

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.

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.

Schemes proposed for 2018/2019

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

Wincanton	A371 Holbrook Roundabout	Surfacing	Start 29.10
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Crewkerne	A30 East Street/Mount Pleasant	Surfacing	Completed
Crewkerne	A30 Chard Road	Surfacing	Completed
Martock	B3165 Coat Road to Stapleton Cross	Surfacing	Completed
Buckland St Mary	Farm Lane	Surfacing	Completed
Ash	Main Street	Surfacing	Start 24.10
Alford	B3153 Cary Road	Surfacing	Completed
Mudford	Manor Farm Road	Surfacing	Completed
Wincanton	Common Road	Surfacing	Completed
Yeovil	St Michaels Avenue (A30-St Michaels Rd)	Surfacing	Completed
Yeovil	Lyde Road (Vale Rd-St Johns Rd)	Surfacing	Completed
Stocklinch	Stocklinch Road	Surfacing	Completed
Merriott	Broadway/Merriott Rd	Surfacing	Completed
Yeovil	Sparrow Rd (Roping Rd- Mudford Rd)	Surfacing	Completed
Chard	Glynswood	Footways	Completed
Chard	Henson Park	Footways	Completed
Chard	Pine Avenue	Footways	Completed
Chard	Coronation Street	Footways	
Chard	Harvey Road	Footways	

Chard	Thorndun Park Drive	Footways	Completed
Chard	Furzehill	Footways	Completed
Yeovil Without	St Michaels Avenue	Footways	Completed
Wincanton	Carrington way	Footways	
Babcary	Babcary Lane	Footways	
Chiselborough	Taylor's Orchard	Footways	Completed
Yeovil	Cedar Grove	Footways	Completed
Yeovil	Swallowcliffe Gardens	Footways	
South Petherton	Old Vicarage Gardens	Footways	
Yeovil	Burroughs Avenue	Footways	Completed
Ash	Main Street (Village)	Drainage	Completed
Ilton	B3168 Mill Lane/ Old Way gate	Drainage	Completed
Barrington	Main Street/ Bakers Lane	Drainage	
Milborne Port	East Street	Drainage	
Yeovilton	Podimore lane	Drainage	
Charlton Horethorne	B3145 Charn Hill	Drainage	
Sutton Montis	Allotment Road	Drainage	Completed
Bruton	Dropping lane	Drainage	Completed
Cudworth	Cudworth Street (Phase 2)	Drainage	Completed
Odcombe	Ham Hill road	Drainage	
Chaffcombe	Main Street	Drainage	Completed
East Coker	Primrose Hill	Drainage	Completed
Bruton	Strutters Hill (Trees)	Earthworks	

Winter maintenance

The preparation for this year's winter maintenance programme has now started with effect from 1st October. Our salt supply for the upcoming season has been delivered to the depot.

Somerset County Council has reviewed the routes it now salts as part of the financial imperative, this has effectively reduced the number of routes salted from 23 down to 18 and the percentage of the network with precautionary salting from 21.1% down to 16.9%.

Roads in West area removed include the Kingstone Main (Crewkerne-Ilminster), Old A303 (South Petherton-Horton), Chard-Eagle Tavern via Coombe St Nicholas, Merriott – Lopen Head and A3066 Haselbury Plucknett-A356) and Buckland St Mary.

Also as part of the financial imperative, Parish Councils will now have to provide salt to fill grit bins in their own parishes, although rock salt will be available to purchase from the Area Highways Office, and we are now unable to supply 20 kg salt bags as we have done in previous years.

Its goodbye from me

On a personal note I will be retiring from the middle of December, so this will be my last report to Area West. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your help and support over the last few years.

Background papers: none
