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People for Proper Policing in North Wales

3 Million HOLES IN THE UK ROADS

30 Channel Tunnels worth of trenches being dug into road network, reveals report on Wednesday 2nd April 2008 by the Asphalt Industry Alliance.....

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/7210472.stm>

Drivers are being forced to negotiate over 3 million holes in the roads of England and Wales, it has been revealed. These have increased from just over 2 million last year to nearly 2.5 million across England and Wales, averaging 16,500 trenches on every English authority's roads.

At the same time drivers face 1 million potholes, which cost an estimated **£65 million in compensation for damage to vehicles or road traffic accidents** due to road structural conditions across England (inc London) and Wales in 2006/07.

The report stated that there is also a **£1 billion shortfall in road maintenance budgets and an 11 year maintenance backlog**.

The PPP comments Why do we concern ourselves with these issues?....because we are GENUINELY concerned about ALL aspects of REAL road safety. Whilst squandering our road tax and council tax many BUT NOT ALL of the powers that be are responsible are letting our inadequate road infrastructure deteriorate and claim they can't afford the repairs and maintenance. Our archive includes several articles on Road Surfaces including a series of letters between a PPP supporter and his county council. Just enter 'surfaces' into our article search box.