

# Drinkstone Parish Council, Highways

**Report to the Annual Parish Meeting Dated 4 March 2024.**

## **Agenda Item; Councillor portfolios**

### **General**

At the time of writing there are three live Highway's issues on Suffolk County Councils reporting tool for Drinkstone.

Two, which I raised, regarding potholes opening up again between Rookery Farm and Hill Farm Lane, and the flooding near the Church and one other regarding surface debris at Blacksmiths Corner.

The broken manhole cover on Park Road is still showing as "Works Ordered" on an 8 week priority but still hasn't been completed.

The reporting tool can be found here <https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk>

### **Tree near Drinkstone Hall**

I'm pleased to say the tree uprooted and leaning over the road from Drinkstone Hall has been dealt with.

### **A14 Rat Running Update.**

On February 9<sup>th</sup> the Parish Council met with Jo Churchill, MP for Bury St Edmunds, Penny Otton, our Suffolk County Councillor, Paul West, Suffolk County Councillor and Portfolio Holder for Highways, Simon Amor, National Highways Head of Scheme Delivery, and a number of professionals from SCC, National Highways and their contractors.

I'm pleased to say that we had a constructive discussion and can report the following:-

The rota for the mobile safety van (camera van) will now include at least two sessions per week in Drinkstone. This vehicle gathers traffic volume statistics and conducts speed enforcement.



National Highways have confirmed that the current project programme is indicating completion of the A14 works by the end of July 2024 at the latest.

Simon Amor confirmed that there will be a consultation between National Highways and Suffolk County Council with regards to repair and reinstatement works to both roads and verges towards the end of the project. Drinkstone PC requested that we be included in this consultation, which was accepted in principle.

Simon Amor also extended an invitation for a small group of villagers who may be interested in a tour of the A14 works.

Cllr Paul Selvey,  
Chair Drinkstone PC.