

WPC HIGHWAYS REPORT JANUARY 2011

1. Road Gritting

I think we might record that the road gritting programme was generally effective for the main road network - keeping us in touch with Stratford, Leamington/Warwick, Kineton and beyond.

On the other hand, Walton suffered as usual, and there have been several complaints. There was at least one gritting run, but by some accounts this was only after a significant accident involving two local residents, and resulting in at least one car being written off. We should continue to press for the Walton Rd to be on the regular gritting schedule.

2. Grit bins

Having gone to the expense of installing grit bins for footways and the precinct, it is a major disappointment that so few people spread any. We need to find ways of ensuring that grit is spread whenever necessary. Next Highways Committee meeting to make recommendations.

Walton is the next candidate for a bin, and we have a letter from a resident who is willing to spread it.

3. White Bridge railings and fence

We have an estimate from our maintenance contractor for urgent repairs to the railings and fence on the southern end of White Bridge. The figure is well within the £1000 reserved in the last round of budget revisions. This should go ahead as soon as possible.

4. Bollards and slabs by OneStop Newbold Rd

Held up by weather.

5. Wellesborne in Bloom and trees

Progress stalled by weather, but news from WCC forester about the spinney between Ettington Rd and the sports field.

I understand that there is no master plan for this area. The understorey species that were coppiced a couple of years back are regenerating well and this will be untidy until such a time that they suppress the weed growth more. I think it would be best kept as naturalising with standard trees growing on while understorey species are maintained by coppicing. If there was some local interest and involvement this may give the opportunity for some enrichment planting (maybe a few Oak transplants) and further paths to be created through this that could then be mown to open it up a little. I'd be more than happy to advise in more detail if there is any interest locally.

This suggestion has been forwarded to WiB and tree wardens for discussion.

5. Airfield sign on Stratford Road.

The missing "low flying aircraft" sign on the Stratford Road (westbound) has been replaced.

Tony Copeland 30th Dec 2010.