

WSCC Report Stedham Parish Council 14th November 2024

Highways

Phase 1 of Uppark sewage connection complete. Phase 2 expected in Spring 2025.

Velocity pothole jetpatcher

It's three years since the new Velocity truck-based equipment was introduced and they now have three vehicles. The velocity road patching system is deployed proactively to treat larger areas of carriageways and some of the bigger potholes.

Jetpatchers will be covering rural areas from December 2024 to April 2025

Watch the velocity jetpatcher in action on the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BbAnHKDV87c>

Full Council

Full Council – 2 motions were debated on Winter Fuel Payments and on the A27 funding being withdrawn. Strong steer from Full Council that the status quo regarding the congestion on A27 unsustainable more lobbying required.

Climate Change / environment

The [Quarter 2 Carbon Performance Report for 2024/25 \(PDF, 276KB\)](#), which covers activity within the scope of the County Council's 2030 net zero commitment, is now available.

Drainage

WSCC has 156,000 drainage assets including gullies, manholes and soakaways which are cleared in a four-year program. The fastest speed highways are cleared every 6 months and the less used rural networks every year to four years. When gullies are checked they are cleared jet cleaned and tested to make sure that they are working.

Their data - 6,200 drains and gullies cleared in 2023, only 40 sites have had to be revisited.

For more details of the WSCC plan see: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/maintaining-roads-verges-and-pavements/road-maintenance/winter-service/>

WSCC have produced a short survey for Town and Parish Councils to complete over the next couple of weeks. The survey is designed to help them gain insight into the actions the parishes are already taking and the processes you have in place to address riparian-related flooding.

<https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/riparian-survey>.

Bus fares update

The single bus fare cap in England will be raised from the £2.00 that has been in place for two years, due to expire at the end of December 2024. Fares will go up to £3.00 from Jan 2025, to help with an ongoing cost of living crisis. 3.4 million people in England use buses, particularly in rural communities where there is heavy reliance on buses.

The new £3 cap, covering most bus journeys in England, will run until the end of 2025.

The Confederation of Passenger Transport said that raising the cap from £2 has avoided travellers facing a 'cliff edge' at the end of this year. But it also said: 'An increase to £3 will still present challenges for many passengers, particularly those who rely on buses as their primary means of affordable travel.'