

Highways Maintenance Newsletter

November 2022



We saw sudden and heavy rainfall in recent weeks, as well as some very strong winds, and this, again stretched our highways teams to the limit as they manage the additional workload that comes with adverse weather events like these, which is always on top of our business-as-usual commitments. As usual, we've ensured that additional resources have always been ready to go, day or night, to clear excessive surface water, fallen debris from trees and other vegetation from our roads.

The figures speak for themselves in terms of the added pressure bad weather puts on the highways service. For example, on one day when winds were extremely strong, we had a 75 per cent increase in the number of emergency jobs raised. On another day, following very heavy rain this went up by 50 per cent. To put that into perspective a business-as-usual week would typically see an average of around 90 emergency jobs raised but in one week at the end of October, 215 emergency jobs were raised – an increase of 136% overall.

You may also find this webpage, about reducing flood risk, a useful source of advice to refer and signpost people to: hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/flooding/floodprevention

We would be very grateful if Members could continue to take any opportunity they may have to remind town and parish councils, as well as local residents and businesses, to report road flooding issues using our online reporting tools wherever possible: hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/flooding

Countywide Statistics for October 2022

350

Emergencies attended

13,994

Square metres of carriageway resurfacing

12

Operation Resilience schemes completed

16,583

Gullies and other drainage cleared

7,860

Square metres of surface dressing and micro asphalt

242

Arboriculture jobs completed

2,374

Square metres of footway repaired/resurfaced

6,089

Carriageway defects repaired (including potholes)

591

Other Jobs completed (outside of all works shown)



Test Valley Statistics

for October 2022

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.

51



Emergencies attended



2,790



Gullies and other drainage cleared



15



Arboriculture jobs completed



64



Carriageway defects repaired (including potholes)

61



Other Jobs completed (outside of all works shown)

