

County Highway Report to Area West Committee

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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 members note the report.

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 temperature is too unpredictable to ensure there are no surface failures.

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 3500km 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 2016)

The below table identifies significant schemes that have been completed in South Somerset. Schemes in Area West are highlighted.

Parish	Location	Work	Status
Bratton Seymour	A371 Cary / Wincanton Road	Principle Resurfacing	Completed
Yeovil	A30 Sherborne Road (One Way Section)	Principle Resurfacing	Completed

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Chard	A30 High Street	Principle Resurfacing	Completed
East Chinnock	A30 Barrows Hill	Principle Resurfacing	Completed
Wincanton	A371 Holbrook Roundabout	Principle Resurfacing	
Yeovil	Wraxhill Road	Resurfacing	
Yeovil	St Michaels Avenue	Resurfacing	
Yeovil	Lyde Road	Resurfacing	Deferred
Langport	The Avenue	Resurfacing	
Chard	St Marys Close	Resurfacing	October
Ilchester	Market Place/Church Street	Resurfacing	Completed
Wincanton	Dancing Lane	Resurfacing	Completed
Yeovil	Rosebery Avenue	Resurfacing	Deferred
Marston Magna	Rimpton Road (concrete slab)	Resurfacing	
Chard	St Marys Crescent	Resurfacing	October
Alford	B3153 Cary Road / Station Road	Resurfacing	Deferred
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	Completed
Ilminster	Ditton Street	Resurfacing	
Chard	B3162 Forton Road	Resurfacing	
Dinnington	Frog Lane	Resurfacing	Completed
Chard	St Marys Crescent	Footways	October
Sparkford	Green Close	Footways	Completed
Ansford	Ancastle Avenue / Terrace	Footways	
Martock	Marwin Close/ Bracey Road	Footways	
Castle Cary	Millbrook Gardens (Phase 2)	Footways	
Crewkerne	Langmead Square	Footways	November
Ilminster	Station Road	Footways	
Chard	Bradfield Way / Beckington Crescent	Footways	
Yeovil	Sherborne Road	Drainage	Deferred
Buckland St Mary	Castle Main / Lisieux Way	Drainage	Completed
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	Completed
North Cadbury	A359 Foxcombe Farm / Galhampton Hill	Drainage	
Somerton	St Cleers / Dairy Farm Lane	Drainage	
Castle Cary	Coopers Ash Lane, Cockhill	Drainage	Completed
Bruton	Wyke Road, Wyke Champflower	Drainage	
Langport	A372 Somerton Road / Meadow Close	Drainage	
Compton Dundon	B3151 Littleton Hill	Drainage	Completed
Cucklington	Long Hill	Drainage	Completed
Yeovilton	Bridgehampton Road	Drainage	
Barwick	Church Lane	Drainage	Completed

Parish	Location	Work	Status
East Coker	Primrose Hill	Drainage	Deferred
Knowle St Giles	Knowle Church Road	Drainage	
Long Load	Martock Road	Drainage	
Barwick	Two Tower Lane	Drainage	November
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	Completed

Winter Maintenance

The preparation for this year's winter maintenance programme has now started with effect from 31 October. Our salt supply for the upcoming season has been delivered to the depot. 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.

Parish Councils will soon be contacted for the re-filling of their grit bins, and again be invited to collect their allocation of ten 20kg grit bags during November.

If grit bins are being considered at new locations, can the members please confirm these positions. It may also be beneficial to confirm previous locations to ensure that any bins being re-filled are not missed.

Background papers: None
