

County Highway Report to Area West Committee

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Purpose of the Report

Being the first report for the 2018/19 financial year, I aim to give a brief report of the highway works carried out last financial year in Area West and our proposed works programme for 2018/2019.

Recommendation

That members note the report.

Report

Schemes completed in 2017/18 (Area West)

Chard	Furnham Road	Surfacing
West Crewkerne	Higher Farm Lane, Dunsham Lane	Surfacing
Broadway	St Peters Close	Footways
Crewkerne	Southmead Crescent	Footways
Tatworth	Station Road	Drainage
Chaffcombe	Kingstone Well Lane	Drainage
Cudworth	Cudworth Street	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 A and B roads, and 23 sites that are C and D roads. The Surface Dressing within South Somerset is due to start during June.

Schemes proposed for 2018/2019

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 West are highlighted;

Wincanton	A371 Holbrook Roundabout	Surfacing
Wincanton	A371 Anchor Hill Roundabout	Surfacing
Crewkerne	A30 East Street/Mount Pleasant	Surfacing
Crewkerne	A30 Chard Road	Surfacing
Martock	B3165 Coat Road to Stapleton Cross	Surfacing
Buckland St Mary	Farm Lane	Surfacing
Ash	Main Street	Surfacing
Alford	B3153 Cary Road	Surfacing
Mudford	Manor Farm Road	Surfacing
Wincanton	Common Road	Surfacing
Yeovil	St Michaels Avenue (A30-St Michaels	Surfacing

	Rd)	
Yeovil	Lyde Road (Vale Rd-St Johns Rd)	Surfacing
Stocklinch	Stocklinch Road	Surfacing
Merriott	Broadway/Merriott Rd	Surfacing
Yeovil	Sparrow Rd (Roping Rd- Mudford Rd)	Surfacing
Chard	Glynswood	Footways
Chard	Henson Park	Footways
Chard	Pine Avenue	Footways
Chard	Coronation Street	Footways
Chard	Harvey Road	Footways
Chard	Thorndun Park Drive	Footways
Chard	Furzehill	Footways
Yeovil Without	St Michaels Avenue	Footways
Wincanton	Carrington way	Footways
Babcary	Babcary Lane	Footways
Chiselborough	Taylor's Orchard	Footways
Yeovil	Cedar Grove	Footways
Yeovil	Swallowcliffe Gardens	Footways
South Petherton	Old Vicarage Gardens	Footways
Yeovil	Burroughs Avenue	Footways
Ash	Main Street (Village)	Drainage
Ilton	B3168 Mill Lane/ Old Way gate	Drainage
Barrington	Main Street/ Bakers Lane	Drainage
Milborne Port	East Street	Drainage
Yeovilton	Podimore lane	Drainage
Charlton Horethorne	B3145 Charn Hill	Drainage
Sutton Montis	Allotment Road	Drainage
Bruton	Dropping lane	Drainage
Cudworth	Cudworth Street (Phase 2)	Drainage
Odcombe	Ham Hill road	Drainage
Chaffcombe	Main Street	Drainage
East Coker	Primrose Hill	Drainage
Bruton	Strutters Hill (Trees)	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 7th May subject to growth rate. This will be followed by the C and D roads as table below and then a further cut of A and B roads.

Road Classification	Dates
A and B roads (including visibility splays)	30 th April or 7 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

Winter Maintenance

This winter we have carried out a precautionary gritting on 82 occasions and in the process have 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.
