**Somerset West and Taunton Council – Weekly Newsletter**

**Somerset County Council Highways**

**SCC Highway Maintenance Update**

The resurfacing of the carriageway of A39 Minehead Road, Allerford, near Porlock, was successfully completed on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd June. The evening temporary road closures again took advantage of the lower than usual traffic flows at the moment. The surfacing crew now moves on to the Taunton area to resurface the section of A358 Staplegrove Road through the Manor Road traffic lights near Staplegrove Post Office, another difficult location. Temporary road closures will be in operation in the evenings between 6:30pm and 11:30pm, Monday to Friday, for the two weeks commencing 8th and 15th June.

Church Street, Timberscombe is currently closed for drainage improvement work near Beasley Farm. Progress has been good and the work should be completed this week (12th June). The new footway at A358 Cross Keys, Norton Fitzwarren (a Small Improvement Scheme, SIS) is progressing well with the works being protected by temporary traffic signals.

The cutting of grass verges on the rural “A” and “B” Class network is now complete and cutting on our “C” and “D” roads starts this week (8th June) for eight weeks.

Carriageway surface dressing (“tar & chip”) started in Somerset West and Taunton last week with what is known as the “Combi Unit” (a specially adapted lorry with a built-in bitumen tank and spray bar, used on country lanes and residential streets). Roads completed were: Parsonage Lane and Pickney Lane, Kingston St Mary; Edgeborough Farm Road and Dodhill Road, Staplegrove; Montys Lane, Norton Fitzwarren; Greenham Road, Sampford Arundel; Combe Florey Road, Ash Priors; Coggins Lane, Combe Florey; and Breach Barton Lane, Triscombe Road and Stockham Cross Road, West Bagborough.

This week we will also be joined my the “Main Train” (consisting of a tanker with spray bar applying a bitumen emulsion to the road surface, followed by a specialised chipping machine fed by tipper lorries). Both crews will be dressing the following roads (weather permitting!): Station Road, Crowcombe; Vellow Road, Stogumber; Cottiford Road, Bicknoller; Roadwater to White Horse Pub, Old Mineral Line, Ham Lane and Stamborough to Leigh Barton Farm, Old Cleeve; Stent Hill, Yearnor Mill Lane and Pitt Lane, Porlock; West Luccombe Road, Luccombe; Sandhill Lane, Withycombe; Elscombe Lane, Wootton Courtenay; Storridge Lane, Hartford Road, Ruggs Hill and Ruggs Hill to Venne Cottage, Brompton Regis; Hansetown Road, Upton; Stoke Road, North Curry/Stoke St Gregory; A378 Langport Road, Thornfalcon/Wrantage; A361 Glastonbury Road, Burrowbridge/Othery; A358 Williton Road, Crowcombe/Combe Florey; B3170 Honiton Road, Taunton/Corfe; and Cheddon Fitzpaine Road, Cheddon Fitzpaine.

On Sunday 14th June there are two major road closures planned to cover the surface dressing of: A3065 Silk Mills Road, Staplegrove/Bishops Hull; and B3187 Milverton Road/Burn Hill/Sand Street/Fore Street/Silver Street, Langford Budville/Milverton.

Altogether, a very busy week!

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