

Somerset Highways Report

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Purpose of the Report

Being the first report for the 2015/16 financial year, I aim to give a brief report of the highway works carried out last financial year in Area South and our proposed works programme for 2015/2016.

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. This year we are Surface Dressing 53 sites across South Somerset, 13 of which are substantial lengths of A and B roads. The Surface Dressing within South Somerset has already commenced and is due completion by the end of June but at the time of this report there is already a weeks delay due to weather conditions.

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 commenced 5th May which will be followed by the C and D roads as below table and then a further cut of the visibility splays on A and B roads. The second cut to the A and B roads previously carried out by Somerset County Council has been removed on approval by The Council members.

| Road Classification | Dates |
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| A and B roads (including visibility splays) | 5 May - 2 June |
| C and unclassified roads | 3 June - 31 July |
| A and B visibility splays only | Mid to late August dependant on rate of growth |
| Environmentally protected sites | Usually at the end of the growing season |

Schemes completed in 2014/15

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| Yeovil Marsh | Yeovil Marsh Road | Drainage |
| Yeovil | A30 Queensway | High Friction Surface |
| Yeovil | South Street | Resurfacing |
| Yeovil | Hillcrest Road | Resurfacing |

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| Yeovil | Court Ash/ Silver Street | Resurfacing |
| Yeovil | Eastland Road | Resurfacing |
| West Chinnock | Hollowell Hill | Reconstruction |
| Yeovil | West Coker Road(White post) | Drainage |
| West Coker | Font Lane | Drainage |
| Stoford | Stoford Bridge Road | Drainage |
| Yeovil | Middle Street (block paving) | Footways |
| Yeovil | Sherborne Road | Footways |
| Barwick | Fairhouse Road | Drainage |
| Yeovil | St Johns Rd and Monmouth Rd. | Footways |
| Yeovil | West Street | Footways |

Schemes proposed for 2015/2016

This year's structural maintenance budget remains similar to last year. The below table identifies significant schemes to be implemented in South Somerset and schemes proposed in Area South are highlighted;

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| Misterton | A356 School Hill and Mosterton Road | Resurfacing | Completed |
| Crewkerne | A356 North Street | Resurfacing | Completed |
| Charlton Mackrell | A37 Fosse Way | Resurfacing | Completed |
| Yeovil | A30 West Coker Road | Resurfacing | |
| Bruton | Plox/Silver Street | Resurfacing | |
| Castle Cary | Victoria Park/Greenway Road | Resurfacing | |
| Lopen | Lopen Head Roundabout | Resurfacing | |
| Merriot | Hitchen | Resurfacing | |
| Yeovil | Dampier Street | Resurfacing | |
| Yeovil | St John's Road/Northbrook Road | Resurfacing | |
| North Cadbury | Parish Hill | Resurfacing | |
| Ilminster | Ile Court | Resurfacing | |
| Charlton Horethorne | Clare Farm Stowell Hill | Resurfacing | |
| Queen Camel | Traits Lane | Resurfacing | |
| Somerton | Somertonfield Road | Resurfacing | |
| Huish Episcopi | Picts Hill | Resurfacing | |
| Chard | Avishayes Road | Resurfacing | |
| Chard | Helliars Road and Crimchard | Resurfacing | |
| Hinton St George | Lopen Road | Passing Bays Reconstruction | |
| Yeovil | Goldcroft | Resurfacing | |
| Yeovil | Hendford & High Street (The Borough) | Resurfacing | |
| Milborne Port | A30 Sherborne Road | Resurfacing (R+R) | |
| Charlton Mackrell | A37 Fosse Way | Resurfacing (R+R) | Completed |
| Henstridge | A357 High Street & Stalbridge Road | Resurfacing (R+R) | |
| Henstridge | A357 Templecombe Road | Resurfacing (R+R) | |
| Yeovil | A3088 Bunford Hollow Rbt | Resurfacing (Sections) | |
| Ilchester | B3151 Somerton Road | Resurfacing (R+R) | |

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| Yeovil | Birchfield Road | Footways | |
| Yeovil | St Michaels Avenue | Footways | |
| Yeovil | Plantangenate Chase | Footways | |
| Yeovil | Roping Road | Footways | |
| Yeovil | Park Street | Footways | |
| Barton St David | Broadclose Way | Footways | |
| Bratton Seymour | Jack Whites Gibbet | Footways | |
| Somerton | Walnut Drive | Footways | |
| Castle Cary | Milbrook Gardens | Footways | |
| Tintinhull | St Margarets Road & Head Street | Footways | |
| Ilminster | Station Road | Drainage | |
| Closworth | Closworth Road | Drainage | |
| Closworth | Weston Lane | Drainage | |
| Bratton Seymour | A371 Cattle Hill | Drainage | |
| Alford | B3153 Cary Road and Church Lane | Drainage | Completed |
| Chard | A358 Old Town | Drainage | |
| Buckland St Mary | Fair End Lane | Drainage | |
| Muchelney | Thorney Road | Drainage | |
| Curry Rivel | Parsonage Place | Drainage | |
| Brympton | Thorne Coffin (Phase 1 & 2) | Drainage | |
| Pitney | Stowey Road | Drainage | |
| Yeovil Without | Yeovil Marsh Road | Drainage | |
| Fivehead | Ganges Hill | Drainage | |
| Yeovil Without | Yeovil Marsh Road (Eastern end) | Drainage | |
| Huish Episcopi | Meadow Close | Drainage | |
| Chilton Cantelo | Bridgehampton Road | Drainage | Completed |
| Maperton | Clapton Lane | Drainage | Completed |
| Bruton | Park Road | Drainage | |
| Rimpton | Pitfield Corner | Drainage | Completed |
| Haselbury Plucknett | Claycastle | Drainage | |
| Crewkerne | Cathole Bridge Road | Drainage | |
| Stoke Trister | Beech Lane | Drainage | Completed |
| Curry Rivel | St Andrews Close | Drainage | |
| South Beauchamp | Lambrook Road | Drainage | |
| Kingsbury Episcopi | East Lambrook Road (upgrade outfall) | Drainage | |
| Long Sutton | Shute Lane | Earthworks | |
| Tatworth & Forton | Bounds Lane | Earthworks | |
| Ansford | Ansford Hill | Earthworks | |
| East Coker | East Coker Road | Earthworks | |

Winter Maintenance

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.

Last winter was pretty average, being slightly dryer than normal. We carried out precautionary salting on 70 occasions on primary routes and 1 on secondary routes. These secondary routes are only usually salted after 3 consecutive days of sub-zero temperatures.