

HIGHWAYS REPORT JANUARY 2026

CACKLE ST DRAINS

No further news about a date for the promised programme of drain exploration and clearance works, though local resident Freddie Pooke, has had some success contacting ES Highways independently. Superficial gulley clearance has taken place to drains near his property as a result. Freddie has now taken the matter up with Kieran Mullan MP. Meanwhile Eleanor has escalated the matter to Cllr Claire Dowling who holds the Highways brief on ES Council.

FLOODING - B2096

Eleanor and I have been keeping up pressure on Drainage and Highways Departments re: persistent and dangerous flooding on the B2096. Routine drain clearance is due this month, but a more permanent solution is required. Last week I piggy-backed on a road safety meeting Dallington PC had organised with Kelly Burr, Principal Highways Manager, and raised flooding on this stretch of road as highways safety matter. Eleanor has kindly offered to follow this up.

COMMUNITY POLICE MEETING – 12 December

Freddie Pooke was the only attendee. He asked if anything could be done about speeding through the village. The difficulties preventing a community speedwatch patrol were explained.

Steve O'Connell, Community Speedwatch Officer, reported he has not yet received the promised temporary speed awareness signs intended for display around the village at speeding hotspots dangerous to horse riders. I have sent him ideas for appropriate placement.

Future police meetings are to be shared with Dallington PC and will be held at alternate village halls. A date is being arranged for a talk by the British Horse Society on the subject of road safety.

POTHOLE

All reported potholes have been filled. I will ask for re-assessment of the road surface from outside the Village Hall along Long Reach.