

HIGHWAYS REPORT - Fault Inventory October 2021 Blue shows progress for several month and purple for new report this month

LOCATION	Postcode	Fault	Reference	CCC Status	Notes
Carex x road Box tree cottage	La8 0JJ La8 0JP	Blocked drains	E1 17372	Reported 2/10/21	
Back Lane sign	LA8 0JX	missing	EI 4163	Reported 16 July	Submitted 2019, Chased up with Doug Rathbone 23/7
Pavements between aqueduct and Sedgwick House		Manhole cover Pavements defect	EI 4176		Submitted BH February 2019 after 2 residents Updated 8/9 problem is pavement fills with water in heavy rainfall. Re report to highways AH
Castle View Pavements	LA8 0JL	Repair pavements	EI 4150		Re-submitted March 2019 Update 3/8 CCC Update 3/8 CCC added to financial list -DR to check date report at Oct Meeting
Sign – Wellheads Lane		Better position	EI 4185		Enquiry Complete Agreed with HK, BH and land owner, responded to
Wharfe Lane		No Slow Sign	EI 4194	Reported 16 July	Submitted September 2019 CRASH committee/PC Jackson investigating signage and road markings to improve safety Jan 2021
Back Lane Speeding Traffic		Speed of Traffic	EI 4191		Enquiry Complete- log 15/10/20 HK advised speed monitors
Nanny Pie Lane from Brettagholt Roundabout		Sign to Sedgwick Hit	EI 4180	Reported 16 July	Submitted 14/9/2020- under construction 30/9/ Responded to 31/9
Damaged Grit Bin by River Kent			EI 4196	Reported 16 July	Problem logged 18/3/21- bin needs holes in the bottom reported AH Sept 21

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Canal Inspection October 2021

There are no safety issues to report but there are some maintenance issues.

The Wildlife Area is very autumnal - a bumper berry season and lots of birds.

Vegetation: Alistair Hearne inspected the canal area in September. There are no safety issues with the trees - Ash Die Back has progressed very slowly this season (possibly due to the very dry weather) and there are even signs of recovery - so there is no felling required. There is a dead elm tree which has had Dutch Elm disease and we should expect this to spread throughout the stand of elms along Back Lane. The disease progresses very quickly when it takes hold and trees will die quickly but they do not decay as quickly as ashes, so there should be time to plan the possibly extensive and expensive felling that may be required. Goat Willow seems to be well under control. There was no evidence of invasive species like Himalayan Balsam etc but we should be on our guard. We have responded to the WI to ask them to order 100 trees to restock the trees that were felled last year. They will come with protective sleeves and will be planted by our contractor, who is going to provide a quote.

Benches: The two older benches and the Stoker Seat are safe

Paths: Verges are not too overgrown. The towpath and footpaths are very muddy because of the recent poor weather. A hazard sign may be appropriate for the steep path. The section 2/3 along from the aqueduct which struggled last spring is in need of resurfacing and can be included in the canal maintenance contract with JP - he is going to supply an estimate.

Boundaries, Walls and Fences: all look sound

Usage: The path is still busy. Tyre marks are evident and it looks like tyre wear is adding to the deterioration of the path surface. No cycling signs have been checked and one replaced but the problem persists. I received a complaint from a dogwalker who is clearing large quantities of dog poo every day. I put a message on facebook about it and found that another Dog poo fairy is clearing poo on a daily basis - so although the problem is hidden, there is a large increase in dog fouling.

LCRP

The NLHF ends at the end of the month. End of project celebrations seem to have been scaled down and now consist of a presentation at Crooklands Hotel on 14th October. The evaluation is also delayed and a date has yet to be set for a wind down meeting. The installation of the artwork on the aqueduct is still being organised - planning had not been applied for at the last meeting. The installation of a safety rail on the aqueduct looks more likely as the CRT now acknowledge they own the steps. The LCT sign has disintegrated and has been removed by our appointed "custodian". The village hall committee have declined relocating the information, so the plan is to locate it on the footpath board. Tbc. The repairs of the path over the aqueduct have not been carried out and are now part of Angela Parkinson-Green's brief - she reports that maintenance of the aqueduct is still under discussion.

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