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# Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum

Title:	
	Update report from Transport for Buckinghamshire
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Electoral divisions affected:	Parishes within the LAF

#### 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.





## **AREA MAINTENANCE**

#### **Community and Road Fixer Gangs**

Now that the pothole situation is beginning to ease, we will be having community and road fixer gangs returning to the areas on a programmed basis. Any ideas for community gang type work, ie vegetation clearance, minor repairs etc should be sent to your area technician, Mike Barber, in the first instance.

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

Nothing to Report

## 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

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

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

<u>Surface Dressing</u>: 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.

	Carriageway W	/orks – Chesham LAF	
Street Name	Town	Treatment Type	Anticipated Start Date
Hiving's Hill	Chesham	Slurry Seal	October 2011
Hiving's Hill (side roads)	Chesham	Slurry Seal	October 2011
Benham Ćlose	Chesham	Slurry Seal	Complete*
St Marys Way (A416) (split into two schemes)	Chesham	TBC	Proposed 2012-2013
Ashley Green Road (A416)	Chesham	Surfacing	Proposed 2012-2013
Berkhampstead Road (A416)	Chesham	Surfacing	Proposed 2012-2013
Broad Street (A416)	Chesham	Surfacing	Proposed 2012-2013
Brochhurst Road & Britannia Road & Essex Road	Chesham	Surfacing	March 2012
Severalls Road	Chesham	Surface Dressing	Proposed 2012-2013
White Hill	Chesham	Plane & Patch	Complete
Lye Green Road	Chesham	Surfacing	Complete
Rushmere Lane	Orchard Leigh	Surfacing	Complete
Nashleigh Hill	Chesham	Surfacing	Complete
Red Lion Street (A416)	Chesham	Surfacing	March 2012
Germain Street	Chesham	Surfacing	Complete
Waterside	Chesham	Surfacing	Work completed on worst areas. Will return in 2012 – 2013 to complete.**
Fryer Close	Chesham	Slurry Seal	Proposed 2012 - 2013
The Broadway	Chesham	Surfacing	Proposed 2012 - 2013
Village Road	Chenies	Plane & Patch	Complete
Watermeadow	Chesham	Plane & Patch	Complete
White Hill	Chesham	Plane & Patch	Complete
Church Street	Chesham	Plane & Patch	Complete
Blackwell Hall Lane	Latimer	Plane & Patch	Complete
Chesham Road	Bellingdon	Surface Dressing	Proposed 2012-2013
Swan Bottom Road	The Lee	Surface Dressing	Proposed 2012-2013
Pipers Wood	Hyde Heath	Slurry Seal	Proposed 2012-2013
Oak Lane	St Leonards/ Braziers End	Surface Dressing	Proposed 2012-2013
Chesham Road	Hyde End	Surface Dressing	Complete
The Lee to Kings Lane	The Lee	Surfacing	Complete
Jenkins Lane	Cholesbury	Slurry Seal	Complete
Cholesbury Lane	Hawridge	Slurry Seal	October 2011
The Warren	Chartridge	Slurry Seal	Complete

\*We will have to revisit this site as we have had to slurry around a parked vehicle. Once we have been notified that the car has been moved we will try and return to this location to complete the works. \*\* Lining to take place imminently

#### **Road Safety**

#### Speed Limit Review Update

The revised timetable for the speed limit review for areas 4 and 10 are as follows:

- Area 4 ('follow-up' review): Preparation of legal documents and sign schedules Jan-Mar 2012; implementation 2012 /13
- Area 10 (Latimer road limits): Key Decision Report, preparation of legal documents and sign schedules Nov/Dec 2011; implementation Feb-Mar 2012 (if 2011/12 budget permits, otherwise installation in 2012/13)

(**NB:** Work proposed for 2012/13 will be subject to approval as part of the 2012/13 capital programme through the Medium Term Plan)

Currently this information is not on our website as there are still ongoing discussions regarding other areas. Once these discussions have been resolved the website, www.buckscc.gov.uk/speedlimitreview ,will be updated.

#### **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

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

#### 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.

#### NEW HOSPITAL SHUTTLE SERVICES TO COMMENCE

Arriva have registered three new Hospital shuttle services to commence on Monday 26th September, 2011.

Service 55 will run several journey per day between Aylesbury town centre, Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Wendover, Great Missenden and Amersham Hospital.

Service 72 will run three evening journeys between High Wycombe General Hospital and Amersham Hospital

Service H1 will be a new shuttle service EVERY 20 MINUTES from Wycombe Bus Station to Wycombe General Hospital.

These services will all run Monday to Friday (excluding Public Holidays) and details from Arriva on 0844 800 4411

#### Changes to Bus Services on Monday 25th July 2011

Several changes to contracted bus services will occur with effect from Monday 25th July, 2011.

<u>Amersham & Chesham:</u> Carousel Buses service 4 will no longer serve destinations north of Chesham Broadway, except for one schoolday journey to/from Chesham Grammar School. In its place, Transport for Buckinghamshire will extend its contracted services 71 & 73 to serve Hilltop Estate, Ley Hill and Whelpley Hill, with these services now being operated by Red Rose Buses.

In order to accommodate these extensions, the routing around Quill Hall, Little Chalfont, Coleshill and Penn Street is slightly revised with no overall reduction to the level of service provided. Buses to Chessmount Rise are revised to run approximately every 2 hours, with additional journeys provided under route number 76. Journeys to Chessmount Rise will no longer serve Rose Drive, which will be served by a new stop at the top of Pheasant Rise. Service 79 to Poles Hill will also reduce to every 2 hours, but with a new earlier journey at 0927.

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

#### Asset Management – Street Lighting

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

The Trial Period for Phase 1 of this scheme is now at its conclusion.

Transport for Buckinghamshire has been, and is continuing to conduct thorough investigations, for each of the Phase 1 Trial Sites, of site data and customer feedback.

From these investigations recommendations will be developed for each of the sites, with regard to their future.

These recommendations will be reviewed by the Cabinet Member prior to the consultation period, scheduled to begin in September.

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

#### Delegated Budget 2010/11 – Update

**Germain Street, Chesham** – The bulk of the work has now been completed with most of the street lighting being installed w/c 26<sup>th</sup> September.

A review of the signing and lining is underway to make sure that some of the initial concerns raised by the public are tackled appropriately.

**Chesham Road, Bellingdon** – The lining has been delayed until the carriageway is resurfaced. This will take place next financial year. The funding allocated will be carried

over to enable this.

# Delegated Budget 2011/12 – Agreed Schemes

Location	Scheme	
Little Spring School, Greenway, Chesham	Evaluation of pedestrian	
	crossing	
Chesham Park Community College,	Evaluation of pedestrian	
Chartridge Lane, Chesham	crossing	
/arious, Chesham	3x salt bins	
Rays Lane and Cholesbury Lane,	Kerbing of grass island	
Cholesbury		
Gilberts Hill and Bottom Lane, Cholesbury	Kerbing	
Hawridge Hill, Cholesbury	Salt bin	
/ale Bottom, Cholesbury	Salt bin	
Red Lion Hill, The Lee	Salt bin	
Kiln Lane, Botley	2x Salt bin	
A416, Ashley Green	VAS	
atimer Road cross roads, Latimer	2x VAS	