

Area North Committee – 22nd August 2007

8. Area North Highways Update Report

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Purpose of the Report

To update members on the proposed highway works scheduled for Area North during the current financial year.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the report.

Report

Verge cutting commenced on 8th May in the following sequence:

Classification	Target Completion Date
A & Bs	8 May 2007 – 27 May 2007
Special Sites	29 May 2007 – 3 June 2007
Class 3 Roads	4 June 2007 – 1 July 2007
Class 4 Roads	2 July 2007 – 29 July 2007

A further cut of A & Bs will then take place followed by selective cutting of the Class 3 roads.

Weed killing is currently taking place and this year the operation is being shared by SSDC and the County Council.

SSDC are concentrating their efforts on the larger towns i.e. Yeovil, Wincanton, Crewkerne, Langport and Martock etc. whilst the more rural parishes and A & B road network is being attended to by the County's Service Provider.

Surface dressing continues although this year the programme has been severely affected by the bad weather, so much so that we are currently running over three weeks behind schedule.

A ditch and outfall clearance programme has been prepared and works will get underway later this year.

The routine planned maintenance operation of gully emptying and patching continue throughout the year.

Minor maintenance schemes continue to be carried out along with repairs generated by inspections carried out by a team of dedicated Safety Inspectors based at Taunton. Because of the repair response times associated with the safety inspections it is not always possible to accurately programme the minor maintenance work.

Works completed for 2006/07 Financial Year

Parish	Location	Type of work
Fivehead	A378 Fivehead Garage to Burton Pynsent	Re-surfacing
Curry Rivel	Church Street	Re-surfacing
South Petherton	Coles Lane	Re-surfacing
South Petherton	Hayes End	Re-surfacing
Martock	North Street	Re-surfacing
Ash	Ash to Stapleton	Re-surfacing
Stoke sub Hamdon	Main Road	Re-surfacing
Stoke sub Hamdon	Ham Hill Road	Re-surfacing
Compton Dundon	Littleton Lane	Re-surfacing
Curry Rivel	Churchway Close	Footway
Tintinhull	Thurlocks	Footway
Stoke sub Hamdon	Windsor Lane	Footway
South Petherton	Lightgate Lane	Footway
Martock	Water Street	Footway
Ash	Main Street	Footway
Somerton	St Cleers	Footway
Montacute	Townsend	Drainage
Martock	Church Street	Drainage
Shepton Beauchamp	Marsh Lane	Drainage

Proposed Structural Schemes for 2007-08

Parish	Location	Type of Work
Aller	A372 Ridley Hill	Resurfacing
Compton Dundon	Hayes Lane	Resurfacing
Somerton	West Street	Resurfacing
Kingsdon	B3151, Rocky Hill	Resurfacing
Martock	B3165 Church St/Water Street	Resurfacing
Montacute	Middle Street/Montacute Road	Resurfacing
Puckington	B3168 Main Road	Resurfacing
Long Sutton	Bineham Lane	Resurfacing
Barrington	Lawnmoor Lane	Resurfacing
Hambridge	New Road	Resurfacing
South Petherton	St James Street	Resurfacing
Isle Brewers	Opposite Garage	Footway
South Petherton	St James Street	Footway
South Petherton	Summershard	Footway
Montacute	Hollow Lane	Drainage
Stoke sub Hamdon	Cole Lane	Drainage

The above scheme list is provisional and changes could take place during the financial year, dependent on circumstances.

Finally I would like to draw member's attention to a comment I made in my previous report concerning Winter Maintenance. A meteorologist predicted a milder season than normal but wetter with rain falling in shorter, denser storms. For once I think the weathermen were pretty accurate with their predictions!

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