

LOCAL ISSUES WITH ROADS AND LANES

MAJORITY REPORTED TO HCC/EHDC

Over the last 2/3 years I have reported road & lane problems through Fix-My-Street, EHDC and HCC reporting sites:- It is becoming more and more noticeable following the immediate acknowledgement of the report little or no action is then taken. Verbally I have been told only high risk items are tackled first and it is expected other problems may take up to 18 months or not looked at all !!!

Following is a list of local problems; most reported.
Many not resolved but are still being monitored

MAIN A32 SOUTH to Farringdon crossroads

Expected A32 flood alleviation works to now start April/May 2023.
Ditches at side of the A32 require clearing and it is also evident that drainage pipes under side roads are partially blocked.

KITCOMBE LANE

Monitoring of off road vehicles. No reports of any problems

FARRINGDON CROSSROADS

Road signs are under review.
New larger waste bin near bus shelter has been ordered and will be installed shortly.
The two memorial gardens adjacent to Bahnstomers have been planted with new roses.

A32 NORTH TO CHAWTON ROUNDABOUT

“Woodside Lane “sign is being investigated.
Esso pipeline works continue; beware of mud on road!
Kerb edging still covered in grass and soil in most cases + some side drains blocked.
Various old signs attached to road signs should be removed.

BRIGHTSTONE LANE

Two water leaks in lane reported but not yet attended to.
Covered kerb stones along the lane require clearance.
Most of the side ditches have debris in them requiring clearance.
2x Chevron signs are in need of repair and will be part of the signage update by HCC.
Drains under old bridge are constantly being blocked with accumulated washed down soil and debris.

Beware of lane side edges when driving through and above LORDS WOOD where vehicles have had damaged tyres.

SHIRNAL HILL

Edges of road on rhs reported as well as drains adjacent to Chase view reported.

CHURCH ROAD

A very large list of planning changes has been submitted concerning the Folly and will be discussed locally by a Parish Council planning meeting on Wednesday 4th January 2023 in the Church at 7pm.

The roadway from Folly past the Church entrance is still being investigated as to repair costs. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money is allocated for this project.

THE STREET

Blocked Drain outside BROWNINGS ORCHARD and roadway mud outside GILLS HOUSE ; although reported doubt if any action will follow now.

CROWS LANE.

Parish is still looking at solution to the poor condition of the verges adjacent Westview Gardens. CIL money being allocated for this project.

GASTON LANE

Some of the ditches towards Caker stream have been cleared but ditches near outlet of drainage system from Crows Lane/Gaston lane are still blocked. Brickwork under the Caker stream bridge is being monitored for subsidence.

HALL LANE

2 signs reported as damaged or not meeting regulations and hopefully will be changed by HCC signage update.

FOOTPATHS AND HEDGES

All paths and bridleways are being monitored to accessibility, most are now accessible but there are several small branches fallen in places as well mud!.

Please note it is the responsibility of landowners to keep all hedges and overhanging trees to be cut back from the road, lane edges and those bordering any footpaths and bridleways. Rights of Way will only cut footpaths to 1.5m and bridleways to 2.5m width.

Problems can be reported to myself or directly to the Rights Of Way website.

PLAYING FIELD AND VILLAGE GARDEN

LOWER PLAYING FIELD AND PLAY GROUND

Please use this area under government guidelines

The zip wire has been repaired and is fully operational

Following the annual playground inspection which we passed, the parish have authorised work on the following:-

All woodwork in play area to be cleaned and resealed with appropriate wood protection. (this will also apply to the parish and village notice boards)

The lower playground fencing to be repaired and secured including gate posts at south side.

HCC Flood and Action group are requesting Parish permission for a new headwall to be built by them and then maintained by the Parish to allow the flowing Lavant stream during flooding to be routed via pipe work behind "The Cottage" into the Lower Play Area as a holding reservoir. An outlet pipe is being suggested to drain water from the playing field to behind the eastern row of houses on the A32 i.e. to follow the path of the old Lavant Stream. Discussions are in hand with landowners.

VILLAGE GARDEN

Garden work by volunteers continues and has made this a very successful area both for local residents and walkers on the circular route from Chawton.

All ideas and help from the community appreciated.

Adjacent parking, use of passage and access to Right Of Way is being monitored.

Illegal parking on the right of way should be reported to the local authorities directly.

FLOODING

Local water level measured was 105.42 AOD on January 1st.

This is on the high side for most years and compares with 2013/2014 heights.

Although from looking at the data sheets from the Environmental Agency, it would appear that rainfall in late January/February will determine if it floods.

Water appearing in the Farringdon to Chawton A32 drainage ditches and rising water in local cellars are the main indicators.

Further information about the drainage scheme, is available at the Flood Alleviation Projects weblink

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/flooding/floodalleviationprojects>

To report footpath problems use website: <https://row.hants.gov.uk/standardmap.aspx>

To view the Parish Website use <https://farringdonpc.org/>

PLEASE REPORT ANY ROAD/ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS DIRECTLY TO ME OR TO ANY PARISH COUNCILLOR OR TO OUR CLERK

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