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 **Different coloured markings on pavements and roads**

People often ask about the markings on roads and pavements, often wondering what they mean.

Here’s a quick guide to understanding this unique highway language! 

Across England over 50 utility companies utilise a vivid array of spray-painted symbols to communicate what lies beneath our feet. Each colour and symbol serves as a critical guide, ensuring safe and efficient urban maintenance. 

\*\*Red\*\*: A warning of electrical cables. Lines, numbers, and letters like 'L/V' (low voltage) or 'H/V' (high voltage) indicate the position and type of electrical hazards. Look out for 'SWA' to spot steel-wire armoured cables!

\*\*White\*\*: The all-rounder colour used for general instructions and notes by contractors. Whether it’s marking previous road schemes or indicating utility cover issues, white is essential for communication on the ground.

\*\*Blue\*\*: This colour flags the presence of water mains. Often marked by specialized locating companies, these indicators help preemptively map out water infrastructure to prevent mishaps during digging.

\*\*Yellow\*\*: Not just for parking lines! On pavements, yellow highlights gas lines, detailing pressure levels (LP, MP, HP) and other pertinent info like bends in the pipes.

\*\*Green\*\*: Increasingly used to denote cable communications and networks such as CCTV and cable TV lines. It's a digital world under there!

\*\*Others\*\*: Sometimes, you might come across markings that seem like a cryptic code or even resemble hieroglyphs! These could indicate anything from future street furniture like lamp posts to specific utility needs.

However, if there isn't a white line around a pothole or road defect for example it doesn't mean it's not being fixed. Much of the reporting process for work to fix problems is now carried out digitally - so imagine a virtual white line being painted around the pothole which has been photographed and geolocated so they repair team know exactly what they are doing.

Remember, these colours and symbols are not dictated by law but by convention. They represent a critical language spoken by those who maintain and engineer our county’s infrastructure, ensuring safety and continuity in our daily lives.

Next time you’re walking around, take a moment to spot these colourful clues to what’s hidden beneath your path! 

[#UtilityMarkings](https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/utilitymarkings?__eep__=6&__cft__%5B0%5D=AZWVR0OgEjlCun-zQAZB-40lirJJk1fylJ4-rjXIWvPafibdCrA_8rq_tDd1kUovDHsl_82aoX63gHfp6jji6EiwPq2iQ8OEgUBZfSue1X72Yesh9nK60M5iUqUyR9boYVGFLhM1lEoGZDtJpiH2x56iRQ50ZmI_bMmPSPFJQwDuZGIJueP87umaB4dzAApTRwQTXx_-rEOoubJ5t3FVJxDO&__tn__=*NK-R)

**Winter Salting Route Test Runs**

Don’t be surprised if you catch sight of one of our salting lorries out in the next few weeks. In preparation for next winter, our highways teams are testing some spreading equipment and doing this now before the gritters are parked up for summer.

If you do come across ‘Snow Patroller’ or ‘Grittindor’ on your travels, please be patient and give them the space they need to operate and remember these vehicles are limited to a maximum speed of 30mph for everyone’s safety.

# Reporting Highway Problems

Links to report road issues are here:

Potholes: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes>

Tree/hedge problems:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/treehedge>

Flooding/drainage issues:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/flooding>

Pavement problems:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/paving>

Problems with rights of way:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/reportaproblem>

**When reporting an issue, you’ll be sent an email confirming a reference number for the report. If you would like me to follow this up for you then do please forward that message to me and I will chase for you**

**Do you know anyone who may qualify for free childcare?**

Do you need 30 hours funded childcare? If you are a working parent or carer with a three or four year-old, then you might be eligible for Government funded childcare.

You may be able to access the funding if you (and your partner) meet the working and income eligibility criteria.

Check your family’s eligibility for the 30 Hours Childcare and other help with childcare costs, by using the childcare calculator [https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator](https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR312mGjoSUbvf0wmnSlw_HWB37UaMMHqt_OItrBznKcTQL7SZ0p6iSP5BY_aem_ARuwsizjHQzoSarEfmxHplkLV8b56kABhXl9RoE5Z--X5KByMpCmpDWHFd9NJh8-UdfHo4NkxE9-sRtivqUHncFy)

For more information and apply online, see [https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.childcarechoices.gov.uk%2F%3Ffbclid%3DIwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR3pKmaIUJug4IvCnPM_wcFBneWzZjRNRGIhXSDS4044bW2zU_wyyr_zBT4_aem_ARvyfU0EhV1COGqG7-BVBT1CCHASDV2hHouAnUwGkAvpPsLAsPVrviy0PEl98nqA1iEk0CAPRyG6lnLkMe8NbKzL&h=AT2Spv57Fvbo9__oR8KowSDCQk1bVIhp8DXJNY4ZYrlQXg1MtyUdJvEky4XucYNjyBmGeVy3CIvFP6rsSNeRQdAuOmgWsBfYqmUQFc4RVJWg5l__4CRSyHP4LlCOkOSujQOUGtoU8l9eUJTQPms8mco&__tn__=-UK-R&c%5B0%5D=AT2t2xLQt6hlD901pvbskU7SaimqAKxpz4in8E-pZlgCYe6SHoJw2jb9JRaEy7s9FEYGRlLFXdqmUa7GI-o0aee8PKLnJZErMFfke1LeK2nydrMqvlgyVyAliOrR0_ICNO_Mori6zJIFtNGlw5hI1tGNHt0YdnxlMikEFKxapOQgJj69fEanZw) or call 0300 1234097.



## Supporting Hampshire’s farmers

My Hampshire County Councillor colleague [Cllr Russell Oppenheimer](https://www.facebook.com/hantsconnected?__cft__%5B0%5D=AZV6twj0LZqEXIETb6Kn152sQKlvUTGw9_Ak-OfqNEXcJ0Jw3DHmGAzbV8PZYpSE9bGFFtTY286hnLbc8JQgGN074JrIV4CnQH7mAfi29vq8eNH3HrL4WyJaH9E8FgAb1rszzpd3MSkgjdd8K0JrNqUcNqY8nmyHWaC-0d1SGzpis2PIYt3zCnWxOtW8-sT8JBJNpLAzT-3g9ShIIBZAdNjq&__tn__=-%5DK-R) has written an excellent Op-Ed piece for the [Hampshire Chronicle](https://www.facebook.com/hampshire.chronicle?__cft__%5B0%5D=AZV6twj0LZqEXIETb6Kn152sQKlvUTGw9_Ak-OfqNEXcJ0Jw3DHmGAzbV8PZYpSE9bGFFtTY286hnLbc8JQgGN074JrIV4CnQH7mAfi29vq8eNH3HrL4WyJaH9E8FgAb1rszzpd3MSkgjdd8K0JrNqUcNqY8nmyHWaC-0d1SGzpis2PIYt3zCnWxOtW8-sT8JBJNpLAzT-3g9ShIIBZAdNjq&__tn__=-%5DK-R) about how we can all help Hampshire's farmers.

I recommend it to you, it's here: [https://www.hampshirechronicle.co.uk/.../24233542.../](https://www.hampshirechronicle.co.uk/news/24233542.comment-practical-help-hampshires-farmers/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR06JTIwa7WOesHqh7RzePScs8OfplZ9YF9UcpbvMGT4ahPUcDMFRKF_rzk_aem_AWpEoB_CBU7wzzkVYgwjntvOYReucDh7sV7JfYCFUDhsy2ngIZn9Z6Z6UZKKSoZFoch9d5ttbe3hdsk4NpOJIuTT)

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