

Highways Update Report - Area East

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Purpose of the Report

The Report is to inform members of the work carried out by the County Highway Authority at this stage through the financial year and schemes remaining on the work programme for the rest of the year.

Recommendation

That Area East Committee notes the content of this report.

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, including visibility splays. 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 for 2017/2018

The below table identifies significant schemes planned to be implemented in South Somerset and schemes in Area East are highlighted; (Green = completed, red = deferred, yellow = pending/ongoing)

Chard	A358 Furnham Road	Principal Resurfacing
Bruton	A359 Quaperlake Street	Principal Resurfacing
Yeovil	A30 Sherborne Road	Principal Resurfacing
Martock	B3165 North St to Pinnacle	Resurfacing
Somerton	Behind Berry	Resurfacing
Ilchester	B3151 Somerton Rd / Bondip Hill	Principal Resurfacing
Wincanton	B3081 Old Hill	Principal

		Resurfacing
Yeovil	Forest Hill	Resurfacing
Cudworth	Cudworth Street / Knights Lane	Resurfacing
West Crewkerne	Higher Farm Lane, Woolminstone	Resurfacing
West Crewkerne	Dunsham Lane	Resurfacing
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	Netherton 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 – slip stabilisation	Earthworks
Bruton	Strutters Hill – embankment netting	Earthworks
Milborne Port	A30 (Crackmore) – embankment netting	Earthworks

Winter maintenance

The winter maintenance programme has now started, with effect from 1st October. Our salt supply for the upcoming season was 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 were contacted for clarification on which bins required re-filling and invited to collect their allocation of ten 20kg grit bags on 25th November. I would note that there was not a large attendance and not many bins required re-filling
