

## County Highway Authority Report – Area North

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### Purpose of the Report

To provide a brief report of the highway works carried out last financial year in Area North and the proposed works programme for 2018/2019.

### Recommendation

That members note the report.

### Schemes completed in 2017/18 (Area North)

Martock	B3165 North Street-Pinnacle	Surfacing
Somerton	Behind Berry	Surfacing
Langport	Newton Road/Somerton Road	Footways
Martock	Stapleton Close	Footways
South Petherton	West End View & Court	Footways
Fivehead	A378 Mile Hill (joint scheme with Taunton Deane)	Drainage

### Surface Dressing proposed for 2018/19

Surface Dressing is the practice of applying a bitumen tack coat to the existing road surface and then rolling in stone chippings. Whilst this practice is not the most PR friendly, it is highly effective in preserving the integrity of the road surface. This year we are Surface Dressing 16 sites across South Somerset which are class A and B roads, and 23 sites that are class C and D roads. The Surface Dressing programme within South Somerset started in June.

### Schemes proposed for 2018/2019

This year's structural maintenance budget is slightly lower than last year. The table below identifies significant schemes planned to be implemented within Area North:

Parish	Location	Work proposed	Status
Martock	B3165 Coat Road to Stapleton Cross	Surfacing	Completed
Ash	Main Street	Surfacing	Due October 29 <sup>th</sup>
Stocklinch	Stocklinch Road	Surfacing	Completed
South Petherton	Old Vicarage Gardens	Footways	Not programed
Ash	Main Street (Village)	Drainage	Completed
Ilton	B3168 Mill Lane/ Old Way Gate	Drainage	Completed
Barrington	Main Street/ Bakers Lane	Drainage	Programmed Q4

## **Grass Cutting**

Grass cutting is a difficult task to carry out to the satisfaction of all. The highway network exceeds 3500km in length; therefore the size of the task is significant. Verge cutting of main A and B roads started in early May. This was followed by the C and D roads, and then a further cut of A and B roads. For information, the table below provides approximate dates for cuts each year

<b>Road Classification</b>	<b>Dates</b>
A and B roads (including visibility splays)	Late April / Early May dependant on rate of growth
C and unclassified roads	Start is usually 4 weeks later than A and B roads
A and B roads (including visibility splays)	Mid to late August dependant on rate of growth
Environmentally protected sites	Usually at the end of the growing season

## **Winter Maintenance**

Last winter we have carried out a precautionary gritting on 82 occasions and in the process used 10,343 tons of salt. In February and March alone we used 4,655 tons during the cold/snowy period. This year we have gradually been replacing our fleet of gritters across Somerset, with the last batch being introduced during the summer at our Yeovil depot.

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Problems on the roads such as pot holes, blocked gullies/drains, damaged drain covers, faulty streetlights etc, can also be reported via the website:

<http://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-transport/problems-on-the-road/>