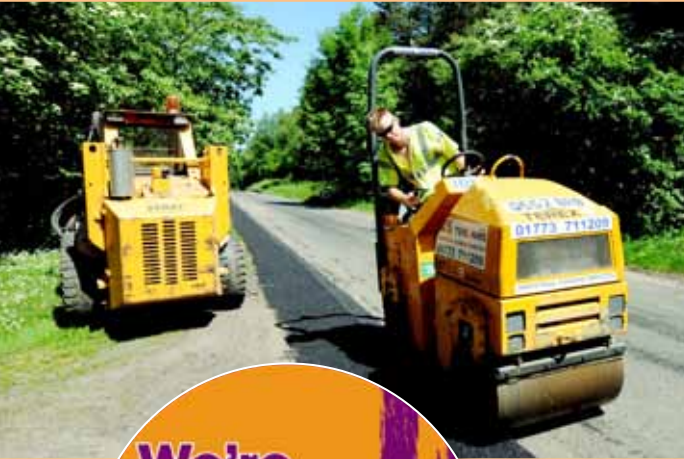


Moving Forward

A healthy future for local transport



We're
improving
Derbyshire
roads



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Improving life for local people



We're improving Derbyshire roads. **Why?** Because we know good quality roads are important to you.

They're essential for communities to thrive, for local businesses to flourish and for all of us to go about our daily lives.

But we also know times are tough for councils with the big squeeze on public spending.

So what does that mean for our roads? It means we've got to take good care of what we've already got, now and in the future. And to do that, it's essential we plan ahead.

But there's much more to managing our roads and rights of way than just carrying out repairs. That's why we're also looking at:

- Safety
- Keeping Derbyshire moving
- Providing good links to local services
- Promoting healthy, environmentally-friendly alternatives to travelling by car
- Building for the future.



Keeping roads in good shape

We experienced some of the worst winter weather we've ever seen in Derbyshire in recent years. And there's no doubt it's taken its toll on our roads.

But we'll continue to target repairs where they're most needed - including in rural areas.

Our **'You Report It, We'll Sort It'** campaign is helping to do just that. In 2010/11 we responded to more than 9,000 urgent calls from local people about problems on our roads and pavements.

Did you know we look after:

- More than 3,000 miles of roads
- 2,600 miles of pavements
- More than 3,000 miles of rights of way
- 825 road bridges
- 280 miles of retaining walls
- 87,000 street lights.

In the next five years we aim to:

- Plan how we manage and maintain different types of roads more efficiently and effectively to make our money go further
- Cut our street lighting energy bill. We're fitting low energy light bulbs and investigating switching some lights off between midnight and 5.30am

- Keep computerised records about the location and condition of our road-related equipment from bridges to lights and pavements to help keep them well-maintained
- Remove signs we no longer need
- Work in a more environmentally-friendly way such as by maintaining some road verges as nature reserves or using environmentally-friendly materials in our work
- Continue to improve our Public Rights of Way network.





Other key projects

- Assess the risk of flooding and work with districts and borough councils to improve drainage for new developments such as housing
- Consider expanding our control centre which organises repairs to potholes, faulty streetlights, blocked gullies and other problems.



Safety

In 2010, we recorded the lowest number of crashes on our roads since records began in the 1980s.

That's great news. Reducing crashes is a key priority for us and it seems our hard work is paying off but we're not complacent. One death on our roads is still one too many.

In the next five years we aim to:

- Cut the number of people killed and injured on Derbyshire's roads
- Help improve community safety with small scale projects to clean-up and prevent graffiti or improve lighting.

Other key projects

- Continue to introduce measures to improve safety, where necessary, such as road surface improvements
- Look at ways to make routes to school safer
- Continue our programme of road safety education and training in school



Keeping Derbyshire moving

No one likes congestion. Being stuck in traffic is annoying for motorists, can be costly for businesses and is bad for the environment.

During the last two years we've experienced some of the worst winter weather we've ever seen and it was snow bringing traffic to a standstill. That's why we're making sure we're well prepared for harsh winters in the future.

In the next five years we aim to:

- Keep our roads well maintained and in good shape by improving the quality of small repairs and work carried out by other organisations such as gas, water and electricity companies
- Improve signage to direct HGVs away from unsuitable routes where possible
- Improve the way we co-ordinate roadworks by different agencies to keep disruption to a minimum
- Encourage businesses to carry freight by rail
- Grit our roads in a more efficient way
- Continue providing grit bins to help people clear public pavements and roads.



Other key projects

- Improve signage to places and tourist attractions to keep traffic moving around the county
- Managing on-street parking to keep traffic flowing
- Small improvements to some road junctions to help cut congestion
- Talking to businesses about their transport needs and what we can do to support them.

Good links to local services

We want everyone in Derbyshire to be able to get out and about, where and when they want to.

And we're not just talking about car travel. In fact, we're encouraging people to use their cars less.

Walking and cycling is cheaper, healthier and better for the environment. And bus and train travel is also a good option for many journeys.

We took the difficult decision to withdraw some of our funding for public transport as part of our plan to save £90 million over four years.

But most bus journeys are unaffected and we continue to support many evening, weekend, rural and community transport services as well as offering travel discounts to over 60s, eligible disabled people and 11 to 18 year olds.

We still have a good public transport network in Derbyshire as well as more opportunities to walk and cycle than ever before.

In the next five years we aim to:

- Help people get out and about using community transport and other tailored services
- Work with businesses and schools to encourage more

environmentally friendly travel like walking, cycling and using public transport

- Improve the way we provide information about public transport including online, at bus stations and busy stops
- Extend our off-road cycle network further
- Continue managing school crossing patrols to help children walk to and from school safely.





Other key projects

- Research how much carbon comes from traffic in Derbyshire and the potential effects of various measures to reduce emissions
- Help investigate the potential for using new transport technology in the future such as re-charge points for electric cars and pre-paid travel cards
- Continue to support three existing community rail partnerships and develop more elsewhere.



The future

Like councils across the country, we're facing financial pressures. So we'll be concentrating our efforts on taking good care of existing roads.

We'll review our 'wish list' of major transport-related building projects and decide which ones are most needed.

In the next five years we aim to:

- Review our 'wish list' for major building projects and start work on the top priority project
- Introduce cycle networks in Chesterfield, Long Eaton and at least one other Derbyshire town
- Extend our network of more than 180 miles of greenways - off road routes for cyclists, walkers, runners, horse

riders, wheelchair users and pushchairs

- Continue investigating the potential for building a new railway station in Ilkeston.



The full version of our local transport plan for 2011-2026 is available to view online at **www.derbyshire.gov.uk/localtransportplan**, in libraries, district and borough council offices and at County Hall.


Spot a pothole, faulty street light or blocked gully? You report it, we'll sort it. Tell us about problems on Derbyshire roads online at **www.derbyshire.gov.uk/reportit** or email **callcentre@derbyshire.gov.uk** or Call Derbyshire on **08456 058 058** .

To plan your bus and train journeys call traveline on **0871 200 22 33** (calls cost 10p per minute plus network extras) or visit **www.travelineeastmidlands.co.uk**

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