

Roads Report – AGM March 2026

A Summary of Maintenance and Improvements in Ferring Village

Introduction

2025 was another busy and productive year for the Ferring Roads Scheme Association (FRSA). With regular and ongoing maintenance works, the overall condition of our village roads and drains has remained consistently high—indeed, they are in better repair than many of the local authority roads surrounding Ferring. This report provides a summary of the activities, challenges, and achievements of the FRSA throughout 2025.

Community Engagement

Our Roads Liaison Officer, Mr Clive Butcher, has been exceptionally busy this year, responding to members' concerns and ensuring their voices are heard. In 2025, we improved our communication with residents through regular articles in the "All About Ferring" magazine, as well as through our comprehensive FRSA website. These efforts have helped to keep everyone informed about ongoing and upcoming activities.

Recurring Challenges

Many of the issues experienced in previous years continued in 2025. These included ongoing utility repair works and persistent heavy traffic through the village. Additionally, variable weather conditions have periodically affected roads and drainage maintenance. Nonetheless, we have made significant progress in addressing these recurring challenges.

Key Maintenance Activities in 2025

- **White Lining:** Through our appointed specialist contractors, we undertook the refreshing of many white and yellow lines at various junctions throughout the village.
- **Road Sweeping:** Our annual road sweep took place over three days in early March 2025. The work was undertaken by a local experienced contractor that we have used previously. Given its success, we have decided that road sweeping should occur at least twice a year. Therefore, in 2026, we plan to implement a double clean, one in early spring and one in late autumn.
- **Drainage Maintenance:** Following the drainage survey conducted in 2024, we commissioned two experienced contractors to perform essential repairs and maintenance on existing gullies and pipes. Their work has enabled us to identify the condition of all the 365 + gullies. The FRSA intends to undertake a

comprehensive “clean up” of all gully pots. To this end, we have appointed a local drainage company to undertake the cleaning work across the village, commencing in March 2026.

- General Roads Maintenance: The FRSA has sought the technical expertise of a Civil Engineering Consultant, to advise on what was needed at various sites throughout the village ~ mainly pot holes and road edging. With their guidance we have appointed Contractors to undertake these routine repairs and maintenance works. These works continued throughout the year (2025) and will remain a priority into 2026.

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Looking Ahead to 2026

With the lessons learned and improvements made in 2025, the FRSA is well-positioned to continue enhancing village infrastructure. Increased frequency of road sweeping and a comprehensive gully cleaning programme are among the top priorities for the coming year. We will continue to listen to members’ concerns and keep everyone updated through our established communication channels.