

Hampshire County Council Report 23rd March 2016

Highways Maintenance Report

Countywide for January 2016

While Hampshire hasn't suffered any prolonged severe weather this winter, highways teams have been kept busy with many different issues caused by the weather with extra crews always ready on standby if need be. The cold and wet conditions this winter mean that timings of salt runs are very important to ensure that salt spread has a chance to prevent ice forming on the road before it is washed away. Salt wicks help with this - hessian bags full of salt which are placed at sites where water is known to flow onto the road from adjacent land. As the water passes through the salt wick, it increases in salinity and helps prevent ice forming. As well as the cold, wet weather, Storm Imogen at the beginning of February kept arboriculture teams particularly busy as they worked through the night to keep the roads clear of fallen trees and branches. By the time Hampshire's residents got up to go to work and school the next morning, all the roads were clear.

Countywide statistics for January 2016

*all statistics are based on the data available on 18 February 2016 for the month of January 2016

- 4614 Square metres of footway patching completed *not including vehicle accesses
- 7Planned works completed in full
- 577 Potholes repaired
- 442 Drainage jobs completed
- 86 Vehicle accesses completed
- 2812 Jobs completed (excluding emergency, tree and vegetation maintenance, structures or planned works)
- 1145 Two hour response emergencies attended
- 5999 Gullies and catch pits cleared

New Forest Statistics for January 2016

- 124 Potholes repaired
- 8 Vehicle accesses completed
- 3877 Gullies and catchpits cleared
- 311 Two hour response emergencies attended
- 132 Drainage jobs completed
- 521 Square metres of footway patching completed *not including vehicle accesses
- 650 Jobs completed (excluding emergency, tree and vegetation maintenance, structures or planned works)

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