

The Wivenhoe Society

“Taking Pride in Wivenhoe”



Report on Significant Pot Holes in Wivenhoe's Roads

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Introduction

This report was compiled after a survey of Wivenhoe's most popular roads on 3rd April. It was carried out by Chris Thompson, Chairman, Wivenhoe Society and committee member Peter Hill. Both are former Town Mayors of Wivenhoe.

The report focuses on only the most significant potholes that were found. It is not necessarily complete but did draw on the Society's 400 members for their help to identify places where the highways had been severely impacted by recent severe winter weather.

The intention of cataloguing these potholes is to help ECC Highways to make progress in repairing them.

We have highlighted those potholes which in our view represent a significant risk of causing damage to cars, risk of a RTA by a motorist swerving to avoid the pothole, or risk to a cyclist.

1. Boundary Road – Junction with Colchester Road.

Road surface on corner deteriorating as a result of buses and car traffic going to the University from Wivenhoe. Two significant potholes are present on this corner that present an extreme hazard for cyclists especially going to the University:



Looking into Boundary Road from Colchester Road



By the junction itself with Colchester Road.

The pothole is approx 20 – 25 mm deep. All the potholes there are similar depth



Evidence of further road surface deterioration away from the junction

2. Elmstead Road

Elmstead Road is generally in a poor condition along its length, having been patchworked over a long period. It is used by lots of vehicles to reach the A133 as a 'rat run'.

There are a couple of potholes at the Colchester Road end of Elmstead Road:

The one on the right is outside The Gardens No. 24 Elmstead Road and is 60mm deep and approx 90 mm wide



The other one is slightly smaller in itself but larger when the damage to the surface drainhole cover is taken into consideration.



3. Elmstead Road at junction with Broadfields



The pothole measures approx 25 mm deep and 300 mm across.

It is in the middle of the junction interfering with cars turning into Broadfields from the Brightlingsea Road direction.

4. Heath Road



2 holes one of which measures 440 mms and is 60 mm deep

5. Heath Road (close to junction with Broome Grove)



Outside No. 25 Heath Road

Deterioration of road surface around drain cover measuring 50 – 70 mm deep.

Hazard to cyclists.

Very close to Broomegrove Junior and Infant Schools.

6. Junction Britannia Crescent and Valfreda Way



Pothole in middle of highway approx 25 mm deep and 300 mm across.

7. Corner Rosabelle Avenue and Parkwood Avenue



Nasty pothole on curve of road dangerous to motorists coming down Rosabelle and turning into Parkwood Avenue and that would cause them to move across the highway to avoid the hole.

30mm deep and 450 mm across

8. Vanessa Drive. Far end, close to junction with Spring Chase (outside nos 51/53 Vanessa Drive)

60mm deep and 390 mm across



9. Parkwood Avenue (opposite Garages and outside no. 10 Parkwood)



Holes by drain that is 70mm deep

10. Woodland Way – Outside No.24



50 mm deep and 400 mm across

11. Woodland Way at junction with Beech Avenue



One of 13 holes at this junction. This one measures 300 x 350 mm and is 25mm deep in the centre of the road.



View of the junction Beech Avenue and Woodland Way

12. Harvey Road (close to the junction with Ernest Road)



13. Harvey Road Junction with Ernest Road



14. Harvey Road (The Avenue end)



This pothole is particularly bad, measuring 820 mm across and 70 mm deep.

14. Harvey Road at the junction with Manor Road



Hole measuring 1.6 metres and 60 mm deep at junction with Manor Road



15. Ernest Road (near the junction with Harvey Road)

83cms long and 30 mm deep



16. Ernest Road (Outside house no. 45)

Pothole 800 mm wide and 70 mm deep



17. Ernest Road (outside No.21)

Pothole measuring 430 mm across and 40 mm deep



18. Rectory Road at entrance with Manor Road

Large hole in the centre of the road measuring



19. Rectory Road

No. 29 Rectory Road

Hole measuring 730 mm across and 70 mm deep



20. Rectory Road

Rectory Road, by Croquet Gardens

Hole measuring 700 across and 60mm deep



21. Belle Vue Road



Deep pothole by drain cover at an awkward part of the road at a blind bend by the cemetery. This road is also a bus route.

The hole is 70mm deep, 260 mm out from the kerb and is 700 mm across.

The hole has been formed by some sort of collapse in the road structure.

22. Park Road – near junction with Belle Vue Road



At top of road near to its junction with Belle Vue Road.

Road very uneven by drain cover of danger to cyclists.

Concrete edge around the drain gully protrudes by 40 mm. Danger especially for cyclists.

23. Park Road – Near junction with Valley Road and below

Several potholes along different parts of the road.



Just above the junction with Valley Road, outside 45 Park Road.

5 potholes in the middle and left hand side of the road.

The largest hole is 500 mm across and 80 mm deep



Park Road outside no 22 / 24, 2 feet from the pavement measuring 500 mm x 430 mm and 500 mm deep



Further down Park Road

24. Valley Road (near Bobbits Way junction)



In the centre of the road, 77cmc wide and 90 mm deep

At the bottom of Valley Road

Road surface disintegrating at various parts along this stretch of Valley Road.



Hole in middle of the road, 60 mm deep and 540 wide and 37 long

More holes in Valley Road



Below: At the junction with The Dale



25. Clifton Terrace



This road is bad overall. This particular hole is by Chapel Road and measures 770 mm x 720 mm and is 40 mm deep

Below: Outside No. 1 Clifton Terrace.
Potholes 80 mm deep and 900 mm wide



26. Entrance to the Car Park by Clifton Terrace

The entrance to the car park, opposite The Greyhound PH is deteriorating. Pedestrians walking down to the shops have to walk across this very uneven surface.



27. Station Road

Road surface badly deteriorating over 35 yard stretch of the highway.

There is also some deterioration of the road surface at the end of Station Road by the roundabout with a small hole starting to appear.



28. High Street (outside H2O hairdressing salon and just before Bryans newsagents)



1.5 metres across and 60 cms wide. 520 mm from the kerb

29. In Anchor Hill



640 mm across and 800 mm in length. 20 mm deep



30. East Street at junction with Anchor Hill

Two 100mm deep ruts exactly where car wheels go at the junction with Anchor Hill.

See also following picture below.



Wheel rut 100 mm deep at junction with Anchor Hill

31. East Street (outside Garrison House)



40 mm pothole outside the wall of the Garrison House.

East Street, although only a narrow lane, takes all the traffic for the Brook Street Business Centre, including sizeable trucks and delivery vans, and cars for residents at the 100 home Cook's Shipyard development.



32. Brook Street



Pothole at bend by Alice's Cottage, in the centre of the road. Hole is 50 mm deep and 420 mm across.



33. Brook Street – Next bend



Another growing pothole due to traffic Business Centre and Cook's Shipyard traffic

400mm x 750 mm and 80 mm deep

34. The Quay

The Quay is well used by pedestrians, cyclists as well as cars.



Pothole 450mm x 450 mm and 100 mm deep

The Quay has cars, pedestrians and a lot of bikes across it. This pothole is in the centre of the highway, outside the British Legion Hall.

Street lighting is not very good in this area.

Pothole is 400mm 1000mm and 40mm deep



Deterioration of the road surface making an uneven and dangerous to walk on.

The pothole is 20mm deep

35. Quay Street



Road surface starting to badly deteriorate at the Quay end.

And at the other end of Quay Street, at the junction with West Street, a pothole is growing.

