

Transport and Highways Update

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Introduction

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

We hope you will find it useful to have in one place details of major road works and transport schemes across Warwickshire as well as some more general news and information related to transport and highways matters.

In feedback about this publication we have been asked if we can provide road works information in a much more targeted way. We are looking at how this might be achieved and developments in the Elgin system which can be viewed at <http://warwickshire.roadworks.org/> may make it possible to deliver information in this way. We will keep you posted.

The news on casualty figures for 2012 is encouraging. The total number of reported road casualties in Warwickshire fell in 2012 for the fifth consecutive year to reach the lowest number on record. We are not complacent but are encouraged by these figures.

Warwick District – Ford Foundry Development, Leamington



The work on the new Morrison's superstore on the site of the old Ford Foundry on the south side of Leamington is nearing completion with the store now open. Thank you to everyone who has suffered the inevitable disruption with patience. For the latest information go to www.warwickshire.gov.uk/roadworks Some works continue so see the Road Works section at the end of this *Update* for details.

Reported road casualties.

The number of road users killed or seriously injured on Warwickshire's roads fell to 299 in 2012, the lowest figure ever and a fall from 313 in 2011. There were noticeable reductions in the number of deaths or serious injuries amongst cyclists, car occupants, older road users and 16 to 24 year old drivers and passengers. Just over a decade ago we were witnessing more than 600 deaths and serious injuries on Warwickshire's roads every year.

Despite these encouraging figures there is no room for complacency and drivers and other road users must continue to take care when using the roads if these improvements are to be maintained.



Street Lighting

Street Lighting has now changed to part night in the North Warwickshire and Stratford District areas. The change on the 1st April completes the project which is being implemented to save £500,000 per year from our street lighting

energy bill. Since the initial implementation there has been a slight change in that we will be switching off between midnight and 5.30 am during the week and 1.00 am and 6.30 am at the weekend. This change came about after feedback from residents in the Warwick District area requesting an additional hour on Friday and Saturday nights for returning from nights out socialising. The switch off hours are the same summer and winter.

For more information go to:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/partnightlighting



Gritting

The winter of 2012/13 has been the most prolonged and busy for our gritting teams for many years. We have gritted 92 times and used over 18,000 tonnes of salt on the highway network and refilling our roadside

grit bins.

Our gritter drivers have worked extremely hard and have been kept busy all through the season. County Fleet Maintenance Workshops and fitters have assisted in keeping our gritting fleet well maintained and running efficiently throughout this period too.

The Gritter Twitter service gives a brief forecast and tells you what gritting will be done that night. It has now been running for two years and has a substantial number of followers. It will be up and running again in October and can be found at <https://twitter.com/warksgritting>.

There is more detail at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/gritting

Potholes

The County's roads have been hard hit by the prolonged winter conditions. Each year, around 15,000 potholes are reported and officers are anticipating that the figure for this year will exceed that. Warwickshire County Council, has called for residents to bear with the council as they set about repairing damage.

Jeff Welsby, Operations Manager for County Highways, said: "Many new potholes are developing at a time of year when the annual programmes of repair and refurbishment carried out by our contractor would normally be well underway. "However with weather conditions showing signs of improving and with budgets and repair teams in place, we are busy undertaking repairs. We can urge residents to bear with us whilst we complete the work and to keep us informed of potholes by reporting them online."

Potholes can be reported at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/potholes.



Stratford Parkway

Construction of the new Stratford Parkway Station is going well and is all set to have it open in May with the first trains operating from the Parkway from 19 May 2013.

High Speed Rail

The Judicial Review decision into high speed rail was announced on 15 March. Warwickshire was one of the organisations involved in taking the government to court as a last resort because HS2 Ltd had failed to listen to the County Council's concerns.

Warwickshire County Council remains opposed to the HS2 project and agreed to work with other local authorities as part of the 51M Group - a consortium opposed to the HS2 proposals - which is providing a co-ordinated opposition to the scheme.

Cllr Alan Cockburn, Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Communities, said "We are dismayed with Lord Justice Ouseley's verdict. The county council has to be pragmatic and engage with HS2 Ltd if we are to stand any hope of protecting what is left of our precious countryside and its communities. To that end, while we remain opposed to the scheme we accept that there is no sensible alternative but to continue our unwavering approach of scrutiny at every level of the HS2 scheme." 51M will be appealing the Judicial Review decision.

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



Little Green Bear Club

The Little Green Bear Club, which provides road safety education to pre-school children celebrated its fifth birthday recently. The club has delivered education through more than 200 nurseries and pre-school settings and has signed up more than 3,000 members. The club was expanded in 2012 by launching the programme into reception classes of primary and infant schools in addition to nurseries.

Road safety quiz for primary schools and Cubs and Brownies

The annual primary school road safety quiz was held in March and proved a big hit with 93 primary schools and approximately 4650 children taking part in the educational activity during 2012.

The Cubs and Brownies Quiz was similarly successful and the winners were the 4th Nuneaton Cubs.



What matters most for safer cycling?

One Olympic legacy that is impossible to miss is the resurgence in cycling nationwide and, with better weather approaching; many more people are expected to start cycling to work regularly.

Cycling is also an enjoyable, often sociable and healthy pastime and the variety of cycling interests seen on our roads has already increased.

Figures from the Department for Transport indicate that the number of cycling casualties overall is growing and with this in mind, the Mercia region of Road Safety GB is launching a new publicity campaign to try and address the problem.

The main aim of the 'What Matters Most' campaign is to highlight the many distractions that can cause drivers to fail to concentrate fully on the road ahead and on the other road users around them.

A new website – www.whatmattersmost.org.uk and social media will also support the campaign and provide extensive information and advice for both drivers and cyclists. The aim is to enable all road users to gain a greater appreciation of each other's habits, obligations and needs on the road.

Public Transport uses Twitter



Social media is helping ensure that Warwickshire's residents do not miss the bus.

A Twitter page at [@WCCBusServices](https://twitter.com/WCCBusServices) provides updates on issues affecting school and public buses in Warwickshire, notifying people of any forthcoming changes, significant road work delays or any other relevant information whilst providing an extra method of communication over and above the phone and email services.

The team is committed to being able to answer any questions customers may have from 9am until 4pm, Monday to Friday.

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



Working for Warwickshire

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 busiest roads and which have the potential to cause disruption.

It should not be seen to be a definitive guide to all works as circumstances change, new works are required and occasionally emergency road works are required.

TM = Traffic Management

Leamington / Warwick Area

Leamington

Severn Trent Water

Phase 3 sewer works which will affect Old Town from 2013

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. The impact of this work is as follows:

Grosvenor Road	Road Closure	6 March to 29 April
Avenue Road	Road Closure	19 April to 24 May
Bath Place	Road Closure	17 May to 21 June
Staunton Road	Road Closure	May 15 to 5 July
Northway	Road Closure	10 June to 2 Aug
High Street	Road Closure	June 2013 26 weeks
Radford Road	Road Closure	Feb 2014 19 weeks

A445 Lillington Avenue new clean water main laying 17 June to 5 July – TM-Two-way signals

Network Rail

B4087 Lower Avenue Road Closure for bridge works 13 May – 17 May

National Grid Gas

B4087 Spencer Street mains replacement works 20 May to 5 July – TM - Multi-way signals

Western Power Distribution

**B4087 Spencer Street cabling works 12 April to 23 April TM-
Multi-way signals**

BT

**A445 Lillington Road cable laying 12 April to 16 April –
Multi-way signals**

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 have been carried out mainly under lane closures traffic management control, however, a night road closure on Princes Drive was required for removal of the pedestrian footbridge. 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 Myton Road which was introduced as part of a local speed awareness initiative.

**Europa Way / Harbury Road roundabout Spring to
summer 2013 road improvements**

**Queensway proposed Aldi Store highway improvement
works 22 Apr to 24 May – TM- two way signals**

**For further information please contact Design Services on
01926 412130**

Warwick

Western Power Distribution

**Swan Street Electrical cable replacement works Road
Closure 27 May to 21 June**

National Grid

**Cape Road gas mains renewal 9 May to 21 June – TM-
Multi-way signals**

**Cape Road gas diversion works 25 June to 15 July –
TM-Two-way signals**

Old Milverton

Western Power Distribution

**Old Milverton Road new 33KV cable works 15 May to 28
June – TM-Two- way signals**

Rugby District

Dunchurch

BT

A426 Rugby Road – repair blocked ducting – 27 April to 1 May – TM-Two-way signals

Wolston

WCC - Bridges

A428 Brandon Road – bridge repairs – 10 April to 15 April – Road Closure

Church Lawford

Network Rail

Coronation Road – bridge examination – 15 June to 16 June – Road closure

Stratford & South Warwickshire Area

Stratford

WCC – Design Services works

A422 Alcester Road – from Morrison’s roundabout to Arden Street new traffic signal junction, pedestrian development of Station Road (approach) earthworks, bus stops and shelters, carriageway widening, footway works fencing, bollards and road markings. Also major

utility diversion to be done under this notice. – from 17 June to 24 Feb 2014 estimated – TM-Multi-way signals

A3400 Birmingham Road – new traffic signal junction, footway resurfacing, carriageway resurfacing on Birmingham Rd and western Rd, removal of road hump on Western Rd and road markings – from 17 June to 12 Aug estimated – TM-Multi-way signals

Western Power Distribution

B439 / A3400 Evesham Road cable reinforcement scheme – from 15 April to 26 April – Multi-way signals

Shottery

Severn Trent Water

Six new water connections Road closure from 28 May to 30 May

Bishops Itchington

Western Power Distribution

Hambridge Road lay new cables – Road closure – from 4 April to 10 April

Fenny Compton

Network Rail

Station Road - bridge examination – Road closure on the 3 May – from 09:30 to 14:30

Harbury

ESP Electricity

Bush Heath Lane – lay new HV phase 2 – Road Closure – 29 April to 10 May

Quinton

WCC Design Services

B4632 Campden Road – construction of a new roundabout including statutory undertaker works – ongoing until 10 June – TM-Multi-way signals

Tanworth-In-Arden

Fulcrum

B4101 Broad lane Wood End – lay new gas main – from 14 May to 22 May – TM- Multi-way signals

Wellesbourne

WCC Design Services

A429 Wellesbourne Bypass – roundabout to be constructed for new housing development on the A429 just south of right hand turn to Ettington Rd – 3 June to 16 Aug estimated – TM-Multi-way signals

Nuneaton & Bedworth Area

Nuneaton

Severn Trent Water

Bucks Hill Stockingford – sewer repair works – 10 April to 23 April – TM-Two-way signals

B4112 Bull Ring – water mains valve/hydrant works – 13 May to 24 May – TM-Two-way signals

Virgin Media

A444/B4114 Church Street – cable infrastructure works – 6 April to 19 April – TM - Stop/Go boards

WCC Bridges

A444 Bedworth Bypass Newtown Rd under bridge – removal of road surfacing and waterproof deck – 7 June to 12 July estimated – TM- Contra-flow

B4112/ B4114 Lutterworth Road – bridge parapet and rail incursion measures from 8 April to 2 May – TM-Two-way signals



Bedworth

BT

Blackhorse Road super-fast broad band infrastructure works from 11 April to 24 April – TM- Multi-way signals

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

North Warwickshire Area

Baddesley Ensor

Severn Trent Water

**Rotherhams Hill - sewer upsizing works – Road closure
- works on going estimated completion 10 June**