NOVEMBER 2026 - ROAD /ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

Again, a very quiet two months with little local activity by HCC/EHDC. Next Parish Council meeting: Thurs. 12th November 2026 @ 7pm in All Saints Church.

Majority of problems reported to HCC/EHDC via their websites but recently we have seen a reduction in action possibly due to available finances.

MAIN A32 SOUTH to Farringdon crossroads - Ditches at side of the A32 still require clearing and it is also evident that drainage pipes under side roads are partially blocked. Responsibility deemed to be with landowners.

KITCOMBE LANE - No reports of any problems.

FARRINGDON CROSSROADS (north to the 30mph limit) - Still problems with HGVs/vans trying to access FIC.

WOODSIDE Lane: Closed 22 January 2027 (Openreach).

NORTH TO CHAWTON ROUNDABOUT - Ditches on A32 dry but remain blocked with debris, hedges need cutting.

BRIGHTSTONE LANE - Edges of lane have fallen/cut tree branches so be aware. Kerb edges are still in need of clearing. SDNP Planning visited Lords Wood Site which now has two enforcement notices, these are now on 6-month appeal. The PC are still monitoring works being carried out.

SHIRNALL HILL - Drains at Chase View being monitored. Petrol interceptor tank cleaning was carried out by HCC.

CHURCH ROAD and PARSONAGE CLOSE - Work continues at Massey's Folly until August 2027.

THE STREET – Stanks Lane, PC are looking into the stile repair.

CROWS LANE - Drainage system that exits into Gaston Lane require drains and gulleys to be cleared otherwise excessive runoff from fields above Hall Lane will cause local flooding.

GASTON LANE - Hedges requiring cutting. Ditches require clearing. Road closed 28-29 January 2027 (Openreach).

HALL LANE - road surface (collapse) now breaking up - reported. Gully cleaning works were done in last month but issue with soakaway on private land – HCC to sort.

LOWER PLAYING FIELD, PLAY GROUND – Works finally been carried out on main climbing frame: straight slide, climbing wall & wobblish bridge. Legs to be sanded down and stained green at a later date by HAGS (May 2027?). Broken wooden bollards adjacent to the road have been checked, PC looking at options.

COMMUNITY VILLAGE GARDEN - Garden work by volunteers continues. Illegal parking on the Right of Way should be reported to the local authorities directly.

FOOTPATHS AND HEDGES - **Hedges locally are in need of cutting, visibility is reduced --- beware** - All paths and bridleways are being monitored; most are passable. On local footpaths there are Ranger volunteers doing selective work—thankyou. All hedges and overhanging trees to be cut back from the road, lane edges and those bordering any footpaths and bridleways. Rights of Way may only cut footpaths to 1.50m and bridleways to 2.50m width. We believe that the Byways Open To all Traffic (B.O.A.T)'s are still under HCC control).

To report footpath problems use the Parish Website https://farringdonpc.org/

FLOODING - Water table – Normal: Water table level recorded as 93.81m AOD, (93.72 to 113.45 is normal range)

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