

Transport and Highways Update

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Introduction

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Welcome to the autumn issue of *Transport and Highways Update*.

As in previous issues, we include here details of the major road works across the County which we hope helps you to know what to expect in your area.

Work on sewage replacement in Warwick District continues to cause some road closures and has some time to run before it will be completed. This is essential work and Severn Trent are working as quickly as possible to ensure disruption is minimised.

The new Morrison's superstore on the site of the old Ford Foundry on the south side of Leamington will require road improvements to provide access and manage extra traffic in the area and work is already underway. You can find details here www.warwickshire.gov.uk/roadworks

We hope you and your communities find this information useful and we welcome any feedback which helps us to improve the way we communicate with the people of Warwickshire.



Warwick District – Ford Foundry Development, Leamington Spa

In conjunction with the development of the former site of the Ford Foundry in Leamington Spa, road layouts are to be altered in Myton Road, Europa Way, Prince's Drive, Park Drive and Old Warwick Road.

To regulate traffic in line with the revised layouts and junctions, changes are proposed to reduce the speed limit to 30mph on Europa Way & Old Warwick Road, with revised waiting restrictions in all the above named roads. In addition, one-way traffic flow is proposed on the Myton Road service road, along with restrictions on vehicle turning movements at the junction of Park Drive & Prince's Drive and at the junction of Myton Road with its service road.

For up to date information on the works and details of the scheme go to: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/roadworks



Electric cars tested by GPs in rural areas

Two medical practices in Warwickshire are taking part in an innovative project which will test the efficiency of electric cars in rural areas.

GPs from Bidford-upon-Avon Health Centre and Brookside Surgery in Stretton-on-Dunsmore will be the first to use Peugeot iOn electric cars when making local home visits, delivering prescriptions and providing on-call services.

The 100 per cent electric cars, which have been supplied by Peugeot on a sponsored lease, have been fitted with tracking devices to provide data to be analysed to see if electric vehicles are suited to the needs of GPs, health centres and similar rural businesses. It is the first time such a study has been carried out in the UK.

Dedicated charging points have been installed at both surgeries – with funding provided jointly through the Government’s ‘Plugged in Places’ scheme and from British Gas, 365 Technical Plant Services and Charge Master.

For more information see the LEP website www.cwlep.com



Twitter



Transport Operations now have their very own Twitter feed to provide regular updates on school and public transport in the county, and allow members of the public to ask questions directly.

Changes to bus routes due to road works, amendments to bus times, information on how to apply for school transport, general tips on how to read timetables and upcoming developments are just a few of the tweets that have been sent out in the 3 months that the account has been up and running.

The account is monitored by 3 members of the Operations Team to ensure that any questions asked are responded to as quickly as possible and cover is provided during the core hours of the service. (09.00 to 16.30, Monday to Friday).

With well over a hundred followers including Warwickshire Police and County Councillors and with more joining daily, it’s set to be one of the busiest and most important feeds from the Council.

Couple this with other developments, including the availability of all school bus timetables on the Council website with a full search facility and maps of the routes, we hope to see a reduction in the high demand on telephones during peak periods. This will help us provide an improved service.

Follow the account at twitter.com/wccbusservices.



Warwickshire 2012 Surface Dressing Programme

The exceptionally wet summer has affected surface dressing across the country and it has not been possible to complete the Warwickshire 2012 surface dressing programme this year.

The surface dressing season usually runs from mid-April to the end of August and is very specific due to road temperatures.

Surface dressing relies on embedment of the chippings into the road surface and late surface dressing risks loss of chippings or failure of the dressing during the winter months. Any sites not completed in 2012 will be completed as part of the 2013/14 programme of works.



Stratford Parkway and other rail matters

Construction of the new Stratford Parkway Station is underway and it is anticipated that it will be open for business in May 2013.

The Government has announced their intention to electrify the railway line from Southampton to Nuneaton. This will include the lines from Leamington to Coventry and Coventry to Nuneaton. This will be an important boost to the importance of this line and substantially increases the prospects for constructing Kenilworth Station.

Transport Planning

Funding for major transport schemes which will be delivered between 2015 and 2019 has been devolved to local authorities by the Department for Transport (DfT).

A Local Transport Body (LTB) which will cover Coventry and Warwickshire is in the process of being established which will be responsible for deciding what schemes should be a priority within this period. It is expected that the amount of funding which will be available to spend on such schemes will amount to between £20-£25M over four years.

Department for
Transport



Warwickshire County Council's concerns about government plans to build a high speed rail link passing through the county have not been allayed. The County Council continues to oppose the scheme and has been disappointed by the response it has received from HS2 Ltd despite the efforts it has made to work with them to ensure the communities of Warwickshire are heard and protected.

Further consultations on the safeguarding routes and the blight and compensation scheme as well as details of the route north of Birmingham have not been forthcoming. A Judicial Review hearing is programmed to begin on 3rd December when a number of issues will be considered by Judge Ouseley in the High Court.

To keep up date with the progress see www.warwickshire.gov.uk/hs2

Street Lighting



Plans to switch off approximately 80% of lights in Warwickshire from midnight until 5.30am have been the subject for a Communities Overview and Scrutiny Task and Finish group. Their report was reviewed at O&S Committee on 19th September and the recommendations are being sent for discussion at Cabinet on 18th October. The plans are the implementation of a budget decision made in February 2011 and will save WCC £500,000 as well as reducing emissions.



Road Safety Initiatives for your Community

There are already a number of community based speeding initiatives run by our Road Safety team to help our communities deal with the issue of speeding. A few of these initiatives have been revised and improved to help address community concerns about speeding. The Road Safety Team currently runs:

SpeedAware

A two week campaign which utilises trained SpeedAware Officers who will deploy mobile flashing signs, a fixed sign (where applicable), undertake covert and overt speed surveys, undertake a full speed survey (where applicable), install anti speeding posters and deliver wheelie bin stickers door to door. At the end of the campaign a full report on all the activity will be provided. The cost of this campaign to Town/Parish Councils is £250

Community SpeedAware

This is a free volunteer led scheme where volunteers are loaned the Smiley SID equipment for up to two weeks. Full training including use of Health and Safety equipment is provided.

Parish Hire Scheme – Vehicle Activated Signs

Fixed solar powered vehicle activated signs which display the speed limit can be installed on steel lamp columns for up to 6 months. The cost of installation and removal by our trained SpeedAware Officers is £200 per sign. Depending on demand, it may be possible to hire additional signs.

All of these schemes can only be operated in areas where the speed limit is 40mph or under.

Free wheelie bin stickers

The Road Safety Team still have a number of free wheelie bin stickers with the words 'Slow Down in our Community'. The stickers have been very popular with many thousands being posted out throughout Warwickshire.

Further information about other schemes run by the Road Safety team can be found on our website: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/speed or by calling: 01926 412449.

Child Car Seat Clinic Roadshows - Monday 15th October to Friday 26th October

Following our child car seat Roadshow last year, we found a worrying increase in the number of children who are not being appropriately restrained in cars. So, once again this year, we have organised a series of Child Car Seat Clinics throughout Warwickshire – hosted mainly at local supermarkets, and this year for two weeks.

Parents will have the opportunity to have their child car seat checked by an experienced child car seat 'expert' from Road Safety GB, and receive a free Seat Selecta and advice.

Children's Centres and childminders across Warwickshire have been sent details and the supermarkets will be promoting the events.

Dates and locations are:

15 th October	Southam Children's Centre
16 th /17 th October	ASDA Rugby
18 th /19 th October	Morrisons Stratford upon Avon
22 nd October	Co Op Atherstone
23 rd October	ASDA Nuneaton
24 th October	Waitrose Kenilworth
25 th /26 th October	ASDA Leamington Spa

Road Safety Quiz

64 schools have already signed up for the annual road safety quiz, including some schools which have not taken part before. This will be the 14th year that the quiz has taken place with the children using the Quizdom Interactive handsets. On average more than 7,500 Warwickshire school children take part in the quiz each year.

The quiz will run Tuesday to Thursday from mid November to the end of February.

Stratford on Avon Proposed Parking Changes, Various Road (Variation 18): Traffic Projects

Warwickshire County Council propose to introduce and make changes to 'on street' waiting restrictions at various locations within the Stratford on Avon District. The proposals will be formally advertised on the 27th September 2012.

If you wish to object to any of the proposals then details of how to make an objection are contained within the public notice. Objections will normally be treated as public documents and may be communicated to other persons affected. The objection period ends on the 19th October 2012.

Stratford upon Avon

Town Centre
Bridge Street, Chapel Street, Church Street, Ely Street, High Street, Union Street and Sheep Street: We are proposing to introduce a range of different waiting restrictions within the Town Centre.

Fordham Avenue, Larch Close and Grange Park: We are proposing to introduce single yellow lines (No Waiting Mon-Fri 8am-6pm) and (Limited Waiting 4 hours No Return 4 hours Mon-Fri 8am-6pm)

Henley in Arden

High Street: We are proposing to introduce a Disabled Bay (Disabled Badge Holders Only) the details can be viewed on the [High Street Map](#) (pdf 75kb).

Shipston on Stour

Sheep Street: We are proposing to introduce double yellow lines (No Waiting At Any Time) and (Limited Waiting 2 Hours No Return 2 Hours Mon-Sat 9am-6pm Except Permit Holders).

Church Street: This is an Administration change to the Order to ensure that the on street waiting restrictions correspond to the map based traffic order.



Gritting

As winter approaches WCC is prepared for snow and ice with good supplies of salt

Maps of the gritting routes are on the web and are being sent to parish and town councils. There has been no change to the 26 primary routes gritted. This year a 'glove box' leaflet is being produced and the web site which is mobile friendly will be updated regularly.

New this year is the purchase of a number of snow blowers which can be used by the district and borough councils to clear pedestrian areas.

Snow Wardens, introduced last year, will be recruited again to help as the eyes of the County Council in their locality making WCC aware of particular issues. This approach has been very successful.

If you want to know more go to www.warwickshire.gov.uk/gritting



Reporting problems on the highway

Just a reminder that we have a Customer Service Centre with staff specifically trained to take details of faults on the highway and ensure the information is passed on as quickly as possible. Call 01926 412515 , report on line by going to www.warwickshire.gov.uk or email countyhighways@warwickshire.gov.uk



Road works

You will find below a list of the major works and schemes being carried out or planned to take place over the next few months on the most the busiest roads and which could potentially cause disruption.

It should not be seen to be a definitive guide to all works.

TM = Traffic Management

Leamington / Warwick Area

Leamington

Advanced warning of major Phase 3 sewer works which will affect Old Town from 2013 onwards.

Severn Trent's team are working on the third and most extensive phase of the Leamington Sewerage Strategy to relieve sewer flooding to more than 30 properties in South Leamington. The solution, involving construction of 4km of new sewers over a 2 year period, requires upgrading of the main sewers in High Street and Radford Road, between Tachbrook Road and St. Mary's Crescent. Connecting sewers in Wise Street, Forfield Place and Davidson Avenue will also be enlarged under the proposals, and improvements will be made to the local sewer networks in Alexandra Road and Grosvenor Road.

The design incorporates a storm relief structure within

Bath Place car park to control flows at times of heavy rainfall, ensuring the new system does not become overloaded. Storm flows will be pumped to a new outfall structure on the River Leam. Construction is due to commence in November 2012 and Severn Trent will shortly be letter dropping the area, informing affected businesses and residents

Avenue Road weeks	Road Closure	Feb 2013	Duration 4
High Street Weeks	Road Closure	June 2013	Duration 26
Radford Road Weeks	Road Closure	Feb 2014	Duration 19

National Grid Gas

Windmill Hill Phase 3 Start date To Be Confirmed

WCC Works

Ford Foundry development works :-

The works consist of highway improvements including a new signalised junction on the A425 Old Warwick Road into the development site, amendments to the Myton Road / Princes Drive / Old Warwick Road roundabout including new signalised crossings on north and south arms, Signalisation of the existing Princes Drive / Park Drive roundabout and new footway and cycling facilities.

The works are to be carried out mainly under lane closures traffic management control however a night road closure on Princes Drive will be required for removal of the existing pedestrian footbridge. Access to properties and businesses will be maintained at all times and diversion routes will be clearly signed.

As part of the works the speed limit on the Old Warwick road and Europa Way roundabout is to be reduced to 30mph consistent with the existing 30mph speed limit on the Myton road which was recently introduced as part of a local speed awareness initiative.

Europa Way / Harbury Road roundabout April 2013 Road improvements

For further information please contact Design Services on 01926 412130

Warwick

STW Sewer flood alleviation scheme

Emscote Road between Basant Close and St Nicholas Park Cycle Path Estimated to be completed by 29 October (Road closure)

Western Power Distribution

Swan Street Electrical cable replacement works. TBC

A445 Emscote Road / Rugby Road 33kv cable laying - estimated 21/01/13 – 23/03/13 TBC

WCC Resurfacing

**Packmore Street October 2012
Albert Street October 2012
Coventry Road February 2013**

Kenilworth

WCC Maintenance Works :- Carriageway resurfacing

Bertie Road (Road closure)
Mortimer Road (Road closure)
Castle Hill (Road closure)
Brookside Avenue (Road closure)

Rugby

WCC Works

Proposed
Hillmorton Road Resurfacing.
Whitehall Road Resurfacing.
Junction One retail park patching works

Tee Tong Road/Back Lane Long Lawford, Road Widening to create a right hand turn lane. November 2012.

A426 Leicester Road between roundabouts connecting Brownsover Lane and Central Park Drive New road being constructed for new access to housing development Start date TBC

Southam Road Dunchurch, resurfacing work.

National Grid

Wood Street mains replacement April 2013 TBC
Rugby

Newbold Road, Mains Replacement

Rugby Road Dunchurch LP & MP gas mains replacement 15/10/12 – 08/03/13 These works will be suspended for Christmas from 01/12/12 – 3rd Jan 2013

Stratford & South Warwickshire Area

Stratford

WCC Works

A422 Banbury Road at A4390 roundabout construction of new access 08/10/12 – 05/11/12

Alcester

WCC Works

Priory Road Waitrose Development construction of new access 21/11/12 – 26/12/12

Studley

National Grid

A435/A4023 Alcester Road from junc Park Ave junc Morgan Close 06/09/12 – 05/12/12 estimated gas mains renewal (road closure)

Lapworth

WCC works

Chessets Wood Road 26/09/12 – 12/10/12 estimated c/way resurfacing (road closure)

Gaydon

WCC works

Chadshunt Road Kineton Rd Bloxham Farm entrance estimated 19/10/12 -06/11/12 (two way signals)

Kineton Road in Gaydon village 19/10/12 – 06/11/12 estimated c/way resurfacing (road closure)

B4632 Campden Road construction of new roundabout (multi-way signals) Jan 2013

Severn Trent

B4100 Banbury Road lay new 180mm water main to Aston Martin development estimate 2 months work start date TBC

Nuneaton & Bedworth Area

Nuneaton

WCC works start dates TBC

A444 / A47 Leicester Road - start of splitter island : A444 Weddington Rd - c/way reconstruction (road closure)

B4114 / A444 Corporation Street from Central Ave to Island - c/way reconstruction (road closure)

A444 Chilvers Rise – Coton Arches to College St Island

Bedworth

WCC works - start dates to be confirmed

B4113 Leicester Road – Rye Piece Ringway – c/way reconstruction (road closure)

School Lane – Coventry Rd to Hayes Lane – c/way reconstruction (road closure)

For details of WCC schemes please contact Scott Carpenter (01926 412515) unless stated

North Warwickshire Area

WCC work start date TBC. For All WCC works please contact Scott Carpenter (01926) 412515 unless otherwise stated

B4112 Ansley Road – Arley Lane to Lodge Farm - c/way reconstruction (road closure)

Ridge lane Mancetter Jan 2013

Coleshill

WCC work - start dates to be confirm

Works in Progress Park Road – Birmingham Rd to Parkfield Rd junc –S278 works create new access / puffin crossing / footway to Morrison development (multi-way signals) 14/10/12 – 01/11/12 WCC contact Ajminder Dhani 01926 412815

Polesworth

National Grid Gas Alliance works start date TBC

Tamworth Road junc Market Street and Bridge Street – gas main replacement works (road closure)

For all other road works in Warwickshire please go to the Warwickshire web site <http://warwickshire.roadworks.org/>