

■ = Progress as expected  
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**CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE**

**10** out of **13** capital schemes, due for delivery in quarter 4, 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 4**

**Urban Unclassified**

➤ **U1174 Sandbrook Road from Tontine Road to Lindley Avenue (Skelmersdale East)** – carriageway resurfacing work has been completed.

**Road Safety**

➤ **Neverstiches Road/Staveley Road roundabout (Skelmersdale West)** – cycle and footpath works have commenced on site with tree cutting and site clearance being completed so far. LCC is currently working with West Lancashire Borough Council to agree legal terms on adopting areas of land to allow remaining works to be carried out during 2015/16.

**Footways**

➤ **Footway resurfacing work has been completed in the following areas:**

- Full length of U543 Willow Drive (Skelmersdale Central)
- U5377 Clayton Street from Clayton Mews to number 72 (Skelmersdale West)

➤ **Full Length of Marlborough (Skelmersdale West)** - footway slurry sealing work has been completed.

**Bridges**

➤ **Stocks Farm footbridge on Glenburn Road (Skelmersdale Central)** – initial bridge scoping works have been completed. Further work is now required to develop a detailed proposal for the parapet maintenance works.

➤ **A principal bridge inspection report has been completed at the following locations, these reports will now be reviewed to determine whether any future works are required on the bridges:**

- White Bridge on Station Road (West Lancashire West)
- Whiteledge South Footbridge on Whiteledge Road (Skelmersdale Central)

➤ **Skelmersdale Parapet Painting (Various West Lancashire)** – initial scoping works have been completed. Further work is now required to develop a detailed proposal for parapet maintenance works on the 9 bridges.

**Capital schemes delayed to quarter 4**

**Flood Risk Management and Drainage**

➤ **Skelmersdale Subways (Various areas in Skelmersdale)** – drainage investigation works have commenced at various subways in the district. This is an ongoing programme of works and will continue into 2015/16.

**PROGRESS NOT AS EXPECTED**

**Capital schemes programmed for delivery in quarter 4 which have now been delayed**

**Footways**

➤ **Roby Mill, highway fencing on the section opposite The Star Inn (Skelmersdale East)** – works to provide a pedestrian protection fence against the drop has been delayed to quarter 1 2015/16. Currently a temporary fence has been installed until a permanent fence can be erected.

➤ **Works in the following areas have been delayed to quarter 4 2015/16 as the scope of work needs to be reviewed before delivery can take place:**

- Full length of Ellerbrook Drive estate (West Lancashire West).
- Full length of Weaver Avenue and Trent Close (West Lancashire West).

**Community Rail Partnership (CRP) Programme Improvement Updates**

The West Lancashire CRP has been actively engaged in talking to the 3 bidders for the Northern Franchise who met with all CRPs to discuss their plans in April 15. The draft Franchise Agreement for the Northern Franchise dictates that the successful bidder has to allocate a minimum investment per annum to support the 19 CRPs across the north of England. The 4 CRPs covered by Community Rail Lancashire have had detailed conversations with the bidders so far.

A marketing campaign aimed at leisure usage for the Preston to Ormskirk and Wigan to Southport lines has been partly funded through the Sefton/West Lancashire Local Sustainable Transport Fund, and the Designated Line Community Rail Development fund. The campaign is on-going and passenger numbers will be monitored through the normal CRP monitoring arrangements with Northern Rail.

**Halsall Lane (Ormskirk West)**

The area around the Halsall Lane and Hurlston Brook area in Ormskirk has suffered a number of flooding incidents over the past few years. The flooding has been around the corridor of the Hurlston Brook Main River and from different sources, for which different authorities have management responsibility. As a result, mitigation schemes were proposed for individual schemes by the Environment Agency, West Lancashire Borough Council, and LCC. It was identified that by considering the overall flood risk to the area, and working collaboratively we could utilise resources more efficiently and provide better protection from flood risk to the community.

Lancashire County Council are now leading the project to investigate the mechanisms of flooding, produce models that reflect flow paths, identify risk areas and provide a report that identifies suitable options that will significantly reduce flood risk to properties in this area. The brief for the work has been issued to Jacobs and it's anticipated that substantial investigation works will be completed during quarter 1 2015/16 prior to works commencing thereafter.

**Environment and Community Projects**

**Bickerstaffe Mountain Bike Trail**

Discussions around the concessionary access links to the trail from the south side of Bickerstaffe are close to agreement with the local council. An additional entrance and accompanying fencing and hedging has been completed to help the discussions around accessing the site. The mountain bike users are close to constituting their own group to help maintain and fundraise for the facility.

**Skelmersdale Subways**

The subways across Tanhouse Road at Evington and Enstone were given the "urban art" treatment this quarter. We are waiting on some maintenance finishing touches before they can be completed. So far 3 of the 8 subways have been completed and works will continue into 2015/16 on the remainder.

**VISIT Walking Trails**

The Hesketh Bank Heritage Trail was completed in February 2015 and the parish council led a walk with more than 60 visitors to officially launch the map and trail at the end of March 2015.

**Trading Standards**

**Counterfeiting prosecution** - A man from Skelmersdale was issued an 8 month suspended prison sentence and a 12 month supervision order, with a 200 hour unpaid work requirement after pleading guilty to offences under the Trade Marks Act 1994, after he was found selling counterfeit DVDs. Following a test purchase, Trading Standards Officers executed a warrant on premises in Skelmersdale and seized a computer, order lists and discs.

**Ormskirk Bus Station Refurbishment**

Plans for a new bus station have been considered and discussed with West Lancashire Borough Council. Plans have been prepared for a small bus station and these have previously been shared with the borough council. The borough council have recently indicated that they would be willing to consider meeting appropriate revenue costs for the smaller bus station. Discussions are still ongoing and an update on progress will be provided in quarter 2 2015/16.

**SERVICE UPDATE**

**Road and Street Maintenance**

2014/15	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	14/15 Overall (Apr - Mar)	14/15 Target
<b>West Lancashire</b>														
Monthly % of potholes filled within 20 days	84%	96%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	97%	90%
Cumulative % of potholes filled within 20 days	90%	93%	95%	96%	97%	97%	97%	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	Found 6973	Fixed 6771
<b>Lancashire</b>														
Cumulative % of potholes filled within 20 days	93%	97%	98%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	93%	94%	96%	97%	90%
													Found 67555	Fixed 65409

Between April 2014 and March 2015, a total of 6,973 highway defects were identified by regular Highway Safety Inspections (HSI's), or reported by the public in West Lancashire. Of these defects 6,771 (97%) were repaired within 20 working days between April and March, and as such we have achieved our Key Performance Indicator (KPI) for the year.

**Ormskirk Town Centre**

Detailed design of the works are now completed and procurement of materials and sub-contractors are ongoing with works starting on site in February 2015 as planned. The works will take up to six months to complete, and throughout this period, traffic will be prevented from accessing Moor Street. Officers are currently working on publicity and communications for the project. Some stalls have had to be relocated for safety reasons.

**Ormskirk Road**

**Ormskirk Road from Upholland to Ormskirk Road (Skelmersdale East)** – A practicality report for the scheme has been completed by Jacobs and design works for the surface crossing and road layout has commenced. LCC will be consulting during quarter 1 2015/16 in relation to the crossing scheme. A speed survey will also be carried out on the road and if a recommendation comes back to lower the speed limit before the works can commence, it will result in further consultation. As the surface crossing has been proposed on a 70mph road, extensive works and surveys have been required resulting in the scheme being delayed.

**Skelmersdale Rail Link Feasibility Study**

A report recommending the next stages for the project went to Deputy Leader of the County Council and the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport in late May 2015. The decision is currently in the call in period and a further update on the progress of this project will be provided in quarter 1 2015/16.

# 2014/15 West Lancashire Capital Programme: Ongoing

## 2014/15 Capital Programme Summary

50 schemes (80%) of West Lancashire's capital programme planned for delivery in 2014/15 were completed. 12 capital schemes were not able to be completed by the end of 2014/15 and have therefore been carried over into 2015/16.

Updates for these 12 schemes are provided in the following tables:

Programme	Project	Treatment	Original Delivery Quarter	Revised delivery Quarter for 2015/16	Reason for Delay
Flood Risk Management & Drainage	Halsall Lane	Upgrade culvert	Q4	Ongoing in to 15/16	Numerous authorities are involved with the delivery of this scheme therefore works will continue into 15/16
	Skelmersdale subways in various locations	Flood mitigation project - advance investigation	Ongoing programme of works		
Safety Fences	Safety fences in Skelmersdale	Condition surveys and design			
Local Priorities Response Fund	F7546 Ormskirk pedestrian area	Footway/vehicle access route resurfacing	Q4	Q4	Works are ongoing. LCC currently liaising with WLBC in relation to additional funding for the scheme
	Ormskirk Road	Pedestrian/cycling crossing facility	Q4	Q4	Works are ongoing as various safety audits and investigations need to be carried out due to the complexity of the scheme
Footways	Roby Mill, Highway Fencing	Provide pedestrian protection against the drop such as timber post and rail fence	Q2	Q1	A temporary safety fence has been installed. A permanent fence is currently being prepared.
	4/5 Ellerbrook Drive Estate	Footway slurry seal	Q3	Q4	Scheme delayed due to scope of works yet to be finalised
	Weaver Avenue / Trent Close	Footway slurry seal	Q3	Q4	

The bridges capital programme contains some multiyear schemes and as such the following schemes from the original 2014/15 work programme will continue into 2015/16:

Programme	Project	Treatment	Detail
Bridges	2098B1 Derby Street Railway	Continuation of the design and planning for a new structure	Inspections and analysis are currently ongoing to determine next steps for the scheme
	2147B1 New Lane strengthening	Strengthening scheme	Designs have commenced and will continue into 15/16

The schemes below are to be reconsidered in a future years programme:

Programme	Project	Location	Details
Footways	U861 Kinloch Way	Footway resurfacing	Scheme has been cancelled as works were undertaken in previous years which are still in good condition
	Truscott Road / Hesketh Road / Furnival Drive / Pickles Drive / Alexandra Road	Footway Slurry Seal	Scheme has been cancelled as the footway is in good condition and will not benefit from slurry sealing