

Derbyshire County Council

Improving roads and public transport

Moving Forward

2001-2011

Improving the county's roads and having access to good public transport is a top priority for local people – which means it's a top priority for us at Derbyshire County Council too.

You told us you wanted:

- more road and pavement repairs
- better public transport
- improved opportunities for cyclists
- safer roads.

And we've listened. That's why we're:

- investing millions of pounds in the county's roads, pavements, footpaths and cycle routes to make them safer for you to use
- supporting bus and train networks to make it easier for you to get out and about
- working with others to cut accidents, deaths and injuries on our roads.



What we've done so far...

We started improving the services you told us could be better in our first local transport plan for Derbyshire (LTP1) – a five-year plan outlining our proposals for transport from 2001-2006.

Getting around

We invested around £43 million building and improving 410 miles roads and 137 miles pavements and creating 92 miles of new cycle routes across the county.

We also spent £2 million maintaining our extensive network of footpaths, bridleways and cycle routes across the county.

Our key projects included:

- building 62 miles of greenway which can be used by walkers, cyclists and horses, including a £350,000 partnership project to build a route between Trent Lock near Long Eaton and Attenborough
- major resurfacing of A514 Swadlincote to Derby Road at Hartshorne
- on-road cycle facilities including crossings and new cycle paths in Swarkestone, Pinxton, Long Eaton and other areas



- resurfacing of A61 between Tesco roundabout and Whittington Moor roundabout, Chesterfield

- bridge strengthening on the A6175 Wingfield Road, Clay Cross

- new improved road lay-out at Langwith Road, Shirebrook

- resurfacing and drainage works in Glossop on Philip Howard Road, Bowland Road, Cemetery Road, York Street, High View, Sunlaws Street and Queen Street

- kerb lowering and other improvements to pavements in Buxton.



Improving life locally...

Now we have improved our roads, pavements and footpaths, you've told us you're more satisfied but we know we've still got more work to do.

By bus and train...

We want to make sure everyone living in Derbyshire can get out and about, where and when they want to.

During 2001-06, we spent:

- around £5 million each year supporting bus services in Derbyshire to make sure our communities were well-connected
- a further £1 million a year on improving public transport facilities and information such as bus stations and shelters, railway stations and timetables.



Our key projects included:

- £150,000 refurbishment at Alfreton Bus Station with further improvements at Swadlincote, Eckington, Ashbourne and Chesterfield stations
- Gold Card – a free bus and half-price train travel and discount scheme for over 60s and people with disabilities – and b_line discount travel scheme for 11-18 year-olds
- improvements to more than 1,800 bus stops with better signs, travel information, bus shelters and lighting
- new bus services including the 218 direct from Buxton to Sheffield, the Orbital 33 linking Chesterfield with local hospitals

- more frequent journeys for services including the Transpeak from Nottingham to Manchester and service 51 from Chesterfield to Clay Cross
- £2 million redevelopment of Chesterfield railway station with our partners and further improvements at stations including Belper, Bamford and Matlock
- £400,000 spent on community transport vehicles and a further £934,000 to support services including new services in Buxton, New Mills, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Whaley Bridge and Peak Forest
- bus services to help people get to work in hard to reach areas
- improving bus stops and better information for customers at railway stations along the Derwent Valley
- rebuilding the Bilby Lane bridge in Brimington to reopen a section of Chesterfield Canal to boats.

Improving life locally...

More people have been using bus services in Derbyshire since we started making improvements in 2001. Passengers told us they are happier with the services, facilities and information provided but we know there's more work to do.



Safety

We take road safety very seriously at Derbyshire County Council. That's why we gave ourselves even tougher targets than the Government-set figure to cut serious injuries and deaths on our roads.

Our key projects included:

- providing 251 pedestrian crossings
- five crossings to aid horse riders as well as pedestrians
- 224 traffic calming schemes to reduce speed
- an extensive programme of safety measures on roads where there are most accidents
- introducing 20mph zones in 10 areas
- road safety and anti-drink driving campaigns
- setting up 72 School Safety Zones
- laying skid resistant surfacing on A5132 at Willington
- safety measures on A61 at Tesco roundabout, Chesterfield, including extra street lighting, road resurfacing and better safety barriers



- netting to stop rock falls on A6
- Bike Plus – a post-test safety course for motorcyclists
- an action plan to tackle the rising number of motorcycle injuries
- cycle training for 6,621 children
- CCTV on school buses and at railway stations.



Improving life locally...

We met all our national targets. Serious injuries and deaths on our roads were cut from 617 during the year 2000/01 to 483 in 2005/06. Child casualties were cut from 78 during the year 2000/01 to 42 in 2005/06.

Looking after Derbyshire

We want to protect Derbyshire from the effects of noise and pollution from traffic. But we also need to regenerate the county support local industry and create more jobs.

Our key projects included:

- a new £1.2 million diversion road to preserve the unique archaeological features at Creswell Crags' ice age site
- on-street parking to provide priority parking for residents in Buxton and improve town centre parking for visitors and shoppers
- road widening and improvements to cut congestion on dual carriageway between Horns Bridge roundabout and Lordsmill Street, Chesterfield
- helping quarrying businesses switch to rail instead of using road for deliveries
- new road and roundabout, cycle and footpaths at Derbyshire's ongoing £62 million regeneration scheme Markham Vale
- Travel Plan packs sent to 300 businesses to help them support alternatives to travelling by car
- improved access roads to industrial estates in Buxton, Alfreton and Heanor
- measures to cut congestion on A610 Ripley and A619 Chesterfield.



Improving life locally...

By cutting congestion, traffic can flow more freely in Derbyshire. This makes travelling on the county's roads less stressful for drivers. It also reduces pollution because less time is spent on the road.

What we're doing next...

We're building on the success of our first local transport plan with another for 2006-2011 (LTP2).

We've drawn up the plan but it's not just about us doing what we think is best. We've talked and listened to local people to find out what you want and we'll continue to listen to you to make sure we're getting it right.

Over the next five years we'll be focusing on improving:

- roads and pavements
- road safety
- bus and train services and cycle networks
- air quality and protecting our environment
- the economy and reducing congestion.



Improving roads and pavements

We'll continue our work to keep our network of roads, pavements, footpaths, bridges and cycle routes in good condition across the county.



£123 million has been earmarked for maintenance over the next five years which includes looking after street lights and signs.

Work will be targeted at roads in the worst condition to improve life for local people.

We're improving the way we work to protect the environment too by using more recycled materials for things like replacement kerbs.

Safety

Road safety remains our top priority. Even though we exceeded our targets for reducing the number of people killed and injured on our roads during 2001/06, any accident is still one too many.

That's why we've set ourselves a new set of challenging targets to reduce accidents even further.

We'll also work with our partners to improve street lighting and provide more CCTV in towns and on buses to make you feel safer.

Our key projects include:

- more road safety measures on roads where accidents frequently occur
- improving roads and crossings to reduce danger to pedestrians and cyclists
- reviewing speed limits on roads across the county
- making routes to school safer
- more campaigns to pass on road safety messages to children, drivers and bikers
- working with you and our partners such as the police to improve safety.

Getting around

Providing better links to hospitals and work and creating more leisure opportunities is high on our agenda for the next five years.

We'll be:

- providing better footpaths and cycleways to encourage healthier ways of travelling
- improving public transport facilities and information

- building on the success of the b_line and Gold Card concessionary travel and discount schemes for 11-18 year olds, over 60s and people with disabilities
- looking at ways we can help more of you get around locally, particularly older people and people with disabilities
- identifying sites for development with the best transport links.



Air Quality and Protecting our Environment

We all need to cut down the amount of pollution we produce in our daily lives. Fumes from vehicle exhausts are some of the main offenders.

We'll be:

- cutting congestion to reduce the amount of time our engines are running on the road
- promoting public transport as an alternative to cars in areas at risk of developing air quality problems
- promoting use of more environmentally friendly fuels
- helping more schools draw up travel plans to encourage more pupils to walk to school.

Improving the Economy and Reducing Congestion

Tackling congestion hotspots, better management of parking and improving bus reliability are all part of the plan to keep traffic moving freely around Derbyshire.

We want to continue improving transport links and access to key industrial areas in Derbyshire.

Our key projects include:

- £12.4 million link road between Ilkeston and Awwsworth diverting traffic away from an extremely busy road on the outskirts of Ilkeston
- junction 29a – a new motorway junction at Markham Vale helping to create 5,000 jobs
- work with bus operators to improve bus punctuality.

How to find out more

The full version of our local transport plans for 2001/06 and 2006/11 are available to view on the county council's website at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport/transport_planning/

To report a fault on a road or street light Call Derbyshire on 08 456 058 058.

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