

Highway Service Report for Area West

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Purpose of the Report

The report is to inform members of the work carried out by the County Highway Authority at the halfway stage through the financial year and what schemes are remaining on the work programme for the rest of the year.

Recommendation

That members note the report.

Report

Surface Dressing

Weather this year has been fairly kind to our surface dressing programme. It commenced in June and was completed through various phases by the end of August. After this time the road temperature is too unpredictable to ensure there are no surface failures. Patching work has already been completed for next year's surface dressing programme which mainly concentrates on Class A and B roads.

Surface Dressing is the practice of applying a bitumen tack coat to the existing road surface and rolling in stone chippings. Whilst this practice is not the most PR friendly, when carried out correctly it is highly effective and can bring significant improvements to the highway infrastructure.

Verge Cutting

Grass cutting this year has been difficult due to the rapid growth of vegetation and as you can appreciate; our works are largely governed by resource. With a highway network exceeding 3500km in length, the size of the task is significant.

The County Council therefore has a policy and procedures that are in place to ensure the work is carried out in the most safe, effective and economic way. In a world of ever increasing risk assessment and claim/liability scenarios, the policy must take into account the range of road classifications across the network and prioritises them accordingly.

We were only able to do one cut on all roads this year, with a later visibility cut to Class A and B road junctions only. The programme was largely completed by the end of September.

Structural Schemes Completed 2015/2016 (up to 30 October 2015)

The below table identifies significant schemes that have been completed in South Somerset. Schemes in Area West 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 |

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| Yeovil | A30 West Coker Road | Resurfacing | March 2016 |
| Bruton | Plox/Silver Street | Resurfacing | Completed |
| Castle Cary | Victoria Park/Greenway Road | Resurfacing | Completed |
| Lopen | Lopen Head Roundabout | 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 | Passing Bays reconstruction | |
| Yeovil | Goldcroft | Resurfacing | Completed |
| Yeovil | Hendford & High Street (The Borough) | Resurfacing | Deferred |
| Milborne Port | A30 Sherborne Road | Resurfacing (R+R) | December 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) | December 2015 |
| Yeovil | A3088 Bunford Hollow Rbt | Resurfacing (Sections) | Completed |
| Ilchester | B3151 Somerton Road | Resurfacing (R+R) | Feb. 2016 |
| Yeovil | Birchfield Road | Footways | |
| Yeovil | St Michaels Avenue | Footways | |
| Yeovil | Plantagenet Chase | Footways | |
| Yeovil | Roping Road | Footways | |
| Yeovil | Park Street | Footways | |
| Barton St David | Broadclose Way | Footways | Completed |
| Bratton Seymour | Jack Whites Gibbet | Footways | |
| Somerton | Walnut Drive | Footways | |
| Castle Cary | Milbrook Gardens | Footways | Completed |
| Tintinhull | St Margaret's 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 |

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| 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 | Completed |
| Crewkerne | Cathole Bridge Road | Drainage | Jan. 2016 |
| Stoke Trister | Beech Lane | Drainage | Completed |
| Curry Rivel | St Andrews Close | Drainage | Completed |
| South 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 | |
| East Coker | East Coker Road | Earthworks | |

Winter Maintenance

The preparation for this year's winter maintenance programme has now started. Our salt supply for the upcoming season has been delivered to the depot.

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.

Local parishes will again be invited to collect their allocation of ten 20kg grit bags on 21st November.

If grit bins are being considered at new locations, can the members please confirm these positions as soon as possible as the filling of bins will soon commence. It may also be beneficial to confirm previous locations to ensure that these areas are not missed.

Background papers: None
