

59627 Pothole Reports (2021-2025)

I am writing to request information relating to potholes and road surface maintenance within your authority's responsibility.

I understand that definitions and recording practices may vary between authorities. Where relevant, I would appreciate a brief clarification of how potholes and repairs are logged in your systems.

This request relates only to roads for which your authority is the highway authority.

Please provide the following information for each of the last five complete years available (preferably 2021-2025, or the most recent equivalent calendar or financial years). If providing data for all five years is not possible, please prioritise the most recent three complete years.

Potholes/carriageway defects:

The number of potholes or carriageway surface defects recorded each year (or the closest equivalent measure used by your authority)

If reported and confirmed figures are logged separately, please provide both where possible.

[Please refer to the table below.](#)

Year	Potholes Reported	Other Road Defects Reported	Total
2021	28,118	589	28,707
2022	15,967	407	16,374
2023	23,763	172	23,935
2024	21,105	324	21,429
2025	13,202	227	13,429

Repairs:

The number of individual potholes or defects repaired each year.

Please include both temporary repairs (e.g., patching) and permanent repairs (e.g., resurfacing), where these are recorded.

This refers to the number of individual defects addressed, not the number of repair visits or work orders.

[Please refer to the table below.](#)

Year	Potholes Repaired	Other Road Defects Repaired	Total
2021	28,096	824	28,920

2022	15,963	447	16,410
2023	23,362	158	23,520
2024	21,557	335	21,892
2025	13,162	247	13,409

Expenditure:

Total annual spending on pothole repairs and/or carriageway surface repairs.

If pothole repairs are not separated from wider road maintenance budgets, please provide the closest available comparable figures and note any limitations.

For context, we intend to normalise pothole and repair figures against publicly available road-length data (for example, Department for Transport road length statistics). If your authority uses a different or more appropriate road-length figure for reporting pothole data, we would welcome any guidance or clarification.

If the data is recorded differently, I would appreciate any comparable figures you can provide, along with a brief explanation of how pothole reports and repairs are logged.

Budget Spend – Please refer to the table below which provides the amounts in £m.

Year	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Capital Gullies	0.33	0.22	0.35	0.28	0.46	0.49
Carriageway & Footway Works	15.01	12.02	6.93	18.07	21.61	20.31
Surface Enhancements	0.63	0.13	0.00	0.33	0.07	0.61
Bus Stop Investment - Neighbourhoods	0.51	0.03	0.28	0.32	0.47	0.58
Roads In-Year Priorities	0.78	0.75	0.46	1.54	1.53	1.21
Capital Total	17.27	13.15	8.03	20.53	24.14	23.21
Revenue Spend	3.20	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00