

**CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE**

**12** out of **13** capital schemes, due for delivery in quarter 1, have either been completed or are progressing as planned, and are detailed below. For details of the remaining scheme, please see the 'Progress not as expected' section.

**PROGRESS AS EXPECTED**

**2014/15 Capital schemes programmed for delivery in quarter 1**

**Urban Unclassified**

- o **Carriageway resurfacing works have been carried out at the following locations:** Lambourne in Larkhill (Skelmersdale West); Langtree full length (Skelmersdale West); White Moss Road from Liverpool Road to Standside Park (Skelmersdale West); and Inchfield from Northway to end (Skelmersdale Central).

**Footways**

- o **Footway resurfacing works have been carried out at the following locations:** Pine Close full length (Skelmersdale West); Laurel Drive full length (Skelmersdale West); Brandreth Drive Estate full length (West Lancashire East); and Back School Lane from house number 1 to Clegg Street (Skelmersdale West).

**Bridges**

- o **New Lane Bridge on New Lane (West Lancashire North)** – LCC engineers have conducted a review of the bridge and have found that it has sufficient capacity to sustain the heavy loads accessing the bridge so therefore strengthening works are not required at this stage. The bridge does require some maintenance work which will be programmed during quarter 4 2014/15 and will involve painting the parapet rails and possibly installing an anti access panel to cover the exposed utility ducts.

**Capital schemes carried over from previous quarters for delivery in quarter 1 2014/15**

**A, B and C Roads**

- o **Long Lane in Aughton (West Lancashire South)** - resurfacing works to various sections of the carriageway have been completed.
- o **Blaguegate Lane/Ormskirk Road from Hollands Lane to Railway Road (West Lancashire South)** – microasphalt works have been completed in the area.

**Footways**

- o **Flagged footways in Skelmersdale (Skelmersdale East/West/Central)** – footway improvement works have been completed.

**PROGRESS NOT AS EXPECTED**

**Capital scheme programmed for delivery in quarter 1 which has now been delayed**

**Footways**

- o **Church Lane from house number 2 to 40 (Skelmersdale East)** – footway resurfacing works have been delayed to quarter 2 2014/15 due to the overhead cables in the area causing obstruction.

**SERVICE UPDATE**

■ = Progress as expected  
■ = Progress not as expected  
■ = Issues identified  
 = Information

**Ormskirk Bus Station Refurbishment**

Further discussions have begun with West Lancashire Borough Council with regards to the options for the refurbishment of the bus station. The discussions may lead to a shared development on a larger footprint than originally envisaged.

**Community Rail Partnership Programme Improvements**

The additional train on the Preston to Ormskirk line has been introduced and patronage on the line continues to increase. A promotional leaflet is being developed in conjunction with West Lancashire Borough Council and Sefton council using Local Sustainable Transport Funding. It is hoped to launch the leaflet during quarter 2 2014/15.

**Ormskirk Town Centre**

The Moor Street proposals were put out for formal public consultation during July 2014. A press release was undertaken and links to the consultation were made available on the local West Lancashire Borough Council (WLBC) website. LCC and WLBC staff were available and discussed and explained the proposals to members of the public and other stakeholders at the start of the consultation period at a public exhibition held in the Ormskirk Gallery building. Local businesses and traders were also consulted by direct mail. The results of the consultation have been reviewed and addressed and the scheme will go forward to detailed design, taking into account where possible the results and any comments from the consultation.

**Skelmersdale Rail Link Feasibility Study**

This feasibility study is being carried out on behalf of LCC by a company called Arups and the draft study report is due to be completed by August 2014. This will then be considered by all partners and decisions made on how to progress.

**Road and Street Maintenance**

2014/15	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	13/14 Target
<b>West Lancashire</b>													
Monthly % of defects filled within 20 working days	84%	96%											90%
Cumulative % of defects filled within 20 working days		90%											
<b>Lancashire</b>													
Cumulative % of defects filled within 20 working days	94%	95%											90%

Between April and May 2014/15, a total of 1,936 highway defects were identified by regular Highway Safety Inspections (HSI) or reported by the public in West Lancashire. 90% of these defects were repaired within 20 working days. Performance in April did not achieve the target, but a focus on the timeliness of recording and reporting defect repairs in May has delivered a significant improvement.

**Environment and Community Projects**

**Bickerstaffe Mountain Bike Trail** - The trails were officially launched on 20 June 2014. It was a successful and well-attended event with reports in the local press. Agreement has now been reached with neighbouring landowners/users for a concessionary cycling route onto the site from Bickerstaffe church.

**Skelmersdale Subways** - Two subways in Birch Green and one in Ashurst (leading to the Primary Schools) have been improved with urban art last quarter. Initial discussions have taken place with West Lancashire Borough Council and the Arts Council with a view to bringing external funding and wider cultural media to these projects.

**VISIT Walking Trails** - Work has been completed on a history and heritage based Lathom walk and it was launched on the 9 August to coincide with other West Lancashire World War 1 commemorative events.

**VISIT Cycling Trails** - The Southport Pier to Wigan Pier cycling route has been signposted in West Lancashire. Work continues on siting and the design of the four West Lancashire leisure routes linking Burscough to Hesketh bank.

**Trading Standards**

**E-cigarettes** - 70 electronic cigarettes and 80 bottles of liquid nicotine were seized from a Skelmersdale trader. The e-cigarettes had no battery charging cut-off function which could lead to the overcharging of the battery and the potential for a battery fire or explosion. The liquid nicotine, which is a poison, did not have the required safety information warning consumers that it was extremely toxic (the 'skull and crossbones' danger symbol) or the warning to keep locked up and out of the reach of children.