

# Drinkstone Parish Council, Highways

**Report to the Parish Council Meeting Dated 13th April 2026.**

**Agenda Item; Councillor portfolios and annual recap**

## **Road Repairs**

Back in Spring 2025 we were advised by Suffolk County Council that the roads around Drinkstone were planned for a two phase major repair comprising initial “patching” phase during 2025/6 and followup “resurfacing” in 26/27 budget.

The first phase (patching) has been completed and patches appear to be of much better quality than the reactive/emergency patches we had become accustomed to in recent years.

The Council was also notified that repairs to the concrete cover over the culvert near Stone Cottage has been put back to 2026/2027

## **Surface Water**

Surface water seems to be a feature of Drinkstone. Anglian Water and Suffolk Highways have been alerted to the almost year-round flow on Beyton Road on more than one occasion. Anglian Water have tested for Chlorine and confirmed none is present so is not a mains leak and is more likely a natural watercourse. Other hot spots (or damp spots) have also been reported to Suffolk Highways who advise that the surface water is insufficiently serious to meet their intervention criteria.

## **White Railings**

White railings, most notably at Blacksmiths Corner, but also feature elsewhere in the village, tend to look neglected and scruffy. Two damaged parts at Blacksmiths Corner have been repaired by Suffolk Highways. Approximately 10 volunteers have stepped forwards to join a cleaning and painting team. Before this exercise can take place 3 volunteers need to attend a NSWRA training course on Traffic Management and safety. This training may happen in April 2026 opening the possibility of cleaning and painting in early summer.

## **SIDs**

Speed Indication Displays continue to work well. We now have three displays and there are four approved sites equipped with posts however we have stopped the regular re-positioning of signs in favour of leaving the signs at the three locations we consider to be the most problematic. The oldest two displays date back to 2021 and the third display early 2025.

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