

**Report to Chesham and Chiltern Villages
Local Area Forum**

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Background

1. From 2010 this standard report will be issued to each Local Area Forum (LAF) 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.
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
 - 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 Areas Forum areas.

Area Maintenance

Community gangs are starting on 16th May, working one week in each LAF area, on a 5 week rota.

Road Fixer Gangs (small areas of patching by hand) starting on 16th May, 2 weeks in each LAF area, on a 6 week rota.

Rural grass cutting has commenced and is programmed on a three weekly rota.

Plane and Patch (large areas of patching by machine) programme has just been finalised and will commence in mid June.

Any ideas for community gang type work, ie vegetation clearance, minor repairs etc should be sent to your area technician, Mike Barber.

A full list of when work will be taking place is available on <http://www.transportforbucks.net/Roadworks-Centre.aspx>

Traffic Management

Nothing to report

Policy

Local Transport Plan 3

Local Transport Plan 3 (LTP3) has been adopted by the County Council Cabinet on the 21st March. The strategy will supersede the LTP2 and come into effect on the 1st April 2011. The document will initially be available online and hard copies are available in libraries and County Council offices. TfB would like to thank all of those who took part in the consultation - Your views have helped shape the final document and a Consultation and Engagement Report will be produced early in 2011/12.

Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP)

Advanced warning of the launch of the consultation into the Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP) for Chesham. The public consultation is proposed to go live at the beginning of August 2011 for 6 weeks. Details of the consultation will be on the BCC website www.buckscc.gov.uk/haveyoursay pages and a reminder will be sent to all relevant local councillors at the launch date.

Background to Chesham SWMP:

In June 2010 BCC was awarded a grant from Defra to produce surface water management plans to address flood risk in High Wycombe and Chesham. These two urban areas were identified as within the top 77 settlements with highest risk of flooding in England.

A preliminary risk assessment has been undertaken to determine areas at risk

of surface water flooding in both settlements. This has been followed up by site visits involving partners, District and County Councillors to understand local conditions and help prioritise areas. This work has informed the next stage of the report which results in options to mitigate the flood risk.

The draft SWMP will be subject to public consultation to receive feedback on the options identified to reduce flood risk.

Once adopted the SWMP will provide a framework for planners, developers and engineers to reference when they are looking to carry out improvements in Chesham. The SWMP will ensure that opportunities to reduce flood risk are not missed in the future and opportunities to gain additional benefits from schemes across the town can be maximised.

Road Safety

Local Safety Schemes - A416 Investigation only of remedial measures.

Road Safety Team -

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 or by post to:

Speed Solutions

Thames Valley Police

Roads Policing Three Mile Cross

270 Whitley Wood Road

Reading

Berkshire

RG28FT

Following a request a decision would be taken by the Police, who would

contact you direct.

Driver Assessments – These are available for companies and individuals, and are heavily discounted for Bucks businesses starting at £42 of a two hour on road assessment.

Passenger Transport

New timetables have come in to operation on many bus services in Buckinghamshire from Sunday, 15th May, 2011. These follow reductions to the budget for evening and Sunday services, with many services revised and some journeys removed.

This is a very extensive list of changes, and a full summary is available on www.transportforbucks.net or on update leaflets around the County.

Development Control

Nothing to report

Design & Construction

Sites that have been earmarked for surface dressing over the next two years are receiving some initial works to help prepare the surface. These initial works may include pothole filling.

Further information on where work will be taking place can be found at <http://www.transportforbucks.net/Roadworks-Centre.aspx>

Asset Management – Street Lighting

SWITCHING OFF STREET LIGHTS TO SAVE ENERGY TRIAL

As the trial is now nearing its conclusion, Transport for Buckinghamshire is now preparing for the end of the trial.

Although the project completion plan still needs to be finalised, there is no intention to deem the whole trial a success or failure but rather each of the sites where street lights have been switched off will be individually assessed to determine what future action is best for that site.

Additional information regarding the completion of the trial and the opportunity to provide further comments, will be released shortly.

More information about the trial, including two interim reports, can be viewed at http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/transport/streetlights_energy.page

Annual Street Light Replacement Programme

The Street Lighting Team are currently in the process of developing a programme of works to replace defective street lights across the county.

Further information will be available in due course on the Transport for Buckinghamshire Service Information Centre, with updates available at regular intervals.

Delegated Budget update 2010/11

Chartridge Traffic Calming – delayed as a result of possible resurfacing scheme.

Chesham Tree Planting, Broadlands Avenue - complete

Chesham, Germain Street Traffic Calming – The scheme has been delayed due to the surfacing works that will be undertaken at the same time. The scheme will now be undertaken during October half term.

Cholesbury, Gilberts Hill and Little Twye - Salt Bins - complete

Delegated Budget 2011/12

To be reported at the LAF