

Highways. North Cadbury Feb 2025

The roads in the parish are being patched up but more holes appear so it is always an ongoing problem .
We have had some good results in places !

Parish Hill near Montgomery Field entrance ,the pothole underneath the permanent lake has been repaired .I did contact the Water board but apparently it is not a burst water main . The manhole is a BT cover ,so presumably whatever is inside is under water . Why this lake is there we are none the wiser .The good news is there is no longer a hole lurking under the surface of the puddle .

The Shatwell Bridge parapet end has been repaired although there are two pieces of the benching on the top that are still loose .

The hole halfway up the hill outside the school in North Cadbury has been repaired , this was a priority being in the position it was . There have been odd patch repairs on Sandbrook Lane and near the church in NC.

We were contacted by the owners of Champions , Smallway Lane about the deterioration of the road outside their house . They had reported the issue direct to Somerset Council through their Report It system . The Council quickly came and sprayed paint around the holes but so far (Mon 24th) nothing has happened .The holes were obviously the result of large lorry movements to Mount Pleasant Farm . There is also water running down the road from the fields below Avalon Farm . I contacted Ed of Emily Estates who subsequently contacted Hopkins ,the fields owner .The drainage from Avalon Farm passes into Hopkins field where a ditch runs alongside the road before entering an under road pipe . There were Hopkins men working on clearing this Monday afternoon.

Another direct report of issues was made by Mr Peter Wells Re Ridgeway Lane North Cadbury which has taken a hammering particularly at the bottom ,from the works carried out at the sewage treatment plant near the allotments . I could see some repair work

has been carried out to the wooden balustrade to the bridge but there is a lot of Road surface repair now required .

I did notice one of the trees on top of the bank alongside Ridgeway Lane ,nearly opposite Ridgewell House , has toppled and is now bridging the road.This has been reported as a matter of urgency.

Elsewhere in the Parish I noted the following ;

Dodinall House Road just past new build usual hole , further along to West street 3 potholes . In centre Yarlinton holes around the manhole covers in front of the Signpost . Up Queen Street a very old highlighted hole complete with very faded white paint lines around it .I could not progress further as the Road repair gang were blocking things ,hopefully good news there then .

Doubling back towards Galhampton usual mess outside the three houses being built on Stoke Lane , a prominent hole just before sharp bend in front of Hicks Lane . Approaching the bottom of Long Street usual flooding from the Pond across road and down Frog Lane . Progressing along Frog Lane once past the sharp Right hand bend the road surface is all very poor and road seemingly permanently wet . Travelling further along we come to the Smallway Lane section I have already discussed .

Finally Ferngrove and Corkscrew Lane .Woolston end Fergrove various holes ,Corkscrew has particularly large hole near 19/41 footpath sign . There is considerable water running down Corkscrew road surface until it ducks back into fields halfway along .

Going forward it will greatly assist if people report issues direct to the council , but please notify me of the issues and particularly the reference so I can monitor progress . This will become more important when we are confronted with the “Enhanced Road Repair Scheme “Somerset Council want to introduce .

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