

Community Action: The "Wiltshire Road Tax" Audit

Subject: Have you paid the "Pothole Tax" this year?

Dear Neighbours,

Many of us in the local area have recently suffered damage to our vehicles due to the deteriorating state of our roads.

While the Council points to 'budget constraints,' the reality is that we are paying a 'stealth tax' through constant repairs to tyres, rims, and suspension. This is particularly frustrating for those of us who have transitioned to heavier Electric Vehicles (EVs) in line with government initiatives, only to find our local infrastructure is no longer fit for purpose.

I am coordinating a Community Impact Audit to present to our Ward Councillor, Wiltshire Council's Highways Department and Hampshire Council Highway Dept (plus others!). Our goal is to prove that the cost of not fixing the roads far outweighs the cost of a proper resurfacing.

How you can help:

If you have paid for repairs caused by local road defects in the last 12 months, please fill in this anonymous form.

Our Goal:

We intend to present a 'Collective Bill' to the Council. While they may deny individual claims under Section 58 of the Highways Act, a concentrated volume of evidence makes it much harder for them to ignore our demand for priority resurfacing in the next budget cycle.

Let's stop paying for their lack of maintenance.

Best regards,

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