

Area North Committee – 22 May 2013

## 8. County Highway Authority Report – Area North

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### Purpose of the Report

The report is to inform members of the work carried out by the County Highway Authority. It is a brief report of the highway works carried out in the last financial year in Area North and the proposed works programme for 2013/2014.

### Surface Dressing

Last year's surface dressing (2012) was undertaken later in the season than we would have liked due to the contractor being held up due to a number of factors. Weather is a key factor in this process being successful, but as you all know we had a record year for rainfall and lower temperatures.

This has resulted in a few failures where the surface dressing has stripped off. These sites have been identified and will receive remedial treatment during the summer months.

This year a further program of 95 sites across South Somerset will be surface dressed with a likely start date of late May/June. A program of patching is currently ongoing to prepare these sites for surfacing.

### Potholes

Repair of potholes on the highway is one of our main activities throughout the year. The table below gives an indication of the potholes repaired for the whole of Somerset. You can see that the figures are fairly stable until January 2013 when the level of defects reported increased in excess of 50%.

To enable this increase in numbers to be repaired all our depot gangs have now been deployed on this activity. This meant that other depot works proposed like drainage and signing were delayed until at least April. Countywide this year we have repaired 22,713 potholes up to 8<sup>th</sup> March 2013. On a 12 month rolling period we have repaired 24,263.

Month	Reported	Repaired
April 2012	1740	1724
May 2012	2167	1860
June 2012	1219	1458
July 2012	2302	2048
August 2012	1697	1593
September 2012	1421	1655
October 2012	1307	1402
November 2012	1348	1030
December 2012	1915	1682
January 2013	2911	1990
February 2013	3880	3701
March 2013 (up to 8th)	806	1269

## Schemes Proposed for 2013/14

This year's structural maintenance budget has been reduced by 30% and as a result the list is a little shorter than previous years. Schemes proposed in Area North are as follows;

Huish Episcopi	Hanging Chapel Road	C/way resurfacing
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Somerton	Langport Road	C/way resurfacing
South Petherton	Prigg Lane	C/way resurfacing
Langport	Bow Street	Footway resurfacing
Martock	Eastfield/East Street	Footway resurfacing
Hambridge & Westport	Playses Green	Footway resurfacing
Kingsbury Episcopi	Knightstone Close	Footway resurfacing
Somerton	Market Place	Footway resurfacing
Langport	Bow Street	Drainage
Langport	Meadow Close	Drainage
Tintinhull	Yeovil Road	Drainage
Curry Rivel	Dyers Road	Drainage
High Ham	Wearne Corner	Drainage
Shepton Beauchamp	Lambrook Road	Drainage
Somerton	Polham Lane	Drainage
Fivehead	Top Road	Earthworks

## Additional Local Highways Maintenance Funds

In the Chancellors Autumn Statement of the 5<sup>th</sup> December, he announced an additional £1.5 billion of Government investment to improve the highway network and reduce congestion. For Somerset County Council this means that there will be a Capital Grant of £5.033m split over two years as follows. £3.282m in 2013/14 and £1.751m in 2014/15.

We are currently looking at 100+ sites for consideration, to be delivered in the 2013/2014 financial year.

Curry Rivel	Wickmoor	Drainage & C/way Resurfacing
Martock	Highway Road	Drainage
Fivehead	Lower Swell	Drainage
Puckington	Ilford Bridges/Bradon Lane	Drainage
Pitney	Park Lane	Drainage
Muchelney	Manor Lane	Drainage
Langport	North Street	C/Way Resurfacing
Somerton	Badgers Cross Lane	Drainage

## Revenue Works

Annual grass cutting programme is due to commence in May. A and B routes to be cut first followed by C and D's. A and B roads to be cut twice.

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