

SI Salisbury Streetlights Audit (2024 update)

Background

In February 2022, Salisbury Soroptimists carried out our first full audit of Salisbury streets over four nights, looking at streetlights that weren't working, CCTV coverage, dark corners, alleys and lanes, car parks, open spaces and footpaths as well as tunnels and underpasses. All non-working streetlights, graffiti and overgrown foliage were reported on the MyWilts app immediately and a full report was produced and presented to the Salisbury Area Board of Wiltshire Council in June.

We are pleased that members of the Area Board have requested that this item remains on the agenda at every Area Board meeting. This is our update for the March 2024 Area Board Meeting.

1. Audit approach

For several unavoidable reasons our audit team was much smaller than before, so we didn't take the audit as far out of the city centre as we had previously. We made the decision to omit a number of areas close to rivers as they were dangerously high at the time of the audit (1st and 5th February).

2. Findings

A decision was made to list all those lights which weren't working that we came across rather than cross referencing to last year and reporting how many were "still out", as it's possible that during the last year a light could be fixed then fail again. We are pleased to say that the list is substantially shorter this year than last and would like to thank those parties who have been involved in fixing and or converting the lights. We hope that our current list, which notes which streetlights have been reported on the My Wilts App, will receive attention very soon.

3. LED conversion

Last year we noted that the end of January 2023 had been suggested as a target for LED conversion to be completed. It would appear from the evidence this year, in terms of far fewer lights being out, that this has now been achieved.

4. Dark spaces

At the time of writing, we are awaiting the report from Atkins about the dark spaces that we identified last year.

5. Moving forward

Whilst doing the audit our members felt that it would be easier if we had a definitive list of streetlights with a map to work from next year, and we would prefer to then be able to report issues directly to you. The App is designed for one off reports by members of the public and then only the person making the report can then see the updates. In addition, it has also proved rather temperamental with several who have tried to use it. This is problematic for us doing this as an organisation.

Thank you for allowing us this valuable opportunity to feed back to you. These improvements help women to feel safer in Salisbury.

List of streetlights requiring attention

MyWilts case no +/	Description	Unit number/reference	Comments	Additional info
	Greyfriars Close, by playground	SHSL5	very dim	
00095541	St John's Street, above St Anne's Gate		out	
	Light above Boston Tea Party, High Street	0010	out	
00078550	Light above New Look, High Street		round light out	spotlight next to it ok
00095543	Milford Street, opposite Red Lion		out	
	Catherine Street, next to Cancer Research	003	out	
00059454	Catherine Street, above Specsavers		out	
000595545	New Canal, opposite Clarks	66A	out	
00095546	New Canal, opposite Odeon		double out	
	New Canal, by crossing opposite Boots	8A	out	
00059463	New Canal, outside old Top Shop		out	
00095548	Silver Street, above Café Nero		out	
	St Thomas square by Hat Shop,	0003	out	
	Bridge Street	434/5A, 434/1	both out	
	Blue Boar Row	9/10, 13/14, 17/18, 436/19, 15/16	all doubles with	one on and one off - is that intentional?
	Rutherford Walk , next to Fish Shop	0007	out	
	Harcourt Terrace	DP138	out	
	Fisherton St/Bridge St, above Bridgeside Hair			
	Fisherton St, by bridge	12	out	
00078542	Summerlock Approach, opposite Chapel Place		out	
	St Paul's Roundabout, 3 headed light in ce	National Highways	all 3 out	
	St Paul's roundabout, outside Everest	National Highways	out	
	Railway bridge	2 strip lights under bridge Railtrack	out	very dark
	Wilton Road/Devizes Rd outside Premier	#96	out	
	Meadow Road/York Road junction	0006	out	
	Brown Street Car Park, light by Bell and C	0003	out	
	Winchester St	0014		dark by Anchor and Hope
	The Green croft, byplayground	201	flickering	
00095549	Kelsey Hill			very dark -too much foliage

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