

# Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum

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<b>Electoral divisions affected:</b>	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**

The volume of Category 1 potholes has increased recently due to the wetter weather, but no where near to the level of previous years. We have also had to attend to a large number of tree falls due to the high winds shortly after the new year, which has disrupted normal works patterns.

The community and road fixer gangs will therefore be continuing in your areas on the 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**

### **Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS)**

The VAS Policy Review (including new working procedures for Movable Vehicle Activated Signs (MVAS)) is now nearing an end and will be submitted for Cabinet approval in February 2012. Subject to this approval, the MVAS initiative will be available for Parish Councils to apply for as of the 1st April 2012. Further details will be forwarded in due course.

## **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 – Chesham LAF</b>			
<b>Street Name</b>	<b>Town</b>	<b>Treatment Type</b>	<b>Anticipated Start Date</b>
Hiving's Hill	Chesham	Slurry Seal	Complete
Hiving's Hill (side roads)	Chesham	Slurry Seal	Proposed 2012-2013
Benham Close	Chesham	Slurry Seal	Complete*
St Marys Way (A416) (split into two schemes)	Chesham	TBC	Proposed 2012-2013
Ashley Green Road (A416)	Chesham	TBC	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	Complete
The Warren	Chartridge	Slurry Seal	Complete

\*We will be revisiting the site as part of next years programme, after a parked vehicle prevented

completion of the works.

## **Road Safety**

### **Speed Limit Review Update – Latimer Road**

The Key Decision Report will be submitted to the Cabinet Member for Transport, Peter Hardy, before the end of January, for his approval of the recommendation to provide new 30mph and 40mph limits between Chesham and Chenies. It is currently planned that the resulting speed limit changes will be installed before the end of March 2012, although workload pressures may mean this is not achievable until later in Spring 2012.

### **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 offers 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.

The four 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)

## **Walking and Cycling**

### **Chesham**

In mid November 2011, Simon Glover of the Sustainable Travel Team - Cycling & Walking - met with Bill Richards (Town Clerk) and members of the public interested in improving cycle links in Chesham town. The group looked at several areas of the town where potential improvements could be made.

In February 2012 it is planned that Simon will provide the Town Council with some further information to help facilitate cycling in Chesham. The Town Council can then prioritise and seek funding for the items they wish to take forward.

## **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)

**Delegated Budget 2011/12 – Progress on Agreed Schemes**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Little Spring School, Greenway, Chesham	Evaluation of pedestrian crossing	Evaluations will be completed in February / March 2012
Chesham Park Community College, Chartridge Lane, Chesham	Evaluation of pedestrian crossing	Evaluations will be completed in February / March 2012
Various, Chesham	3x salt bins	Completed
Rays Lane and Cholesbury Lane, Cholesbury	Kerbing of grass island	Completed
Gilberts Hill and Bottom Lane, Cholesbury	Kerbing	Completed
Hawridge Hill, Cholesbury	Salt bin	Completed
Vale Bottom, Cholesbury	Salt bin	Completed
Red Lion Hill, The Lee	Salt bin	Completed
Kiln Lane, Botley	2x Salt bin	Completed
A416, Ashley Green	VAS	Location agreed. Equipment to be ordered shortly
Latimer Road cross roads, Latimer	2x VAS	Location agreed. Equipment to be ordered shortly

**Delegated Budget 2012/13**

We have now received all the bids for 2012/13 and added these to the schemes which were unsuccessful last year.

A decision is still to be made regarding the level of funding available through the delegated budget fund but it is hoped that the proposed schemes will be taken to the next LAF meeting for discussion.