

HIGHWAYS REPORT - NOVEMBER

Drains

The long-awaited drain survey and clearance along Cackle Street, Hollingrove Lane and Kent Lane have once again been abandoned until at least the next financial year. This is particularly frustrating for residents at Longhouses whose gardens are flooded when drains are blocked.

The drain outside the stable gates to Brightling Park has now been successfully repaired.

Road surface

Also abandoned due to financial strictures are works on the B2096 – both surface patching and work to remedy raised ironwork. Cllr Kirby-Green has requested an explanation for this, and the abandoned drainage works, from the Head of Highways.

A number of potholes were reported in September. Most - but not all – were patched. The current steward seems particularly strict when it comes to assessing intervention levels. The patching that did take place is of very poor quality.

Finger posts

The fingerpost at the junction of Long Reach and Sheepshaw Lane has been repaired. One arm of the the post at the junction with Perryman's Lane looks loose. Not sure if this falls in Brightling or Burwash?

Fly-tipping

The abandoned and torched caravan on the grass triangle at the junction of Long Reach and Sheepshaw Lane was reported four times without success. Cllr Barnes kindly intervened and the remains have now been removed.

Verges

Thanks to Cllrs Lloyd, Blench and neighbours, the application for Wildlife Verge classification on Brickyard Lane has been accepted by ES Highways.

Speeding

Cllr Croft has kindly organised and advertised a further meeting on 5 December (tbc) with our PCSO and Community Speedwatch Officer for the benefit of the horseriding community. The aim being to identify effective sites for the placement of temporary speed warning signs.