

Transport and Highways Update

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Introduction



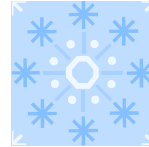
Welcome to the first issue of Transport and Highways Update from Warwickshire County Council. It is designed to keep the parish, towns and community interest groups of Warwickshire informed about road works, traffic projects and anything else that may be happening on the highway which could affect your part of the world.

The newsletter will be added to the Warwickshire website and a link sent to all Parish Clerks by email for further circulation to their councillors. This will keep costs down and there should be little need to print.

The content will focus on the highway and transport information relevant to the Parishes.

Warwickshire County Council maintains some 3,830 kms of roads and footways across the County which are used by the 500,000 residents of the County and by many more people travelling through Warwickshire.

Graeme Fitton, Head of Transport and Highways



Preparing for winter

During the past three years, this country has endured some of the harshest winter conditions for many decades.

Warwickshire has not at any stage run out of salt and has managed to keep all primary gritting routes running as normal. We have again ordered and received over 14,000 tonnes of road salt to ensure that winter services are not affected by salt shortages this coming winter season.

When the worst of winter kicks in, our 29 gritter vehicles spread up to 250 tonnes of grit each day and our drivers are on stand-by around the clock from October through to the end of March, to ensure the highway network is gritted before any ice forms.

The County Council has a network of voluntary Snow Wardens and is asking Parishes/Town Councils or Residents Associations whether they are willing to participate in this partnership and arrangement for the coming winter. Through this Snow Warden Scheme we will deliver small amounts of salt to strategic areas for use during severe weather.

To see our full winter services information and advice, including maps of all of the primary gritting routes serving your area , road conditions and our decisions on when to grit visit:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/gritting and follow us on Twitter.

For information on other services which could be affected by severe weather and especially snow, such as public transport and school closures, go to <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/snow>



Transport

Transport Minister Norman Baker MP recently visited the site of the new Stratford Parkway station at Bishopton. Along with improvements to Stratford station, the Parkway is part of the Stratford-upon-Avon Local Sustainable Transport Project. This will deliver improved train services, enhancements to the Park and Ride bus services, electric vehicle charging points and a 'Boris Bikes' cycle hire scheme.

The county council is funding the project to the tune of £1.86m and the Department of Transport has awarded £4.995m through the Local Sustainable Transport Fund.

The forecast is that the project will attract 114,000 new rail trips per year to the new station and the existing town station by 2024/2025. The extra revenue generated will help fund more trains during weekdays, on Saturdays and provide a regular evening service to both Stratford stations. It will help to put Stratford back on the railway map. The tourist industry is worth £360 million a year to Stratford and these transport developments will provide important connections to Birmingham and London for tourists and businesses.

Highway maintenance

Stop thief!

Since June, there have been over 500 recorded thefts of drain covers from roads right across Warwickshire – causing a major road safety issue and costing the taxpayer thousands of pounds to replace.

Our primary concern is the safety of road users, particularly cyclists who risk being seriously injured if their wheels get caught in the uncovered holes. In addition, the cost to Warwickshire taxpayers of making safe and then replacing the stolen covers is currently estimated at £120,000.

Our latest information indicates the offenders may be wearing fluorescent jackets and using unmarked vehicles and we would ask that if anyone sees suspicious vehicles parked or anyone behaving in an unusual manner near road drain covers they should call the police crime desk on 01926 415000. If they see a theft in progress they should call 999 immediately. It would also be useful if registration numbers of suspicious vehicles could be noted.



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

Leamington STW sewer replacement works PHASES 1 & 2 ongoing:-

The Parade:- Ongoing but must be completed by 11/11/11 to allow for Remembrance Day and Christmas Trading period (Road closure)

Clarendon St:- Due to complete 13/12/11 this includes National Grid Gas diversion works (Part road closures)

Leam Terrace:- Due to complete 02/12/11 (Part road closure)

Cross Street:- 06/02/12-16/03/12 estimated (Road closure)

Warwick Street:- 23/02/12-30/03/12 estimated (Road closure)

Thomas Street:- 20/02/12-23/03/12 estimated (Road closure)

Regent Grove:- 24/10/11-18/02/12 estimated (Lane closure)

Russell Terrace:- 13/12/11-03/02/12 estimated (Road closure)

Radford Road at junc of Willes Rd:- 03/01/12-10/02/12 estimated (Two-way signals)

A445 Rugby Road WCC new traffic signals and realignment of junction TM:- Multi-way signals WCC contact Craig Turp 03/01/12-04/06/12 estimated.

Early warning of very major work

A445 Emscote Road between Basant Close and St Nicholas Park cycle path STW sewer upsizing works (flood alleviation) TM:- Road Closure 20/08/12-30/11/11 estimated

Warwick

Town centre Gas Coalition Programme:-

Market Street 27/02/12-06/04/12 TM:- Give & take

Kenilworth

24/10/11-24/11/11 estimated

A452 Fieldgate Lane junc Fancott Dr to O/S 25 N Grid Gas replacement works TM:- Road Closure

Rugby Area

14/09/11-07/11/11

Lower Hillmorton Rd junc of Vere Road N Grid Gas Alliance mains replacement works TM:- Multi-way signals

14/11/11-15/12/11

B4429 Ashlawn Road (estimate N Grid will be asked to reschedule these works to the new year)
Gas replacement and abandonment TM:- Multi-way signals

03/01/12-27/02/12

A428 High Street Hillmorton from junc Barby Lane
Gas replacement works TM:- Two-way signals

12/09/11-24/11/11

A428 High Street Hillmorton: Gas Alliance gas mains renewal works TM:- two-way signals

10/10/11-25/11/11

A428 Hillmorton Rd Great Central Way RBC Emergency bridge repair works TM :- Two-way signals

31/10/11-14/11/11 (estimated)

A428 Lawford Rd junc Addison Rd to Bakehouse Lane WCC c/way resurfacing TM:- Road closure WCC contact Scott Carpenter 01926 412515

11/01/12-24/01/12 (estimated)

B4112/A4071 Newbold Rd WCC c/way resurfacing TM:- Road Closure WCC contact Scott Carpenter 01926 412515

TBC for A428 Lawrence Sheriff Street: C/way resurfacing will require TM:- road closure for 10 days

Long Lawford

24/10/11-22/12/11 (estimated)

Townsend Lane junc Lawford Rd to O/S 29 N Grid Gas mains replacement works TM:- Multi-way signals

24/10/11-25/11/11 (estimated)

Lawford Heath Lane WCC c/way resurfacing works TM:- Road Closure WCC contact Scott Carpenter

Stratford Area

09/01/12-02/06/12 (estimated) TBC

A3400 Shipston Rd: WCC Construction of new roundabout on the B4632 junction TM: multi-way signals for both schemes

A4390 Trinity Way WCC Construction New Toucan Crossing

03/01/12-19/06/12 (estimated)

A46/A422 Alcester Road WCC new signalised junction and pedestrian access to Cattle Market development TM :- Multi-way signals

These schemes are being carried out by WCC Design Services should you require more information please ring 01926 412130

21/11/11-23/02/12 (estimated)

Hathaway Green from junc West Green Drive N Grid Gas mains replacement works TM:- Road Closure

23/11/11-13/12/11 (estimated)

Stratford Area continued

Church Lane Treddington from O/S Orchard Cottage to Opp
The Glebe Western Power Lay LV Cables TM:- Multi-way
signals

24/10/11-01/12/11 (estimated)
B439 Evesham Rd Luddington from O/S Dodwell Park Estate
Western Power laying LV & HV Cables TM:- Two-way signals

Alcester

Major STW/Morgan Sindall flood alleviation sewer upsize works
in the following:-

Stratford Rd 19/09/11-28/11/11 & 03/01/12(Closure)
Swan St As above (Part closure)
Bleachfield St TBC (Road closure)
Gas House Lane TBC (Signals)
Newport Drive TBC (Part road closure)

Works have started in Stratford Rd -This section of highway will
be re-opened for the Christmas Restriction Period 28/11/11-
03/01/12 and works will then re-commence in January 2012

Studley

23/01/12-24/02/12 (estimated)
A435 Birmingham Rd Icknield St: STW sewer upsizing TM:-
two-way signals

28/09/11-02/12/11 (estimated job on hold while WCC works take
place)

The Slough Sambourne from junc Green Lane up to Birchwood
House: STW replace water mains TM: Road Closure.

WCC have directed STW that these works are carried out at
separate times to ease disruption in this area.

Aston Cantlow

31/10/11-23/12/11 (estimated)
Lower Farm Rd Newnham STW mains renewal from across
Pinnars Canal to O/S Oakfield TM:- Multi-Way signals

31-10/11-25/11/11 (estimated)
B4089 Alcester Rd Little Alne from O/S Arden Centre to Walnut
Tree Cottage Western Power laying 300 metres HV cable TM:
Two way signals

Henley in Arden

Glenhurst Rd and adjoining estate from 03/01/12 onwards N
Grid Gas mains replacement works further details TBC

Atherstone-On-Stour

24/10/11-2/12/11 (estimated)
Atherstone Rd from junc of A3400 Shipston Rd STW are
renewing 800l/m of clean water main TM:- Road Closure TBC

Alderminster

14/11/11-02/12/11 (estimated)
A3400 Shipston Rd from junc Wimpstone Rd to junc Preston
Lane STW laying connections for mains replacement TM:- Multi-
way signals

North Warwickshire Area

Polesworth

03/01/2012-23/01/2012 (Revised Dates)
Pooley View/Station Road N Grid Gas Mains renewal TM:-
(Multi-way signals)

Corley

21/12/2011-18/01/2012 Estimated
B4089 Tamworth Road, Corley Ash 420 metres footway
reconstruction TM:- Two-way signals

Nuneaton Area

10/10/11-21/10/11
Church Road Private Sewer works (Star Civils) TM:- two way
signals

03/10/11-end of February 2012
Stockingford Estate:- AMEC ongoing gas mains replacement
works in Whittleford/Kingswood/Meldrum/Randle/Cross
St/Whitehouse Crescent

03/01/12-06/03/12
Regent Street National Grid Gas mains replacement works
TM:- Lane Closure

Early warning of National Grid gas replacement works in Harefield
Rd dates to be confirmed.

Bedworth

Bulkington Rd/Bedworth Rd:- National Grid Gas Alliance gas
2.2km of mains replacement scheme. START 01/06/11 STOP
29/11/11 TM:- 2 & multi way signals (ongoing)

09/01/12-onwards (TBC)
Wootton Street Estate Gas mains replacement works

George St/ Mill St/ Newtown Rd/ Leicester St:- Various utility
replacement/diversion works being carried out during
Summer/Autumn time to facilitate Tesco Store Development

23/09/11-November 2011 (estimated)
Leicester Street/Mill Street WCC/Tesco Development
Carriageway Resurfacing Works & infra-structure : TM:- Lane
Closure/Road Closures WCC Contact David Moore 01926
410410

21/09/11-07/11/11
Blackhorse Road Gas mains Replacement works National Grid
Enterprise TM:- Two-way signals

These utility works along with major road construction works will
cause traffic congestion in this area.

For all other road works in Warwickshire go to the Warwickshire
web site <http://warwickshire.elgin.gov.uk/>