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Dear Sir/Madam

Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) Request ID: FOI360034518

Thank you for your request for information relating to potholes and road defects.

You have requested the following information:

1. The total number of potholes and/or road defects reported in your local area, broken down by month for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021 to date.

Financial Year/Month	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Apr	77	64	192
May	77	51	186
June	74	57	193
July	56	73	131
Aug	45	71	80
Sept	38	63	
Oct	53	48	
Nov	89	79	
Dec	165	72	
Jan	329	163	
Feb	312	247	
Mar	247	277	
Total	1562	1265	782

2. The total number of potholes and/or road defects fixed by the council, broken down by month for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021 to date.

Month	2019	2020	2021
January	365	350	324
Febuary	389	357	240
March	401	461	420
April	347	434	264
Мау	372	369	290
June	265	363	306
July	392	375	265
August	325	338	334
September	250	403	81*
October	300	313	
November	264	344	
December	222	226	

*Up to 8 September.

Please note these figures are for the number of pothole/road defect jobs completed, not the number of potholes/road defects repaired, as each job may have more than one pothole/defect on it.

3. The amount of money spent by the council on fixing potholes and/or road defects broken down by year, for 2019, 2020 and 2021 (calendar years if possible, please).

Financial Year	Expenditure
2018/19	£1,418,540
2019/20	£1,311,386
2020/21	£1,247,713
2021/22*	£512,083

*As of 10 September

4. The total amount of money paid out in compensation due to potholes and/or road defects, broken down by year for 2019, 2020, 2021 (calendar years if possible, please).

2019 - £12,855.79 2020 - £9,991.66 2021 - £11,452.57

5. And if possible, please can you give an indication of the amount of time taken to fix a single pothole (from starting work on the fix to the road being open again)?

We can confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Regulation 12(4) (a) of the EIR. The Council does not record the length of time taken to fix a single pothole. Information held relates to the length of time an individual job is completed, which may involve more than one pothole for repair.

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Yours faithfully

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