



Ferring Roads Scheme Association

2022 AGM ROADS REPORT

This is my first report as “Roads Manager” having taken on the role following Chris Headon stepping down.

The roads, and drains, in the village remain in very good condition and in the main vastly better than the adjoining roads under local authority control. As in previous years we continually monitor and only undertake work where deemed essential.

ROADS (INCLUDING WHITE LINING)

Our greatest expense during the last year has been the repair and resurfacing of the whole of Beehive Lane - the end result has been widely accepted. As with any major works it has thrown up a couple of issues. In three locations, the drain gullies now require ‘lifting’ ~ this work will be undertaken shortly. Secondly, in several locations surplus chippings have fallen into the drains/gullies and soakaways ~ the contractor has been asked to remove the debris as quickly as possible.

We have carried on undertaking ‘pot hole repairs’ in several locations including a stretch of highway verge repair in Chalet Road.

In the coming 12 months further repairs and resurfacing will be undertaken. When a pothole is reported we add to a list to make the most economical use of the contractor’s time. We are aware that in several locations the chipping stones have eroded leaving large smooth areas on the road. These roads need resurfacing which is an expensive process but you will see the problem reduced over a period of time.

We are bringing together a list of locations where “refreshing of existing white lines” would assist in road safety whilst not being ‘too obtrusive’.

DRAINS/GULLIES/SOAKAWAYS

Substantial investment has been made in the last two years in ensuring the drains, gullies and soakaways are fully functional. We are conscious that in several locations especially at times of high rainfall we are still experiencing some blockages ~ we are in the process of appointing a contractor to undertake remedial clearance work on 210 drains/gullies.

We would remind members that they should ensure that any building contractors that they employ should be asked not to pour any form of building material waste into the gullies.

We have recently undertaken an inventory check on 400 plus drains/gullies and soakaways there are in the village ~ this inventory plus the ongoing drain survey work will be plotted on some digital mapping now in the possession of the FRSA ~ and will aid identification of any future problems.

ROAD SWEEPING

Our annual sweep was undertaken earlier in the year and approximately 6 tonnes of debris was removed. The contractor gave the FRSA a gentle reminder to ask residents keep trees and hedges cut back to enable the road sweeper to get to kerb edge for future cleans.

TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (YELLOW LINES ~SOUTH DRIVE)

Following representations from residents and the bus company (Compass) we joined forces with the Parish Council to request the County Council to place waiting restrictions on parts of South Drive and the junctions with Ocean Drive and West Drive. The yellow lines have been installed and the required statutory authority in place.

GENERAL

We will ensure that further works will be posted on the FRSA website.

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