the client.

We are a large hospital complex and had discovered a severe problem with a costly water leak which was getting bigger by the day.

We knew that chlorine was present, so it had to be from the mains supply, but ours is a big site with playing fields and a multitude of buildings.

Our playing fields are on a downward slope leading to a high bank which drops down to a pavement and road. We could see the water leeching out of this bank, but it covered a fair distance, so the real exit point was a mystery.

The water could have been coming from anywhere and the area is so large that it would have been not only very expensive, but damaging to the grounds, including mature trees, to bring in heavy machinery on a whim.

After much discussion it was decided to see if a water diviner could help. Scanning the internet, we found one, and on agreeing terms, in due course John Baker arrived on site. We had not seen a water diviner at work before, so it was going to be an experience!

His kit consisted of a shoulder bag full of marker flags and a pair of metal L-shaped rods which he used like a pair of six guns pointing ahead of him. He said the L-rods would cross if he walked over sub-surface water.

Cameras at the ready, we watched. He started near the boundary bank and walked the entire length of the sports field. In his first 'sweep' he put four marker flags in the ground.

John then walked the fields another three times, always further back than from his previous walk. Soon we had two sets of flags but one set puzzled John because the flags were coming up the playing



The mauve lines illustrate the perimeter of the area to be looked at. L indicates the area of the leak, and T is a water tower.

field in a straight line – apparently water does not travel in straight lines.

Intrigued by this, he walked across the two flags, but this time looking for a man-made structure. We didn't know this was possible. Happy that it was, he surprised us again by looking for sub-surface bricks. And he got another reaction from his rods!

At this point he said, 'You seem to have a conduit here and there is water running through it.'

This was news to us. He then went on to give us the depth – 12 ft down. Another surprise!

Going back to the other marker flags he had put in earlier, they were apparently showing the meander of an underground spring which John said was running at six gallons an hour. Nothing to bother with, so it was back to the conduit. He then followed the line up towards the buildings and at one point it formed an S-bend, as if to avoid something.

This was very interesting and after more discussion, it was decided to order in a JCB to dig the spot John's rods had indicated.

Come the day, we were all on tenterhooks. Could the dowsed spot be right? Digging down to 12 feet, the machine hit bricks. This was interesting. A few more grabs and the brickwork was breached, opening up a void at the bottom of which was running water. Bingo!

(See opposite) This meant that we could now proceed up the pipe using different equipment. Our diviner could not be permitted to enter many parts of the buildings, so most of his work was done.

In conclusion, the hiring of a water diviner was extremely cost effective, totally successful and caused minimal damage to the site and the environment.

Please note that if water can be found, any sub-surface structure can also be found. As John has demonstrated here. This is one person multi-tasking! How many machines would it have taken to have carried out the work managed by one diviner/dowser, and at what cost?



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Above: First signs of a man-made structure, apparently the roof of a conduit.

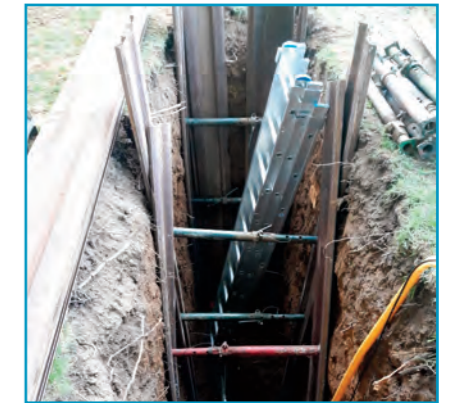
Above centre: Marker flags on site were the first step.

Bottom right: Forming an access point for further investigations.

To find a water diviner/dowser near you – please visit <http://www.professionaldowsersregister.co.uk>

Dowsing/divining is an art not a science and, as in all things in life, there are no guarantees.

<http://www.johnh2obaker.co.uk>



Top: Initial access by ladder. Above: Sky reflected in the water running through the conduit.

