

Highways Update Report – Area South

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Purpose of the Report

This report is to inform members of the work carried out by the County Highway Authority at the halfway stage through the financial year and what schemes are remaining on the work programme for the rest of the year.

Verge Cutting

Grass cutting this year has been difficult due to the rapid growth of vegetation and as you can appreciate, our works are largely governed by resource. With a highway network exceeding 3500km in length, the size of the task is significant.

The County Council therefore has a policy and procedures that are in place to ensure the work is carried out in the most safe, effective and economic way. In a world of ever increasing risk assessment and claim/liability scenarios, the policy must take into account the range of road classifications across the network and prioritises them accordingly.

We were only able to do one cut on Class C and D this year, however we were able to do two cuts to Class A and B roads. The programme was largely completed by the end of September.

Surface Dressing

Weather this year has been fairly kind to our surface dressing program. It commenced in June and was completed through various phases by the end of August. After this time the road temperature is too unpredictable to ensure there are no surface failures.

Surface Dressing is the practice of applying a bitumen tack coat to the existing road surface and rolling in stone chippings. Whilst this practice is not the most PR friendly, when carried out correctly it is highly effective and can bring significant improvements to the highway infrastructure.

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;

Chard	A358 Furnham Road	Surfacing	Completed
Bruton	A359 Quaperlake Street	Surfacing	Completed
Yeovil	A30 Sherborne Road	Surfacing	Feb. 2018
Martock	B3165 North St to Pinnacle	Surfacing	Completed
Somerton	Behind Berry	Surfacing	Completed
Ilchester	B3151 Somerton Rd / Bondip Hill	Surfacing	Completed
Wincanton	B3081 Old Hill	Surfacing	Nov. 2017
Yeovil	Forest Hill	Surfacing	March 2018
Cudworth	Cudworth Street / Knights Lane	Surfacing	Feb. 2018
West Crewkerne	Higher Farm Lane, Woolminstone	Surfacing	Completed
West Crewkerne	Dunsham Lane	Surfacing	Completed
Langport	Newton Rd / Somerton Rd	Footways	Completed

Broadway Horton /	St Peters Close	Footways	Completed
Martock	Stapleton Close	Footways	Feb. 2018
South Petherton	West End View / Court	Footways	Completed
Crewkerne	Southmead Crescent	Footways	Feb. 2018
Yeovil	Netherton Road	Footways	Completed
Yeovil	Sherborne Road	Footways	Feb. 2018
Yeovil	The Avenue / Crofton Rd	Footways	Completed
Yeovil	Gt Western Terrace	Footways	March 2018
Tatworth	Station Road	Drainage	Completed
Fivehead	A378 Mile Hill	Drainage	Completed
North Cheriton	B3145 Cheriton Hill	Drainage	Nov. 2018
Ansford	Maggs Lane	Drainage	Completed
Barton St David	Main Street	Drainage	Cancelled
Corton Denham	Corton Denham Road / Ridge Lane	Drainage	Feb. 2018
Wincanton	B3081 Old Hill	Drainage	Completed
Alford	B3153 Cary Rd / Station Rd	Drainage	Completed
Chaffcombe	Kingston Well Lane	Drainage	TBC
Cudworth	Cudworth Street	Drainage	Nov. 2017
Yeovil	Sherborne Road	Drainage	Completed
Barwick	Two Tower Lane / Newton Rd	Earthworks	Dec. 2017
Penselwood	Combe Street	Earthworks	In progress
Bruton	Strutters Hill	Earthworks	TBC

Winter maintenance

The preparation for this year's winter maintenance programme has now started with effect from 1st October. Our salt supply for the upcoming season has been delivered to the depot.

Somerset County Council salts over 1400km (870 miles) of its roads in anticipation of frost, snow and ice. This is approximately 21% of the total road network in Somerset.

Parish Councils will soon be contacted for clarification on which bins require re-filling.

Parish Councils will also receive an invite to collect their allocation of ten 20kg grit bags on 25th November 09.00-13.00.

If Parish Councils have placed a new grit bin at a new location since last year, can the members please confirm these positions to ensure they are not missed for filling.