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Roads Dept.
South Lanarkshire Council
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Dear Sir or Madam,

Reporting of Blantyre Carriageway Defects

As a volunteer, non-profit, Blantyre media organization, we have become increasingly alarmed at the amount of incoming complaints and messages in relation to the condition of the tarmacadam carriageway surfaces in our town. Following the severe weather in Springtime 2018, it is apparent the road surfaces have deteriorated to the point that many potholes are deemed unsafe not just to vehicles but also to pedestrians.

We note that under the *Roads Act (Scotland) 1984*, South Lanarkshire Council (SLC) has an obligation to manage and maintain the roads in our town and is required to promptly undertake repairs if they present a hazard to the public. We also note that the council has a permitted duration to inspect roads and that at present SLC is still within those permitted timescales, which we have no complaint against. Our letter however, seeks to advise highlighted defects which have occurred following March 2018 and to offer suggestion to SLC, that they should be given priority.

On 16th July 2018, our social media page reached 5,700 local people asking where were the worst carriageway defects in Blantyre [Ward 15], as evidenced here <https://www.facebook.com/blantyretelegraph/posts/1878088158878902>. We have compiled the results here, showing a list of some of the more severe potholes, all of which have been recorded as being deeper than 55mm.

**BALLANTRAE ROAD
BULLER CRESCENT
DOUGLAS STREET
CALDER STREET
CALDERWOOD DRIVE**

**FARM ROAD
GLENFRUIN ROAD
HEATHCLIFFE AVENUE
HIGH BLANTYRE ROAD
HARKINS AVENUE**

**JEDBURGH STREET
JURA DRIVE
KERR STREET
KIRKTON AVENUE
NESS DRIVE**

**ORCHARD DRIVE
SELKIRK STREET
STATION ROAD
STEWART AVENUE
STONEYMEADOW ROAD
WHEATLAND AVENUE
WAVERLEY TERRACE**

These Category 3b and 4a roads require inspection and for potholes on them to be urgently repaired. We note your guidance document 1st April 2017 states that further inspections would be made upon concern from communities. Our letter provides those concerns and asks for action and due attention. All potholes, we consider are CATEGORY 2, non-critical, but severe enough to be reported. We look forward to hearing from you by email or telephone. Thanks.

Sincerely,

Paul Veverka
Owner - Blantyre Telegraph