Highways

 January/February 2025

All the frosts we have been having in the last few months have been making all the little holes, ruts and cracks worse and some potholes developing along them. Other potholes affected are getting larger and deeper, this includes the one on Thorpe Road and the one near the end of Hilltop Crescent which is still only marked ‘to be repaired as part of the planned maintenance’.

On the South side of Colchester Road the road surface started breaking up and it has only taken two weeks for a couple of areas to break up completely.

Two months ago the pothole that was affecting a drain on the South side of Colchester Road was repaired, I thought Essex Highways must have the hump with me as they didn’t as was usual inform me. Turns out they must have had the hump with the inspectors too as two weeks ago they went out to inspect the ‘repaired hole’ and duly informed me that it did not reach investigation levels. As it was raining heavily that day they failed to notice the newly formed pothole next to it.

The Weeley bypass has also started breaking up in a couple of places.

**Speedwatch Report**

**January 2025**

The low temperatures continued into January and we were still unable to hold any speedwatch sessions. So I thought I’d give you some useless information instead which of course as you know I’m full of.

Last month on the ‘telly’ there was a program called ‘Electric versus Petrol’ in which various tests were carried out with a Petrol Mercedes Benz and a Tesla. In the performance test the driver said there was not much difference but the preference was for the Petrol car (Mercedes Benz) but the comment on the electric (Tesla) was ‘I can see getting a few more speeding tickets in this one’ and its fair to say we have logged a few Tesla’s already.

Although the low temperatures are continuing through February. I will have a proper speedwatch report for you next month even if it is just for the one session that Fraser and I did when the temperature momentarily leapt up to a whole 7 degrees. Although I can assure you it felt more like a whole -7 degrees on the day.