

North Cadbury & Yarlington Parish Council

Highways Report January 2021

Potholes

The general state of many of our lanes are deteriorating and there are several areas where remedial work is required now but I am aware that there is a shortage of funds available for this work. I am advised that priority is given to areas where there is a road safety issue taking into account volume and speed of traffic. Lanes that are particularly bad include Frog Lane and Hearn Lane Galhampton, Pound Lane Yarlington and the latest to cause concern is the Corkscrew Lane North Cadbury where the road has collapsed in two places caused by Badgers burrowing under the highway.

In the latter case which was reported in early December I am advised that because of the badger issue an ecology report is required and it is unlikely that any repairs will be undertaken until after July! There is a possibility that the holes could be covered by a steel plate but the alternative would be to close the road.



Flooding

In my last report I highlighted Parish Hill and the Woolston Road (at the junction with Ferngrove Road)

The district council jetting team attended both these sites just before Christmas and they managed to clear the drains at Woolston but were unsuccessful in solving the problem on Parish Hill as it would appear that the culvert here is totally knackered and flooding is continuing into Archie's fields. John Nicholson is scheduled for an onsite meeting next week (27th) to investigate the problem so there may be an update on this at next week's meeting.

Drain clearing work has also taken place along Cary Road in North Cadbury so this should solve the potential flooding issue opposite the village school.

I drove the lanes early this week following heavy rainfall and we still have problems along Frog Lane, at the eastern end of Hearn Lane and to the north of Crockers Hill Yarlington but these are areas that regularly flood and in view of the fact that they are of low usage it is unlikely that they will receive any attention in the near future.

Hedge trimming

I am still getting more complaints about the hedge alongside Rowlands, Cary Road North Cadbury and I am told there have been a couple of near misses with large vehicles turning the corner. John Nicholson told me last year that trimming this hedge is the responsibility of the owner of Rowlands and he was going to write to him advising him that if the hedge was not trimmed the council would do the work and send him the bill.

I am seeing John next week so will chase this up.

General comment

We are all well aware that the present situation, coping with the pandemic, is causing problems everywhere and it is quite clear that the county/district council road maintenance teams are under pressure both with manpower and funding so I see little point in chasing them on issues that, I know, will not be dealt with for some considerable time. I keep in touch with John Nicholson regularly and he is well aware of situation but, of course, he has 50+ parishes to deal with !

John Rundle