

Acton Burnell Pitchford Frodesley Ruckley Langley Parish Council
Shropshire Councillor Report
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Verbal report, not circulated in advance

Local highways issues

I'm beginning to despair of making progress on highway maintenance issues and would welcome suggestions as to what else we can do. How can we turn up the heat:

- Invite Stuart Anderson MP to take up the cause?
- Door-to-door survey of damage to vehicles, disruption to businesses?
- Petition to the Council (the Council has rules about this)?
- Push for 'Task & Finish' group investigating how Highways sets priorities (see end)

I thought Longnor had been accepted as a priority, and that finally the drainage team had sorted local issues – but the potholes still haven't been fixed, and L&L Parish Council now say the drainage repairs aren't adequate anyway.

The 2026/7 resurfacing plans don't include any lanes in my ward between the A49 and Hughley, while I thought Longnor and Frodesley Lane were obvious candidates for resurfacing. However it is planned to 'top dress' the Condoover-Cantlop lane (as I think it's the only lane in the area which is defect free!).

Here's what I understand local priorities to be:

Cantlop to Acton Burnell

Mainly not bad but a number of serious deep potholes out in the main carriageway. I've had several reports of damaged tyres, wheels. Also Concord College (as a key user) has raised this as safety issue.

Frodesley Lane

Many stretches deteriorating badly, particularly where the utility trench/es has failed; also some serious deep potholes. More reports of damaged tyres, wheels. Wheels of Old have raised this as materially affecting their business as they can't allow customers to test drive.

Ruckley to Caus'wood

Has been patched at the Ruckley end but has seriously deteriorated going up the final hill to Broome.

Other Shrops Council news

2026/7 Budget – as announced last week, Government decided to lend c £190m to Shropshire Council for running/investment costs in 2025/6, 2026/7. I think we all wish Government funding was sufficient for us not to need to borrow more. But can be seen as kind of vote of confidence in Council – Government hasn't sent in Commissioners.

Potholes/Resurfacing Prioritisation – I'm proposing a new 'Task & Finish' Group to look at how priorities for fixing potholes/resurfacing are set. Email Cllr Edward.potter@shropshire.gov.uk to press for that.