

# Flempton cum Hengrave AGM REPORT 2024 – WSC

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## Highways

As usual highways accounts for the largest amount of queries I receive.

## Potholes

Potholes are the bane of people's lives and it does appear again due to the weather to have been particularly bad this year 105% increase in reports, and SCC response is not always as quick or as good as we expect, there has been a commitment by highways to improve their service not least by introducing the dragon patcher which fixes potholes quicker and better quality, secondly the Road Mender Elastomac which patches larger areas of the road at the same time.

I encourage anyone to report highway defects online on the highway reporting tool and if you do not think there is any action being taken you can report it to clerk with the report number and she can escalate it with me or contact me directly for emergencies you should contact **0345 606 6171**.

I've embedded here a quick guide to what intervention measures are used for potholes which I hope you will find useful [Reactive Service v1 \(002\) \(suffolk.gov.uk\)](#)

## Flempton Bridge

There has been concern with regards to the safety of people walking over the bridge, highways have visited and advised that the verges are not big enough to place any additional signage but they have said that slow marking on the road could be the only option. This would need to be funded and we will need to discuss the best way forward.

## The Links

I've managed to get a new contact from Havebury and they are willing to meet the PC, myself and highways to try and find a way forward with the grass area in that area. I will arrange a site visit within the next month to discuss.

## Verge Cutting and Weed Treatment

Verge cutting has been subject to discussions and Flempton and Hengrave are due to have verges cut on the w/c Monday June 24<sup>th</sup> please allow +or- 5 days due to weather, I've attached a quick guide to verge cutting for your perusal which maybe helpful in understanding frequency etc [Grass Cutting - updated 3 April 2023 \(suffolk.gov.uk\)](#)

Weeds have been a subject which again has caused some concern I can confirm that Flempton cum Hengrave will be receiving weed treatment the w/c Monday July 8<sup>th</sup> weed, please allow +or- five working days due to weather, I've embedded a guide to weed treatment for you to peruse - [Weed Treatment - updated 7 June 2023 \(suffolk.gov.uk\)](#), this has not been updated with the potential re-introduction of Glyphosate a decision made in February 2024 regular weed treatment on our highway network will continue using a variety of methods, with plans for glyphosate being

considered only when appropriate – the ambition still remains to reduce the use of glyphosate as far as possible.

#### Village Gates

I am able to assist with 50% of the payment of the village gates through my highways locality budget, I just need a copy of the licence for the fitting in order to get the monies transferred over

#### Speeding

We've tried to get speed enforcement in the village but the threshold for invention appears to quite high for the police to intervene. I've asked for Safecam to make some visits, I've taken this up with the police and crime commissioner and the Suffolk Road Safe Board to state that there should be campaigns for rural areas.

#### Signs

I've had a list of some replacement signs and those that need mending which I've sent to highways to price up for me.