

CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

18 out of **21** capital schemes, due for delivery in quarter 2, 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 2

A, B and C Roads

- **Surface dressing works have been carried out in the following locations:**
 - Stannanought Road from Pimbo Road to Prescott Road (Skelmersdale East)
 - Asmall Lane from Blindmans Lane to Whiterails Mews (Ormskirk West)
 - Lancaster Lane from Parbold Hill to Robin Lane (West Lancashire East)
 - Railway Road from Ormskirk Road roundabout to Overbridge (Skelmersdale East)
 - Hall Road from Bescar Lane to High Lane (West Lancashire West)
 - Hall Lane between Spa Lane and Briars Lane (West Lancashire East)
 - Long Lane from the A506 to Scarth Hill Lane (West Lancashire South)
 - Mill Lane from Beacon Lane to Harts Lane (Skelmersdale East)
 - Marsh Road/Shore Road from Station Road to New Lane Pace (West Lancashire North)
 - Bescar Lane from Woodmoss Lane to Hall Road (West Lancashire West)

Rural Unclassified

- **Meadow Lane from Ring 'O' Bells Lane to the Railway Crossing (West Lancashire East)** - surface dressing works have been completed in the area.

Bridges

- **Lord Sefton Way (West Lancashire South)** – maintenance works to the bridge have been completed.

Capital schemes carried over from previous quarters for delivery in quarter 2 2014/15

A, B and C Roads

- **Blaguegate Lane/Ormskirk Road from Hollands Lane to Railway Road (West Lancashire South)** – microasphalt works have been completed in the area.

Local Priorities Response Fund

- **Residents' Parking Burscough street area** – works to implement a residents parking area and appropriate signage have been completed.

Footways

- **Church Lane from houses number 2 to 40 (Skelmersdale East)** – footway resurfacing work has been completed in the area.
- **Flagged footways in Skelmersdale area** – footway resurfacing work has been carried out in various areas of Skelmersdale.

Flood Risk Management and Drainage

- **Mossy Lea Road, Wroughtington (Skelmersdale East)** – works to construct a new manhole and replace a damaged drain have been completed.

Progress update on schemes which have commenced and are progressing as expected

Bridges

- **Claytons Farm on Lord Sefton Way (West Lancashire South)** – following the consultation with local businesses, we have determined the optimum time for this work to start is November 2014. We will start preliminary works during early quarter 3 2014/15, doing as much work as possible prior to the road closure so that we can minimise its duration. The main bridge reconstruction work will require a total road closure for up to four weeks prior to the Christmas period.

PROGRESS NOT AS EXPECTED

Capital scheme programmed for delivery in quarter 2 which have now been delayed

Rural Unclassified

- **Full length of Square House Lane (West Lancashire North)** – surface dressing has been cancelled due to a delay with the ongoing utility works. The scheme will be reviewed again and reprogrammed to a future year's programme once the utility works have been completed.

Bridges

- **Tarleton (Bank Hall) on Liverpool Road (West Lancashire North)** – pointing repairs to the bridge have now commenced and should be completed during quarter 3 2014/15. There was a slight delay due to the ongoing works at Skerton Bridge in Lancaster which hindered the start date on this bridge.

Footways

- **Roby Mill opposite The Star Inn (Skelmersdale East)** – preliminary designs are being finalised for a scheme to install safety fencing for pedestrians. Once the designs are completed the works will be re-programmed, and we anticipate that this will be within the current 2014/15 year of works.

Trading Standards

Petroleum safety - a petrol filling station in Skelmersdale centre has been completely refurbished with new tanks and underground pipe work. Another petrol filling station near Ormskirk has also been refurbished with re-lined tanks and double skinned pipe work.

The process from planning submission through to completion of the development has been overseen by the Trading Standards petroleum team for both station works.

National Scams Hub (NSH) work - we continued to receive referrals from the NSH requiring visits/contact to be made with potential scam victims. Some visits are resulting in the return of money/cheques to residents who have been caught up in a wide range of mail scams. Several members of staff have now received training to assist them carrying out visits. Links have also been made with The Adult Social Care team to ensure a 'joined up' approach. The visits are uncovering a wide range of issues in relation to vulnerable residents. The NSH currently have details of over 1,200 names and addresses in Lancashire which require some form of initial contact and assessment.

A visit to one elderly resident in West Lancashire resulted in the removal of three bin bags of scam mail. The resident was relieved to be rid of the mail as he admitted that it had been getting him down. He had been replying to some of the mail but seemed to understand that it was a scam. A follow up visit will be made to check if further mail has been received and whether the resident has been sending further money.

Ormskirk Bus Station Refurbishment

A design for a refurbished bus station has been produced by the County Council; however there are issues with regard to the on-going revenue costs. We have been asked to look at an alternative scenario, and a piece of work to assess its feasibility is underway. This will be discussed in detail with officers from the Borough Council during mid November 2014.

Ormskirk Town Centre

Following the positive response to the public consultation, work is now progressing with finalising the detail of the engineering design, costing and procurement of materials and street furniture.

United Utilities have indicated that their advance repairs to the public surface water sewer along should all be completed by 7th November.

SERVICE UPDATE

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

Road and Street Maintenance

2014/15	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	14/15 Overall (Apr - Aug)	14/15 Target
West Lancashire							
Monthly % of potholes filled within 20 days	84%	96%	99%	100%	100%	94%	90%
Cumulative % of potholes filled within 20 days		90%	93%	95%	96%	Found 3423 Fixed 3225	
Lancashire							
Cumulative % of potholes filled within 20 days	94%	95%	98%	99%	99%	97%	90%
						Found 31728 Fixed 30670	

Between April and Aug 2014/15, a total of 3,423 highway defects were identified by regular Highway Safety Inspections (HSI) or reported by the public in West Lancashire. 3,225 (94%) of these defects were repaired within 20 working days. 100% of footway and carriageway defects have been repaired within 20 working days in July and August.

Community Rail Partnership Programme Improvements

An additional train service on the Preston to Ormskirk line has been introduced and ridership on the line continues to increase. A promotional leaflet on the service is being developed in conjunction with West Lancashire Borough Council and Sefton Borough Council, using Local Sustainable Transport Funding.

Environment and Community Projects

Bickerstaffe Mountain Bike Trail - the site was officially opened in July 2014, and it has gained good local press coverage and excellent feedback, especially via social media. Concessionary access links to the venue from the south side of Bickerstaffe are still being negotiated.

VISIT Walking Trails - the War Horse route was launched in August 2014 to coincide with local World War 1 events. The route is a circular walk from Ormskirk to Lathom following the journey taken by the war horses 100 years ago.

Skelmersdale Subways - the first of eight projects took place in September 2014 at Egerton, Tanhouse. The well-used but heavily graffitied subway was subject to a community urban art project to coincide with a wider community action and engagement event to clean up the subway and engage with local residents.

Skelmersdale Rail Link Feasibility Study

The draft feasibility study report has been completed and is now being considered by the study steering group. Work has been commissioned to develop the value for money case for the rail link, including the economic growth and regeneration opportunities that a rail link would provide. The study for Network Rail on behalf of LCC and Merseytravel is being undertaken by a company called Mott MacDonald.