**Temporary lights still standing - a whole year later!**

Residents in Dundry are so fed up with temporary traffic lights that they have made them their own anniversary card.

The lights were set up on Broadak Hill in December 2013 after it was noticed that the roads were buckling. Investigations revealed that a water main under the road, a busy main road, in South Bristol had burst, causing the water to seep underneath and cause damage to the carriageway and supporting bank.

The area was fenced off and the lights put in to control traffic while the work took place.

However, once Bristol Water dug up the road it was revealed that further repairs were needed to upgrade the pipes.

The plan of the repair work was delayed due to the frost that structural assessment by the Council. As a result, the removal of the temporary lights and the re-laying of the road was put on hold.

The work to repair the pipe was completed in April and the work to remove the road had been handed over to North Somerset Council.

But no repairs to the road have yet been carried out because authority leaders say the cost - estimated at £300,000 - should be covered by Bristol Water.

Negotiations between the council and the water firm have been continuing. The delay in the repairs has angered local residents, many who have had to commute into Bristol and are fed up with blocking the road.

Many have raised concerns with Dundry Parish Council and local councillor Hugh Gregory. And Villagers, who have been affected by the length of time the lights have been in place, have now attached their own version of an anniversary card to the road safety fencing put up on the damaged road.

The sign reads: “Happy 1st anniversary to Broadak Traffic Lights - now we can’t get rid of them!”

A Bristol Water spokesman said: “There has been some frustration about the length of the work. It made sense for us to upgrade the pipe at the same time as the repair work was carried out. We have not completed our work and responsibility has now been handed over to North Somerset Council.”

Local councillor Hugh Gregory admitted the length of time taken to complete the work had been unacceptable and said: “Broadak Hill is a well-used commuter route in and out of Bristol for people who work in the city. “I have been an extensive job to repair the damage and I agree that the delays have been wholly unacceptable.”

North Somerset Council executive member for highways Kate Ennion said: “The cost of repairing the road was £300,000. Bristol Water and not the North Somerset taxpayer. The evidence we have is it was the break in the water main which caused the road to buckle.”

“We may well get to the point where we carry out the work and reclaim the money from Bristol Water.”