



## County Highway Report to Area West Committee

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### Purpose of the Report

The report has been provided to summarise the various highway maintenance operations that have been undertaken and completed by Somerset County Council, the Highway Authority, in the last 6 months, and to inform members of the maintenance operations that are programmed for delivery to year end.

### Recommendation

Members are asked to note the report.

### Background

#### **Carriageway Surface Dressing programmes, 2020 & 2021, (May – September)**

The 2020 carriageway surface dressing programme was completed in September, with a total of 140 miles of surface dressing undertaken across the County. In South Somerset a total of 44 sites were surface dressed.

The 2021 carriageway surface dressing programme is currently being finalised. Confirmation of the indicative works programme will be available in April 2021.

If you would like to find out more regarding the process of surface dressing please use link provided, <http://www.travelsomerset.co.uk/surface-dressing> this also has a short video and a map which shows the roads that have been dressed across the County this year.

#### **Verge maintenance programme, 2020, (May – September)**

Our countywide verge maintenance programme commenced in May and was completed by September.

Highway verges are cut to a minimum of one metre in width from the road side to provide a safe area for pedestrians, preserve visibility and help the flow of surface water along road channels. Sight lines are also cut at road junctions and bends to ensure better visibility for road users and pedestrians.

A point to note is that the majority of hedges bordering the highway are privately owned. Landowners and occupiers are responsible for the maintenance of their boundary.

If you would like to find out more regarding the verge maintenance programme please use link provided, <http://www.travelsomerset.co.uk/grasscutting>.

### **Carriageway Resurfacing/Surfacing and Structural Maintenance programmes, 2020/2021, – (All year)**

The 2020 carriageway resurfacing/surfacing programme continues. In South Somerset, by year end, a total of 9 sites are programmed to be resurfaced, with 1 site in Area West.

#### **Resurfacing**

<b>Parish</b>	<b>Road Name</b>
Ilminster	B3168 Station Road

#### **Footways**

<b>Parish</b>	<b>Road Name</b>
Chard	Cerdic Close
Misterton	Middle Street

#### **Drainage.**

Wambrook	A30 Snowdon Hill to Redbarn Lane
West Crewkerne	B3165 Clapton Road
Winsham	Whatley Lane - additional works

#### **Earthworks.**

West Chinnock	Scotts Way
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### **Winter maintenance, 2020/2021, (1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021)**

Whilst preparations for the winter maintenance programme has been ongoing throughout the year, the start of the winter season is officially recognised on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. In readiness of the winter season, the following operations have now commenced;

- Replenishment of salt stocks the respective depots across the county.
- Gritters undertaking test runs of the establish Precautionary Salting Network (dry runs).



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- Automatic weather updates are now being received, which inform the decision-making process in relation to treating or not treating the network,
- The filling of grit bins. Resource has been allocated to fill bins for those parishes who have responded to our request for information in relation to their assets.

The link provided will show you the most up to date map of all the roads salted across the County, <https://www.travelsomerset.co.uk/gritting>.

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