

Highways Update Report – Area South

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Purpose of the Report

Being the first report for the 2017/18 financial year, I aim to give a brief report of the highway works carried out last financial year in Area South and our proposed works programme for 2017/2018.

Schemes completed in 2016/17 (Area South)

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| Yeovil | A30 Sherborne Road (One-Way Section) | Surfacing |
| Yeovil | Wraxhill Road | Surfacing |
| Yeovil | St Johns Road and Northbrook Road | Surfacing |
| Yeovil | Hendford and The Borough bus stop | Surfacing |
| Brympton | Mead Avenue | Surfacing |
| Barwick | Church Lane | Drainage |
| Barwick | Two Tower Lane | Drainage |
| West Coker | Ridge lane (DFT Grant) | Surfacing |

Surface Dressing proposed for 2017/18

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 19 sites across South Somerset, 10 of which are substantial lengths of A and B roads.

The Surface Dressing within South Somerset is due to start during June. Sites highlighted are in Area South.

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| Cricket Thomas St | A30 Windwhistle | Redscript Lane to St Rayn Hill |
| Galhampton | A359 Cary Road | Cadbury Farm Park to Grove Cross |
| Kingweston | B315 Kingweston Road | B3151 to Christians Cross |
| Lovington | B3153 Castle Cary Road | Boundary to Shuttle lights |
| Marston Magna | B3148 Sherborne Road | Railway bridge to County Boundary |
| Mudford | A359 Marston Magna Road | Hinton Cross to brick bridge |
| Mudford | A359 Mudford Hill | Lyde Road to River bridge |
| East Chinnock | A30 High Street | Coker Hill bridge to West Coker |
| Compton Dundon | B3151 Somerton Road | Marshalls Elm to B3153 |
| Yeovil | A37 Dorchester Road | Aldon House to County Boundary |
| Buckland St Mary | Farm Lane | Farm Green Lane to Castlemain |
| Buckland St Mary | Horsey Lane | Birchwood Road to Castlemain |
| Buckland St Mary | Farm Green Lane | County Boundary to Hornsey Lane |
| Whitelackington | Park Lane | Boxstone cross to Kingstone Main |
| Pitney | Woodbirds Hill lane | Church Hill to end |
| Winsham | Crewkerne Hill | A30 to Winsham |
| Barwick | Two Tower Lane | A37 to Newton Road |
| High Ham | Breach Furlong Lane | Stout Road to end |
| Penselwood | Newpark Rd / Bleak Street | County Boundary to Coombe Street |

Schemes proposed for 2017/2018

This year's structural maintenance budget is slightly lower than last year. The below table identifies significant schemes planned to be implemented in South Somerset and schemes proposed in Area South are highlighted;

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| Chard | A358 Furnham Road | Surfacing |
| Bruton | A359 Quaperlake Street | Surfacing |
| Yeovil | A30 Sherborne Road | Surfacing |
| Martock | B3165 North St to Pinnacle | Surfacing |
| Somerton | Behind Berry | Surfacing |
| Ilchester | B3151 Somerton Rd / Bondip Hill | Surfacing |
| Wincanton | B3081 Old Hill | Surfacing |
| Yeovil | Forest Hill | Surfacing |
| Cudworth | Cudworth Street / Knights Lane | Surfacing |
| West Crewkerne | Higher Farm Lane, Woolminstone | Surfacing |
| West Crewkerne | Dunsham Lane | Surfacing |
| Langport | Newton Rd / Somerton Rd | Footways |
| Broadway / Horton | St Peters Close | Footways |
| Martock | Stapleton Close | Footways |
| South Petherton | West End View / Court | Footways |
| Crewkerne | Southmead Crescent | Footways |
| Yeovil | Netherpton Road | Footways |
| Yeovil | Sherborne Road | Footways |
| Yeovil | The Avenue / Crofton Rd | Footways |
| Yeovil | Gt Western Terrace | Footways |
| Tatworth | Station Road | Drainage |
| Fivehead | A378 Mile Hill | Drainage |
| North Cheriton | B3145 Cheriton Hill | Drainage |
| Ansford | Maggs Lane | Drainage |
| Barton St David | Main Street | Drainage |
| Corton Denham | Corton Denham Road / Ridge Lane | Drainage |
| Wincanton | B3081 Old Hill | Drainage |
| Alford | B3153 Cary Rd / Station Rd | Drainage |
| Chaffcombe | Kingston Well Lane | Drainage |
| Cudworth | Cudworth Street | Drainage |
| Yeovil | Sherborne Road | Drainage |
| Barwick | Two Tower Lane / Newton Rd | Earthworks |
| Penselwood | Combe Street | Earthworks |
| Bruton | Strutters Hill | Earthworks |

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 are likely to start on 2nd May subject to growth rate. This will be followed by the C and D roads as below table and then a further cut of A and B roads.

| Road Classification | Dates |
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| A and B roads (including visibility splays) | 2 nd or 9 th 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 |

Term Maintenance Contract

Contract for the maintenance of Highways for Somerset County Council has been awarded to Skanska. This is for a period of 7 years from 1st April 2017. Contract can be extended a further 3 years subject to key performance indicators being achieved.