

**Report for Thornton Dale Parish Council  
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**Highways** There have been management changes at Highways Area 4 office. Richard Marr has moved areas and been replaced by James Malcolm and Pete Wilson has retired, I understand his replacement has been appointed and will be starting shortly.

I have already met with James and raised several ongoing issues of concern.

These include –

Church Lane – general condition of the road and drainage problems.

Harrowcliffe / Longlands Lane issues over surface dressing.

Outgang Lane

I had several enquiries about Kerb stones being laid on our rural roads. These are being laid to strengthen the edges in vulnerable areas and to assist with drainage.

**Thornton Lane** I received complaints regarding the road closure here.  
**Highways** The Traffic Management was set up in advance of the surfacing crew moving from Marishes to Thornton Lane, but there was an issue on  
**repair** Marishes which further delayed the completion and as it was late the operatives didn't change the signs in the afternoon. Then for some reason the surfacing crew were pulled out of the Ryedale Area in to the Hambleton area on the Friday.  
The rescheduling by the sub-contractors was beyond Kirby Office control and our Ringway Senior Agent is still trying to find out the actual reason for them not being on site on Friday

**Beck Wall by** During my meeting with our new Highways manages, James explained  
**village shops** that due times of austerity, they will not be undertaking "Cosmetic" repairs. However they are very willing to help us address this matter at a local level and I am meeting with the works manager to look at how we might achieve this.

It should be noted that only the West side of the wall belongs to the Highways, the Eastern Wall is the responsibility of the riparian owners. We will look to coordinate all parties to get the whole area fully repaired.

**Farmanby Wall** The work to repair / replace the retaining wall on Farmanby Close has been passed to Mouchel's to design / deliver a scheme. NYCC are accepting responsibility but due to Engineer workloads the work has been passed to our consultant partners. Unfortunately due to a change in management this seems to have been missed and has now been marked as outstanding.

**Dalby Forest** The Forestry Commission recently organised a tour and information sharing morning for Ryedale District Councillors. This was a fascinating morning where we were appraised of their intention to develop creative art in the forest. We viewed the "Lumber Jill" statue and the dry stone wall Maze before going into a more formal meeting at the visitor centre.