

# An introduction to water conservation at UL

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- Preparing to save water
- Establishing current performance trends
- Interpreting trends
- Step Testing
- Reviewing & Expanding your meter network
- Key Actions to Conserve Water

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## **Water Testing Equipment**

Bar

Sounding





Magflow Water Meters



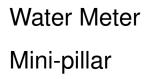
Data-logger



Water Meter Displays





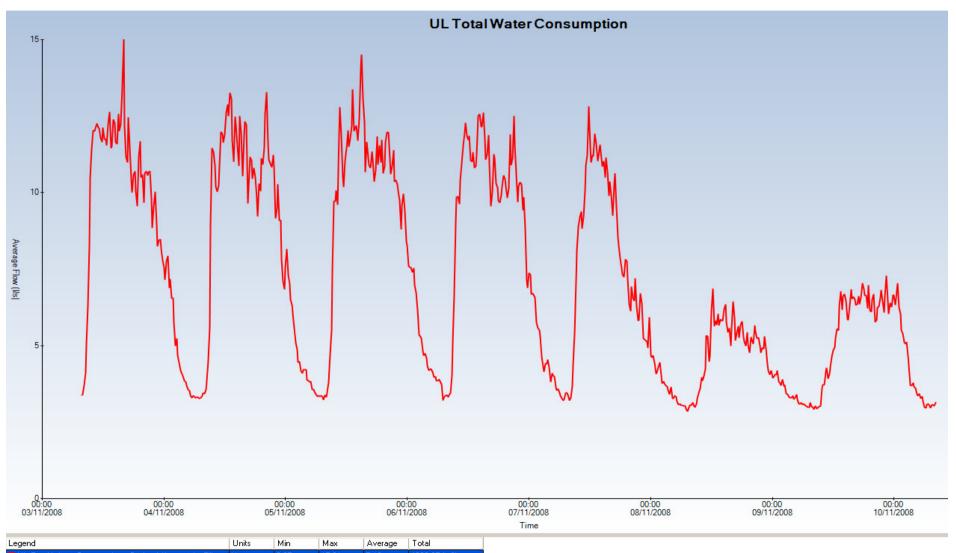




Mechanical Meter

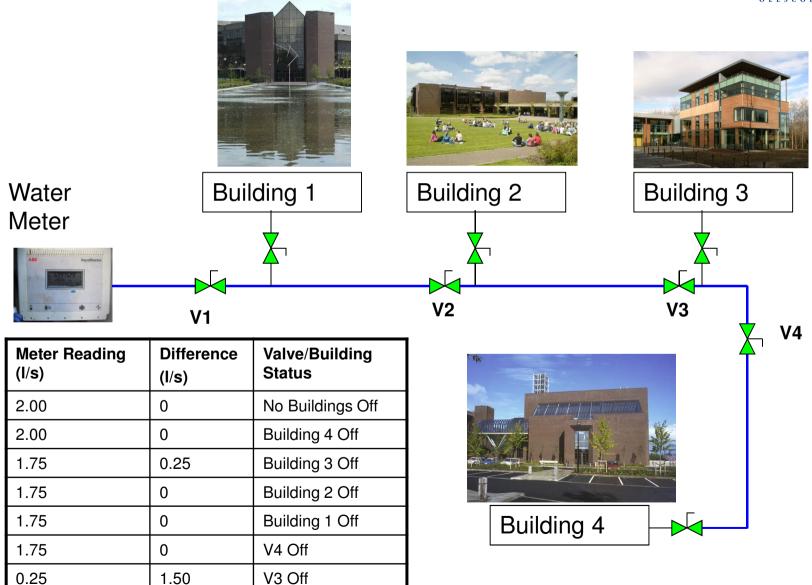
## **Performance Trends**





## **Step Testing**





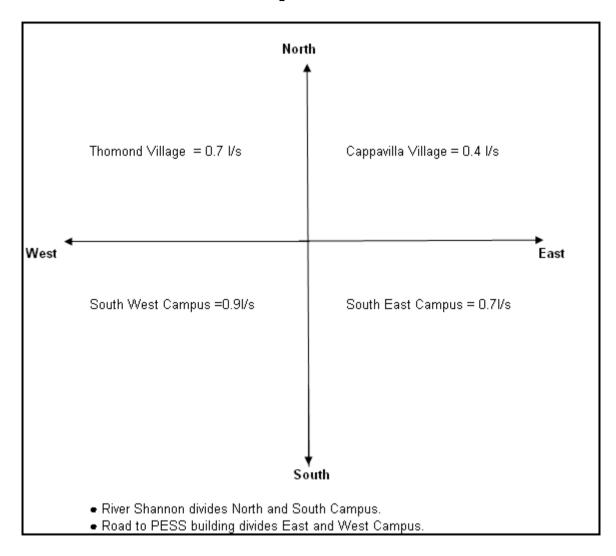


## Step Testing (Remember that...) UNIVERSITY

- Real time readings from responsive meters required.
- Key valves that isolate sections of network need to be identified & tested in advance.
- Step test to be conducted during period of minimal/zero usage so as not to compromise test.

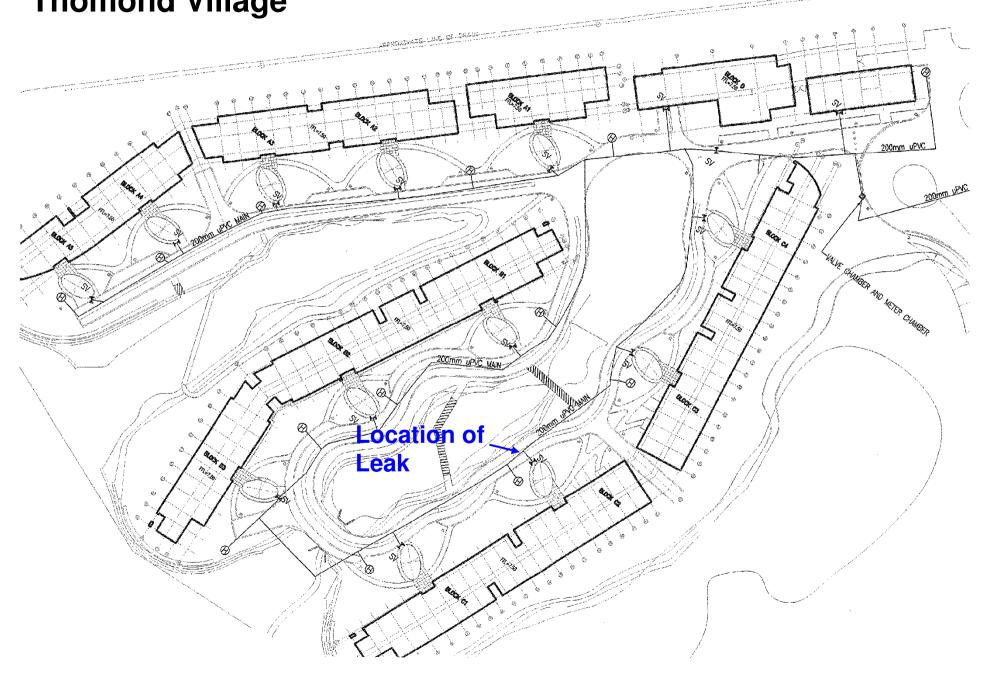
## UL's first step test





Baseline Consumption of 1l/s equates to ~ €100,000 per year.

#### **Thomond Village**



#### Source of Thomond Village Water Leak



Water On, Leak Not Fixed (properly) – 12 Noon

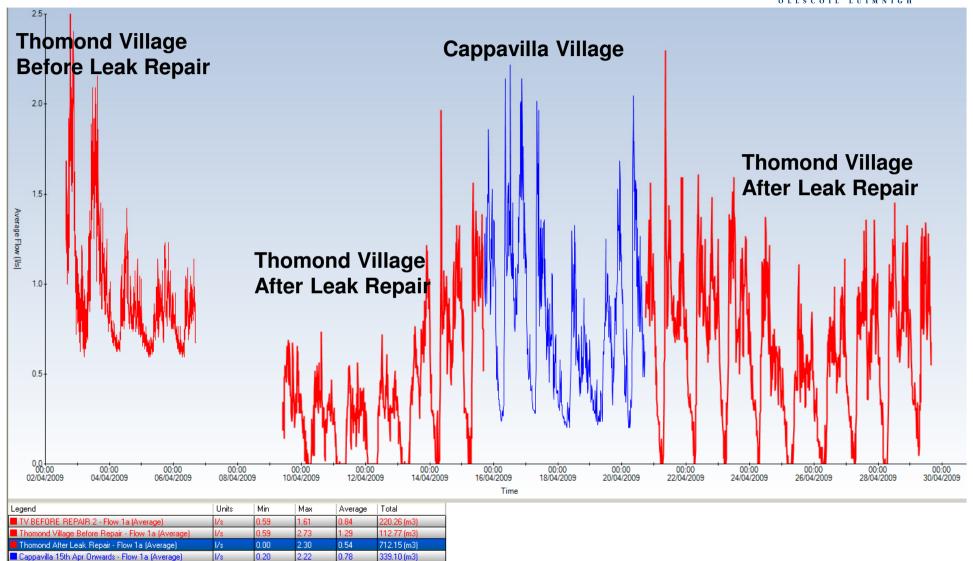


Water On, Leak Fixed Properly - 3pm

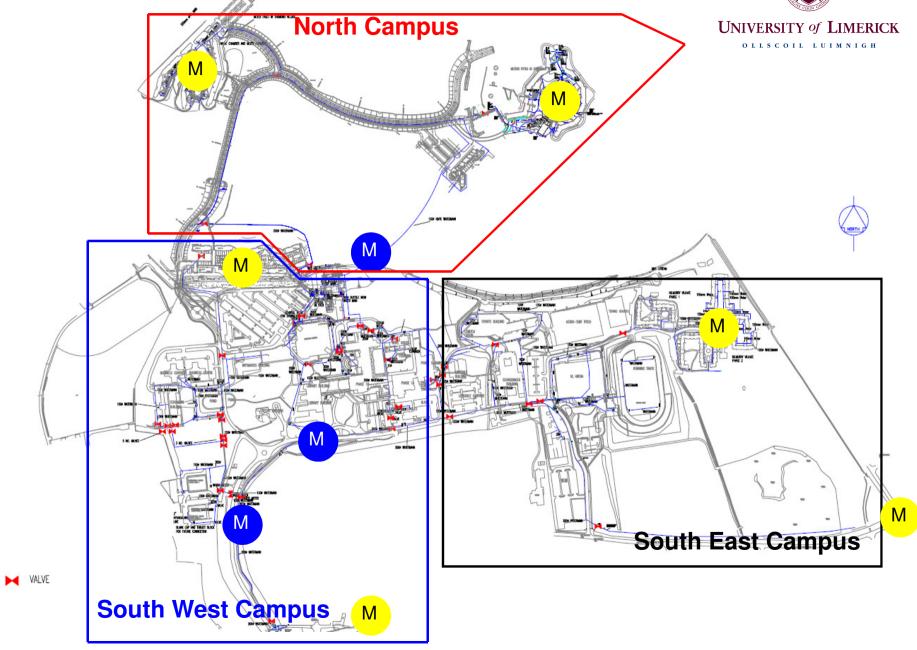
An un-tightened connection was the source of a 0.6 l/s leak.

#### Thomond/Cappavilla Village Trends





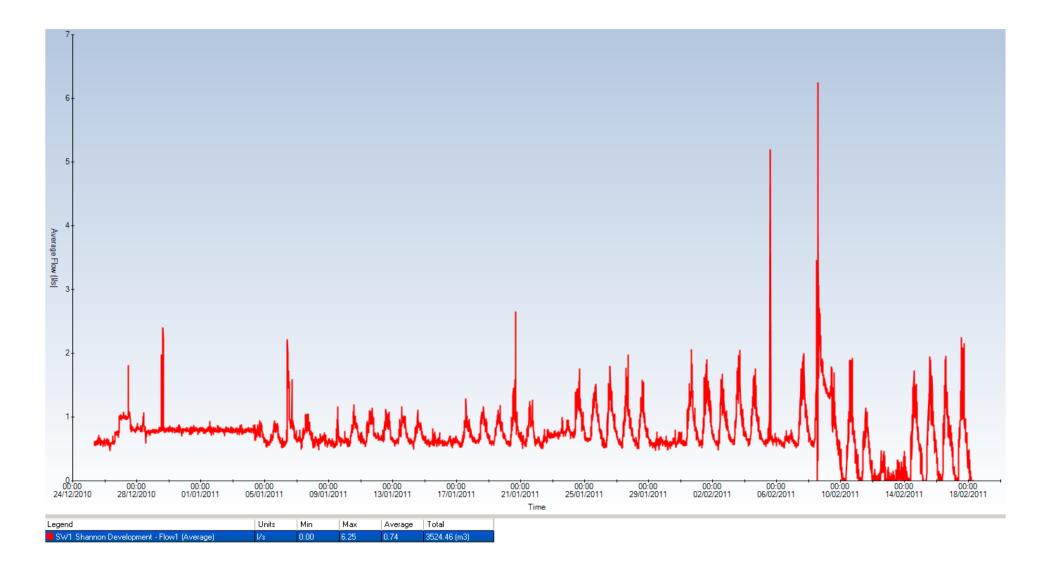
#### **UL Water Network**



## South West Campus Trend







## South West Campus Leak UNIVERSITY of LIMERICK

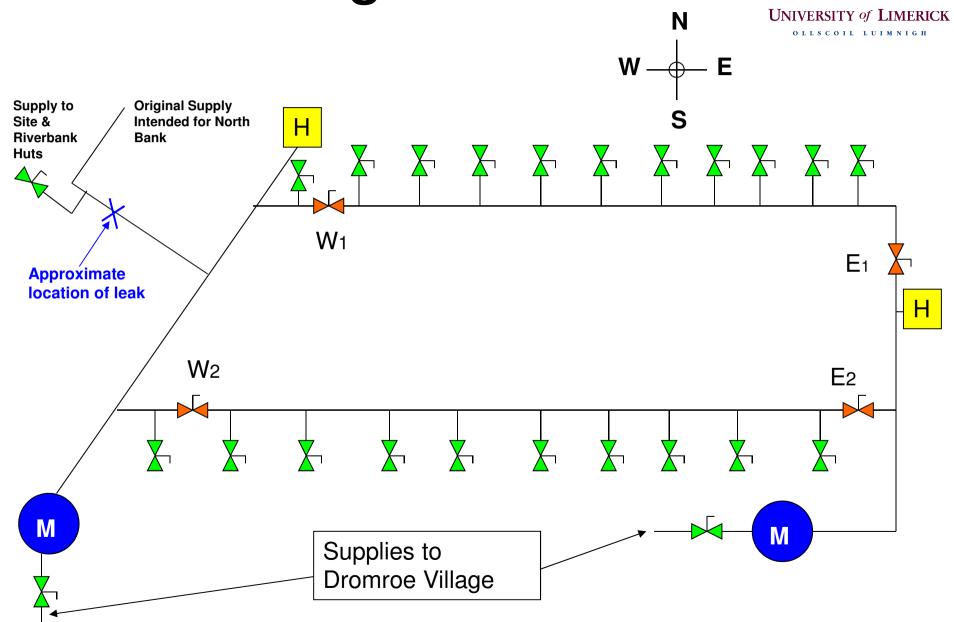






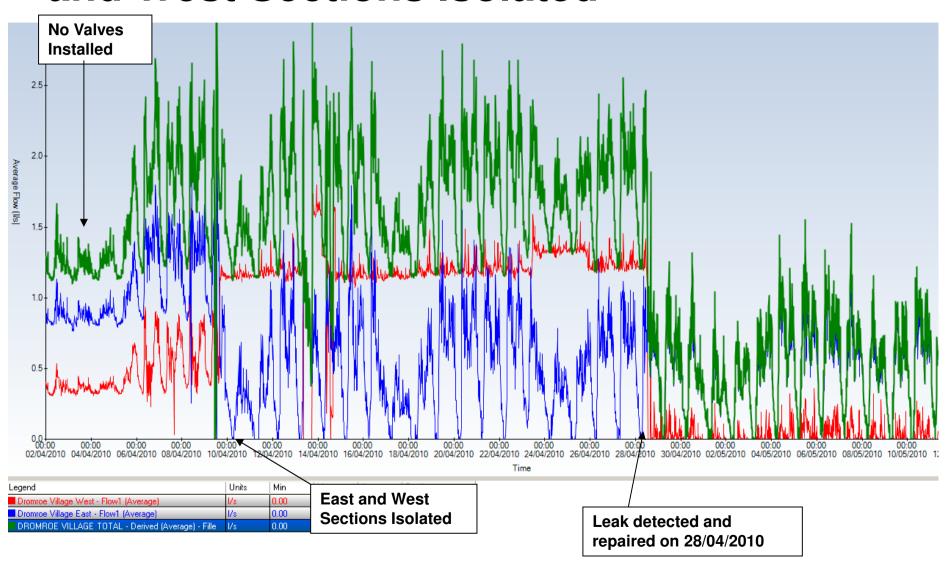
## **Dromroe Village Water Network**





## Water Consumption Trend – East and West Sections Isolated





## **Dromroe Village Leak**









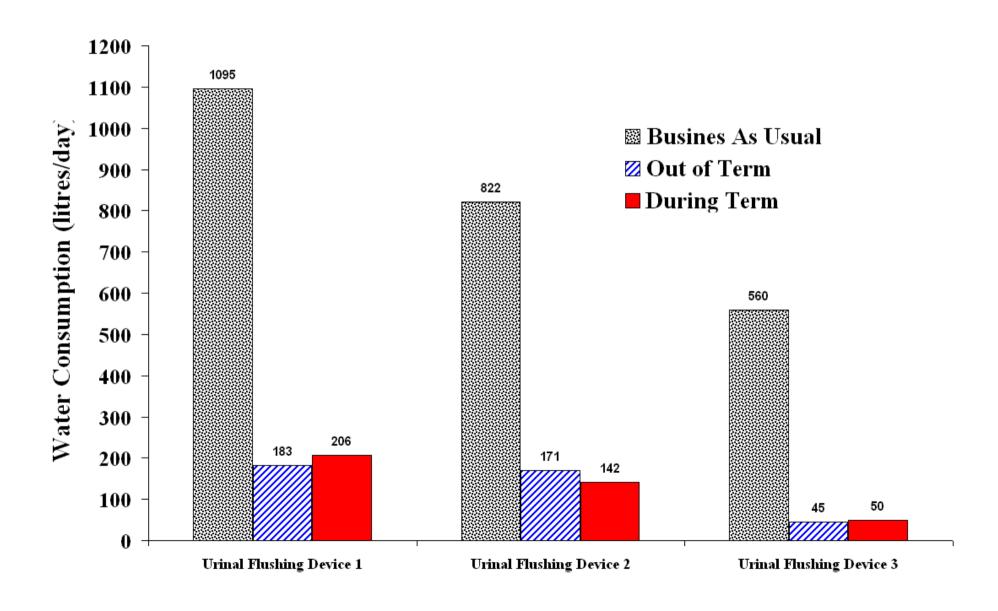
## Dromroe Village Leak



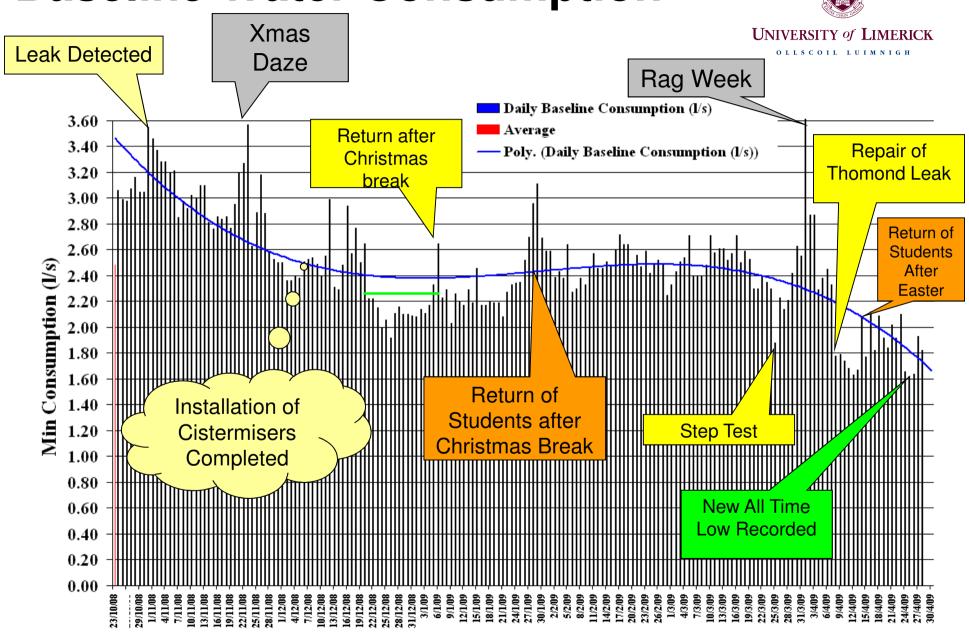


## **Urinal Flushing Devices**

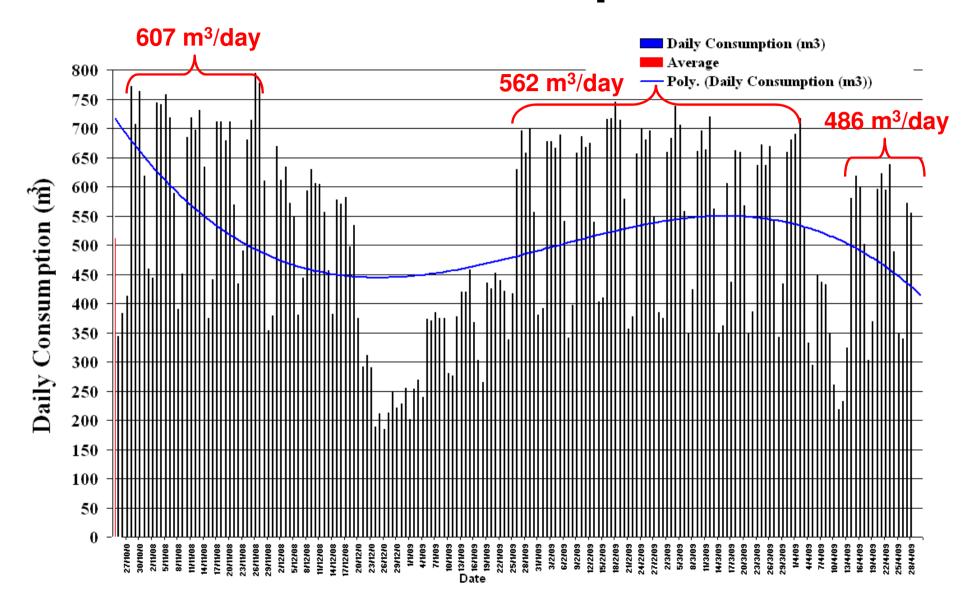




#### **Baseline Water Consumption**



## **Total UL Water Consumption**



### Saving Water – Key Actions



- Establish current performance trends and compare with historical trends if available.
  - Collect data regularly
    - Identify key metering points and install reliable meter (preferable with no moving parts)
    - Install data-logger
- Break down water network into more manageable chunks by identifying/installing valves at key locations
  - Conduct Step Tests to identify areas of high consumption

## Saving Water – Key Actions (Ctd.)



- Ensure bypass valves are fully closed if not separately metered.
- During construction phase ensure temporary water meter is installed on contractors water supply.
  - Encourages contractor to conserve water during construction.
  - Ensures all connections are water tight at handover.
- Thoroughly evaluate products which claim to save you water & set up correctly.

