

Somerset Highways 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.

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

Structural maintenance schemes for this year that have been completed and those planned are listed below:

| PARISH | LOCATION | WORKS | DATE |
|---------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Yeovil | Sherborne Road | Footpath | Completed |
| Barwick | Fairhouse Road | Drainage | Nov 2014 |
| Stoford | Stoford Bridge Road | Drainage | Dec 2014 |
| Yeovil | Middle Street | Block Paving | Feb 2015 |
| West Coker | White Post | Drainage | Jan 2015 |
| Closworth | Netherton Lane | Drainage | March 2015 |
| Yeovil | Hillcrest Road | Surfacing | TBC |
| East Coker | Halves Lane | Patching | Jan 2015 |
| Yeovil | Portreeve Drive | Drainage | Feb 2015 |
| Yeovil | South Street | Surfacing | March 2015 |
| Yeovil | Court Ash/Silver St. | Surfacing | TBC |
| Yeovil | Queensway | Anti-skid | Completed |
| Yeovil | West Street | Footpath | Completed |
| Yeovil | St Johns Road | Footpath | TBC |
| Yeovil | Eastland Road | Surfacing | TBC |
| Yeovil | Roping Road | Footpath | TBC |
