

**ROAD /ENVIRONMENTAL OBSERVATIONS AND ISSUES IN NEED OF ATTENTION
NOT MANY CHANGES SINCE JULY**

All paths and bridleways are being monitored to accessibility; most are overgrown. HCC normally cut them this time of year but are probably working on reduced workforce. Lane hedges are growing rapidly with reduced visibility -- reduce speed and look out for road edges especially in Brightstone Lane where lane edges have eroded HCC have marked some for repair but not all. Problems are being reported to HCC via their website and through "Fix my Street", which is easily accessed with direct reporting to local council with feedback.

Parish Meetings continue but are using ZOOM, refer to Parish website and noticeboards. Parish website: <https://farringdonpc.org/>

BRIGHTSTONE LANE

Having looked at the SE Water map of on going work, the notification of work in Brightstone Lane is no longer present so can only conclude there is no imminent work of new pumping station. Various problems within lane have been reported over the last few months.

Parts of the lane have been marked up for repairs but not all faults covered. Run offs, lane side grit, covered kerb stones and some of the ditches are still a problem. Beware of lane side edges when driving through upper LORDS WOOD where several vehicles have had damaged tyres. Chevron signs are also in need of repair.

MAIN A32

Overnight parking in bus stop near Alward's drive and placement of flags and signs on the War memorial Gardens have been raised by residents, Parish to investigate.

A32 clear at present but there are some small issues that require attention:- HCC problems Newton Valence crossroads, road surface has been repaired but drains only partially repaired with metal edges still exposed. Runoffs and road sign are still need of repair. Side ditches along this section are already overgrown following earlier clearance.

Road edges near "The Wheels" need repair and this section of road still has several drains that are blocked and did not take any of the flood water.

Ditches along the "Lonely Mile" and the pipework from the field to the A32 ditch require clearing out. Several fallen trees still block the ditches. Drains at the small lay-by require repairing. Flytipping , brickwork and old tree stumps reported and removed. Drains around the Chawton Roundabout are blocked with tarmac.

**NB: All ditches and gulley clearance are deemed to be responsibility of landowners
Legal enforcements are being investigated. Road safety is of course a main concern.**

A32 LAY-BY north side:

The unused welfare unit has been removed from the layby following a report to HCC. Please report any litter or rubbish dumping as this is a favourite area.

KITCOMBE LANE

Continued monitoring of off road vehicles.

ONGOING

FARRINGDON CROSSROADS

No problems at present but beware crossing due to increased volume and speed of traffic. Speed monitors are again in action (average speed is 36-37mph in 30mph limit!)

SHIRNAL HILL

Security fencing outside MAPLECOMBE is still an eyesore after approx. 2 years.

CHURCH ROAD

Water leak in road has been repaired.

Work continues on Massey's Folly site.

The roadway from Folly past the Church entrance is still being investigated as to ownership and to cost of renewal.

THE STREET

Blocked Drain outside BROWNING'S ORCHARD

Reported to. HCC

Examined again by HCC who report they cannot do anything due to design of system!!

CROWS LANE

ROSE AND CROWN junction. There is still some parking on white lines at the junction which is causing problems turning into Crows Lane.

ONGOING

GASTON LANE

Water leak in lane by pumping station reported and now repaired

Possible increasing potholes near Barley Wood farm being monitored.

Ditches along lane are in need of clearance.

Brickwork under the Caker stream bridge is being monitored for subsidence.

Blocked outlet from drainage system from Crows lane down Gaston lane reported to "Fix my Street" and to HCC.

Hedges are now growing quickly, visibility reduced on corners.

Possible increase in traffic whilst overhead powerlines are beening repaired in Hall lane
The junction hedges with the Selborne road have been hard cut to increase visibility

HALL LANE

Lane will be again closed for work on overhead electricity power lines running from Fleet to Lovedean They are now on the return journey having replaced 3 wires on the left side of line; returning to do the right hand side.

Temporary Closures will be from 14th September for 7 weeks

GIVE WAY sign at end of Hall lane/Selborne road reported as damaged.

Left hand junction sign to Farrington missing on Selborne road.

This sign will be repaired when HCC next close the road! **Reported 15 months HCC!!**
30 Mph sign on corner near Upper Farrington House damaged and should be repaired and moved to be seen more easily.
Drains near to Camville Cottage are blocked along pipework running to Crows lane.

PLAYING FIELDS AND EQUIPMENT

Lower Playground

Please use this area under government guidelines

The issues with the surfacing for play equipment and the overhead zip wire have now all been repaired and the playground is open for use. Please abide by the posted rules.

It is noted that overnight un-authorized vehicles are parking on the grass adjacent to the children's play area. There is adequate parking in nearby residents parking areas.
If anyone knows owner of Mitsubishi green 4x4 please contact parish.

Upper Playground

Installation of two new picnic tables is in hand as well as investigations into replacement fencing, landscaping and possible alternative site for war memorial.
SDNP have kindly produced some funding.
Other ideas on this community area are being discussed within the village.

Adjacent parking, use of passage and access to Right Of Way is being investigated.

Please report any problems seen to Parish Clerk or to any Councillor.

FOOTPATHS AND HEDGES

Footpath: Shirnal Hill to Parsonage Close (FP no12) has problems with access , the Parsonage Close end swing gate is broken. Action by Parish
The south end gate has been replaced and was funded by SDNP.

ALL listed footpaths are starting to/are becoming overgrown.
Footpaths and bridleways are on a list held by HCC who hopefully will be cutting them.
Due to the lockdown and its problems we may not see much action this year.

Please note it is the responsibility of landowners to keep all hedges and overhanging trees to be cut back from the road, lane edges and those bordering any footpaths and bridleways; Rights of Way will only cut footpaths to 1m and bridleways to 2m width.

Problems can be reported to myself or directly to the Rights Of Way website.

FLOODING All back to normal?

An updated plan is still active and work will continue in the future.
There are some outstanding issues which will be addressed as soon as possible when locally we get back to normality.
More than 50% of budget (£300k) has been spent.
There has been no meeting with the Flood Action Group since 31st of January 2020
Further funding from the environmental agency and government is being investigated.

Hopefully before this winter we will have all A32 ditches fully cleared and known problems along the Lavant stream fixed

An updated Emergency plan for flooding and other possible emergencies is being updated with help from HCC.

To report footpath problems use website <https://row.hants.gov.uk/standardmap.aspx>

To view the Parish Website use <https://farringdonpc.org/>

PLEASE REPORT ANY ROAD/ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS DIRECTLY TO ME OR TO ANY PARISH COUNCILLOR OR TO OUR CLERK

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