



A39 Dunster - Traffic Signal Replacement

Starting 5th January 2026

Newsletter 1

Dear Business Owner / Resident,

Somerset Council would like to share important information regarding upcoming traffic-signal refurbishment and safety improvements at the A39 Dunster Steep / Church Street junction, forming part of a county-wide initiative to modernise ageing signal equipment, improve long-term safety, reliability, and traffic flows.

These works are being delivered by Centregreat, our Principal Contractor, and will begin week commencing Monday 5 January 2026, with completion expected in April 2026.

Scheme Update

The traffic lights at the A39 / A396 junction in Dunster are more than 30 years old and have now reached the end of their operational life. This has resulted in a significant maintenance liability. To address this, Somerset Council will be replacing and upgrading:

- All traffic signal equipment, including underground cabling and detection installation.
- Upgrading to modern energy-efficient components.
- New surfacing, lining and signage.

These works ensure improved junction performance and long-term reliability at a key access point for Dunster, Minehead, and Exmoor.

Traffic Management (See overleaf for details)

Delivering the works between January and April avoids the peak Minehead tourism season. The works will begin on the 5th January 2026 and will be delivered in phases to minimise disruption.

Traffic management will include:

- Temporary intelligent traffic lights on the A39.
- To improve efficiency of traffic flows on the A39, there will be a banned right turn from the A396 onto the A39. The diversion will be via the roundabout at Ellicombe, Minehead

We will ensure:

- Access for residents, businesses, and emergency services
- Disruption is kept to the minimum where possible
- Advance warning signs are placed ahead of each phase
- Updates are provided throughout via the Public Liaison Officer (see below)

All closures/traffic management is subject to change, due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.

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