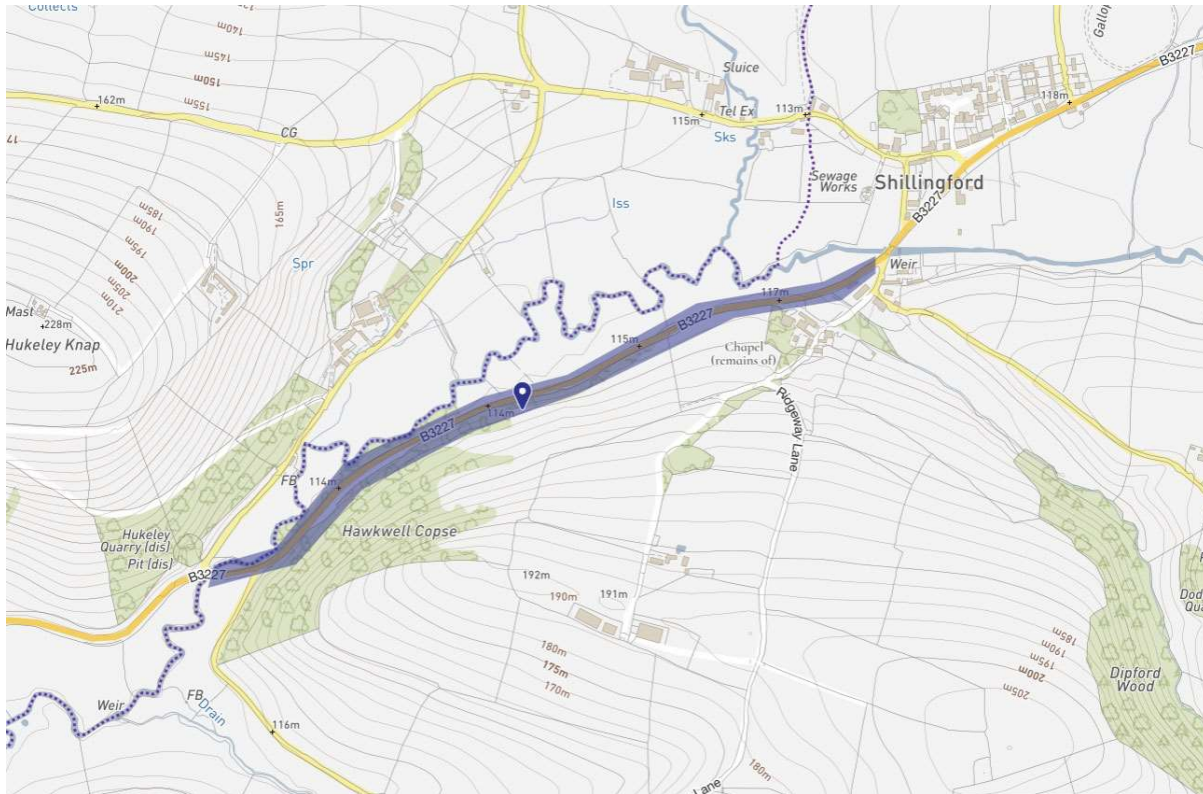


## ROAD CLOSURE Shillingford Sept. 13-17 From Town Clerk.

I am writing to inform you of an upcoming road closure that may affect residents in your parish.



The **B3227** will be closed for 1km from Hukeley Bridge to Shillingford Bridge. The Closure will be enforced **09:00 – 17:00** from **13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> September**. We will then continue the following week with temporary traffic signals which may be held on red/red for up to 15 minutes 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

As you may be aware, many Ash trees across Devon have been infected with Ash Dieback (*Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*). This infection is an invasive species and slowly kills Ash trees from crown to root. This is a highly destructive fungal disease with a devastating effect on the native ash trees across the United Kingdom, which causes the structural integrity of trees to be significantly reduced, posing a hazard to public safety.

Devon County Council commissioned a detailed inspection of the trees in a falling distance of the B3227 highway west of Shillingford in July 2021. This inspection identified 107 trees along the highway that were either dead or in poor condition and require removal.

We understand the frustration and inconvenience to the public in this case and are doing all we can to ensure this work can be done with the least disruption. The priority here must be the continued safety of the highway, which we are working tirelessly to maintain.

More information can be found:

- [One.network](#) – Road closure area and diversion routes
- A Webpage will soon be live at [devonnewscentre.info](http://devonnewscentre.info)