

**Summary:** Environment Directorate progress against delivery of the Commissioning Plan for Chorley in the first quarter of 2014/15

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## CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

7 out of 7 capital schemes, due for delivery in quarter 1, have either been completed or are progressing as planned, and are detailed below.

### PROGRESS AS EXPECTED

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

##### Urban Unclassified

- **Highfield Road from Railway Road to Chester Place (Chorley Rural East)** – carriageway resurfacing works has been completed.

##### Rural Unclassified

- **Bradley Lane from the Green to entrance of New Bradley Hall Farm (Chorley Rural West)** – carriageway resurfacing works have been completed.

##### Footways

- **Footway resurfacing works have been completed in the following locations** – Smithy Close from House numbers 17 to 43 (Chorley Rural West), and Letchworth Drive from Collingwood Road to Lightfield Drive (Chorley South).

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

##### Local Priorities Response Fund

- **Chorley Town Centre in Buckshaw (Chorley North and West)** – cycle route signs have been manufactured and installed in various locations.
- **Brunswick Street (Chorley East)** – this scheme includes two elements; signing a cycle route from town to the canal which has been completed; and introducing a contraflow cycle lane on Brunswick Street with the associated signage for which a design has been completed and will now go out for consultation. The progress of this will be reviewed during quarter 2 2014/15.

##### Road Safety

- **Seymour Street (Chorley East)** – works to allow cyclists through the road closure near railway station have been completed

## SERVICE UPDATE

### Trading Standards

**Product Recall of Unsafe Carbon Monoxide Detectors** - A Chorley importer has undertaken the recall of 700 dangerous carbon monoxide detectors used to help detect the build up of poisonous carbon monoxide generated by domestic gas appliances such as fires and central heating boilers. When tested, the battery operated devices were unable to detect the presence of high levels of carbon monoxide or set off the warning alarm. Consumers relying on the detectors were put in danger with the risk of potential carbon monoxide poisoning going undetected. Following direction by Trading Standards, the company withdrew the product from sale and undertook a national recall of product already sold.

**Scam Awareness Month** - May 2014 was National Scam Awareness month and various events and awareness raising initiatives were organised by the service. We worked alongside colleagues from the Citizens Advice Bureau to highlight the problem of scams of all types (postal, internet, email) and to offer advice on how to avoid them. Advice literature was delivered to approximately 200 post offices and health centres/doctors surgeries around the county. Events and press releases resulted in media interest with radio interviews on Radio Lancashire and Rock FM, and newspaper articles in the Lancashire Evening Post, Chorley Guardian and Skelmersdale Champion. A scam awareness stand was set up at Chorley Market by LCC and the Citizens Advice Bureau who engaged with shoppers, and distributed scam awareness material. A Scam Awareness presentation was delivered to approximately 25 members of The Chorley and District Neighbourhood Watch Group at their Annual General Meeting.

### Community Rail Partnership Programme Improvements

The additional train on the Preston to Ormskirk line which goes through Croston has been introduced and patronage on the line continues to increase. A promotional leaflet was developed in conjunction with West Lancashire Borough Council and Sefton council using Local Sustainable Transport Funding which was released during the first week of August.

### Chorley Town Centre

**Market Street upgrade** - Construction work is on-going to support the highway modification to enable the establishment of a new Asda store off Bolton Street in Chorley. The works now include an enhanced layout at The Big Lamp junction and higher quality paving materials in Market Street with financial support from Asda and Chorley Borough Council. In the next month The Big Lamp junction will be transformed and this will be a positive impact for all highway users. Work is proceeding and every effort is being made to maintain vehicular and pedestrian movements through the site.

### Road and Street Maintenance

- ☑ = Progress as expected
- ☐ = Progress not as expected
- ☒ = Issues identified
- ☐ = Information

2014/15	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	13/14 Target
<b>Chorley</b>													
Monthly % of defects filled within 20 working days	82%	98%											90%
Cumulative % of defects filled within 20 working days		87%											
<b>Lancashire</b>													
Cumulative % of defects filled within 20 working days	94%	95%											90%

Between April and May 2014/15, a total of 812 highway defects were identified by regular Highway Safety Inspections (HSI) or reported by the public in Chorley. 87% 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. Steps have been taken to ensure that performance continues to improve that achieve monthly and cumulative targets in the future.

### Environment and Community Projects

**Chorley Circular** - Contractors have carried out access improvement works on the Chorley Circular through Duxbury Woods which included installing culverted crossings over gullies, removing mud from paths, resurfacing paths with aggregates and removing old boardwalks. An artist completed 2 large wood sculptures in Duxbury Woods and they have become a public attraction promoting the site.

**Chorley Hospital** - LCC are working in partnership with Charnock Ward staff at Chorley Hospital and LCC sign shop office to produce colourful artwork signs to transform an outdoor area used by patients suffering from severe mental health difficulties.

**Ransnap Wood** - The Ransnap Wood healthy streets project has just been completed. The Euxton group formulated a project plan from an idea brought forward by a resident and member of the group. Following a consultation with schools and residents the project was developed and has resulted in the upgrading of 750m of footpath linking three schools to housing and other community facilities, as well as new information/notice boards using children's artwork, new litter/dog waste bins, volunteering activities to clear vegetation, with more planned in the future. The new paths have been well received by residents and it appears that usage is increasing.