

# Carriageway Surface Dressing

This work will be overseen by West Sussex Highways and undertaken by our supply chain partner, Hazell and Jefferies.

Surface dressing involves spraying a coating of bitumen on to the road, followed by one or more layers of hard stone chippings.

Surface dressing is carried out every year. It is done to seal the road and cover over repairs carried out following winter weather damage. It helps protect against future weather damage too.

It is a very cost effective way of protecting and prolonging the life of our roads. It is quick and easy and traffic can be allowed to run on the new surface almost immediately - avoiding lengthy closures and disruption.

Sealing the road in this way prevents water getting into the foundations and weakening the road, which can lead to potholes developing. Other benefits include an increase in skid resistance which helps improve road safety.

Soon after a surface dressing is applied, the road is swept to remove loose chippings. Subsequent sweeps will take place at regular intervals until the surface is stable.

Where possible the County Council will give advance notice of the roadworks to residents and advice to ensure their vehicles are not left on roads that are about to be treated. However, as this is an extremely weather-dependant process it is possible that dates can change at short notice.

Access for pedestrians should not be affected. However, movements may be temporarily restricted from time to time to allow for movement of plant and equipment.

Access for residents will be maintained during working hours, although there may be a short delay if materials are being laid. Residents who require access within this time should ask to speak to the site supervisor. Businesses which require access for customers and deliveries should speak to the site supervisor to make arrangements.

Signs will also be put up advising drivers to drive slowly on recently treated roads, and keep to the temporary signed advisory speed limit. Any residents who witness drivers disobeying these advisory signs or not driving to the road conditions are urged to contact the Police on their non-emergency number (101), as they deal with enforcement of speed limits and safe driving practices.

Please take care if you come across the work going on or find yourself on a recently treated surface so as not to chip your paintwork or someone else's with flying chippings. It will not last more than a couple of days and will make a very positive contribution once it has been completed.

Please try to avoid walking across newly laid material. However, if you walk on the newly laid material, we suggest you check your shoes (and your pets' paws) before entering your property. The material can stick to shoes and mark your carpet or flooring.