

## County Highway Authority Report – Area North

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### Purpose of the Report

To provide a brief report of the highway works carried out last financial year in Area North and our proposed works programme for 2016/2017.

### Recommendation

That members note the 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. The Surface Dressing within South Somerset has already commenced and is due 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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

Lopen	Lopen Head Roundabout	Resurfacing	Completed
Huish Episcopi	Picts Hill	Resurfacing	Completed
Somerton	Walnut Drive	Footways	Completed
Tintinhull	St Margarets Road & Head Street	Footways	Completed

Muchelney	Thorney Road	Drainage	Completed
Curry Rivel	Parsonage Place	Drainage	Completed
Pitney	Stowey Road	Drainage	Completed
Fivehead	Ganges Hill	Drainage	Completed
Huish Episcopi	Meadow Close	Drainage	Completed
Curry Rivel	St Andrews Close	Drainage	Completed
Shepton Beauchamp	Lambrook Road	Drainage	Completed
Kingsbury Episcopi	East Lambrook Road (upgrade outfall)	Drainage	Completed
Long Sutton	Shute Lane	Earthworks	Not carried out

### 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 North Area.

Aller	A372	Drainage	Funding TBC
Chilthorne Domer	Vagg Hollow	Drainage	Completed
Compton Dundon	B3151 Littleton Hill	Drainage	Completed
Curry Rivel	Red Hill	Earthworks	Badgers
Langport	The Avenue	Resurfacing	Q3/4
Langport	A372 Somerton Road/ Meadow Close	Drainage	Langport
South Petherton	Hele Lane (Ford)	Resurfacing	
Tintinhull / Chilthorne Domer	Yeovil Road	Drainage	Tintinhull/ Chilthorne Domer
Tintinhull	Thurlocks	Drainage	Q3

### 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.

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<http://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-transport/problems-on-the-road/>