

# Beaconsfield Forum

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## Summary

1. From 2010 this standard report will be issued to each Local Area Forum (LAF) / Local Community Partnership (LCP) from Transport for Buckinghamshire.
2. It will aim to provide a comprehensive update on current and relevant Transportation issues which are tailored to each individual LAF / LCP/ Forum.
3. Standard topics to be covered will be:
  - Dates of when Local Community Gangs will visit parishes
  - Major issues likely to affect parishes within the LAF / LCP/Forum
  - Update on ongoing local issues
  - Policy Development
  - Any other information
4. In addition, it will cover any emerging issues which could or will affect Local Area Forum / Local Community Partnership areas.

## AREA MAINTENANCE

### Community and Road Fixer Gangs

Community Gang Dates are week commencing:-

28<sup>th</sup> November 2011

5<sup>th</sup> December 2011

2<sup>nd</sup> January 2012

Road Fixer Dates are week commencing:-

14<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2011

6<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2012

The above programmes are dependant upon the weather conditions, as in the previous two winters, these works have been suspended and the resources diverted onto potholing operations.

A full list of when work will be taking place is available on:

<http://www.transportforbucks.net/Roadworks-Centre.aspx>

### Winter

As the winter season approaches, salt bins and heaps have been replenished during October, salting equipment has been checked and calibrated, and salt stocks brought up to operational levels, approx 10,500 tonnes across the county. The number of potholes has been reducing over the last few months following the reasonably dry weather; however the number of defects is likely to increase from now through the winter months. Any problems should be addressed to your local area technician or Contact Centre.

### We're Working On It (Design & Construction/Area Maintenance)

As part of the We're Working On It capital works programme County Councillors have identified their Top 5 priority sites as have your Local Area Technicians.

Transport for Buckinghamshire's engineers have then been out to visit and assess each site to confirm both the extent of the works required as well as the most appropriate carriageway treatment, with the intention of extending the life of the road by at least 7 years.

The following explains the various types of treatment available.

Surfacing: Replacement of the existing road surface

Slurry Seal: A form of surfacing that smooths out minor imperfections and gives a clean road finish

Plane & Patch: This involves planing out sections of road and replacing with a new surface

Surface Dressing: Spraying the road with hot bitumen and then covering with stone chippings

Please note that the treatments noted above are weather dependant and whilst we have provided an anticipated start date these may change.

The table below shows the current list of streets, sections of which are expected to receive one of the treatments (noted above), over the next two years.

<b>Carriageway Works – Beaconsfield LAF</b>			
<b>Street Name</b>	<b>Town</b>	<b>Treatment Type</b>	<b>Anticipated Start Date</b>
Ledborough Lane	Beaconsfield	Surfacing	Completed
Maxwell Road	Beaconsfield	Slurry Seal	Proposed 2012-2013
Warwick Road	Beaconsfield	Surfacing	Completed
Chesterton Green	Beaconsfield	Surfacing	Proposed 2012-2013
Station Road	Beaconsfield	Surfacing	Proposed 2012-2013
Reynolds Road	Beaconsfield	Plane & Patch	Completed
Park Lane J/w London End	Beaconsfield	To Be Confirmed	Proposed 2012-2013

### **Traffic Management**

Nothing to Report

### **Road Safety**

#### **DEALING WITH SPEEDING TRAFFIC**

If you send out letters to the public re speeding issues, as from the 1st April 2011 the Thames Valley Safer Roads Partnership (TVSRP) ceases to exist, therefore concerns regarding "dealing with speeding traffic" where the public request police enforcement have been altered, below are the new e-mail & postal details to use.

Thames Valley Police are responsible for all matters concerning enforcement of traffic laws. However, requests from the public about speeding are considered for enforcement, either by Police presence/speed checks or mobile camera enforcement through a "dealing with speeding traffic" scheme.

A request for this enforcement can be made by contacting the Thames Valley Police either by email at:

[SpeedSolutions@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:SpeedSolutions@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk) or by post to:

Speed Solutions  
Thames Valley Police  
Roads Policing Three Mile Cross  
270 Whitley Wood Road  
Reading  
Berkshire

RG2 8FT

Following a request a decision would be taken by the Police, who would contact you direct.

### **Community Speedwatch**

To raise awareness of Community Speedwatch across Buckinghamshire, the road safety team are planning a programme to work with local communities to deliver the scheme, as vehicles being driven too fast are a major factor in preventing people from enjoying the environment they have chosen to live in.

The idea is to liaise with local communities and attend locations on set days and times and run community speedwatch in your area.

The road safety team will have a set of speedwatch equipment for use free of charge to work in partnership with community volunteers, e.g. a member of the road safety team will operate the equipment with a member of the local community at a location known for a speeding problem. Using local knowledge will allow community speedwatch to be used most efficiently in a pro-active manner.

If you are interested in working with the road safety team to run speedwatch in your local community please contact Nigel Spencer by e-mail on [nspencer@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:nspencer@buckscc.gov.uk)

For more information about Community Speedwatch visit:  
<http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/transport/speedwatch.page>

### **Road Safety Team services to the local community:**

**SAGE** – Safer driving with Age; for motorists over 65 years of age who would like a confidence boost. Our team of qualified instructors offer an hour's assessment.

**Be a Better Biker** – assessment days for motorcyclists. Just bought a bike or advancing to a more powerful engine? Our team of instructors will help you make the most of biking.

**Get in Gear young driver's course** – theory workshops and on the road training. Essential advanced motoring skills for newly qualified drivers.

**Business Driver Assessments** – 2 hour on the road assessments for employees who drive vans, minibuses or cars for work. Includes a DVLA licence check and full report.

**Winter Driving Workshops** – Get together a group of friends or employees to host your own in house workshop and vehicle safety check or register your interest to attend one of our evening workshops in November.

The five courses, above, are heavily subsidised and are provided at various locations around the county. Individual driver training is provided from any location within Bucks.

For further details please contact 01296 382450 or email [roadsafety@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:roadsafety@buckscc.gov.uk)

### **Passenger Transport**

The 2011 editions of the "**Guide to bus services**" are now available. There are two editions this year: North Buckinghamshire and South Buckinghamshire containing full details of all bus services in the County.

These are available from Council Offices, Libraries and many other outlets, or from the Passenger Transport team (call 0845 230 2882). Books are free for Buckinghamshire residents.

### **Changes to Bus Services**

Service 580: This commuter service will be **renumbered 577** and will be revised to meet the new Chiltern Railways timetable to be implemented from 5<sup>th</sup> September, which sees reduced journey times to/from Marylebone.

Service 305: This service will be **renumbered 580** with the withdrawal of the final journey to and from Gerrards Cross Monday to Friday.

Details of all of these timetables can be found at: [www.buckscc.gov.uk](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk) by clicking on the link for "Buses and Trains" or by calling Traveline on 0871 200 22 33.

### **Asset Management - Structures**

Nothing to report

### **Asset Management – Street Lighting**

#### **SWITCHING OFF STREET LIGHTS TO SAVE ENERGY TRIAL END:**

Decisions on the future of 37 of the Switch Off Sites were submitted for public consultation on 17/10/2011. Transport for Bucks welcome all feedback associated with these sites and request that comments are submitted via the following link:  
[http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/sites/bcc/about\\_your\\_council/Have\\_your\\_say.page](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/sites/bcc/about_your_council/Have_your_say.page)

For the remaining sites Transport for Buckinghamshire has been, and is continuing to conduct, thorough investigations of the associated site data and customer feedback.

From these investigations, recommendations are being developed to provide what actions would be best for each of the sites progressing into the future.

These recommendations will be reviewed by the Cabinet Member prior to a supplementary consultation which is anticipated to commence from early in the New Year.

In addition to this it has been decided to switch back on the following five sites:

A413 Amersham Road (from Kingsway RAB to Rail Bridge)

A40 Studley Green

A413 Wendover Bypass @ Nash Lee Road Roundabout

A413 Wendover Bypass @ South Street Roundabout

A421 Radclive Roundabout

These switch ons are intended to be conducted in a phased approach, whereby as many of the street lights will be reactivated as soon as possible, where deemed safe to do so. A follow-up visit to rectify any outages and / or further repair works that maybe necessary will be conducted as soon as practicable.

More information about the trial, including two interim reports, can be viewed at:

[http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/transport/streetlights\\_energy.page](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/transport/streetlights_energy.page)

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### **Delegated Budget 2011/12**

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See Delegated Budget report