

Highway Co-ordinator Annual Report 2021

Total number of reports to East Sussex Highways (E.S.H.) and Wealden District Council (W.D.C.) in 2021 : **230**

Completed @ 1/1/2022 : **126 ---- 73 potholes**

Ongoing @ 1/1/2022 : **91 -----24 potholes**

Comments

1. Numerous have had to be reported more than once, mainly drainage issues (see below)
2. Some reported deemed by ESH to be below intervention level
3. Still issues over remarking worn out white lines and replacing Cat's Eyes
4. 30 items not fixed to reasonable or acceptable standard so still on ongoing sheet, marked blue
5. Still items get lost in the system

Successes

- The Clapper (raised walkway) at the Tanyard has been partially repaired, S E Water are awaiting delivery of the two sets of purpose built gates with the walkways attached. Once in place ESCC have a few minor repairs on the section passed the river bridge and complete the access across the entrance to the Forest Way, which then make the Clapper fully functional again.
- S.I.D is now fully operational and has been deployed on number of occasions at three of the four sites. With the extension battery cable, it is now easier to mount so the time the volunteers are on site is reduced.
- The deteriorated surface of the Station Forecourt outside the Parish Office has been repaired by ESCC and the ownership of this strip of land has now reverted to Persimmons the developer of Newton Willows.
- New SLOW signs and repainted give way markings at Hewkins Bridge Withyham.
- Drainage scheme for Corseley Rd from Pengarth to Waterworks has been prepared by ESH supposed to start in May postponed then and again in September now to start 4th Jan 2022. Works include clearing culvert under road from Tanyard Cottages to Waterworks
- Full GPR survey of SW drainage system B2110 from Florance Corner to Tylers but no improvement plan as yet forthcoming from ESH.
- Six more modern low running cost LEDs installed and many have been converted to part night operation.
- Flooding at bottom of Summersales Hill has finally become an issue that ESH see as a priority, general clearance work carried out but full solution not yet achieved.

Outstanding and Ongoing Issues

- W.D.C. regular and efficient Road Sweeping has improved over the year but is not at an acceptable standard, however recent changes in reporting route may benefit our position.
- Replacement of Cat's Eyes / Road Studs and white lining on B2188 from Kingstanding to Groombridge and sections of B2110 have **not been resolved**.
- Drainage
 - a) Eridge Road by Harrisons Rocks – more investigation but no action CCTV arranged for 14th Jan 22 **Reported numerous times**
 - b) Junction Eridge Road and Station Road Groombridge - CCTV identified utility strike (appears that the Gas pipe has been moled through drainpipe) –**No action from Enforcement**
 - c) Mini-Roundabout B2110 to river, Groombridge - Partial clearance but requires heavy root cutting not causing serious problems but **no further action from ESH**
 - d) B2110 Ham Cottages to Ladies Mile – **Another Year without any improvements or resolution**. – Major investigation carried out; new assets identified and added; various dangerous sites barriered off. However, no decrease in the level of flooding and no idea if new scheme is imminent. Promised improvements to kerb inlet gullies **not implemented by ESCC/ESH**
 - e) Lye Green - Problems still with water exiting gully, crossing road and unable to discharge into ditch. Clearance of grip promised but **not actioned**
 - f) Cherry Gardens Hill B2188. Still an ongoing problem of gullies being blocked.
 - g) Sussex Lane / Ironchurch Lane - Ditch and Grips. Dispute on Highway ownership. **Still no resolution one year on.**
 - h) Station Rd O/S Post Office broke pipe works scheduled and then cancelled **Now not a priority?**
 - i) No feedback from ESH about the drainage of the entrance road to the Horder Centre that flows into St Johns Rd and then through the ditch system on Parish land.
- Kerb and Road edge clearance B2110 Ham Cottages to Ladies Mile. Still not resolved after another year.
- Re-surfacing footpath in Gromenfield. No Progress after more reporting and debate whose is responsibility of clearing moss and grass.
- St Johns Rd from School Ln and Crowborough Town boundary surface condition raised several times, survey markings appeared recently, requested information on what these markings were for and whether this meant a resurfacing scheme was being planned – **NO Response**

Meetings - Due to the current circumstances all meetings have been cancelled. Parish inspections have continued and one was setup to introduce our new ES Cllr Georgia Taylor to the Parish highway issues.

.Documents available on request: - Highway Issues Sheet 2021 Ongoing & Completed

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