

# 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 community and road fixer gangs will be continuing in your areas on the programmed basis. Any ideas for community gang type work, i.e. vegetation clearance, minor repairs etc should be sent to your area technician, Jon Dickens, in the first instance.

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

### Changes to your Local Area Technician

Just a reminder that the new LAT for the Chesham Area is now **Jon Dickens** (previously from the Missendens Area). Jon is looking forward to meeting you all and learning more about your area. Should you have any transportation related queries or problems please contact Jon, in the first instance, via the Contact Centre on: 0845 230 2882 or through our website at:

[http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/transport/ea\\_report\\_problem.page](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/transport/ea_report_problem.page)

Please be aware that Mike is now covering a new area and will therefore be passing any outstanding works for the Chesham Area to Jon.

## 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.

### Carriageway Works – Chesham LAF

Street Name	Town	Treatment Type	Anticipated Start Date
St Mary's Way (A416) (split into two schemes)	Chesham	TBC	Proposed 2012-2013
Berkhampstead Road (A416)	Chesham	Surfacing	Proposed 2012-2013
Broad Street (A416)	Chesham	Surfacing	Proposed 2012-2013
Brockhurst Road & Britannia Road & Essex Road	Chesham	Surfacing	Complete but remedial works needed
Red Lion Street (A416)	Chesham	Surfacing	March 2012
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
Taylor's Lane	St Leonards	Surface Dressing	Proposed 2012-2013

\*We will be revisiting the site as part of the 2012-13 programme, after a parked vehicle prevented completion of the works.

#### **Traffic Management**

Moveable Vehicle Activated Signs (MVAS) - The reviewed VAS policy has now been approved and includes a new initiative referred to as MVAS. When a request for MVAS is approved, the Parish Council will then be responsible for the purchase and installation of the equipment themselves. More information about this initiative, as well as contact details of companies who can supply and install this equipment for you, is available in a factsheet which will be sent out to all Parish Councils in the first week of May and also made available on the Service Information Centre website.

#### **Road Safety**

Update regarding 20mph limits

Recently there have been an increasing number of requests for 20mph speed limits and zones. Transport for Buckinghamshire is currently developing a new 20mph policy to ensure that it will have a fair, consistent and constructive response to demands for 20mph limits in the future. This policy will be directly affected by emerging national developments relating to speed limit policy, legislation and signing, which are expected to be finalised during 2012.

2. In October 2011, the Department for Transport published its Traffic Signs Policy Paper "Signing the Way".

(<http://assets.dft.gov.uk/publications/signing-the-way/signing-the-way.pdf>). Amongst many planned changes to traffic signs, the DfT proposes to allow more flexibility for the provision of 20mph schemes by changing the regulations for the location and number of required terminal and repeater signs/markings. We are awaiting the specific details of these changes from the Department for Transport, including proposals for increased community involvement in determining 20mph limits and a new 'Speed Limit Appraisal Tool' from the DfT to help assess the full costs and benefits of any proposed 20mph schemes. An update of Traffic Advisory Leaflet 9/99 "20mph speed limits and zones", due in 2012, will provide more clarity on where and how 20mph schemes should be

installed.

3. The government has recently (Spring 2012) carried out a public consultation on changes to the way that Traffic Regulation Orders are advertised. At present any new speed limit orders have to be published in local newspapers and this can be an expensive process. The consultation proposes that the public may be made aware of the changes in other ways which could be more effective and potentially less expensive.

The consultation papers can be seen at:

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/consultations/dft-2012-06>

4. Because these various changes at a national level will directly affect the County Council's new 20mph policy, Transport for Buckinghamshire will not be finalising it's new 20mph policy until the national policy and legislation details have been clarified.

5. It is not anticipated that there will be any change in the current national policy that all 20mph limits should be self-enforcing and should not require any enforcement by the Police.

6. It is not expected that the county council will receive any additional funding from DfT to accompany the guidance therefore any new limits will need to be funded from the within the local community

## **Speed Limit review/Changes**

### **Latimer Rd speed limit changes**

The new 30 mph limit between Chesham & Bois Mill was approved on 14th February 2012. The 40mph limit from Bois Mill to Chenies was previously approved. A contractor has been appointed and these new speed limits are planned to be installed by the end of June.

### **Area 4 speed limit review ('follow up review')**

Funding has now been allocated to install the additional speed limit changes by March 2013 These changes were previously approved by Key Decision Report T08.10. The Report can be seen at:-

<http://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=1998>

### **Area 4 speed limit review ('follow up review')**

Funding has now been allocated to install by March 2013 the additional speed limit changes which were previously approved by Key Decision Report T08.10. The Report can be seen at:-

<http://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=1998> and a map of the speed limit changes can be downloaded from the bottom of the speed limit review webpage :-[http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/sites/bcc/transport/speed\\_limit\\_review.page](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/sites/bcc/transport/speed_limit_review.page)

## **Passenger Transport**

### **Changes To Bus Services: Monday 16th April, 2012**

Following their takeover by the Go-Ahead Group, Carousel Buses are making several improvements and changes to their services from the above date.

**Route 4: High Wycombe - Hazlemere - Amersham - Chesham**

Carousel will increase this to operate every 20 minutes, Monday to Friday, up from every 30 minutes. There will now be earlier buses on this service.

**Route A40/740: High Wycombe - Beaconsfield - Uxbridge**

Carousel will increase this to operates every 20 minutes, Monday to Friday, and every 30 minutes on Saturday, providing extra journeys on service 740. Service A40 will continue to serve Heathrow every hour Monday to Saturday and every 2 hours on Sunday.

**Line 1: Bourne End - Loudwater - High Wycombe**

This service will be withdrawn, with Arriva's 37 still providing a service on this route.

**Line 2A/2C: High Wycombe - Lane End - Stokenchurch**

This service will also be withdrawn. Arriva service 340 continues to provide a service from Lane End to High Wycombe and service 40 from Stokenchurch to High Wycombe. A new service, 339, operated by Red Eagle will provide 4 journeys per day from Lane End to Clayhill, Cressex and the town centre. One schoolday journey will be replace by new service 655.

**Asset Management - Structures**

No major works on highway structures planned

**Local Priorities Bids 2012/13**

Please see separate report from Christine Gardner for further detail.