

RALC Report January 2021

Potholes :

We have completed 1,035 Carriageway Pothole Repairs between 01 October and 31 December in Rother, Bexhill, St Leonards and Hastings.

The Stewards and maintenance teams continue to be out on the Network completing inspections, repairs and responding to customer reports. Following the recent announcements regarding the County being placed into Tier 4 all site meetings have been suspended, the team continue to attend SLR meetings remotely.

The spray patcher is returning to the network from 11 January having been suspended for 1 month over the Christmas period. The team will be carrying out pothole repairs alongside our standard maintenance teams across the County.

Black Cat Radar:

1. Multi - Site license. We agreed that a license will be issued to cover multiple sites within a parish for the install of a BC device(s). The usual application process will apply but will now cover multiple sites for 1 annual fee per Parish.

<https://www.eastsussexhighways.com/application-forms>

- *Licence to affix Apparatus to Street Furniture such as Automated Traffic Counting - Section 178*
- *For the Black Cat Radar device there is a single fee of £58.28 per year ideally for up to 3 locations within a parish, should a parish wish to change or add to the agreed locations they will need inform us in advance of using a different location and apply for a renewal of the licence once the 12 months have elapsed.*

2. Signing , Lighting and Guarding training certificates are not needed if the install site is 1.2m or more from the curb but the Highways policy did still require that certification even beyond the 1.2m limit. That was waived for the install in Catsfield given that this is a very simple install and the site was more that 1.2m from the curb. Will we be able to apply the same principle to other Rother Sites located more than 1.2m from the curb? (e.g certification not needed)

- *Once the application form has been received detailing the locations alongside all the necessary risk assessments and the relevant PLI insurance we will make an individual assessment as to whether the sites require streetworks accreditation for installation and removal of the device on existing street furniture. **FOR INFORMATION - Terminal Speed Limit signs and Give Way and Stop Signs cannot be used.***

Upcoming Works:

You can find details of all the planned upcoming works on the East Sussex Highways website, this details the type of work being carried out and estimated delivery time . **Please note – The sites listed on the website have been identified through our asset Management Approach for maintenance for the year 2020/21 Highways Capital Works Budget. This list has been compiled from condition data and surveys and are based on the available budget for 2020/21 using estimated costs. As each site is investigated and priced more accurately this may lead to changes in cost, priority and viability.**

Sites listed which are not completed in 2020/21 due to budget constraints following investigation and costing will automatically be included as a priority for 2021/22.

<https://www.eastsussexhighways.com/highway-schemes>

Steward Changes

We have had no changes to the Rother Stewards since the last update. We are in the process of recruiting a new Highway Steward for Hastings (Area 2)



Spray Patching

This year we're working to fix potholes and prevent them from forming. Velocity Patching fixes defects permanently in just a few minutes, keeping traffic moving without the need for closing the road.

Our machine and crew can fix up to 200 potholes per day, meaning that we can carry out more repairs.



How does it work?

First, the machine blows the defect clean, removing any dust and grit for a clean surface.

Next, a cold emulsion is forced in to every crack and crevice. This seals the defect and protects it by preventing any water from getting under the surface. This is how potholes often form.

Finally, aggregate is coated in bitumen emulsion before being fired at high velocity in to the pothole. It is compacted densely and sets immediately. The process takes just a few minutes, and is ready to drive on immediately.

We will be working our way around the County and repairing the roads mentioned as we go. These roads will remain open as we work with short delays in areas.

- **Our supervisors are carrying out spot audits on both completed works and work in progress.**
- **The repairs are guaranteed for 2 years, dependent on the conditions in which they were laid.**
- **These works are not necessarily linked to resurfacing as this method is used to permanently repair individual potholes**