

**Chesham and Chiltern Villages
Local Area Forum**

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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

The community gangs will be continuing in your areas week commencing 14 January, with the Road fixer gangs due in the area in March. 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>

We're Working On It (Design & Construction/Area Maintenance)

As you will know the 'We're Working On It' capital works programme has been very successful in its bid to improve road condition across the County. The programme is set to continue into 2013/14.

The following explains the various types of treatment available and that could be used in your area.

Surfacing: Replacement of the existing road surface

Micro Surfacing (formally slurry seal): A form of surfacing that smoothes 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.

Schemes for 2013/14

The process for selecting next year's capital resurfacing programme has commenced and I thought it would be helpful to outline what's happening now and what will be happening over the next month or so.

Fundamentally the process will be similar to last year.

Locality Meetings and feedback

A meeting will be held for each Division in a repeat of the process from 2011. Generally these will be individual meetings but joint meetings for Divisions with two Members will be held wherever possible. Following brief presentations providing background information and a list of potential recommendations, the Members will be invited to discuss these recommendations, and introduce any new potential schemes for consideration. Prior to the meeting, the Local Area Technicians will be encouraged to assist Members in identifying any new schemes.

The outcome of the meeting would be an agreed prioritised list of schemes with indicative extents. The schemes would be ranked in order of preference for the top 5 and then a reserve list of 2 or 3 additional schemes indicating the next priority should

funding be available or if priority schemes prove impossible due to external factors (e.g. utility works). The list from the meeting will be investigated further and any significant issues identified. A feedback report will be provided to Members to confirm the discussions.

From the prioritised schemes further investigations will take place such that a programme will be drawn up to match the available budget, once the budget allocation is confirmed. The intention will be to distribute the proposed lists of schemes to form the 2013/14 programme as soon as possible after budgets are confirmed in February 2013. This will identify which schemes can be delivered in 2013/14 and which will have to wait for 2014/15 or beyond. Therefore **delivery of all of the selected schemes could take three years or more.**

The intention will be for each Division to have a two year rolling programme of schemes which will be refreshed each year allowing for:

- Changes to Members and Divisions in May 2013,
- Changing circumstances or priorities for 2014/15 schemes
- Identification of new priority schemes for 2015/16.

More information will be reported back to future LAF's as and when further information becomes available.

Traffic Management

The Moveable VAS (MVAS) initiative has now been approved. Full details and an application form are available on the website. This initiative is a locally managed scheme where VAS can be purchased by the Parish/Town Council and moved around the village to pre-agreed locations, aimed to encourage safer driving speed and improve road safety. Contact details are also provided, in order that interested parties can speak directly with the sign/post/ground screw contractors to obtain a cost estimate for budgeting or bidding purposes. An application fee of £350 + vat, completed application form and insurance details must be submitted to TfB. This will be followed by a site meeting to discuss and agree locations, prior to the works being procured and installed. Further details can be obtained from the Local Area Technicians and/or Area TM staff.

Road Safety

Preparation for Winter Driving

Winter driving workshops were held around the County in November. Also available Older/Mature Driver assessments to brush up on driving skills - countywide, assessment lasts approx one hour followed by a written report, car safety pack and certificate of completion all for £35. for further details please telephone 01296 382450

Street Lighting

Nothing to report at this time

Passenger Transport

CAROUSEL BUSES - CHANGES TO BUS TIMES FROM 27th JANUARY 2013

Carousel Buses have announced timetable changes to many of their services from Sunday 27th January. These are revisions intended to improve the reliability of services, particularly at peak times, but routes do not change.

Timetables will change for the following services:

A30
A40
740
336
577, 581, 582
580

Full details can be found at www.carouselbuses.co.uk or by calling Carousel at 01494 533436 or Traveline on 0871 200 22 33.

Asset Management - Structures

Structures

The Environment Agency are promoting a scheme to repair the damaged section of culvert running under Market Square in Chesham. Exact details are yet to be decided upon, but it is hope that the scheme will be implemented in 2013-14 financial year.

Local Priorities Bids (Transport) 2012/13

Chesham	30325	
Chesham	4000	Culvert improvements
Chesham	15425	Fullers Close verge hardening – January 2013 for proposed works
Cholesbury	2500	Pound Lane/Stony Lane kerbing of grass triangle
Cholesbury	2500	Oak Lane/Jenkins Lane kerbing of grass triangle
Cholesbury	450	Salt bin – delivered
Chartridge	450	Salt bin – delivered
Chesham	5000	Car Park entrance improvements