

Burrowbridge - Traffic Signal Replacement

Starting 29th June 2026

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**Public Drop in session: Tuesday 2nd June 2026, between 15:00 and 19:30hrs
at the Coronation Hall, West Yeo Road, Burrowbridge, Bridgwater, TA7 0RH**

Dear Business Owner / Resident,

Somerset Council needs to replace ageing traffic signals either side of a narrow bridge crossing over the River Parrett on one of the County's key roads. Octavius have been appointed to undertake the refurbishment of the existing Traffic lights on the A361 at Burrowbridge. The lights in Burrowbridge on the A361 are over 30 years old, near the end of their working life and need to be replaced before they fail, causing long-term disruption. The road around Burrow Mump will also be resurfaced as part of the scheme.

Scheme Update / Traffic Management



Due to the constricted nature of the works area the A361 will need to be closed for a period of just over five weeks during the summer holidays to allow the work to be done.

The Council's contractor Octavius starts work on 29 June 2026 initially under temporary lights, with access maintained as normal in all directions. During this initial period there may need to be a closure between 6pm and 6am. This will be signed and details will be provided

nearer the time.

From 23 July to 2 September the A361 at Burrowbridge will need to be closed in both directions 24/7. There will be a signed diversion route via the A372, A38 Bridgwater and A361. Crossing facilities for pedestrians and pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

Access for residents and businesses will be maintained, please allow extra time for safety reasons.

If you would like to subscribe to receive newsletters about this scheme, or would like further information, please contact our Public Liaison Officer:
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The work is part of a county-wide initiative to replace traffic signals. It involves significant excavation as all the old ducting and wiring as well as the traffic light heads must be removed from the ground and replaced. Towards the end of the scheme, an evening or overnight road closure will be needed to carry out the resurfacing and this will be advertised well in advance.

Somerset Council's Lead Member for Transport and Waste Services, Councillor Richard Wilkins, said: "This is about replacing end of life equipment, so doing nothing is not an option. There is never a good time to do this – during the summer holidays when schools are not operating and the route is quieter is the most suitable time. "We know businesses and residents will be concerned about the potential disruption caused and we will be ensuring signage is in place underlining that Burrowbridge businesses are open as usual during these works. "Rest assured our team will be working at pace to get this work done and to minimise disruption as much as possible."



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