

# **Highway Service 2020**

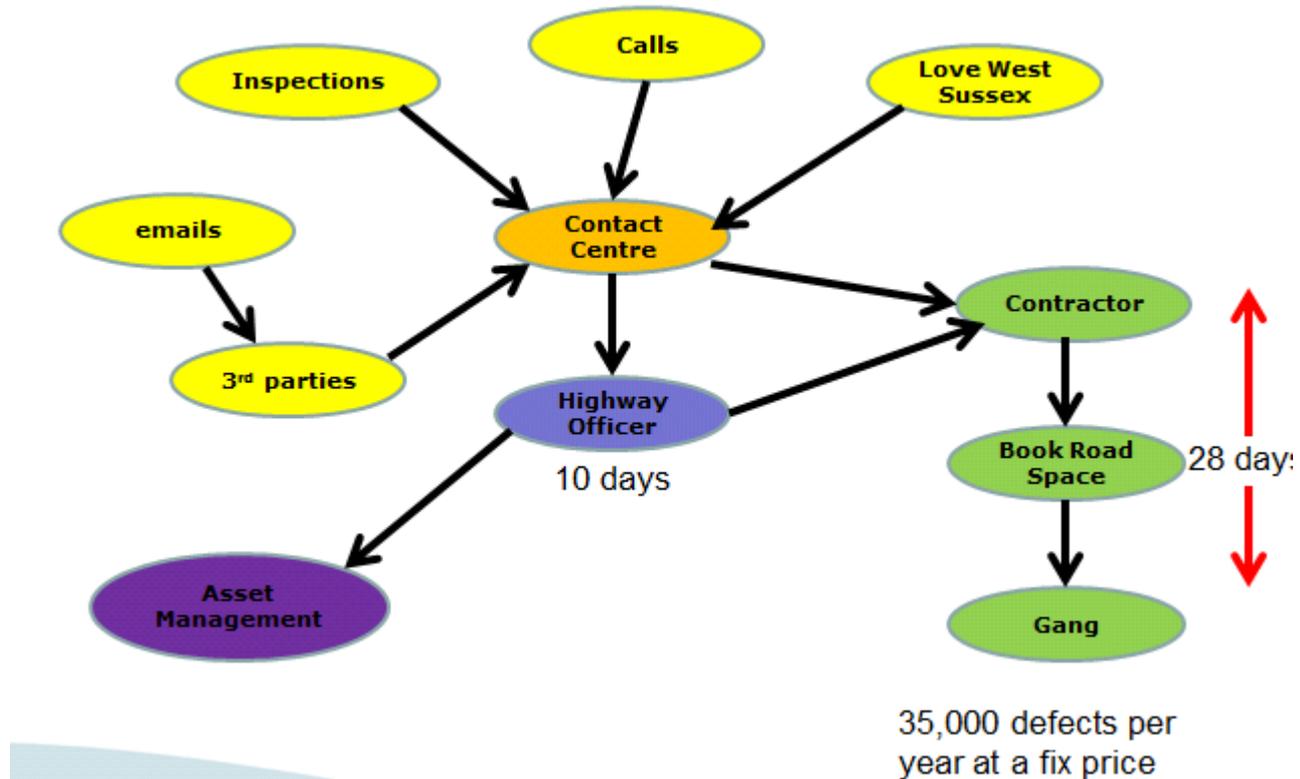
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# Press Statement

- **Roger Elkins**, Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure, said: **“I would like to assure people we take the pothole problem very seriously.**
- West Sussex Highways continues to take action against potholes, with 2,479 repairs completed across the county in January – that’s an average of more than 110 potholes repaired every working day.
- The number of repair teams tackling the issue has also been increased from 8 to 12.
- “Our highways teams continue to work hard repairing them and, despite some extremely wet weather, they have made significant progress tackling the issue. Particular thanks go to our contractor, Balfour Beatty Living Places.”
- In recent weeks, the frequent change between cold temperatures, to mild/wet weather, and back again, has significantly increased the number of potholes on our roads.
- Roads are not permanent structures and deteriorate over time from constant use, the weight of vehicles travelling on them and the effects of the weather. With the expansion and contraction caused by temperature change, deterioration will occur, resulting in new potholes.
- In 2019, West Sussex Highways repaired 18,514 potholes – that’s an average of about 350 every week.

# Pothole repair process



## West Sussex County Council: Key Facts

- 4,041km of road
- 1,000,000 people per day walk, ride, drive, deliver goods and service.
- One serious accident per fortnight
- Value for money (pint of milk per week)
- 35,000 defects per year
- 90% repaired within time scale

## Reporting tools

Smart phone = Love West Sussex app

Web Site = <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk>

Tel No. = 01243 642 105

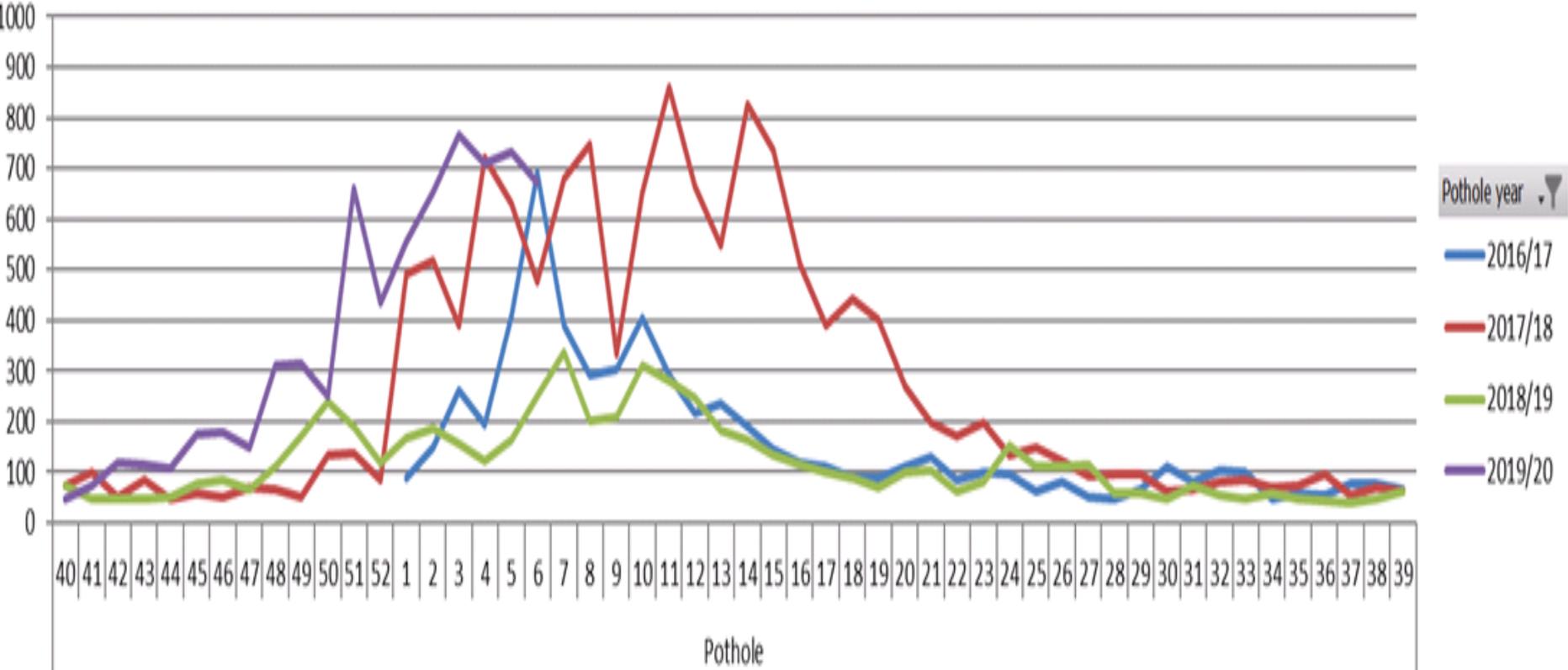


Link to our website and “Highway claims for injury or damage to property”

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/maintaining-roads-verges-and-pavements/road-and-roadside/highway-claims-for-injury-or-damage-to-property/#overview>

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## Reported Potholes by week



Grouped subject week number

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