

## Hampshire County Councillor Update 08

Happy New Year!

I wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Let's hope 2022 is a much more normal year for us all than the last two. Here's my eighth update, covering late December and early January.

### Highways Information

#### Hampshire Highways November update

Here's the latest update from County Highways detailing their work in Test Valley during November.



## Cold weather - gritting

As the cold weather becomes more common over the next couple of months Hampshire County Council's gritters will be hard at work to ensure our main routes are well covered during any freezing conditions.

Whenever icy road conditions are forecast, Hampshire County Council always salt the main roads first. These 'Priority one' routes carry the majority of traffic - covering 'A' class roads, access roads to emergency services establishments and to areas of high traffic concentration, and other heavily used roads. The county use detailed Hampshire-specific weather forecasts through the winter, in combination with real time information from a network of electronic roadside weather stations to make decisions about the best time to salt the roads, where to salt and how much salt to use.

You can find the map of priority salting routes  
<https://maps.hants.gov.uk/highwayssaltroutes/>

Did you know that all Hampshire's gritters are named? As well as Snowbi-wan Kenobi you could look out for:

- Thaw Enforcement
- The Grittalo
- Grizzly Gritter
- Grittersaurus
- Spread Sheera,
- Mr Slippy
- Gritty Gritty Bang Bang
- Mad Gritter's Tea Party and
- Grittiest Showman
- The Blizzard of Oz
- The Grittindoor
- Blizzard Wizard
- Gritters Got Talent
- Luke Snowwalker,
- Gritly Come Dancing
- Gritter Garbo



## Southampton Road, Romsey - roadworks

The roadworks to allow for the construction of the new cycle path along Southampton Road have now restarted. They are due to continue until late March, so do please leave some extra time if you are headed into Romsey that way.

## Salt Bins

A reminder that the [Hampshire County Council](#) salt bins are full throughout the area, they are there for community use, so feel free to use them during icy weather.

You can find a map of community grit bins, request a grit bin refill or a replacement for a damaged grit bin online at  
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/.../roadma.../severeweather/salting>



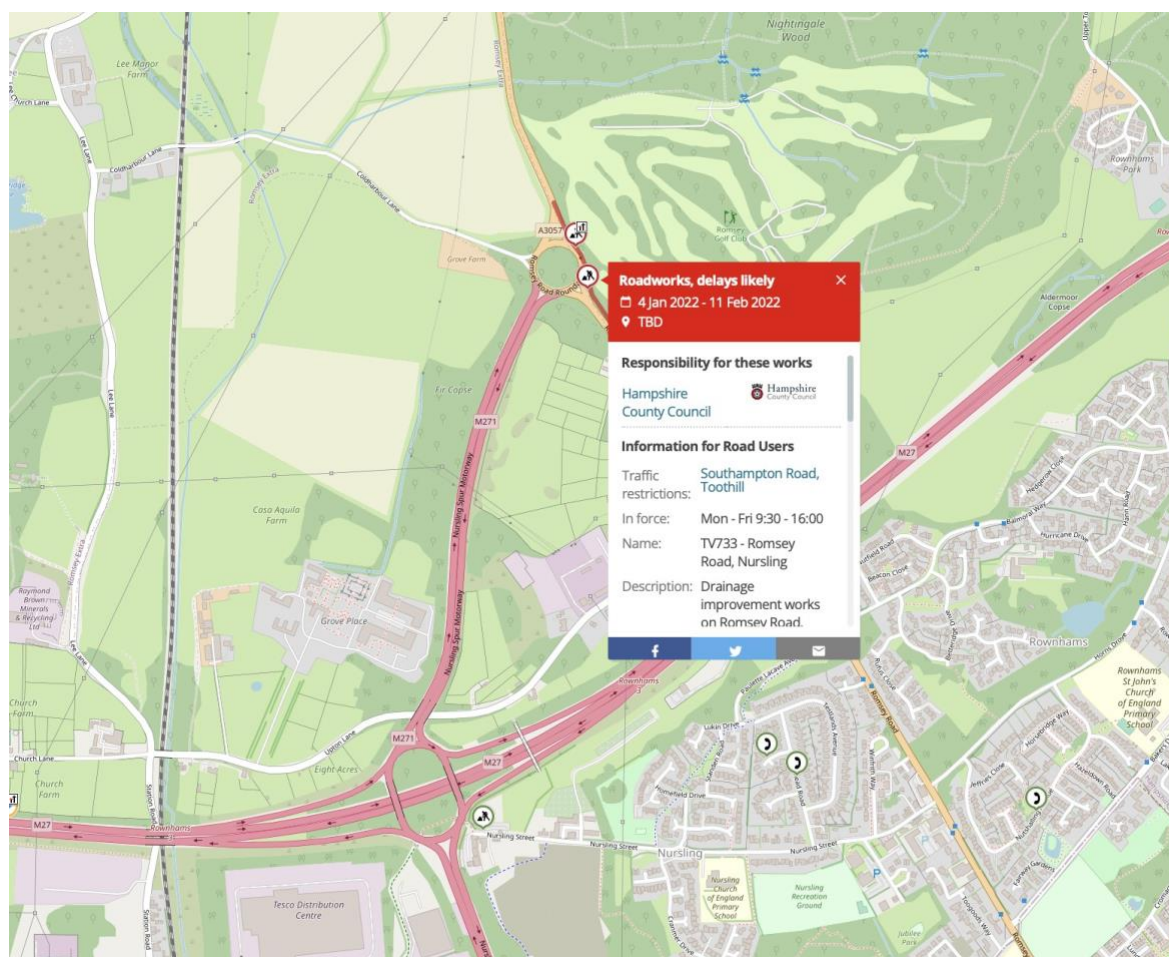
## Road Repairs

### Works to address flooding on the M271/Romsey Road roundabout

Good news this morning that the works to address the flooding on Romsey Road in Nursling at the M271 roundabout and by Romsey Golf Club have been brought forward from their original date of March to 4th January.

The works are expected to take up to 6 weeks. The work will be carried out under temporary traffic lights and a lane closure, which will be in operation from 09:30 to 16:00hrs each day, Monday to Friday. The road will be open outside of these hours and over the weekend.

Flooding at this point has been an issue for a number of years and when I was elected to the County Council in May was one of the main things I wanted to address, so I'm very grateful to Hampshire Highways for bringing the works forward.



## Reporting Highway Problems

Links to report road issues are here:

Potholes: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes>

Tree/hedge problems:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/treehedge>

Flooding/drainage issues:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/flooding>

Pavement problems:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/paving>

Problems with rights of way:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/reportaproblem>

**When reporting an issue, you'll be sent an email confirming a reference number for the report. If you would like me to follow this up for you then do please forward that message to me and I will add a comment as County Councillor, which should hopefully bump it up the priority list.**

## Closure of Footpaths 16 and 17

The footpath between Nursling and Rownhams and Totton, which crosses the lower Test Nature Reserve is being closed from this week until the 13th March at the latest to allow for repairs to the boardwalks that form part of the footpath.

### **HAMPSHIRE COUNTRYSIDE SERVICE** **TEMPORARY CLOSURE** **NURSING AND ROWNHAMS FOOTPATHS 16 & 17 WITH TOTTON AND ELING FOOTPATH 12**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Hampshire County Council has made an Order under Section 14(1)a of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, to allow for works in connection with a repairs to the boardwalks due to unstable conditions as follows:

**ROAD TO BE CLOSED:** Nursling and Rownhams Footpaths 16 & 17 with Totton and Eling Footpath 12

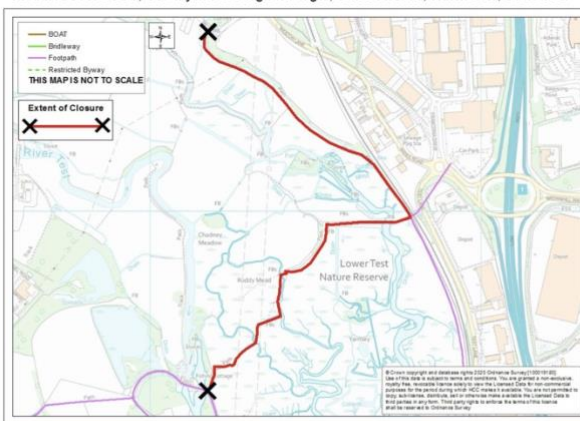
**ALTERNATIVE ROUTE:** No alternative route available

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** From 13.12.2021 until 13.03.2022 or until completion of the works, whichever is sooner.

Reasonable facilities will be provided to allow access to adjacent premises while the work is being carried out.

For information visit [www.hants.gov.uk/publicnotices](http://www.hants.gov.uk/publicnotices), contact the Countryside Access Team on 0300 555 1391 or email [countryside@hants.gov.uk](mailto:countryside@hants.gov.uk)

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## **Platinum Jubilee Plans in Hampshire and Test Valley**

This year sees a remarkable, and quite possibly unique (certainly in any of our lifetimes) event. HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Next month The Queen will be the first British monarch to celebrate 70 years' service.

To commemorate this, and the Royal Family's connections to the borough, new artwork is being considered by TVBC for locations in both Romsey and Andover, with artists across the country being invited to apply. Funding for the artwork will come from contributions taken from developers over the last 10 years towards public art projects.



Hampshire County Council are setting aside fund for community projects to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee, more detail will be released later in the Spring.

TVBC are also waiving all fees for arranging street closures to enable street parties and other gatherings over the Platinum Jubilee public holiday between June 2nd and 5th. The Queen's commitment to her country and the entire commonwealth over seven decades is absolutely remarkable. It is only right that we celebrate her achievements and thank her for this service.

I spoke to Radio Solent about our plans on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **County Councillor Grant Scheme**

I've already agreed amounts that have gone to support Romsey Show, Romsey's Christmas Lights, Youth in Romsey , Nursling and Rownhams Parish Council for their recreation ground project, The Social Collective for their work to tackle social exclusion and loneliness in Abbotswood and St Leonard's Church in Sherfield English for their memorial bench.

This month I have agreed a grant to East Tytherley Parish Council for a defibrillator for the parish.

I still have £1,625 in my budget to allocate so if you are aware of any worthy schemes within the division then do please let me know.

## Getting About

Parish Council meetings have continued. I've attended meetings of Chilworth, Awbridge, Romsey Extra, West Tytherley, Frenchmoor and Buckholt, Nursling and Rownhams and Lockerley parish councils since my last report.

I also appeared on BBC Politics South before Christmas, where we were talking about adherence to Covid restrictions, use of food banks and discouraging over-use of the New Forest to protect its unique environment. The broadcast date was December 12<sup>th</sup> and I think it is still on iplayer.



## Contact

Do please get in touch if I can ever be of any help. For those of you using social media, I post very regular updates on many local issues including roadworks and planning applications on my Facebook page here: [facebook.com/nickadamsking](https://facebook.com/nickadamsking)



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