



JULY 2026 - ROAD / ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

***If you have a HCC road sign / road nameplate / salt bin / fire hydrant, near your property, please ensure that vegetation from your garden does not obscure or impede use or affect pavement (including overhang). All Fire hydrants / W.O.'s (Wash Out) have recently been painted yellow, please do not park over hydrant in the road, and keep vegetation clear at site so Fire Brigade can find the hydrant.**

MAIN A32 SOUTH to Farringdon crossroads: Ditches at side of the A32 require clearing and it is also evident that drainage pipes under side roads are partially blocked. Responsibility deemed to be with landowners. The damaged dropped tarmac around the drain near Florrie Place was reported and is awaiting repair.

KITCOMBE LANE: No reports of any problems. Ownership of land adjacent to lane in Lords Wood is being checked.

FARRINGDON CROSSROADS (north to the 30mph limit): Still problems with large lorries/vans trying to access Farringdon Industrial Centre. Parish Council did provide a new small sign indicating no access, but this has disappeared!

NORTH TO CHAWTON ROUNDABOUT: The ditches along the A32 are dry but remain blocked with debris and hedges require cutting. There is some uncertainty on ownership of the RHS side ditches as Chawton estate indicate that their deeds do not show this section of land being owned by them.

BRIGHTSTONE LANE: Two new flood warning (Road liable to Flood) signs erected either side of the dip at the old bridge (one behind a hedge). Recent contractor verge cutting was not very successful with lane edges partially cut. Cutting upwards for at least 1 metre would help. The vegetation covering the Flood Depth sign was reported to HCC in Oct 2025 and again in May 2026 – work is scheduled but has still not been undertaken. Reduced visibility with hedges that are growing fast. Edges of lane have fallen/cut tree branches so be aware. Kerb edges are in need of clearing. Repaired BT cables following fallen tree still lie on the verge within 1/2 m of the road edge. No action as yet by Openreach following reporting. Reports have been received on speeding cars still using the lane late evenings and parking on pavements and near the crossroads has been reported to local authorities. Recently several reports of old tractors and speeding motorbikes using the lane in the evenings. SDNP Planning has visited Lords Wood Site, and two enforcement notices were placed on site but the owner has appealed against both notices, and so the six-month compliance period will be put on-hold until the Planning Inspectorate issue a decision on the matter.

SHIRNALL HILL: Drains at Chase view being monitored. A reported overhanging fallen tree on left hand side does not cause a problem at present. Pothole reported to HCC – works to be scheduled.

WOODSIDE LANE: The Woodside nameplate sign (LHS) has been hit and is on the floor – reported to EHDC (who are responsible).

CHURCH ROAD and PARSONAGE CLOSE: Pothole in Parsonage Close was finally repaired. Work continues at Massey's Folly (on The Folly only).

THE STREET: Locally landowners are responsible for side hedges whilst HCC maintains bridleway to 2.5m. We have asked for works on Stanks Lane. Several potholes have been reported but they do not meet the HCC safety limit yet.

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. Several potholes reported – most of which now have work to be scheduled. The collapsed pipe (near 9 Eastview) has been barricaded off again and awaits works which have been scheduled (but no date).

GASTON LANE: Gaston lane (Caker stream bridge) is still CLOSED (extended to 3rd July due to heatwave delaying work) but progress is being made. If the planned solar farm application is passed then during the site construction, this lane will probably become one way with Hall Lane also one way. Some potholes have been repaired during the closure.

HALL LANE: HCC were active in filling disintegrated road edge, but gravel level is dropping – this has been reported to HCC. Blocked drain opposite road sign (bend) is scheduled works (no date). **Hall Lane will be CLOSED for SE Water from 8am 17 Aug – 5pm 20 Aug.**

LOWER PLAYING FIELD, PLAY GROUND: The Playground will be **CLOSED 6th August for 1 day** for the final upgrade (older children's climbing frame is to have a bridge (rigging is being removed), new straight slide and new climbing wall (location change). Signage is being replaced in the next week or so (simplifying all the signs). Broken wooden bollards adjacent to the road are being looked at.

COMMUNITY VILLAGE GARDEN: Garden work by volunteers continues. Adjacent parking, use of passage and access to Right Of Way is being monitored. Illegal parking on the Right of Way should be reported to the local authorities directly.

FOOTPATHS AND HEDGES: Hedges in lanes are growing quickly and visibility is being reduced - **BEWARE.** All paths and bridleways are being monitored; most are passable. On local footpaths there are Ranger volunteers doing this job—we wait for an update. 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).

FLOODING - Groundwater table is now normal: Local water table level recorded as 104.7m AOD, (93.72 to 113.45 is normal range).

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PLEASE REPORT ANY ROAD/ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS DIRECTLY TO ME (Cllr Williams)
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