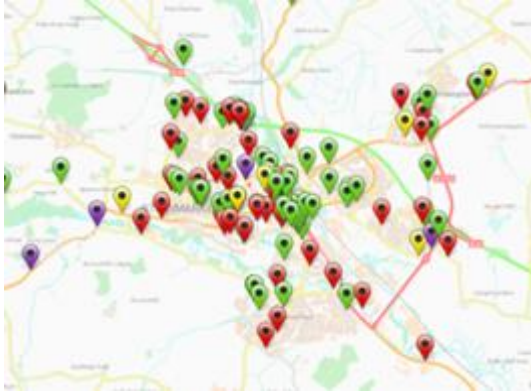


On-line Highways Reporting Tool Changes



Reporting a defect online through highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk is the preferred way for notifying Suffolk Highways that there is a potential problem on the highway network.

However, the current defect marking system on the website is causing some issues that need to be addressed – as the green tabs (as shown in the image on the left) can mean a repair has been completed or no work is planned as it does

not meet ‘intervention levels’.

In order to avoid confusion in the future, SCC are working on changing the highways reporting tool so that the category of work can be displayed to give an indication of the timescale for work being carried out – and the pin colour will only change to green when the work has been completed or the work has been added to a future works programme. We are also reviewing the email updates sent to customers to provide better information.

Devolution means “Brexit”?

The Devolution proposal for Suffolk & Norfolk continues, we are in the gap between the approval of going out to public consultation and the final debate in Suffolk in October, by October government should have discussed the content for the Second devolution deal for Suffolk & Norfolk should the first progress. We have suggested a number of items that could be in the second deal, one of these items we have put forward, is to ask if Suffolk & Norfolk can have our slice of the CAP payments devolved down to our counties, this would mean we could shape our own payments to farmers to make sure our Farms are run in a way that could benefit further our, brewers, tourism and aspiration to be a healthier Community. This move would bring the inevitable argument there is likely to be as we leave the Common Agricultural Policy, could be thrashed out locally, rather than competing with national funding pressures.

Hedges & Verges

There has been lots of correspondence regarding this year’s lack cutting of verges etc the wet spring and proper summer has exposed the shortfall and lack of clear information regarding this issue, I have asked the county to make it plainer who should do what and when. It has not helped that a council press statement suggested Parishes should do it themselves! There is a provision where a community can maintain their verges and paths etc, and this does come with budget for any community taking this on, however in Suffolk this is rarely taken up.

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