

# **Somerset County Council Highways Update Report**

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## **Purpose of the Report**

Somerset County Council Highways Interim report for the period April 2014 to March 2015, to provide an update on works progress.

## **Recommendation**

That members note the report.

## **Surface Dressing**

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.

The Surface Dressing was completed within the programmed timescale for the 2014 'season' and various remedial sites from last year's program were attended to as well.

This year's Surface Dressing sites are currently receiving their final inspections prior to acceptance by SCC.

## **Grass Cutting**

The verge cutting of main A and B roads commenced in mid May followed by the C and D roads and then the final cut of the A and B roads. There was some delay experienced in the C and D road cutting program and this was unfortunately due to re-distribution of resource by the Term Maintenance contractor.

I would note that the enquiries relating to this year's grass cutting were less than the previous year, which I trust is a good indication of getting the timing of the cutting right.

## **Winter Maintenance**

The preparation for this year's winter maintenance programme has commenced and the salt supply for the upcoming season is being delivered to the depot.

It is likely that similar to previous years the local parishes will be invited to collect their allocation of ten 20kg grit bags. Confirmation will be submitted to Parish Clerks as soon as this is approved by the Winter Maintenance Manager.

To provide efficiencies in resource time for filling the parish grit bins, a request will be submitted to the parish clerks to identify, check and inform SCC of the current situation with regards to accessibility and filling requirements for their grit bins.

## Structural maintenance Schemes 2014/15

Many of the structural maintenance schemes for this year have been completed and are listed below:

Town/Village	Location	Works	Expected Completion
Donyatt	A358 Peasmarsh	Drainage	Completed
Tatworth and Forton	Forton Rd/Blacklands Lane	Drainage	November 2014
Chaffcombe	Summer Lane	Drainage	Completed
Ilminster	Blackdown View	Footway	Completed
Ilminster	Butts/High Street	Footway	February 2015
Ilminster	Listers Hill	Surfacing	Completed
Chard	Millfield	Surfacing	December 2014
Wayford	Dunsham Lane	Drainage	November 2014
Combe St Nicholas	Scrapton Lane	Surfacing	Completed
Crewkerne	Severalls Park Avenue	Patching	Completed
Merriott	Moorlands Road	Reconstruction	Completed
Chillington	Lamberts Lane	Reconstruction	March 2015
Ilton	Cad Green	Drainage	February 2015

### B3168 Beacon, Ilminster

Contract for this repair work has been let to Bed Rock who has started on site with effect from 27<sup>th</sup> October 2014. This is a week earlier than publically forecast.

The build time is predicted to be seven weeks which will allow the road to be open before Christmas.

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