

Highways Maintenance Newsletter

February 2023



In January, a decision was secured to utilise external funding to ensure that the County Council's parish lengthsman service can be maintained for the coming financial year (2023/24).

The term 'lengthsman' dates back to the 1800s, referring to workers who were responsible for keeping a particular length of road neat and tidy. The modern role of Parish Lengthsman was reintroduced in Hampshire in 2010, in order to give communities more

say in how their local area is maintained.

First trialled in 2010, with just 10 parish councils, the scheme funds a local 'lengthsman' to carry out straightforward and low risk maintenance activities on footways, highways, and rights of way. The work mainly involves jobs that can have a big impact, such as ditch clearing, hedge cutting and sign cleaning. The scheme has since been successful in giving 186 local parish and town councils an opportunity

to prioritise and deliver their own small scale highway maintenance works that will be of high value locally.

As always, we would be very grateful if Members could continue to take any opportunity they may have to remind their town and parish councils, as well as local residents and businesses, to report all road issues using our online reporting tools wherever possible: hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/flooding.

Countywide Statistics for January 2023

1,301

Emergencies attended



2

Operation Resilience schemes completed

15,595

Gullies and other drainage cleared

6,320

Carriageway defects repaired (including potholes)

173

Arboriculture jobs completed

1,174

Square metres of footway repaired/resurfaced

7,038

Heavy Patching Programme

1,246

Other jobs completed (outside of all works shown)



Winchester Statistics

for January 2023



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Please note that the figures quoted accurately reflect the highway maintenance activity carried out in each district area during the previous month. The scale of activity is generally based on a combination of cyclical work (routine), local demand/need (reactive), and the utilisation of asset management principles (planned), rather than a simple distribution across the 11 district areas. This means that the level of activity will vary from district to district each month so the monthly figures should not be compared on a like-for-like basis. Over the course of a typical financial year, maintenance activity will be relatively proportionate across the Hampshire local authority area, recognising that the size of each district area varies.

183



Emergencies attended



739



Gullies and other
drainage cleared

1,923



Carriageway defects repaired
(including potholes)

14



Arboriculture jobs completed

173



Square metres of footway
repaired/resurfaced

291



Heavy Patching
Programme

119



Other jobs completed
(outside of all works shown)

