

Hi Everyone,

It has been a reasonably quiet season so far, due to the unsuitability of the weather to allow processes to be undertaken. However, next month, we do have a number of activities starting, which I will outline below.

We are due to know on or around the 15th February, what funding there will be for Major Maintenance works in the coming financial year.

Atkins, our consultants, are currently pricing up sites selected, but not programmed for last year. They will then start looking at the new submissions and look at getting the most out of the available budget.

Carriageway Surfacing

The only site currently being priced is Parkwater Road Whiteparish. This is down to be done between 16th and 27th May. Before this happens, treeworks need to take place so that there is no obstruction of the carriageway. Negotiations are underway, as this is a SSSI, and this work will need to be done by the end of next month, due to the bird nesting season.

The Portway has already been priced, but cannot be done until we have clearance, due to it be located next to a COVID testing centre.

Surface Dressing

Pre patch surface dressing has taken place A27 Whiteparish, West Grimstead Road West Grimstead, Shute End Road Alderbury and is due on the following sites :-
The Ridge Redlynch 28th – 31st January 2022
Gomeldon Road Gomeldon 31st January – 2nd February 2022.

Reactive Patching

We have three outstanding sites and they are as follows:-
15th February 2022 – Butterfurlong West Grimstead near Crockford Road junction.
16th February 2022 – Shutts Lane Coombe Bissett
17th February 2022 – junction of Woodland Drive With Middleton Winterslow.

These are all subject to permits being obtained from Streetworks.

Footways

Sites have been measured for the coming year but we the following sites starting up next month for the Slurry Seal process :-

Southampton Road Alderbury – Opposite shop to Grimstead Road junction 28th February to 11th March
Kingsbourne Close Winterbourne Earls 28th February to 11th March
School Road Nomansland 28th February to 11th March
East Gomeldon Road East Gomeldon 7th March to 18th March.
A338 Bodenham - Bodenham to Britford 7th March to 18th March
The Ridge, Bowers Hill and Springfield Crescent Redlynch, still to be programmed.

White Lining

We are looking to produce a programme for May this year. Sites have been submitted already and I am due to look at the roundels in the New Forest Park, as there are a lot in poor condition.

The criteria is that they have to be eighty percent worn to be put on the programme and these sites will be prioritised according to what they are and the available budget. STOP Lines, Give Ways crossings and roundabouts have priority over other issues. The issues with centre lines is currently being discussed.

We will not re-new lines that are on sites due to be surfaced in the same year.

Hopefully, when I do the next report, we should know what is happening throughout the year.