

Highways Report - July 2025

I would open by thanking Somerset Council for the many repairs already carried out in response to last month's report. Notably the manhole covers outside The Catash in North Cadbury and the almost perennial metal covers at the central road junction in Yarlington. I do have issues with the almost corrugated road surface on Crockers hill, approaching Shatwell bridge, where the council advise that the repair has been done when I cannot see any evidence of this (report no 849062).

Anyway moving onto the current month's report I would advise the following;

Mitchells Row, Brookhampton - at the very end in front of gate for Brookhampton there are several areas of degradation, probably caused by the turning up into the parking area.

Frog Lane, Galhampton - whilst road surface much improved the edges are generally in a poor state. The area at the top, where it becomes Smallway Lane, has an area in front of Mount Pleasant Farm where the road surface is breaking up badly .

Stoke Lane - West St - pothole in road outside the rear of one of the 'Black houses'. Almost certainly a result of heavy construction traffic, probably wise to leave until completion of build.

Crockers Hill past Shatwell Br - Road edge deteriorated next to houses .

Yarlington Village Hall - pothole in road outside the Hall.

Middle St, Galhampton - outside Old Post Office, hole developing next to the manhole cover.

Sandbrook Lane, Galhampton - Nr Hewletts Bridge Cottage, pothole towards the edge of the road.

Sandbrook Lane - outside Greenlands/Brookhampton Farm. Here the road has been patched upon patches, there is a good 20 metres that probably needs resurfacing. We have type 2 (larger stones) material scattered over the surface where the holes have exposed the road substrate.

I would comment that the pothole reporting system is as you would probably expect from a council very bureaucratic. You report, it responds with an enquiry number, then advises that they will investigate. Notify you that an order has been issued and finally task completed. Leaves a large email trail, makes finding other items difficult, modern life!

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