

EWPC Meeting Date: 28.04.2025

Highways Issues Reports

See Highways Issue log.

Highways Maintenance Schedule

The [HCC list of major works ongoing/commencing in April 2025](#) is published online. No major works are currently anticipated for the Parish, although patching continues to be listed for the A343 at Highclere.

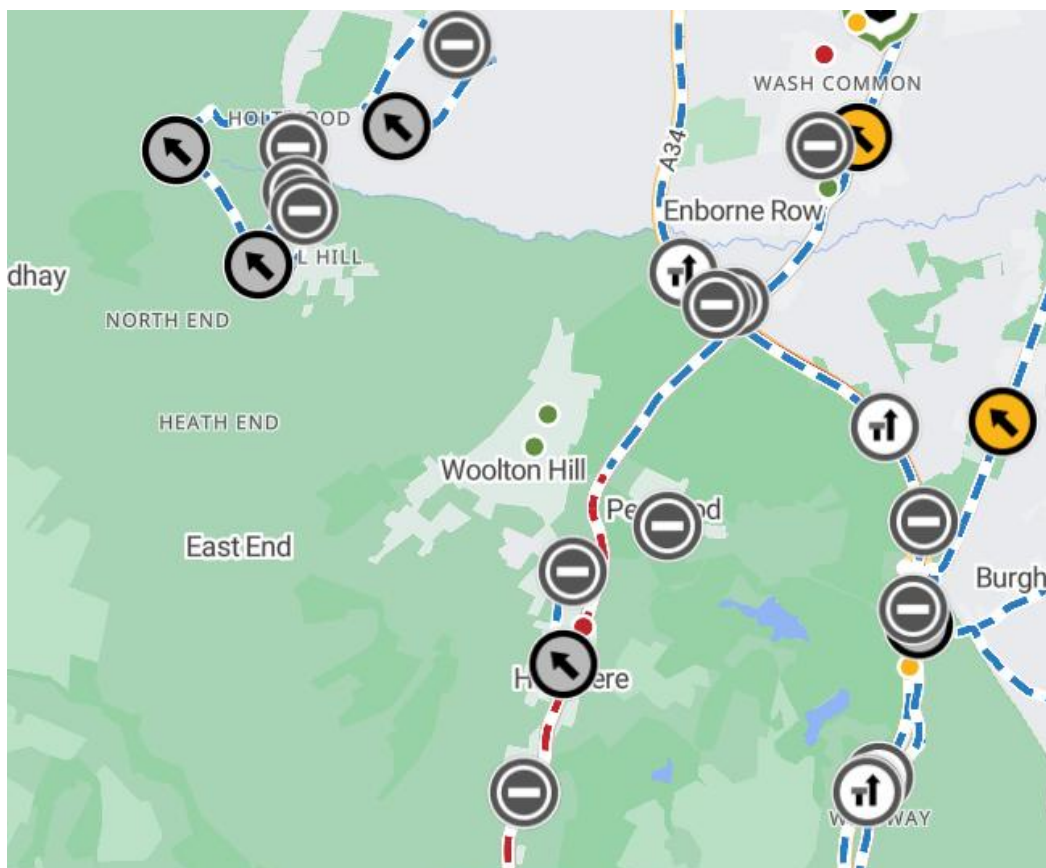
Highway Works Announced in next 3 months

A summary of listed permissions from HCC is shown below. More precise dates for individual locations and traffic diversions may be found by opening the respective icons on the interactive map to be found by locating the appropriate area on [one.network](#)

NOTE: Although not directly impacting the parish, there will be a knock-on effect of road closures and diversions over the next 6 weeks associated with closure of the Bath Road access into Newbury via Speen from the A34. The diversion will take traffic four miles around the area to the Chieveley interchange of the A34 and will also impact traffic numbers on the A343 and the Wash Common interchange entering from the South.

From Monday 28 April 2025, a section of Bath Road - from the A34 southbound roundabout to the east of Speen Lane - will be closed for approximately six weeks (until Sunday 8 June 2025) while essential mains services are installed for the new David Wilson Homes Lapwing Green development.

- A full road closure is deemed necessary due to the scale of the works and limited space for traffic to pass safely.
- Diversion routes will be in place to help manage traffic.
 - o A main northbound route (via the A34/A339) will be in use for most of the works.
 - o A temporary southbound diversion (via the A34/A343) will be active 16 - 19 May due to separate National Highways work.
- Access for emergency services will be maintained at all times.



2 May 2025 – Wheatlands Lane, Ball Hill

Road Closure – full resurfacing

Diversion from the Junction of Vanners Lane to the Junction of The Craven Arms PH.

6 June 2025 - Gore End Road, Ball Hill

Road Closure with diversion

Open Reach

9 – 30 June 2025 – Hilliers Farm Lane, Gore End

Diversion via Water Lane to Holtwood House

Open Reach

Additional to the Highways Issues Log the following are reports of recent activity.

Highways Updates

No significant new reports have been submitted for action by HCC Highways, however 4 outstanding issues have been pursued:

1. Woolton Hill Road - broken sign (@Blind Man's Gate junction)

BDBC respond that staff shortage had left the broken and now removed sign unresolved. Now re-activated.

2. Tile Barn Row – potholes on crown of road

HCC system reports necessary works completed, but no evidence of activity on road. Update for action requested.

3. Trade Street/Tile Barn Row/ Woolton Hil Road Jct & Brownies Corner - broken finger signs.

HCC Mail 19.11.2024: *"Our local Assistant Highway Engineer has advised that this enquiry was closed for admin purposes. This defect has been added to a list of pending finger post repairs, however Hampshire County Council has met its budget for the current financial year. As such, repairs for this defect will be raised in the new financial year and we are currently unable to provide any further timescales."*

As new financial year has commenced an update on likely repair timelines has been requested.

4. Parking Enforcement Officer

During recent discussions relating to traffic management with Woolton Hill Schools reference was made to a previously engaged Traffic Management Officer. Further enquiries reveal that Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council carried out Parking Enforcement in the Borough as part of an agency agreement with Hampshire County Council until March 2023. Future parking enforcement is now carried out by the County Council by Civil Enforcement Officers employed by an HCC contractor. Suspected repeated contraventions will therefore need to be reported by using the appropriate HCC Highways reporting link.

Speed Indicator Device (SID)

The summary statistics for the periods shown below indicate that the existing speed limit zones around the Parish continue to be generally respected within expectation tolerances and with only an occasional outlier.

Recent SID Key Data:**2 April– 16 April 2025****Location: Inbound to Woolton Hill from A343**

Av Work Day Vehicle Numbers: 2,608 **Peak Volumes/hour:** 197 (11.00 – 12.00)
255 (16.00 – 17.00)

Speeds (mph): 85th percentile: 34.3 **50th percentile:** 28.8

Max Speed: 60mph (@23.55 on 05.04.2025)

Note: This SID location is very close beyond the restriction sign. Although legal requirements are for compliance at point of passing the sign, the above 85 percentile may be considered satisfactory with many vehicles slowing as they pass.

18 April – 28 April 2025**Location: Woolton Hill Road – uphill from tennis courts.**

Av Work Day Vehicle Numbers: 460 **Peak Volumes/hour:** 52(08.00 – 09.00)
53 (16.00 - 17.00)

Speeds (mph): 85th percentile: 29.6 **50th percentile:** 25.6

Max Speed: 50 mph (@ 11.15 on 28.04.2025)

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