

Highways Report 9 v.2 to BPC September 8th 2026, from Jenny Harrison

1. The resurfacing /patching of Hollins Lane from the cricket club to the A591 is to begin on Tuesday night, 1st September. Information for households affected from WandF has been delayed following necessary liaison with Croppers (lorries) and with the Railway (level crossing). The planned work will start at the cricket club and move up the road westwards, over three nights.
2. I have written to Victoria Upton (Highways Management) some weeks ago, to ask for her help in getting some important issues moved on:
 - **Cables on Hollins Lane** to monitor traffic (as discussed and suportd at the last BPC meeting). This is needed to get a full picture of the increasing volume and all types of traffic. I suggested this could be best done in early Autumn once the schools are back in action.
 - Further information on the **delay to the promised school crossing** on Burneside Road, coupled with the lack of information and communication on any hoped-for progress.
 - **HIAMS** which appears somewhat inadequate in bringing about prompt and necessary actions in our parish. The word 'action' continues to mislead!

{Note, one such outcome is 'an action now completed' for E1/295830, which arrived on **25/8** – I had reported it on June 8. When I had indicated substantial damage to the road surface between Tolston Hall and Ellergreen creating a situation of potential danger to drivers in both directions. The E1 response from Highways on 25/8 related to so-called 'temporary repairs, with a permanent repair in due course'. The phrase 'temporary repairs' appears misleading to me since there has been no improvement to the road surface as a whole. One small pothole was 'filled' some weeks ago, (presumably following another person's request for action?)

Follow-up from Highways (**26/8**), just a day later, 'An action has now been completed'. It refers to a temporary repair and a permanent repair in due course'. Locally we know that this resurfacing is under preparation already and is due to take place in the coming week for three nights. A positive hoped-for outcome, but with very unclear messaging.}

I now await further communication from Victoria Upton and her colleagues on all the above bulleted items.

3. Will has usefully assembled and sent a list of all promised actions for Peter Thornton's further attention. This was agreed at the last BPC meeting. The list of such matters needing attention is growing, not shrinking. Updates would be extremely helpful, e.g. Bridge repair at Bowston, blocked drains in the village area, road markings and so on.

Serious road problems and traffic delays continue on a daily basis along Hollins Lane. Heavy vehicles are causing wall damage in several places, road erosion and potholes, plus delays while large vehicles juggle with other vehicles on the many corners. A damaged drain near the cricket club has led to the erection of a concrete barrier on the road side, leaving a single lane for vehicles passing in both directions.

There are similar events with damage occurring on Hall Park Road.

There appears to be much 'heavy construction vehicle' movements throughout the village and adjoining roads: heavy vehicles which are dealing with the water pipes renewal to the east of Staveley. In addition, we have for many months the Bethall and other construction vehicles that are using the through routes, first for the sewage pipe replacements, and now more recently for the United Utilities water pipe renewals. Better infrastructure planning is surely needed?

4. **20mph Statutory Consultation /Burneside.** This is taking place 6 -28 August and asks for public feedback on the proposed speed restrictions, objections and questions related to the proposed changes. Fingers crossed now.

Jenny Harrison, 25 August 2026