

## Highways Report. May 2026

As everyone is aware we are now enjoying a prolonged period of hot weather . This means that few potholes are created and conditions for repair are ideal. During the last winter , reported potholes were triple the numbers of the previous winter . By the end of March Somerset Council were reporting that repairs were now outstripping reports of potholes .We are now seeing this as more repairs are carried out and so the roads are generally improving throughout the parish .

Whilst this is good news we still have some problem areas , most notable being Ferngrove Lane which despite being reported is still not repaired . Whether this is because the holes are not meeting the repairable criteria ( size , location importance ) or they just keep missing them out I don't know . These will be reported again .

Other holes making repeat appearances on the schedule are ; Woolston rd , West street approaching Yarlinton ,Lodge Hill the usual holes , Crockers Hill ,Frog Lane as always ,Hearn Lane at the bend and the holes at the junction Corkscrew /Sandbrook lane plus the collapsed culvert nearby .All of these have been listed for quite some time , we can only hope that they are picked up shortly.

A repair of note is the three holes next to the ditch near the bridge on Sandbrook Lane . These have been filled but show NO evidence of the underpinning the edge probably required before the repair . The tarmac laid over the grass edge is not encouraging . I hopefully attach a Pothole Note recently circulated by Kevin Messenger detailing the relationship between the Council and Contractor and some of the discussions ongoing about the road repair contract . The mention of improvements to the REPORT IT system are to be welcomed .

I apologise for not being available to present this in person but I am sure it is self explanatory .

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