## Highways Maintenance Newsletter

September 2022







fter the heatwaves in July and August, September saw some much needed rainfall. However, with the ground hardened by a prolonged period of hot, dry weather, some localised flooding occurred and, as always, highways crews were on standby ready to respond as needed. As we now enter the autumn season, we can expect to see the leaves drop from trees and this can lead to roadside gullies not working properly where

gratings become blocked.
Drainage issues can be reported at: hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/flooding

Maintaining and improving our highway drainage systems is a year-round job and the highways crews routinely clear and cleanse many thousands of gullies, catchpits and drains, and also cut and re-cut intercepting channels (known locally as grips) into verges so that surface water

can flow easily off the road and into ditches. It is really important for those who own land next to or over a watercourse, which can include roadside ditches, to take steps to ensure water can always flow as it should. Keeping ditches and drains clear goes a long way to helping to reduce flood risk to land and properties: hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/flooding/floodprevention

## Countywide Statistics for August 2022

330

Emergencies attended

66,984

Square metres of carriageway resurfacing

8

Operation Resilience schemes completed

13,769

Gullies and other drainage cleared

320,200

Square metres of surface dressing and micro asphalt

**155** 

Arboriculture jobs completed

1,759

Square metres of footway repaired/resurfaced

8,901

Carriageway defects repaired (including potholes)

614

Other Jobs completed (outside of all works shown)









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.

30

Emergencies attended

38,274

Square metres of carriageway resurfacing

2

Operation Resilience schemes completed

816

Gullies and other drainage cleared

10

Arboriculture jobs completed

**46** 

Square metres of footway repaired/resurfaced

2,144

Carriageway defects repaired (including potholes)

**50** 

Other Jobs completed (outside of all works shown)

