

Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum

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Chesham East
Chesham North West
Chiltern Ridges

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.
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
 - 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.

Recommendation

That the members of the forum note the contents of the report



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Supporting information to include the following if a decision is being requested:

Area Maintenance

Having finished our grass cutting in October/November 2010, we have used some of the operatives that carried out this work to cut back vegetation alongside our classified roads in preparation for this years grass cutting and to assist districts when litter picking. . Winter maintenance season started in October and we were as you know treating roads from mid November The salting routes are on the service centre and can be viewed using the following link <http://www.transportforbucks.net/Winter-maintenance.aspx>

This mapping will let you view the gritters on the routes. The winter maintenance policy is also available from this page.

Where weather permits we are continuing with our gully emptying programme. All other resources are currently engaged on pothole repairs and this will continue until further notice.

The surfacing programme has now stopped and will not commence again until the spring due to weather.

Winter Maintenance Update

- *December has been one of the coldest months on record with both extreme overnight (and on occasions daytime) temperatures as well as two periods of snowfall.*
- *As a result TfB have already carried out 45 precautionary salting runs, which is considerably more than we would normally expect for this time of year. (Last year - 27)*
- *Prior to the forecast snowfall all priority 1 precautionary routes were treated in advance and during the period of heavy snow (Saturday 18th December) continuous salting and ploughing were undertaken. Whilst on the day of the snowfall inevitably some disruption was caused to travel across the county by the evening all priority 1 precautionary were in reasonable condition for use by traffic. Snow clearance work on priority 1 precautionary routes continued on Sunday in order that routes were in the best possible condition for traffic on Monday morning*
- *In line with our winter plans treatment of the priority 2 and 3 (secondary) network commenced on Monday 20th and continued throughout the pre-christmas week.*
- *Salt bins have been treated with a high priority and TfB crews have carried out refilling of bins and heaps on a programmed basis. Bins and heaps have now been refilled on two occasions since the start of winter season and it is anticipated that the third programme of refilling will commence shortly.*
- *As well as our own TfB crews we engaged District and Town Council staff to clear snow and salt footways in town centre locations.*
- *Local farmers were also engaged to clear snow from isolated rural roads. In total 12 farmers with ploughing equipment were employed across the county to assist.*
- *Whilst salt stocks have obviously been significantly depleted as a result of the salting carried out during December, remaining salt stocks do not give any immediate cause for concern. Currently we have 5,500t of salt across the County. We will be receiving a delivery of 1,000t of salt in mid January. In addition we have a further 2,500t of salt on order for which we are awaiting confirmation of delivery dates.*
- *TfB website is proving to be a success with 135,475 hits during the month of December, this compares with normal monthly figures of 50,00 hits.*

The full Winter maintenance and Operational Plan can be viewed via the Transport For Buckinghamshire, Service Information Centre web site.

Traffic Management

Nothing to report.

Policy

The LTP3 Full Public Consultation started on 6th December and runs until the 25th February 2011. TfB have sent all Parish Councils one hard copy of the consultation booklet for their information. TfB would ask all LAF members to encourage their community (including themselves) to read the consultation and respond online via the "Have your say pages." Spare copies of the booklet (and questionnaires) can be found in libraries and Council Offices across the county, but for purposes of improving efficiency, saving money and the environment we are encouraging online responses. Transport for Buckinghamshire thank you for your support during this consultation and look forward to your response. If you have any questions please contact the TfB Policy Team at transportps@buckscc.gov.uk. We look forward to seeing your feedback.

Road Safety

Date 2010	Time	Laf Area	Location	Type of check	Roads/Neigh- bourhood check	Speed	Seatbelts	Mobile phone	Con & tax Use	No tax	Driving licence	Insurance
						No. tickets issued	No. tickets issued	No. tickets issued				
11- Oct	10.45 11.45	- Chesham	Lye Green (junc with Crossways)	Rd Speed	NH	7	-	-	-	-	-	-

These road safety checks are carried out by the Thames Valley Safer Roads Partnership in conjunction with Road Safety Officers from Transport for Buckinghamshire and Thames Valley Police Neighbourhood Specialist Officers (NSOs).

The locations are determined by feedback from local residents via Neighbourhood Action Groups (NAGs) and Neighbourhood Specialist Officers.

Educational alternatives are promoted during these checks. The aim is to educate rather than alienate drivers and therefore allow them to have a better understanding of why and how their direct actions behind the wheel can affect the safety of themselves and others.

Drivers' postcodes are recorded to determine whether it is local or through drivers that are contravening traffic laws and this information is fed back to local NAGs by Neighbourhood Officers.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us at roadsafety@buckscc.gov.uk

Passenger Transport

Nothing to report

Development Control

Application 10/1941/FA redevelopment of Maple Court for shared living accommodation. (Previous 34 bed care home). No objection subject to improvements to private access way. There was an issue with some parking bays being marked out in the turning head which would impede the vehicular access to the front of the site – I have checked and these bays were not marked out by the CC. The turning head is public highway and should be used for no other purpose than turning, therefore paradigm should not have marked out any bays either. These bays will be removed if the application is granted PP and development commence.

Application 10/1905/FA 79, Hivings Hill, Chesham. Proposed new vehicular access and garage. Along steep slope of Hivings Hill. Access has no visibility splays and garage would be located directly at back edge of footway. No other VAs on this side of Hivings Hill and located of garage with no forecourt would lead to undue interference with through route. Highway Authority recommended for refusal. However, applicant has apparently started works which would cause subsidence to slope. Plant equipment was noted positioned and working from the footway which would be completely blocked. TDC spoken to LAT to undertake site visit and make works safe. Applicant is aware that if PP refused the slope needs to be repaired and licence for plant within the highway is required asap. Neighbour is seriously concerned about effect on their house at top of slope.

Application 10/1899/FA 201-207 Chartridge Lane, Chesham. Residential development to extend existing site currently under construction. Previous application TDC recommended refusal due to impact on St Mary's Way roundabout which is over capacity on PICARDY results. Applicant now providing developer contributions of approx £32000. Money would be combined with other contributions to undertake some works to improve roundabout. No other issues with site as to remain private and access sufficient. However, no comments sent to CDC yet as contributions need to be agreed via a S106. Awaiting a S106 to be submitted to TDC. Applicant currently in discussions with CC legal department.

Application 10/1680/OAE Progress House, Hospital Hill, Chesham – residential redevelopment. I am aware of objections to this however renewal of PP which was won on appeal and therefore precedent set.

Parking

Nothing to report

Street Works

Nothing to report

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Chartridge Traffic Calming

Chesham Tree planting, Broadlands Avenue, work has taken place.

Chesham, Germain Street Traffic Calming, Consultation has taken place, cost of the scheme has increased and investigation is still ongoing to try and reduce the cost or establish further funding prior to implementation.

Cholesbury Salt bins have been installed at Gilberts Hill and Little Twye.

2011 – 2012

The report for next year's delegated budget and the schemes is attached for the forum to decide on how the budget will be spent.