

# Highways Maintenance Newsletter

## Countywide for January 2016



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While Hampshire hasn't suffered any prolonged severe weather this winter, highways teams have been kept busy with many different issues caused by the weather with extra crews always ready on standby if need be. The cold and wet conditions this winter mean that timings of salt runs are very important to ensure that salt spread has a chance to prevent ice forming on the road before it is washed away. Salt wicks help with this - hessian bags full of salt which are placed at sites where water is known to flow onto the road from adjacent land. As the water passes through the salt wick, it increases in salinity and helps prevent ice forming.

As well as the cold, wet weather, Storm Imogen at the beginning of February kept arboriculture teams particularly busy as they worked through the night to keep the roads clear of fallen trees and branches. By the time Hampshire's residents got up to go to work and school the next morning, all the roads were clear.

## Countywide statistics for January 2016

\*all statistics are based on the data available on 18 February 2016 for the month of January 2016



\*Conversion – 1sqm = 1.2sq yard

# Test Valley

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**95**

Potholes repaired

**963**

Gullies and catchpits  
cleared

**254**

Square metres of footway  
patching completed \*not  
including vehicle accesses



**352**

Jobs completed (excluding  
emergency, tree and  
vegetation maintenance,  
structures or planned works)

**11**

Vehicle accesses  
completed

**43**

Drainage jobs  
completed

**138**

Two hour response  
emergencies  
attended

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