

Highways Update Report – Area South

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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 the Area South Committee notes the content of this report.

Surface Dressing

Weather this year has been fairly kind to our surface dressing program. It commenced in June and was completed through various phases by the end of August. After this time the road temperatures are too unpredictable to ensure there are no surface failures. Patching work has already been completed for next year's surface dressing program 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 3,500km 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 South 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	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 Reconstructi on	
Yeovil	Goldcroft	Resurfacing	Completed
Yeovil	Hendford & High Street (The Borough)	Resurfacing	Deferred
Milborne Port	A30 Sherborne Road	Resurfacing (R+R)	Completed
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	Plantangenete Chase	Footways	
Yeovil	Roping Road	Footways	
Yeovil	Park Street	Footways	Completed
Barton St David	Broadclose Way	Footways	Completed
Bratton Seymour	Jack Whites Gibbet	Footways	
Somerton	Walnut Drive	Footways	
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	Completed
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	
Tatworth & Forton	Bounds Lane	Earthworks	Completed
Ansford	Ansford Hill	Earthworks	
East Coker	East Coker Road	Earthworks	Nov 2015

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 1,400km (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.