

Highways Maintenance

Scrutiny Committee Report
July – September 2022

October 2022

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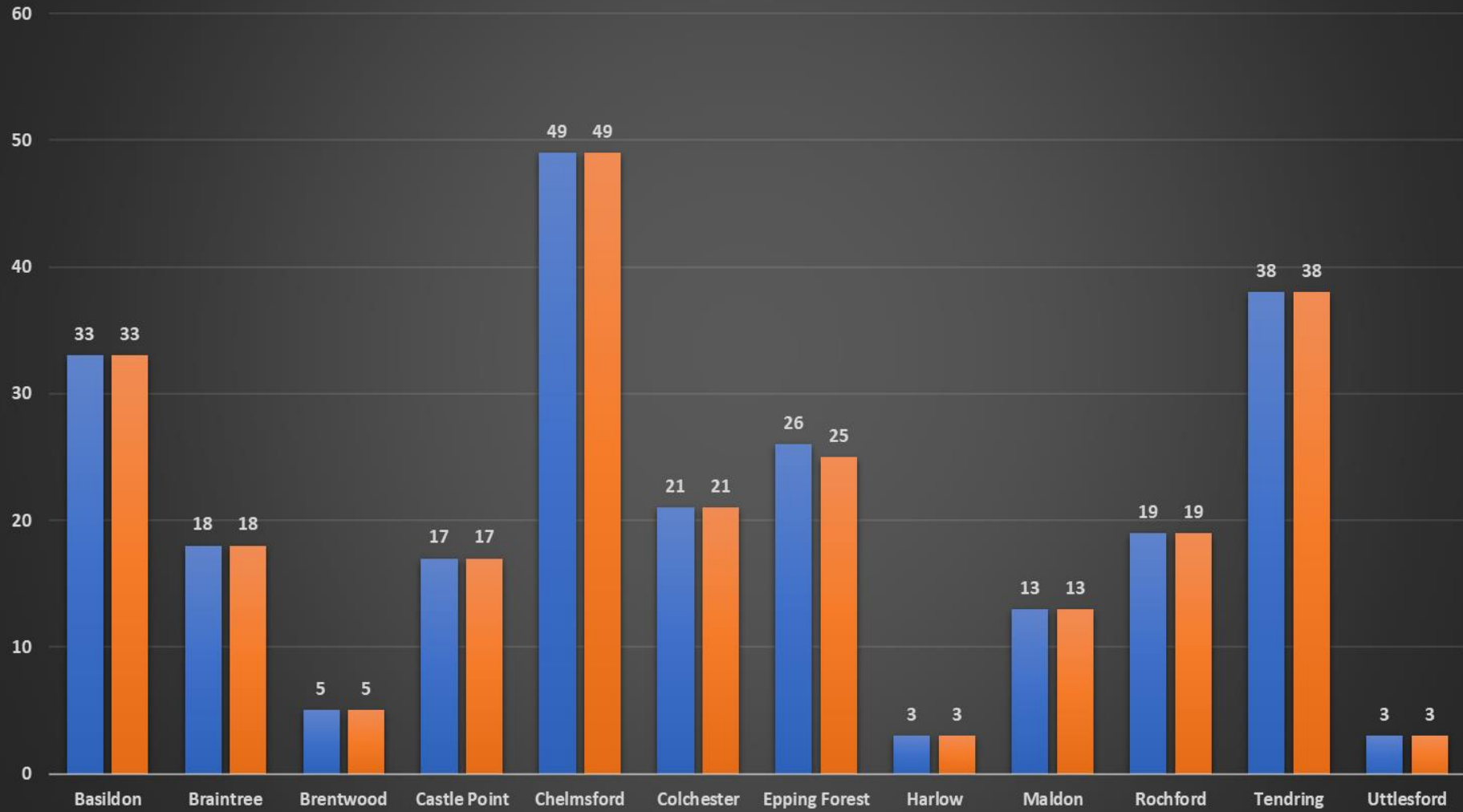


This slide pack includes information on the following:

1. Information requested from Scrutiny Committee:
 - Number of emergency repairs completed, by district
 - Total defects raised and total defects completed, by district
 - Ratio of reported defects to repaired defects, by district
 - Total number of reported defects (rolling total for the year, split into quarters), by district
 - Total number of repairs (rolling total for the year, split into quarters), by district
2. Update on Member led pothole scheme
3. Information on current budget position

Emergency Repairs (S1 Priority)

■ Defects Raised ■ Defects Closed



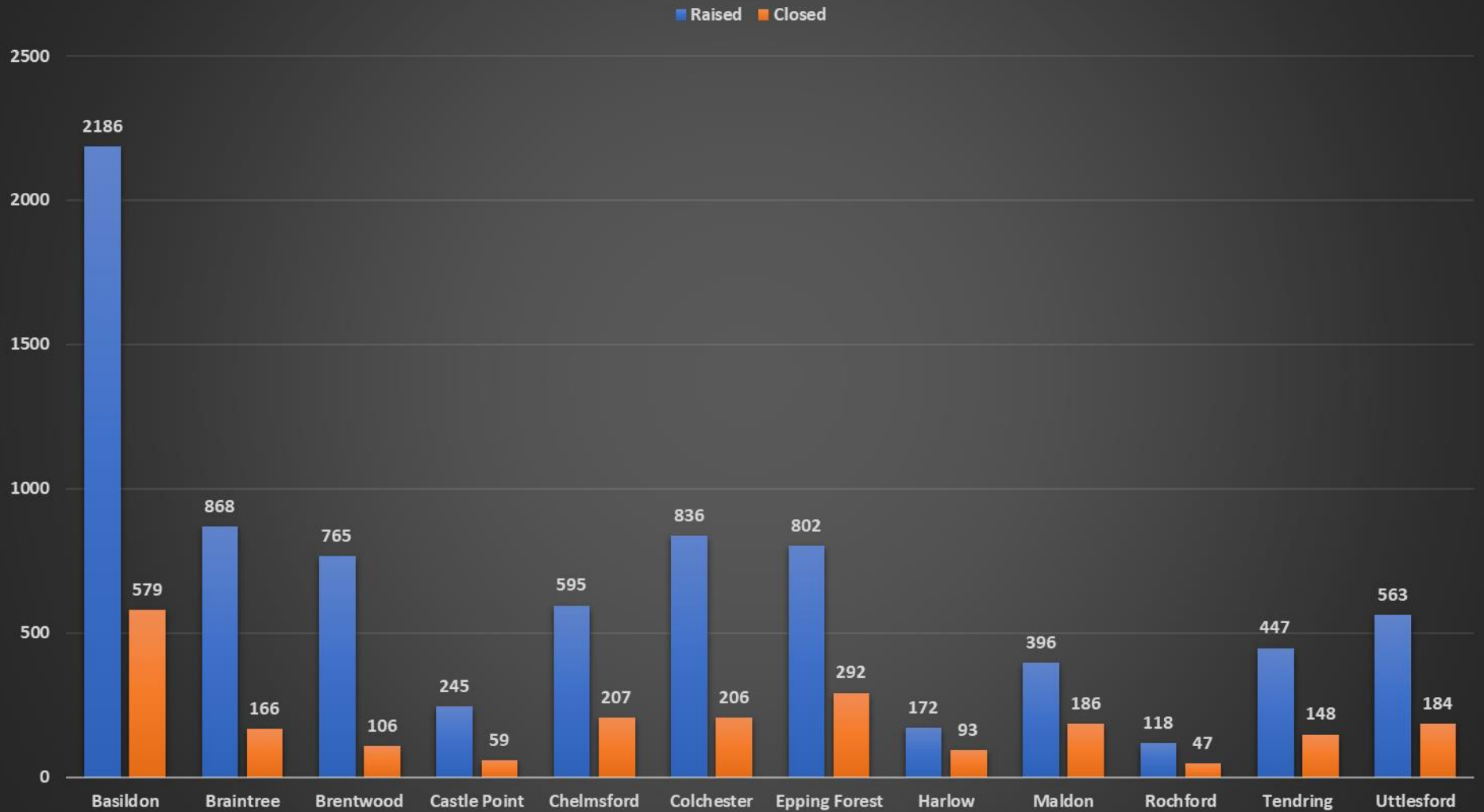
This chart shows the total emergency repairs completed (July – September), split by district.

An S1 Priority is something that is assessed as high risk problems that need to be dealt with urgently, for public safety.

If a permanent repair can be completed at the time of the emergency repair, it will be.

The chart shows, ALL emergency repairs were completed. Please note the discrepancy in the Epping Forest figure, is in relation to an emergency repair that was reported on the 28th September, and was not yet closed when the report was ran. The repair has now been completed.

New Defects this Quarter (July - September 2022)



This chart shows the total new defects raised against the defects closed (July – September), split by district.

It is important to note that these are not a direct correlation - as repairs completed in the timeframe, are not necessarily those that have been reported in that time.

Repairs are completed based on risk assessment, and so there may be 148 repairs that have been completed in Tendring for example, but they may be repairs from defects raised prior to the 447 that were raised within this quarter.

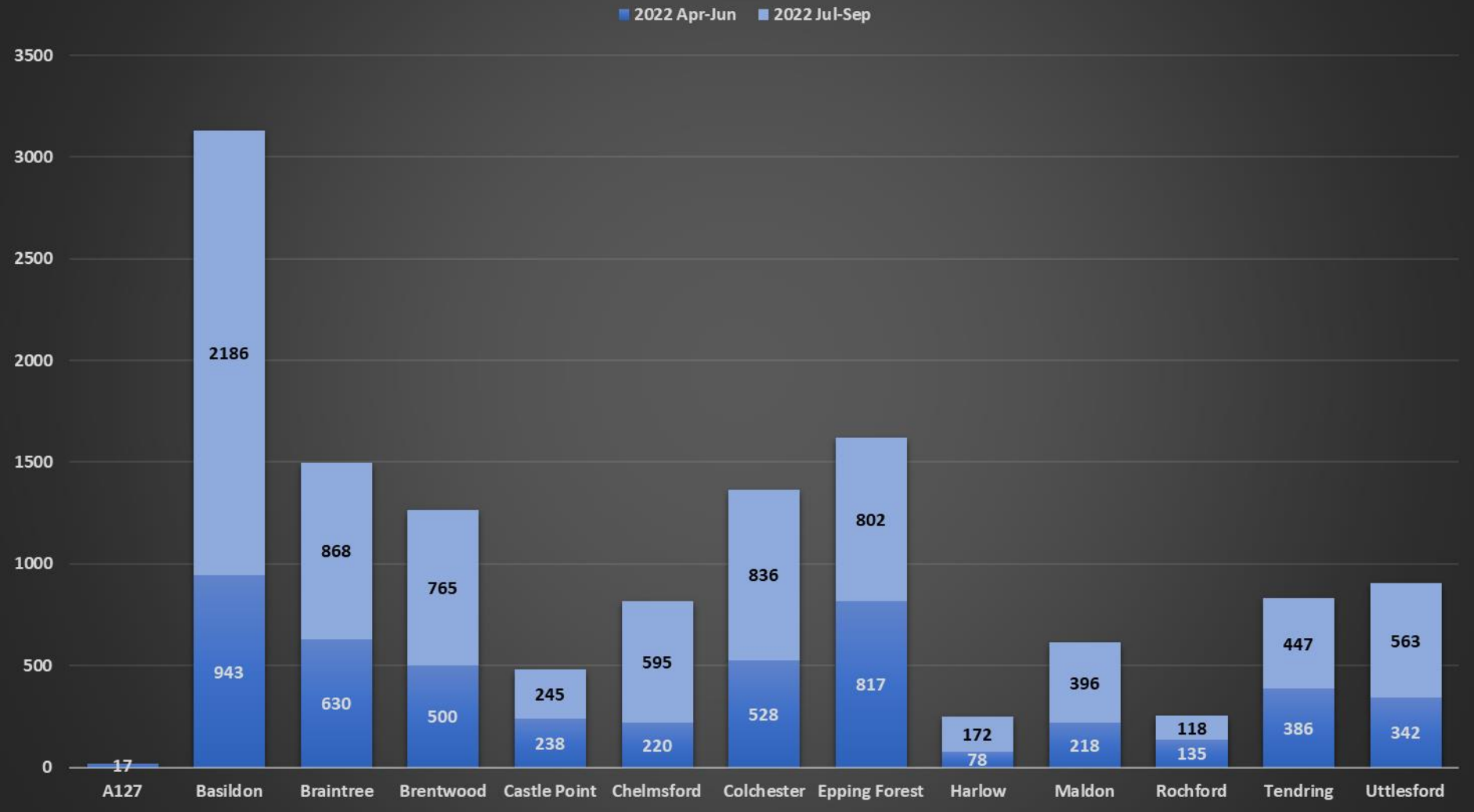
New Defects (July - September 2022)

District <input type="text"/>	Raised	Closed	% Closed
Basildon	2186	579	26.49%
Braintree	868	166	19.12%
Brentwood	765	106	13.86%
Castle Point	245	59	24.08%
Chelmsford	595	207	34.79%
Colchester	836	206	24.64%
Epping Forest	802	292	36.41%
Harlow	172	93	54.07%
Maldon	396	186	46.97%
Rochford	118	47	39.83%
Tendring	447	148	33.11%
Uttlesford	563	184	32.68%
Grand Total	7993	2273	28.44%

This chart shows the ratio of defects closed against those raised (July – September), split by district.

We are running at a rate of 28.44% ratio of closed defects compared to that of raised defects.

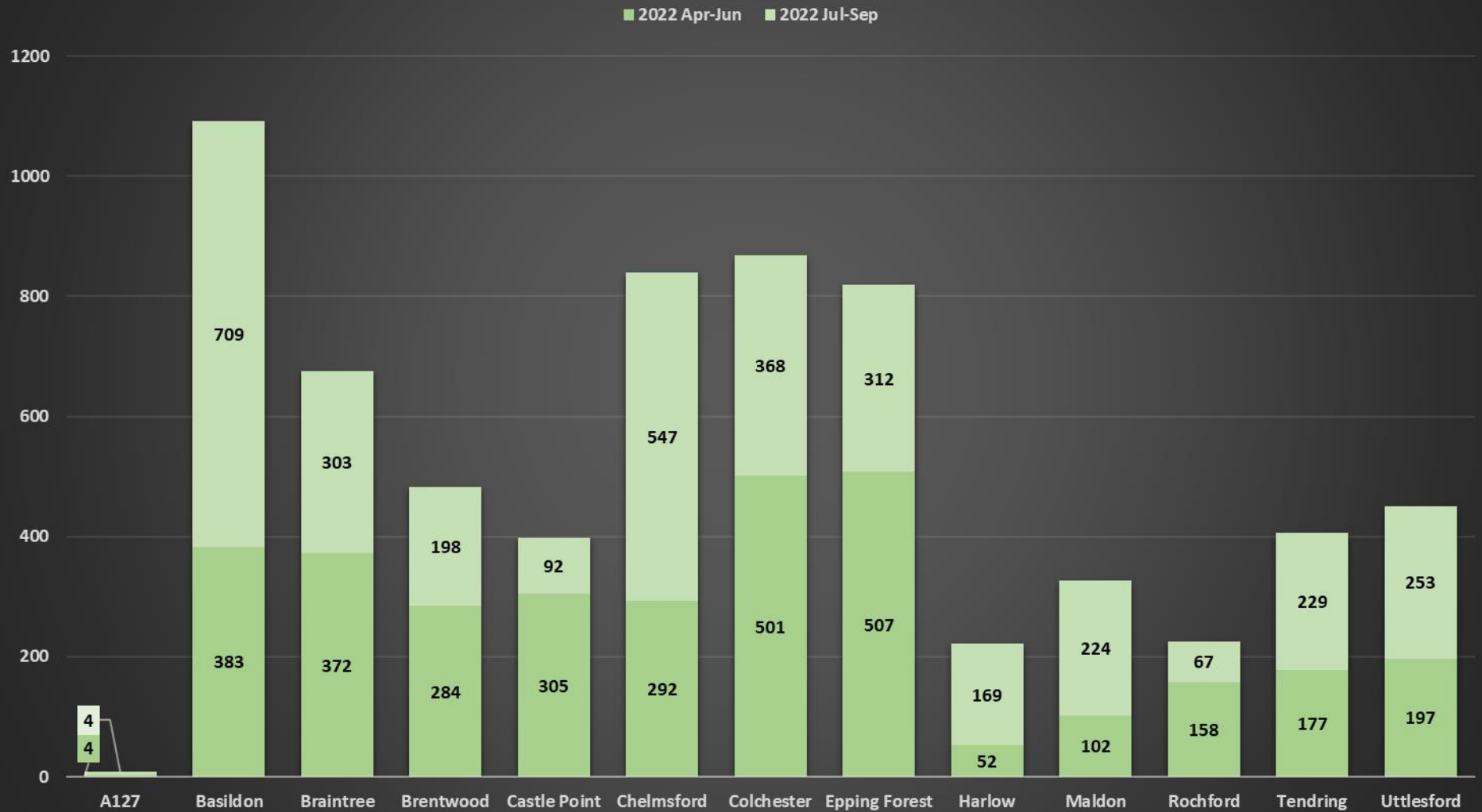
New Defects this Year (April - September 2022)



This chart shows the total new defects raised this year, split by district (with the different blues showing the quarterly split).

The total number of defects reported this year (from April), throughout the County is 13,045

Defects Closed this Year (April - September 2022)



This chart shows the total defects closed this year, split by district (with the different blues showing the quarterly split).

The total number of defects closed this year (from April), throughout the County is 6,749

MEMBERS POTHOLE SCHEME

- The scheme has received praise from a number of Members, as well as seeing a reduction in the number of ME queries specific to potholes.
- There are 17 Members who have yet to make any submission

As of 10/10/2022 the current status of a total of 889 submissions are:

- 57 jobs awaiting inspection
- 397 jobs have been completed
- 12 jobs are works still in progress
- 122 jobs have had the work issued, and so will be expected to be completed imminently.

awaiting inspection	defect raised	further case work required	job raised	made safe	not at investigatory level	works completed	works in progress	works issued	Grand Total
57	4	15	230	8	44	397	12	122	889

HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE BUDGET INFORMATION

Even at current levels we are investing less than half the annual amount required just to ‘stay still’, exacerbated even more by inflationary pressures.

- **Carriageways.** comprising 5,100 miles across 3 main classifications: PR1, PR2 and Local Roads. The current proposed levels of investment in the MTRS will see decline across all 3 classifications, with significant decline possible over the next 10 years.
- **The value of annual deterioration is modelled at £77.7m/annum across Essex. When compared to ECC’s investment of £36.675m/annum it is clear the asset is in managed decline.**
- **‘Other assets’ (Footways, PRow, street lighting etc).** The annual deterioration of our Other Assets is now around £52m (as calculated for highway network asset valuation, using CIPFA guidance and tools), the budget is only around 50% of this. The condition of Footways, Structures, Vehicle Restraints and School Crossing Flashing Warning Signs has been of concern for a significant period, and the current indicative investment levels will only worsen the situation.
- We have more structures that need strengthening this year compared to last, insurance claims on our footways are rising, and these are areas of particular concern.
- **We no longer have a revenue budget for potholes and are totally reliant on capital maintenance allocation and the DfT pothole fund**