



## **B4224 Fownhope and Fiddlers' Green – Final Update 38**

### **Road open**

As you receive this newsletter you will be well aware that our works at Stone Cottage have come to an end and the road was opened on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

Mairead Lane, Acting Assistant Director Highways & Transport, "Our challenge has been to safely reopen the B4224 at Fownhope as soon as possible. The work needed to repair and safely reopen the B4224 at Fownhope has been complex and substantial. The engineered solution, particularly to the retaining wall at the Stone Cottage site, has taken an incredible amount of work and we have needed to ensure we provide a long-term, reliable repair.

"We are pleased that works are now complete, but we appreciate that the length of time this has taken has been hugely frustrating. We are sorry that the works have taken longer than originally anticipated and would like to thank local residents and motorists once again for their patience."

Over the next few pages we share some images of the work on landslip at Lechmere Ley and the Stone Cottage road collapse.

### **Final steps**

Now the B4224 is open we will focus on the repairs and 'making good' of the roads over Woolhope which have had the most impact from the increased level of traffic. Firstly we will empty the gullies along this road to remove as much water from the carriageway as we can and fix the more urgent potholes.

We will then undertake some more planned improvements like digging out grips (channels in the verges to aid flow of water to ditch), ditching and some patching and surfacing of the carriageway. Assessment of the condition of the roads is ongoing to determine the extent of these works and the timing for these planned works will be coordinated so as to not conflict with the planned fibre installation by Gigaclear which was delayed whilst the B4224 was closed.

As this is our final formal update, we will provide further details as they become available to the parish councils who will share through their usual communications channels

We have also removed the temporary 20mph speed limits, weight limits and the one 'no entry' sign at Chicken Farm Road. .



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