

Hi everyone,

This year has been a very trying year, with budgets reduced due to funding being used to help with the Covid situation, and the coming years are going to be equally as difficult, with at the moment we have been told of a £3m shortfall. This is obviously going to mean that some sites will be lost and different holding works will be done to keep the roads and footways safe until such times as a more significant treatment can be done. The situation will become clearer when the actual budget is known early in the new year.

Carriageways -Surfacing

Three sites have been lost from this years programme and they are as follows:-

- The Portway Old Sarum- Due to its proximity to the Covid testing station, will be programmed for 2022/23
- Tunnel Hill/Lights Lane Alderbury – Not suitable for original planned treatment, will also be programmed for 2022/23
- Parkwater Road Whiteparish – Postponed until 2023/24

From next year's programme, the sites at Farley have been postponed until 2023/24.

On 9th December, surfacing will be taking place on the A338 West Gomeldon to repair a small section where the current red gateway is.

Surface Dressing

The current programme is the same and Pre Surface Dress Patching is taking place on the following dates :-

- Grimstead Road West Grimstead between West Grimstead and West Dean- January 10th -15th .
- Shute End Road Alderbury between Old Southampton Road and Tunnel Hill- January 18th- 20th.

Weather may have an impact on these dates.

Reactive Patching

There are three sites still to be done from this year's list. They are :-

- Shutts Lane, Coombe Bissett
- Railway Bridge area, West Grimstead
- Part Woodlands Drive, Winterslow

These should be done by the end of this financial year.

Footways

We have recently finished this years footway construction programme in the southern section of Saxonleas, Winterslow, but there are still some outstanding slurry seal/ reactive sites, which have been postponed until the new year. They are :-

- Southampton Road Alderbury – Grimstead Road up to the road across A36.
- The Ridge and Tinneys Firs, Redlynch.
- A338 Bodenham to Britford
- Part of Bowers Hill, Redlynch
- Springfield Crescent, Redlynch

I have been out with Atkins to look at possible reconstruction sites for next year, but it is not guaranteed what will be done for the same reasons as the carriageways.

The sites are:-

- Part of Church Road Laverstock – The Green to Bishopdown link path.
- The Copse, Alderbury.
- Greens Meade, Redlynch

With all these paths, areas that are still safe and in a satisfactory condition will not be done, due to the tightness of the funding.

Finally, works orders have gone in to repair the cattle grid at South Lane, Nomansland and repair the damaged Bus Shelter opposite Beech Grange, Landford.