

## B5385 Long Buckby to Watford Report

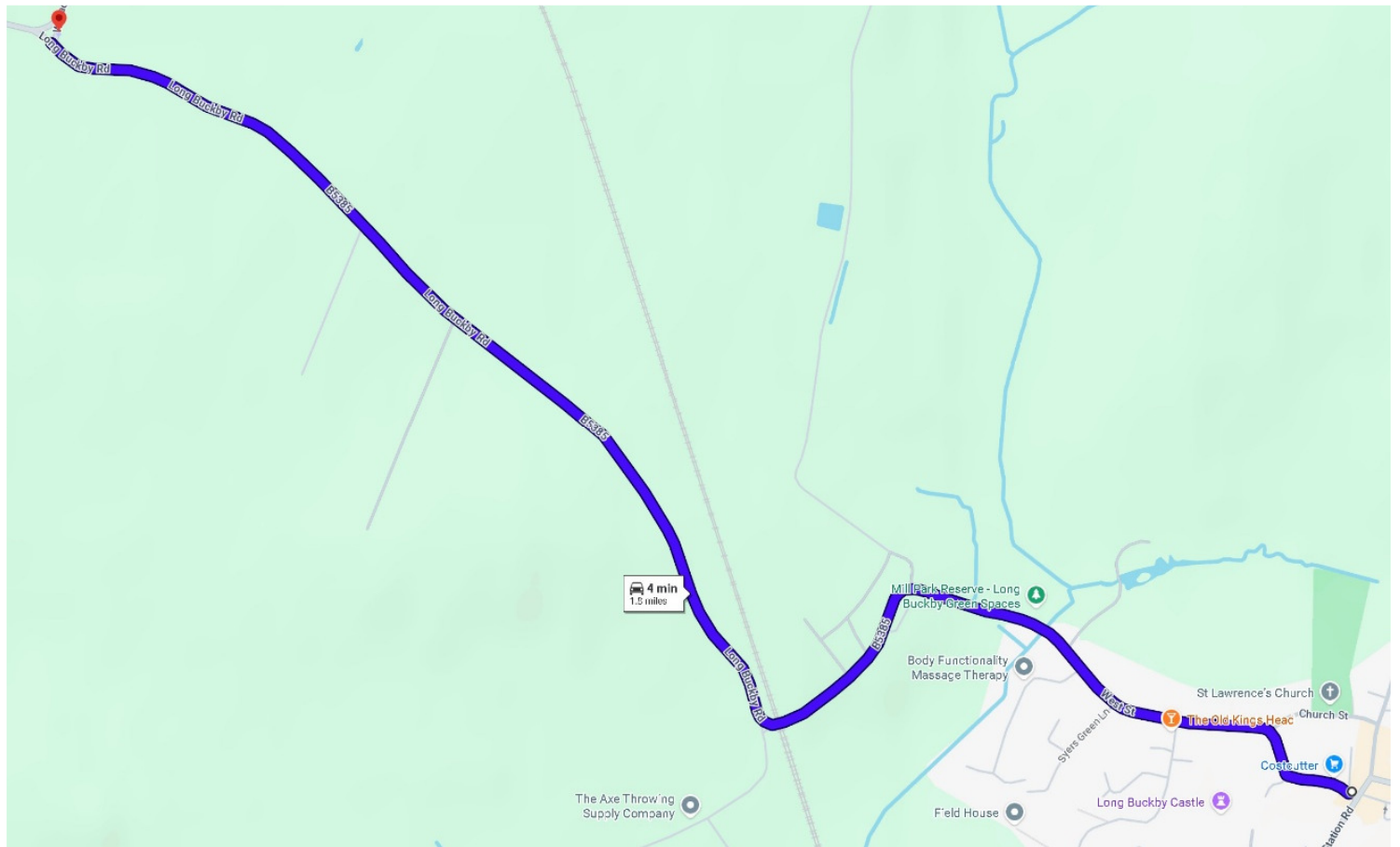
Report on the state of repair of the B5385 between the centre of Long Buckby and Watford, a distance of 1.8 miles/2.9Km.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of December, two Long Buckby Parish Councillors, David Stoddart and David Hiam carried out a survey of the road taking pictures of areas of concern on the road and noting defects/issues.

Long Buckby Parish Council has rased concerns with West Northamptonshire Council (the authority responsible for the road) for many years over the safety and general state of this road. The Parish Council sent a detailed letter to the Chief Executive approximatly a year ago, please contact the Long Buckby Parish Council clerk for a copy.

In this document is photographic evidence of the state of the road, 140 different photographs with location data. This equates to one picture every 20m! Many pictures contain more than one defect.

Many images show issues with with repairs or are near recent repairs.



It should be noted that a lot of locals, who don't want to damage suspension and tyres, will try to drive in the middle of the road from the railway bridge to Watford to avoid the worst of the potholes and collapsing edges of the road. This presents an obvious danger when two cars are approaching each other.

A lot of heavy good vehicles also use this, including a very large timber truck and trailer.

[The Highways Act 1980](#) places a duty on the local authority, as the local Highway Authority, to maintain the public highway network in a condition that is safe for users. The public highway network includes all [adopted roads](#), footpaths and verges. It does not include unadopted or privately owned roads.

GPS locations of pictures should be used to get close to the area of interest. The last page of the report shows the What3Words locations of the various groups of pictures.



PXL\_20251229\_092716026.jpg

GPS: 52.302763, -1.080937

Pothole next to recent repair.



PXL\_20251229\_092808996.jpg

GPS: 52.302763, -1.080937

Pothole next to recent repair.



PXL\_20251229\_092832838.jpg

GPS: 52.302812, -1.081034

Potholes next to recent repairs.



PXL\_20251229\_092857127.jpg

GPS: 52.302888, -1.081205

Pothole next to recent repair.



PXL\_20251229\_093006033.jpg

GPS: 52.303008, -1.081914

Poor surface, probably from water main repair.



PXL\_20251229\_093047950.jpg

GPS: 52.303008, -1.081914

Damage/pothole next to recent repair.

Yellow lines are not in good state.



PXL\_20251229\_093112099.jpg

GPS: 52.303008, -1.082145

Damage/pothole next to recent repair.

Yellow lines are not in good state.



PXL\_20251229\_093205957.jpg  
GPS: 52°18'11.0"N 1°04'56.9"W

Damage/pothole next to recent repair.

Yellow lines are not in good state.



PXL\_20251229\_093252865.jpg

GPS: 52.303302, -1.082671

Damage/pothole.

Yellow lines are not in good state.



PXL\_20251229\_093348566.jpg

GPS: 52.303697, -1.082882

Pothole.



PXL\_20251229\_093359286.jpg

GPS: 52.303774, -1.082968

Damage/potholes are next to many repairs.

Too much heavy traffic?



PXL\_20251229\_093457075.jpg

GPS: 52.303832, -1.083378

Poor repair, probably water main work.



PXL\_20251229\_093604135.jpg

GPS: 52.303832, -1.083378

Pothole next to repairs.



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PXL\_20251229\_093627256.jpg

GPS: 52.303836, -1.083818

Pothole >1m wide

Yellow lines are not in a good state.



PXL\_20251229\_093818291.jpg

GPS: 2.303892, -1.085326

Poor repair failing



PXL\_20251229\_093925313.jpg

GPS: 52.304321, -1.087099

Road surface broken



PXL\_20251229\_094045030.jpg

GPS: 52.304321, -1.087099

Poor repair to cable/pipe laying.



PXL\_20251229\_094047898.jpg

GPS: 52.304321, -1.087099

Poor repair to cable/pipe laying.



PXL\_20251229\_094112128.jpg

GPS: 52.304321, -1.087099

Poor repair to cable/pipe laying.



PXL\_20251229\_094213450.jpg

GPS: 2.304477, -1.087306

Concrete on road



PXL\_20251229\_094240786.jpg

GPS: 52.304675, -1.087572

Repair failing.

Poor repair to cable/pipe laying.



PXL\_20251229\_094343193.jpg

GPS: 52.304803, -1.087749

Concrete on road



PXL\_20251229\_094424464.jpg

GPS: 52.305051, -1.088108

Poor repair to cable/pipe laying.



PXL\_20251229\_094437572.jpg

GPS: 52.305051, -1.088108

Poor repair.



PXL\_20251229\_094528397.jpg

GPS: 52.305216, -1.088450

Defect next to repair.



PXL\_20251229\_094717531.jpg

GPS: 52.305216, -1.088450

Poor repair to road surface.



PXL\_20251229\_094814191.jpg

GPS: 52.305216, -1.088450

Poor repair.



PXL\_20251229\_094831924.jpg

GPS: 52.305676, -1.090634

Poor road surface. No cats eyes working/left.



PXL\_20251229\_094930193.jpg

GPS: 52.305877, -1.091690

Poor repairs, no cats eyes.



PXL\_20251229\_095039547.jpg

GPS: 52.305547, -1.092313

Road surface failing.



PXL\_20251229\_095132008.jpg

GPS: 52.305262, -1.092421

Poor repair. Main road surface failing.



PXL\_20251229\_095141773.jpg

GPS: 52.305262, -1.092421

Poor repair. Main road surface failing.



PXL\_20251229\_095224359.jpg

GPS: 52.304909, -1.092795

Pothole and poor road surface.



PXL\_20251229\_095348291.jpg

GPS: 2.304909, -1.092795

Pothole and poor road surface.



PXL\_20251229\_095508772.jpg

GPS: 52.304167, -1.094188

Poor road surface, not cats eyes, white lines poor.



PXL\_20251229\_095634860.jpg  
GPS: 52°18'14.3"N 1°05'41.8"W

Poor road surface, small potholes, no cats eyes, white lines poor.



PXL\_20251229\_095757139.jpg

GPS: 52.304174, -1.095653

White lines missing, poor road surface, edge of road missing.



PXL\_20251229\_095807493.jpg

GPS: 52.304174, -1.095653

White lines missing, poor road surface, edge of road missing.



PXL\_20251229\_095910419.jpg

GPS: 52.304558, -1.095741

White lines missing, poor road surface, edge of road missing.



PXL\_20251229\_100001769.jpg

GPS: 2.304752, -1.095913

Poor state on LH side from Long Buckby to Watford, forcing vehicles towards middle of road.



PXL\_20251229\_100051781.jpg

GPS: 52.305209, -1.096640

Potholes, no white lines.



PXL\_20251229\_100133970.jpg

GPS: 52.305477, -1.096956

Very large potholes, forcing cars into middle of road.



PXL\_20251229\_100138721.jpg

GPS: 52.305442, -1.096889

Pothole next to repair.



PXL\_20251229\_100229911.jpg  
GPS: 52°18'19.6"N 1°05'48.8"W

Poor repairs, poor surface, missing white lines.



PXL\_20251229\_100237232.jpg

GPS:

Poor repairs, poor surface, missing white lines.



PXL\_20251229\_100247305.jpg

GPS: 52.305404, -1.096844

Poor repairs, poor surface, missing white lines.



PXL\_20251229\_100257111.jpg

GPS: 52.305404, -1.096844

Poor surface, missing white lines.



PXL\_20251229\_100339238.jpg

GPS: 52.305755, -1.097147

Poor repairs, poor surface, collapsing edges, missing white lines.



PXL\_20251229\_100346926.jpg

GPS: 52.305755, -1.097147

Poor surface, collapsing edges, missing white lines.



PXL\_20251229\_100413221.jpg

GPS: 52.305660, -1.097024

Poor surface, collapsing edges.



PXL\_20251229\_100510632.jpg

GPS: 52.306580, -1.097587

Large pothole.



PXL\_20251229\_100521114.jpg

GPS: 52.306580, -1.097587

Pothole on repair.



PXL\_20251229\_100623378.jpg

GPS: 52.307309, -1.098304

Pothole and poor white lines.



PXL\_20251229\_100631489.jpg

GPS: 52.307309, -1.098304

Potholes and edge of road failing.



PXL\_20251229\_100635331.jpg

GPS: 52.307309, -1.098304

Edge of road.



PXL\_20251229\_100714309.jpg

GPS: 52.308057, -1.099144

Pothole next to repair.



PXL\_20251229\_100732045.jpg

GPS: 52.308057, -1.099144

Poor road surface and edge of road.



PXL\_20251229\_100810901.jpg

GPS: 52.307449, -1.098414

Poor edge of road.



PXL\_20251229\_100827660.jpg

GPS: 52.307449, -1.098414

Potholes and poor edge of road.



PXL\_20251229\_100853020.jpg

GPS: 52.307449, -1.098414

Potholes and poor edge of road.



PXL\_20251229\_100939401.jpg

GPS: 52.307449, -1.098414

Pothole.



PXL\_20251229\_100957018.jpg

GPS: 52.307449, -1.098414

Pothole and poor edge of road.



PXL\_20251229\_101024666.jpg

GPS: 52.307449, -1.098414

Very bad road surface.



PXL\_20251229\_101035476.jpg

GPS: 52.307449, -1.098414

Pothole.



PXL\_20251229\_101046620.jpg

GPS: 52.307449, -1.098414

Pothole next to repair, edge of road poor.



PXL\_20251229\_101054599.jpg

GPS: 52.307449, -1.098414

Pothole, edge of road pothole.



PXL\_20251229\_101112357.jpg

GPS: 52.307449, -1.098414

Pothole next to repair, edge of road poor.



PXL\_20251229\_101143452.jpg

GPS: 52.307957, -1.099048

Pothole and so many poor repairs to road.



PXL\_20251229\_101249425.jpg

GPS: 52.307957, -1.099048

New repair failing in less than a year.



PXL\_20251229\_101404155.jpg

GPS: 52.308644, -1.100162

Big pothole with poor road surface around.



PXL\_20251229\_101448910.jpg

GPS: 52.308644, -1.100162

Pothole.



PXL\_20251229\_101456159.jpg

GPS: 52.308644, -1.100162

Edge of road failing.



PXL\_20251229\_101526006.jpg

GPS: 52.308644, -1.100162

Pothole and edge of road failing.



PXL\_20251229\_101542320.jpg

GPS: 52.308644, -1.100162

Potholes plus edge of road failing (collapsing?)



PXL\_20251229\_101611051.jpg

GPS: 52.308644, -1.100162

Potholes and edge of road.



PXL\_20251229\_101618294.jpg

GPS: 52.308644, -1.100162

Potholes and edge of road.



PXL\_20251229\_101643542.jpg

GPS: 52.308644, -1.100162

Pothole forming next to recent repair.



PXL\_20251229\_101716422.jpg

GPS: 52.309269, -1.101477

Pothole next to road repair.



PXL\_20251229\_101724184.jpg

GPS: 52.309269, -1.101477

Small potholes that are near to recent repair.



PXL\_20251229\_101825053.jpg

GPS: 52.309269, -1.101477

Small potholes that are near to recent repair.



PXL\_20251229\_101937208.jpg

GPS: 52.309269, -1.101477

Potholes and edge of road.



PXL\_20251229\_102004033.jpg

GPS: [52.309937](#), [-1.102986](#)

Poor repair and potholes.



PXL\_20251229\_102119792.jpg

GPS: 52.309937, -1.102986

Pothole.



PXL\_20251229\_102153509.jpg

GPS: 52.309937, -1.102986

Pothole and poor road surface.



PXL\_20251229\_102238764.jpg

GPS: 52.310246, -1.103555

Very poor road surface.



PXL\_20251229\_102244939.jpg

GPS: 52.310246, -1.103555

Very poor road surface.



PXL\_20251229\_102251587.jpg

GPS: 52.310246, -1.103555

Pothole near repairs.



PXL\_20251229\_102257550.jpg

GPS: 52.310246, -1.103555

Pothole near repairs.



PXL\_20251229\_102321233.jpg

GPS: 52.310246, -1.103555

Edge of road failing.



PXL\_20251229\_102340719.jpg

GPS: 52.310246, -1.103555

Potholes and edge of road collapsing.



PXL\_20251229\_102501157.jpg

GPS: 52.310246, -1.103555

Potholes near repairs.



PXL\_20251229\_102551300.jpg

GPS: 52.311319, -1.105185

Small pothole near recent repair.



PXL\_20251229\_102600637.jpg

GPS: 52.311319, -1.105185

Small pothole near recent repair. Poor original repair!



PXL\_20251229\_102626398.jpg

GPS: 52.311408, -1.105305

Very poor side of road and poor white lines.



PXL\_20251229\_102651363.jpg

GPS: 52.311549, -1.105511

Repairs failing.



PXL\_20251229\_102706904.jpg

GPS: 52.311549, -1.105511

Large pothole.



PXL\_20251229\_102750327.jpg

GPS: 52.311733, -1.105807

Not sure of failing repair or pothole next to repair.



PXL\_20251229\_102802396.jpg

GPS: [52.311838](#), [-1.105956](#)

Failed repair, large hole.



PXL\_20251229\_102818383.jpg

GPS: 52.311838, -1.105956

Failed repair, large hole.



PXL\_20251229\_102912711.jpg

GPS: 52.311838, -1.105956

Pothole next to repair.



PXL\_20251229\_102928607.jpg

GPS: 52.311838, -1.105956

Pothole next to repair.



PXL\_20251229\_103000451.jpg

GPS: 52.311838, -1.105956

Failed repair.



PXL\_20251229\_103006830.jpg

GPS: 52.312237, -1.106616

Failed repairs or poor workmanship on previous repairs?



PXL\_20251229\_103057610.jpg

GPS: 52.312237, -1.106616

Edge of road collapsing.



PXL\_20251229\_103107060.jpg

GPS: 52.312237, -1.106616

Edge of road collapsing and failed repairs.



PXL\_20251229\_103134842.jpg

GPS: 52.312237, -1.106616

Edge of road collapsing and failed repairs.



PXL\_20251229\_103141373.jpg

GPS: 52.312237, -1.106616

Pothole.



PXL\_20251229\_103148050.jpg

GPS: 52°18'45.8"N 1°06'27.5"W

Edge of road collapsing.



PXL\_20251229\_103157249.jpg

GPS: 52°18'45.8"N 1°06'27.5"W

Edge of road collapsing and failed repairs plus potholes.



PXL\_20251229\_103205350.jpg

GPS: 52°18'45.8"N 1°06'27.5"W

Edge of road collapsing and failed repairs.



PXL\_20251229\_103213717.jpg

GPS: 52.313550, -1.110383

Edge of road collapsing.



PXL\_20251229\_103221696.jpg

GPS: 52.313550, -1.110383

Edge of road collapsing and failed repairs.



PXL\_20251229\_103353994.jpg

GPS: 52.313550, -1.110383

Edge of road collapsing.



PXL\_20251229\_103403091.jpg

GPS: 52.313550, -1.110383

Pothole.



PXL\_20251229\_103405188.jpg

GPS: 52.313613, -1.110537

Repair failing.



PXL\_20251229\_103442494.jpg

GPS: 52.313228, -1.109439

Edge of road collapsing and failed repairs.



PXL\_20251229\_103452574.jpg

GPS: 52.313315, -1.109652

Edge of road collapsing and failed repairs.



PXL\_20251229\_103607990.jpg

GPS: 52.313360, -1.109796

Edge of road collapsing and failed repairs.



PXL\_20251229\_103620892.jpg

GPS: 52.313569, -1.110402

Edge of road collapsing.



PXL\_20251229\_103631146.jpg

GPS: 52.313569, -1.110402

Edge of road collapsing and failed repairs.



PXL\_20251229\_103643171.jpg

GPS: 52.313668, -1.111132

Edge of road collapsing and failed repairs.



PXL\_20251229\_103653682.jpg

GPS: 52.313668, -1.111132

Pothole.



PXL\_20251229\_103715859.jpg

GPS: 52.313668, -1.111132

Edge of road collapsing and failed repairs.



PXL\_20251229\_103741450.jpg

GPS: 52° 18' 47.27N 1° 6' 37.85W

Edge of road collapsing and failed repairs.



PXL\_20251229\_103754950.jpg

GPS: 52° 18' 47.27N 1° 6' 37.85W

Edge of road collapsing.



PXL\_20251229\_103800387.jpg

GPS: 52° 18' 47.27N 1° 6' 37.85W

Edge of road collapsing.



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Edge of road collapsing and failed repairs.



PXL\_20251229\_103810226.jpg

GPS: 52.313685, -1.111342

Edge of road collapsing and failed repairs.



PXL\_20251229\_103821591.jpg

GPS: 52.313685, -1.111342

Edge of road collapsing.



PXL\_20251229\_103830662.jpg

GPS: 52.313685, -1.111342

Edge of road collapsing and pothole.



PXL\_20251229\_103924525.jpg

GPS: 52.313685, -1.111342

Edge of road collapsing.



PXL\_20251229\_103935420.jpg

GPS: 52.313685, -1.111342

Poor road surface and pothole.



PXL\_20251229\_103943387.jpg

GPS: 52.313685, -1.111342

Edge of road collapsing next to recent repair.



PXL\_20251229\_104054002.jpg

GPS: 52.313685, -1.111342

Edge of road collapsing next to repairs.



PXL\_20251229\_104059439.jpg

GPS: 52.313953, -1.112633

Edge of road collapsing, pothole and failed repairs.



PXL\_20251229\_104109223.jpg

GPS: 52.313953, -1.112633

Edge of road collapsing, pothole and failed repairs.



PXL\_20251229\_104139042.jpg

GPS:

52° 18' 50.35N 1° 6' 45.87W

Edge of road collapsing, potholes and failed repairs.



PXL\_20251229\_104147106.jpg

GPS: 52.313953, -1.112633

Pothole, big one, near recent repairs.



PXL\_20251229\_104202586.jpg

GPS: 52.313953, -1.112633

Pothole, big one, near recent repairs. Poor cable/pipe repair.



PXL\_20251229\_104204503.jpg

GPS: 52.313953, -1.112633

Poor cable/pipe repair.

What3Words Locations of the pictures:

1. performs.brotherly.count
2. installs.physics.schematic
3. glue.beaten.issues
4. mess.tomb.joked
5. thinking.rungs.prowl
6. clinic.club.deliver
7. assess.tank.upholds
8. sending.cunning.icebergs
9. goods.peach.slowly
10. curly.shuffle.snappy
11. sway.marbles.train
12. meanest.arrives.pianists
13. urban.blissful.fees
14. intruding.socialite.peachy
15. charts.carpets.aimless
16. arranges.declares.oppose
17. racetrack.alas.strapped
18. scrambles.costs.electric
19. pampering.pizzeria.rags
20. statement.shin.equipment
21. universal.costumes.fakes
22. cork.wishing.cleansed
23. afterglow.masts.crate
24. classed.wildfires.onto
25. wacky.escaping.picnic
26. overheat.clips.rips
27. gather.unionists.smile
28. toasters.braced.asterix
29. flux.steadily.landowner
30. skunks.months.treble
31. shuffle.expressed.magnitude
32. secrets.dart.lifestyle
33. highways.tastes.firepower
34. sofas.breaches.motored
35. crispier.hails.linguists
36. bombard.bullion.rank
37. gasp.behalf.endearing
38. holds.templates.flanked
39. waking.coaster.typified
40. commuting.dices.brother
41. nylon.gazette.props
42. surfed.overused.personal
43. rounds.plotter.rush
44. crash.mailboxes.snooping