

Road Surfacing and Gully Work



A Progress Report

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The hot summer has delayed our planned programme of minor road repairs but these are now well underway at some 20 sites. They include digging out and re-tarmacking of worn patches of road surface and rebuilding of broken road edges. The lack of kerbs in a large part of our road system means that they are prone to broken edges which then get overgrown with weeds and can cause drainage problems in some places. The FRSA are aware of numerous locations where there is lack of edging and these are being prioritized when drawing up what might be done each year.

Remedial work has now been carried out at 5 sites where drainage gullies could not be accessed due to jammed or broken lids, thus allowing these gullies to be cleansed at our next annual cleansing early next year. 13 other sites remain where the soakaways are blocked, or connecting pipework is infested with tree roots. It is planned to deal with the worst affected sites later this year.

White and yellow road lining was refreshed in several places during September and a programme of road sweeping is being planned for later in the year after the leaf fall. The road sweeper gets as close as possible to the road edge when sweeping, but in a few places close hedging and overhanging trees prevent this. The FRSA relies on residents to ensure access for sweeping is maintained as necessary.