

## Highways Update Report - Area East

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### Purpose of the Report

Being the second report for the 2016/17 financial year, provided to give a brief report of the highway works carried out thus far, in Area East, and our works programme for the 2016/2017 financial year.

### Recommendation

That Area East Committee notes the content of this report.

### Surface Dressing

The weather this year has been reasonably kind to the surface dressing program. It commenced in June and was completed through various phases by the end of August.

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.

### Grass Cutting

Verge cutting including visibility splays was substantially complete by September.

### Schemes proposed for 2016/2017

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

Bratton Seymour	A371 Cary/Wincanton Road	Principle Resurfacing	<b>Completed</b>
Wincanton	A371 Holbrook Roundabout	Principle Resurfacing	<b>Deferred 17/18</b>
Ilchester	Market Place/Church Street	Resurfacing	<b>Completed</b>
Wincanton	Dancing Lane	Resurfacing	<b>Completed</b>
Marston Magna	Rimpton Road (adj Easton Farm)	Resurfacing	<b>Qtr 4</b>
Alford	B3153 Cary Road/Station Road	Resurfacing	<b>Deferred 17/18</b>
Charlton Horethorne	Stowell Hill	Resurfacing	<b>Qtr 4</b>
Sparkford	Green Close	Footways	<b>Completed</b>
Ansford	Ancastle Avenue/ Terrace	Footways	<b>Qtr 4</b>
Castle Cary	Millbrook Gardens (Phase 2)	Footways	<b>Deferred</b>
Bruton	A359 Cuckoo Hill	Drainage	<b>Completed</b>
North Cadbury	A359 Foxcombe Farm/Galhampton	Drainage	<b>Qtr 4</b>

	Hill		
Castle Cary	Coopers Ash Lane, Cockhill	Drainage	<b>Completed</b>
Bruton	Wyke Road, Wyke Champflower	Drainage	<b>Qtr 4</b>
Cucklington	Long Hill	Drainage	<b>Completed</b>
Yeovilton	Bridgehampton Road	Drainage	<b>Invest</b>
Milborne Port	East Street	Drainage	<b>Completed</b>
Ansford	A371, Ansford Hill	Earthworks	<b>Complete</b>
Penselwood	Coombe Street - landslip	Earthworks	<b>Qtr 4</b>

*Bridgehampton Road – Soil sampling carried out on 13<sup>th</sup> June showed contamination, further investigation digs required to establish a new feasible route and design.*

*Alford B3153 scheme of resurfacing deferred due to pre works investigations identifying substantial drainage deformation/cracking so a drainage scheme to be implemented in 2017/18.*

## **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 have been contacted for the re-filling of their grit bins, please note that if we are not advised then we will not attend, and are again invited to collect their allocation of ten 20kg grit bags on 3<sup>rd</sup> December.