

EXPENDITURE ON THE HIGHWAY

In terms of total funding (capital and revenue), this year the Council will spend around £5 million pounds on the highway – “the highway” basically means everything you can see when you step into the street – roads, pavements, bridges, guardrail, gullies (grids), traffic signals, roundabouts etc. This money is used to improve the safety and efficiency of our highway and also to extend its life.

Sometimes there are exceptional events – like the last two severe winters for example – which, because of the freeze and thaw cycle, can damage large areas of the road surface across the whole network.

Government has recognised this, and in March this year provided Knowsley Council with an additional £356,000 to repair potholes and other damage caused by the severe weather. With the extra money, we have been able to schedule more repairs over a greater length of time. This helps us manage our programme and achieve greater value for money.

This year, the Council has programmed the following improvements to the carriageway (roads). Footways and other parts of the highway have not been included for the purpose of this exercise.

Capital Maintenance		
This is money paid annually to the Council by Government. “Capital” money is used to completely rebuild or replace existing roads, bridges and other highway infrastructure. We use capital where a road is damaged beyond economical repair (when resurfacing or repairing it will no longer stop it from breaking up).		£
County Rd/South Boundary Rd Roundabout	Reconstruction	350,000
Leyland Street	Carriageway and Footway Reconstruction	225,000
School Lane	Reconstruction	100,000
Cronton Road from Tarbock Island to Whitefield Lane	Resurfacing	80,000
Baileys Lane	Reconstruction of road/Structural Maintenance	225,000
East Lancashire Road junction with Coopers Lane	Resurfacing	150,000
Total		1,130,000

Revenue Maintenance		
This is money made available by the Council to keep our existing roads in good condition. We use “revenue” funding to maintain roads and bridges rather than rebuild them. This usually means resurfacing roads and repairing bridges.		£
Arbour Lane	Resurfacing	25,000
Bluebell Lane	Surface Treatment	54,000

Cross Lane / dragon Lane	Resurfacing	25,000
County Rd	Resurfacing	45,000
Eccleston St	Resurfacing	20,000
Finch Lane	Surface Treatment	16,000
Gale Rd	Resurfacing	20,000
Hall Lane, Cronton	Surface Treatment	55,000
Hillside Rd	Surface Treatment	16,000
Roughwood Dr	Surface Treatment	52,000
St Helens Rd	Resurfacing	60,000
St James Rd	Surface Treatment	20,000
Twigg Lane	Surface Treatment	20,000
Various carriageway patching programmes	Pothole repairs	140,000
Total		568,000

With the additional money we have received from government, we have also been able to complete the following carriageway repairs – this means these roads will not develop potholes in the future:

Additional Maintenance		£
Charnwood Rd	Resurfacing	20,000
Church Road, Roby	Resurfacing	17,000
Cronton Ave	Resurfacing	9,000
Gentwood Rd	Resurfacing	22,000
Glovers Brow	Resurfacing	33,000
Greenwood Close	Resurfacing	11,000
Heath Rd	Resurfacing	5,000
Imber Rd	Resurfacing	6,000
Jubilee Drive	Resurfacing	20,000
Mackets Lane	Resurfacing	45,000
Saxon Way	Resurfacing	33,000
Sefton Dr	Resurfacing	11,000
Simonswood Lane	Resurfacing	45,000
Terminus Road	Resurfacing	6,000
Water Lane	Resurfacing	40,000
Westview, Huyton	Resurfacing	12,000
Wyllin Rd	Resurfacing	9,000
Total		356,000