



SEPTEMBER 2026 - ROAD /ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

Again, a very quiet two months with little local activity by our councils, HCC/EHDC. Next Parish Council meeting: Thurs. 17th September 2026 @ 7pm in All Saints Church.

Your road – Your Councillor (please do not contact Cllr Maughan (unless it's her area of cover) she is reducing her hours etc following a heart attack):

Cllr Causton: Crows Lane incl. The Rose & Crown, Gaston Lane, Hall Lane, Church Road & Parsonage Close.

Cllr Ison: Woodside Lane, New Road (BOAT) to Church Green, A32 from the Forge to Park Cottage / Norse Copse, including The Royal Oak (currently for sale).

Cllr Maughan (Chairman): Business Park, MUGA/Playground, Shirnall Meadow, south of crossroads to the Industrial Centre.

Cllr Moreton-Ford: A32 from/incl. Cherry Tree Farm to /incl. Kitcombe Lane and the back of Lords Wood.

Cllr Williams: Brightstone Lane to Sunnyside, Shirnall Hill, The Street, Lord's Wood front and any other areas not covered.

+ Please check any vegetation on your property does not obscure signs, pavements or impede salt bins +

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 large lorries/vans trying to access Farringdon Industrial Centre via Brightstone Lane. Seems they are correctly following their Satnav to GU343DD. So we need to find a way to get Satnav altered in some way.

NORTH TO CHAWTON ROUNDABOUT - The ditches along the A32 are dry but remain blocked with debris and hedges require cutting. A recent vehicle fire in the lay-by has left minor debris.

BRIGHTSTONE LANE - Edges of lane have fallen/cut tree branches so be aware. Kerb edges are still in need of clearing. Repaired BT cables following fallen tree still lie on the verge within ½m 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 Lower Farringdon crossroads has been reported to local authorities. Depth gauge for bridge dip obscured by foliage - was reported to HCC for clearing in Oct 25 / April 26 and August 26 – works are scheduled but not happening.

SHIRNALL HILL: Drains at Chase view being monitored.

CHURCH ROAD and PARSONAGE CLOSE - Work continues at Massey's Folly, and it's hoped to be completed within the next 14 months. New contractors etc.

THE STREET - Locally landowners are responsible for side hedges whilst HCC maintains bridleway to 2.5m.

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. Odd potholes repaired but some still outstanding, and the collapsed pipe was dealt with.

GASTON LANE - Gaston Lane (Caker stream bridge) is now OPEN but lane is narrow with hedges requiring cutting. (*The Parish Council would like to posthumously thank Mark Kem-Gee for all his help with the Culvert bridge*). Most potholes repaired but some still remain on the Worldham Side (Barleywood Farm Lane). There has been an update on the Caker Stream Solar Farm Planning – 2 more documents have been released, with reference to our concern about HGVs using Gaston / Hall Lane: *Access for all heavy goods vehicles (HGVs), including articulated vehicles, will be provided via the existing commercial access from the B3006 (Selborne Road), located to the north of the Hall Lane junction. From this access, HGVs will utilise a dedicated internal haul road connecting directly to the Site. This arrangement ensures that HGVs are not required to travel along Gaston Lane or Hall Lane.* This will be discussed at the Parish Council meeting on the 17th September. Ditches in this lane require clearing

HALL LANE - HCC were active in filling ruts with gravel along road edge, but surface is now starting to break up. This has been reported to HCC. They have also done some jetting of drains, but remains to be seen if enough to avoid more flooding.

WOODSIDE LANE - Damaged nameplate sign replaced after confusion over who was responsible. (EHDC).

LOWER PLAYING FIELD (MUGA), PLAY GROUND – Awaiting upgrade to older children's climbing frame with new straight slide / bridge and new climbing wall (hoped this will be installed this month). The Parish Council has applied for free 5/6 disease resistant Elm trees and hedging for the MUGA border (where the wooden bollards adjacent to the road are). Also intended to plant 2/3 mature copper beech trees in gaps adjacent to A32, to help with noise and biodiversity.

COMMUNITY VILLAGE GARDEN - **Volunteers needed for 20th September please** – contact steph.mccarthy69@gmail.com . Request for funds for the Village Garden is being discussed at the Parish Council meeting on the 17th September. 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 selective work (Stanks Lane) —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).

FLOODING: Water table is now normal - Water table level recorded as 97.14m AOD, (93.72 to 113.45 is normal range). Rainfall measured by myself- July 1 mm, August 41mm. Highest temperature recorded by myself in garden shade was 35.9 dec C. (mid-July). Please check drains in your area and ensure free from debris to help aid flow of water if it rains.

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