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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI783728890**

Thank you for your request for information relating to 2021-2025 Pothole Reports.

You have requested the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 relating to potholes and road surface maintenance within your authority's responsibility.

I understand that definitions and recording practices may vary between authorities. Where relevant, I would appreciate a brief clarification of how potholes and repairs are logged in your systems.

This request relates only to roads for which your authority is the highway authority. Please provide the following information for each of the last five complete years available (preferably 2021-2025, or the most recent equivalent calendar or financial years). If providing data for all five years is not possible, please prioritise the most recent three complete years.

1. Potholes/c carriageway defects

The number of potholes or carriageway surface defects recorded each year (or the closest equivalent measure used by your authority)

If reported and confirmed figures are logged separately, please provide both where possible

Please note we are unable to breakdown how many carriageway pothole jobs were raised as a result of being reported by the public and how many were raised from inspections as this information is not available. We have provided details for both number of enquiries received from

the public (not all of these will result in a job being raised) and for the number of jobs raised by inspectors below (which includes those reported by the public and those from inspections).

Please see below table for number of public enquiries / reports received regarding potholes for 2021 – 2025.

Calendar Year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Jan	163	127	234	218	195
Feb	247	157	129	331	299
Mar	277	210	432	294	308
Apr	192	124	477	208	193
May	186	115	350	204	121
Jun	193	85	164	95	85
Jul	131	40	93	98	100
Aug	80	52	125	86	67
Sep	69	40	96	60	88
Oct	77	53	94	137	63
Nov	57	77	105	55	104
Dec	82	54	118	79	208
Total	1754	1134	2417	1865	1831

Number of Carriageway pothole jobs raised

Please note the figures below are for the number of carriageway pothole jobs raised (both from reports from members of the public and from inspections), not the number of carriageway potholes reported, as each job may have multiple potholes on it. We have estimated that it will exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to manually analyse and provide the number of potholes reported the description on each job.

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	242	255	306	239	288
February	279	261	223	264	300
March	285	228	322	264	191
April	266	236	391	357	281
May	264	223	295	299	201
June	211	242	244	168	136
July	196	128	216	210	199
August	222	162	216	151	135
September	211	98	146	161	167
October	192	122	108	267	142
November	224	152	157	190	165
December	146	123	106	161	268
TOTAL	2738	2230	2730	2467	2164

2. Repairs

The number of individual potholes or defects repaired each year

Please include both temporary repairs (e.g., patching) and permanent repairs (e.g., resurfacing), where these are recorded

This refers to the number of individual defects addressed, not the number of repair visits or work orders

See table below for the number of Carriageway Pothole Jobs Completed. However, please note the below figures are for the number of carriageway pothole jobs completed, not the number of carriageway potholes repaired, as each job may have multiple potholes on it. To be able to provide the number of individual potholes the description on each job will need to be analysed and it is estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	138	231	189	243	248
February	144	202	160	224	224
March	238	256	189	480	190
April	165	218	139	289	315
May	165	248	229	224	295
June	162	194	245	253	191
July	162	186	138	212	72
August	195	185	149	160	179
September	190	192	151	216	251
October	214	154	190	231	167
November	179	128	218	138	185
December	163	158	155	156	166
TOTAL	2115	2352	2152	2826	2483

3. Expenditure

Total annual spending on pothole repairs and/or carriageway surface repairs

If pothole repairs are not separated from wider road maintenance budgets, please provide the closest available comparable figures and note any limitations

Coventry City Council financial years, operating from 1st April and ending 31st March the following year. Spend for the financial year 2025/26 will be available once the accounts are finalised at the end of the financial year. We are therefore informing you as per Section 22 of the Act that this part of the requested information, will be published in the future.

Financial Year	Expenditure
	£
2021-22	1,505,181
2022-23	2,301,100
2023-24	1,759,281
2024-25	1,707,178

For context, we intend to normalise pothole and repair figures against publicly available road-length data (for example, Department for Transport road length statistics). If your authority uses a different or more appropriate road-length figure for reporting pothole data, we would welcome any guidance or clarification.

If the data is recorded differently, I would appreciate any comparable figures you can provide, along with a brief explanation of how pothole reports and repairs are logged.

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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