

Highways Update Report – Area East

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Purpose of the Report

This report aims to give an update of the highway works carried out within this financial year, so far, in Area East and the remaining proposed works programme for 2015/2016.

Recommendation

That the Area East Committee notes the content of this report.

Winter Maintenance

Somerset County Council salts over 1,400km (870 miles) of its roads in anticipation of frost, snow and ice. This is approximately 21% of its entire road network. The M5, A303 and the A36 are maintained and treated by the Highways Agency.

The preparation for this year's winter maintenance has commenced and the salt supply for the upcoming season has been delivered to the Yeovil Depot. At this time there has been no requirement to call upon this resource.

Local Parishes will again be invited to collect their allocation of ten 20kg salt/grit bags. The provisional date for collection is Saturday 21st Nov and a letter will be sent to all Parishes to advise them of this.

If grit bins are being considered at new locations, can the members please confirm the locations as soon as possible as the filling of bins will soon commence.

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 SCC Surface Dressed 53 sites across South Somerset, 13 of which were substantial lengths of A and B roads.

The 2015/16 Surface Dressing within South Somerset was completed earlier in the season than recent years, the weather was favourable and assisted in keeping the program on schedule. The sites have been inspected by SCC, as part of the acceptance requirements, and now entered their guarantee periods.

Patching of sections of the highway in preparation for next year's Surface Dressing has also been completed.

Grass Cutting

Grass cutting was completed as per the enclosed schedule with no concerns to note.

Road Classification	Dates
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 for 2015/2016

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

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	Mar 2016
Bruton	Plox/Silver Street	Resurfacing	Completed
Castle Cary	Victoria Park	Resurfacing	Completed
Lopen	Lopen Head - Snap Ant	Resurfacing	Completed
Merriott	Hitchen	Resurfacing	Completed
Yeovil	Dampier Street	Resurfacing	Deferred
Yeovil	St John's Road/Northbrook Road	Resurfacing	Deferred
North Cadbury	Parish Hill	Resurfacing	Completed
Ilminster	Ile Court	Resurfacing	Nov 2015
Charlton Horethorne	Clare Farm Stowell Hill	Resurfacing	Deferred
Queen Camel	Traits Lane	Resurfacing	Completed
Somerton	Somertonfield Road	Resurfacing	Completed
Huish Episcopi	Picts Hill	Resurfacing	Completed
Chard	Avishayes Road	Resurfacing	Completed
Chard	Helliars Road and Crimchard	Resurfacing	Completed
Hinton St George	Lopen Road	Resurfacing	
Yeovil	Goldcroft	Resurfacing	Completed
Yeovil	Hendford & High Street (The Borough)	Resurfacing	Deferred
Milborne Port	A30 Sherborne Road	Resurfacing (R+R)	Dec 2015
Charlton Mackrell	A37 Fosse Way	Resurfacing (R+R)	Completed
Henstridge	A357 High Street & Stalbridge Road	Resurfacing (R+R)	Feb 2016
Henstridge	A357 Templecombe Road	Resurfacing (R+R)	Dec 2015
Yeovil	A3088 Bunford Hollow Roundabout	Resurfacing (Sections)	Completed

Ilchester	B3151 Somerton Road	Resurfacing (R+R)	Feb 2016
Yeovil	Birchfield Road	Footways	
Yeovil	St Michaels Avenue	Footways	
Yeovil	Plantagenate Chase	Footways	
Yeovil	Roping Road	Footways	
Yeovil	Park Street	Footways	
Barton St David	Broadclose Way	Footways	Completed
Bratton Seymour	Jack Whites Gibbet	Footways	Qtr 4
Somerton	Walnut Drive	Footways	Qtr 3
Castle Cary	Millbrook Gardens	Footways	Completed
Tintinhull	St Margarets Road & Head Street	Footways	
Ilminster	Station Road	Drainage	
Closworth	Closworth Road	Drainage	Completed
Closworth	Weston Lane	Drainage	Completed
Bratton Seymour	A371 Cattle Hill	Drainage	Completed
Alford	B3153 Cary Road and Church Lane	Drainage	Completed
Chard	A358 Old Town	Drainage	Completed
Buckland St Mary	Fair End Lane	Drainage	Completed
Muchelney	Thorney Road	Drainage	Completed
Curry Rivel	Parsonage Place	Drainage	Completed
Brympton	Thorne Coffin (Phase 1 & 2)	Drainage	Completed
Pitney	Stowey Road	Drainage	Completed
Yeovil Without	Yeovil Marsh Road	Drainage	Completed
Fivehead	Ganges Hill	Drainage	Completed
Yeovil Without	Yeovil Marsh Road (Eastern end)	Drainage	Completed
Huish Episcopi	Meadow Close	Drainage	Deferred
Chilton Cantelo	Bridgehampton Road	Drainage	Completed
Maperton	Clapton Lane	Drainage	Completed
Bruton	Park Road	Drainage	Completed
Rimpton	Pitfield Corner	Drainage	Completed
Haselbury Plucknett	Claycastle	Drainage	
Crewkerne	Cathole Bridge Road	Drainage	Jan 2016
Stoke Trister	Beech Lane	Drainage	Completed
Curry Rivel	St Andrews Close	Drainage	Completed
Shepton Beauchamp	Lambrook Road	Drainage	Nov 2015
Kingsbury Episcopi	East Lambrook Road (upgrade outfall)	Drainage	Completed
Long Sutton	Shute Lane	Earthworks	Deferred
Tatworth & Forton	Bounds Lane	Earthworks	Completed
Ansford	Ansford Hill	Earthworks	Mar 2016
East Coker	East Coker Road	Earthworks	