

Highways Report.- Oct 26

Here is my report on North Cadbury and Yarlington Parish roads in October 2026.

I would first comment that many of the holes identified in my reports of August and September have been addressed by the Councils contractor (Kier) . Some of these holes have been outstanding for some time so it is good to see that the contractors appear to be catching up .

Woolston Road - by entrance to Manor Farm , road edge broken away next to entry ramp into the Farm .

Dodinall House Road - Halfway along road edge nibbled away in front of a previous strip repair .

Lodge Hill Yarlington - Various holes in road from Hilltop down to the T junction. 1 hole down to the substrate , another hole in the middle of two earlier repairs .Both these holes have been reported before ,suspect they are not meeting the contract criteria .

Stickleback Lane - near Gods Blessing Farm long stretch of a topcoat of asphalt near the edge has come away .

Most other roads appear to be in reasonable condition , many small holes that will progress to requiring attention evident . It is a fault of the contractual arrangement that often the major cost of a repair ,ie getting men and equipment to a location ,is needlessly wasted when repairable small holes are ignored and the gang drive to their next location .

I have not been able to survey all the roads , so I apologise if I have missed any glaring holes in the Galhampton area .
This is the end of my report for this month.

Chris Jose

Notes from LCN Highways Working Group

Tues 20th October at Castle Cary Marketplace

The meeting was hosted by James Moore (Somerset Council) Supported on video link by Gary Warren (standing in for Andrew Barron SC) . Tracey Harris who is Somerset South Highways officer who normally attends, was at another , understandably ,higher priority meeting .Henry Hobhouse our district councillor was also in attendance .

There was much discussion of other Parish Councils matters regarding proposed or ongoing schemes and reporting of localised issues .It was suggested that councils pre submit their queries to allow council officers to better prepare answers.

John Whitehead raised the issue of the remaining vegetation left over from the recent gulley and kerb cleaning carried out . After suitable waffling the answer would appear to be “volunteers “.

Yeovil Rivers Community Trust (Marieke) reminded the meeting of the highways commitment to work on the culverts on Sandbrook Lane and Sticklepark Lane . Both of these have been promised over the years . James Moore seemed to promise to give these priority attention !

Ben Critchley from Sticklepark house was also in attendance and he made a submission about his lane to the meeting .

The meeting was told that road surface repairs (potholes and edges) were 70% complete for the years target .

Next Meeting , Tuesday 26th January 2027

Chris Jose

