

Highway Service Report for Area West

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Purpose of the Report

Being the first report for the 2016/17 financial year, I aim to give a brief report of the highway works carried out last financial year in Area West and our proposed works programme for 2016/2017.

Recommendation

That the report be noted.

Report

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 we are Surface Dressing 50 sites across South Somerset, 13 of which are in West Area.

The Surface Dressing within South Somerset has already commenced and is due for completion by the end of August.

Grass Cutting

Grass cutting is a difficult task to carry out to the satisfaction of all. The highway network exceeds 3500km in length; therefore the size of the task is significant. Verge cutting of main A and B roads are likely to commence on 16th May which will be followed by the C and D roads as indicated in the table and then a further cut of the visibility splays on A and B roads. The second cut to the A and B roads previously carried out by Somerset County Council has again been removed on approval by The Council members.

Road Classification	Dates
A and B roads (including visibility splays)	16 May -12 June
C and unclassified roads	13 June – 14 August
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 completed in 2015/2016

Misterton	A356 School Hill/A3066	Resurfacing
Crewkerne	A356 North Street	Resurfacing
Lopen	Lopen Head Roundabout	Resurfacing
Merriott	Hitchen	Resurfacing
Chard	Avishayes Road	Resurfacing
Chard	Helliars Road / Crimchard	Resurfacing
Hinton St George	Lopen Road	Passing Bays Reconstruction
Ilminster	Station Road	Drainage
Chard	A358 Old Town	Drainage
Buckland St Mary	Fair End Lane	Drainage
Crewkerne	Cathole Bridge Road	Drainage
Tatworth & Forton	Bounds Lane	Earthworks

Schemes proposed for 2016/2017

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

Bratton Seymour	A371 Cary/Wincanton Road	Principle Resurfacing	
Yeovil	A30 Sherborne Road (One Way Section)	Principle Resurfacing	
Chard	A30 High Street	Principle Resurfacing	
East Chinnock	A30 Barrows Hill	Principle Resurfacing	
Wincanton	A371 Holbrook Roundabout	Principle Resurfacing	
Yeovil	Wraxhill Road	Resurfacing	
Yeovil	St Michaels Avenue	Resurfacing	
Yeovil	Lyde Road	Resurfacing	
Langport	The Avenue	Resurfacing	
Chard	St Marys Close	Resurfacing	
Ilchester	Market Place/Church Street	Resurfacing	
Wincanton	Dancing Lane	Resurfacing	
Yeovil	Rosebery Avenue	Resurfacing	
Marston Magna	Rimpton Road (concrete slab)	Resurfacing	
Chard	St Marys Crescent	Resurfacing	
Alford	B3153 Cary Road/Station Road	Resurfacing	
Charlton Horethorne	Stowell Hill	Resurfacing	
Yeovil	St Johns Road/ Northbrook Road	Resurfacing	
Yeovil	Hendford and High Street (Borough)	Resurfacing	
South Petherton	Hele Lane (Ford)	Resurfacing	
Brympton	Mead Avenue	Resurfacing	
Merriott	Lower Street	Resurfacing	
Ilminster	Ditton Street	Resurfacing	
Chard	B3162 Forton Road	Resurfacing	
Dinnington	Frog Lane	Resurfacing	

Chard	St Marys Crescent	Footways	
Sparkford	Green Close	Footways	
Ansford	Ancastle Avenue/ Terrace	Footways	
Martock	Marwin Close/ Bracey Road	Footways	
Castle Cary	Millbrook Gardens (Phase 2)	Footways	
Crewkerne	Langmead Square	Footways	
Ilminster	Station Road	Footways	
Chard	Bradfield Way/ Beckington Crescent	Footways	
Yeovil	Sherborne Road	Drainage	
Buckland St Mary	Castle Main/ Lisieux Way	Drainage	
Ashill	Thickthorn Lane	Drainage	
Tintinhull/ Chilthorne Domer	Yeovil Road	Drainage	
Chilthorne Domer	Vagg Hollow	Drainage	
Tintinhull	Thurlocks	Drainage	
Horton	Hanning Road/ Horton Road	Drainage	
Bruton	A359 Cuckoo Hill	Drainage	
North Cadbury	A359 Foxcombe Farm/ Galhampton Hill	Drainage	
Somerton	St Cleers/ Dairy farm lane	Drainage	
Castle Cary	Coopers Ash Lane, Cockhill	Drainage	
Bruton	Wyke Road, Wyke Champflower	Drainage	
Langport	A372 Somerton Road/ Meadow Close	Drainage	
Compton Dundon	B3151 Littleton Hill	Drainage	
Cucklington	Long Hill	Drainage	
Yeovilton	Bridgehampton Road	Drainage	
Barwick	Church Lane	Drainage	
East Coker	Primrose Hill	Drainage	
Knowle St Giles	Knowle Church Road	Drainage	
Long Load	Martock Road	Drainage	
Barwick	Two Tower Lane	Drainage	
Milborne Port	East Street	Drainage	
Barrington	Ruskway Lane/ Shelway Lane	Drainage	
Long Sutton	Crouds Lane	Earthworks	
Curry Rivel	Red Hill	Earthworks	
Ansford	A371, Ansford Hill	Earthworks	

Winter Maintenance

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.

Last winter was warmer than average, being slightly wetter than normal. We carried out precautionary salting on 46 occasions on primary routes and no secondary routes. These secondary routes are only usually salted after 3 consecutive days of sub-zero temperatures.

Background papers: None