

## Highway Service Report for Area West

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### Purpose of the Report

Being the first report for the 2015/16 financial year, I aim to give a brief report of the highway works carried out last financial year in Area West and our proposed works programme for 2015/2016.

### 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 53 sites across South Somerset, 13 of which are substantial lengths of A and B roads.

Sections of the A356 and A30 were proposed to be Surface Dressed but the design stage identified that some sections were rich in bitumen from previous surface applications so a High Pressure water jet re-texturing process was applied week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> May to remove this excess and restore the texture depth to the surface aggregate for grip and skid resistance. It will remain monitored to study this methods effectiveness.

The Surface Dressing within South Somerset has already commenced and is due completion by the end of June but at the time of this report there is already a weeks delay due to weather conditions.

### 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 commenced 5th May which will be followed by the C and D roads as below 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 been removed on approval by the Council members.

Road Classification	Dates
A and B roads (including visibility splays)	5 May - 2 June
C and unclassified roads	3 June - 31 July
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 2014/15

Chard	Millfield	Resurfacing
Combe St Nicholas	Scrapton Lane	Resurfacing
Barrington	Bonnings lane	Drainage
Tatworth and Forton	Forton Road	Drainage
Donyatt	A358 Peasmarsh	Drainage
Broadway	Broadway Street	Drainage
Chard	Bews lane	Footways
Ilminster	Listers Hill	Resurfacing
Chillington	Lamberts Lane	Reconstruction
Merriott	Moorlands Road	Reconstruction
Chaffcombe	Summer lane	Resurfacing
Wayford	Dunsham Lane	Drainage
Chaffcombe	Summer Lane	Drainage
Ilminster	High Street/Butts	Footways
Ilminster	Blackdown View	Footways
Ilminster	The Beacon	Reconstruction and Drainage

### Schemes proposed for 2015/2016

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

Misterton	A356 School Hill and Mosterton Road	Resurfacing	Completed
Crewkerne	A356 North Street	Resurfacing	Completed
Charlton Mackrell	A37 Fosse Way	Resurfacing	Completed
Yeovil	A30 West Coker Road	Resurfacing	
Bruton	Plox/Silver Street	Resurfacing	
Castle Cary	Victoria Park/Greenway Road	Resurfacing	
Lopen	Lopen Head Roundabout	Resurfacing	
Merriot	Hitchen	Resurfacing	
Yeovil	Dampier Street	Resurfacing	
Yeovil	St John's Road/Northbrook Road	Resurfacing	
North Cadbury	Parish Hill	Resurfacing	
Ilminster	Ile Court	Resurfacing	
Charlton Horethorne	Clare Farm Stowell Hill	Resurfacing	
Queen Camel	Traits Lane	Resurfacing	
Somerton	Somertonfield Road	Resurfacing	
Huish Episcopi	Picts Hill	Resurfacing	
Chard	Avishayes Road	Resurfacing	
Chard	Helliars Road and Crimchard	Resurfacing	
Hinton St George	Lopen Road	Passing Bays reconstruction	
Yeovil	Goldcroft	Resurfacing	
Yeovil	Hendford & High Street (The Borough)	Resurfacing	
Milborne Port	A30 Sherborne Road	Resurfacing (R+R)	
Charlton Mackrell	A37 Fosse Way	Resurfacing (R+R)	Completed

Henstridge	A357 High Street & Stalbridge Road	Resurfacing (R+R)	
Henstridge	A357 Templecombe Road	Resurfacing (R+R)	
Yeovil	A3088 Bunford Hollow Rbt	Resurfacing (Sections)	
Ilchester	B3151 Somerton Road	Resurfacing (R+R)	
Yeovil	Birchfield Road	Footways	
Yeovil	St Michaels Avenue	Footways	
Yeovil	Plantangenate Chase	Footways	
Yeovil	Roping Road	Footways	
Yeovil	Park Street	Footways	
Barton St David	Broadclose Way	Footways	
Bratton Seymour	Jack Whites Gibbet	Footways	
Somerton	Walnut Drive	Footways	
Castle Cary	Milbrook Gardens	Footways	
Tintinhull	St Margarets Road & Head Street	Footways	
<b>Ilminster</b>	<b>Station Road</b>	<b>Drainage</b>	
Closworth	Closworth Road	Drainage	
Closworth	Weston Lane	Drainage	
Bratton Seymour	A371 Cattle Hill	Drainage	
Alford	B3153 Cary Road and Church Lane	Drainage	Completed
<b>Chard</b>	<b>A358 Old Town</b>	<b>Drainage</b>	
<b>Buckland St Mary</b>	<b>Fair End Lane</b>	<b>Drainage</b>	
Muchelney	Thorney Road	Drainage	
Curry Rivel	Parsonage Place	Drainage	
Brympton	Thorne Coffin (Phase 1 & 2)	Drainage	
Pitney	Stowey Road	Drainage	
Yeovil Without	Yeovil Marsh Road	Drainage	
Fivehead	Ganges Hill	Drainage	
Yeovil Without	Yeovil Marsh Road (Eastern end)	Drainage	
Huish Episcopi	Meadow Close	Drainage	
Chilton Cantelo	Bridgehampton Road	Drainage	Completed
Maperton	Clapton Lane	Drainage	Completed
Bruton	Park Road	Drainage	
Rimpton	Pitfield Corner	Drainage	Completed
Haselbury Plucknett	Claycastle	Drainage	
<b>Crewkerne</b>	<b>Cathole Bridge Road</b>	<b>Drainage</b>	
Stoke Trister	Beech Lane	Drainage	Completed
Curry Rivel	St Andrews Close	Drainage	
South Beauchamp	Lambrook Road	Drainage	
Kingsbury Episcopi	East Lambrook Road (upgrade outfall)	Drainage	
Long Sutton	Shute Lane	Earthworks	
<b>Tatworth &amp; Forton</b>	<b>Bounds Lane</b>	<b>Earthworks</b>	
Ansford	Ansford Hill	Earthworks	
East Coker	East Coker Road	Earthworks	

## **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 pretty average, being slightly dryer than normal. We carried out precautionary salting on 70 occasions on primary routes and 1 on secondary routes. These secondary routes are only usually salted after 3 consecutive days of sub-zero temperatures.

**Background papers:** None

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