

Transport and Highways Update

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Introduction

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Welcome to the Spring 2016 issue of the *Transport and Highways Update*.

In this issue you will find an update on the B4100 / B4451 Dual Carriageway (M40 Junction 12). The scheme is nearing completion and should be finished by the end of April.

The government's rail minister Claire Perry opened the Bermuda Park railway station at the end of February. This is the fourth new station to be opened in Warwickshire since 2000. There is also an update on the construction of the Kenilworth railway station with work due to begin this year and due for completion early next year.

Warwickshire County Council have entered into an agreement with Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council and Coventry City Council to have their roads maintained and repaired by Balfour Beatty until 2023. Balfour Beatty successfully tendered for the contract, adding to the previous five years of working with us. We are confident they will carry on doing a fantastic job.

We are reminding drivers to obey the School Crossing Patrol Stop sign and will be reporting those who don't to the police.

Finally, this is the last Transport and Highways Update as many of you may be aware that I will be retiring in April.

I have enjoyed working and serving the residents of Warwickshire for more than 25 years and I would like to thank you for your support over the years.

Wishing you all the very best

Major Schemes



B4100 / B4451 Dual Carriageway (M40 Junction 12) – Update

Construction works on the new dual carriageway in Gaydon have progressed significantly in recent weeks with tie-in works at both ends of the South Carriageway progressing well with a view to opening both sides of the dual carriageway to single-lane traffic shortly after Easter.

Warwickshire County Council's contractors, Geoffrey Osborne Ltd, are working collaboratively with contractor Balfour Beatty who are delivering the Highways England part of the overall scheme.

The new permanent footway/cycleway is now open to both pedestrians and cyclists from the permanently closed section of the B4100 up to the British Motor Museum and the street lights on the North carriageway are now operational.

There is a temporary 30mph speed limit from the Gaydon roundabout on the B4100 to the Jaguar Land Rover entrance which will be in force during the duration of the works. There are also manned temporary traffic signals in operation at the temporary roundabout during morning peak times to help aid the flow of traffic off the M40 and from the Gaydon link road.

When travelling through the site please take care as there will be times where temporary traffic management will be in place, on an ad-hoc basis, to coincide with the construction activities of the day.

This scheme is due to be completed in April 2016. To check on the progress of this scheme, please visit our website www.warwickshire.gov.uk/m40j12. For more information, please email gaydonroadworks@warwickshire.gov.uk



Rail Minister visits new Bermuda Park rail station
Rail Minister, Claire Perry MP, visited Bermuda Park rail station on Thursday 25th February, one of two new stations that have been built on the Coventry to Nuneaton rail line as part of a £13.6 million rail upgrade.

The Department for Transport provided £4.75 million funding towards the scheme, with a financial contribution from the European Regional Development Fund, and the remainder being met by Warwickshire County Council, Coventry City Council and Centro.

The Minister was joined by representatives from Warwickshire County Council, Coventry City Council, Network Rail, London

Midland, Centro (The West Midlands Passenger Transport Executive), SLC Rail and Buckingham Group. The new station at Bermuda Park is enabling people and businesses in and around the south of Nuneaton to gain quick and easy access to local, regional and national rail networks and is improving access to job opportunities in the Nuneaton – Coventry corridor, including serving the Bermuda Park industrial estate.

Over 2,300 passenger journeys have already been made since London Midland trains started calling at Bermuda Park and Coventry Arena on 18th January. Over 700 of these have been to and from Bermuda Park. The new stations are already attracting over 100 passenger journeys on weekdays and Saturdays.

For more information, please click on the link below
<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/nuckle>



Kenilworth Rail Station project update

Construction work on the Kenilworth Rail Station site will now begin this year and will be completed in early 2017, with passenger services from Kenilworth operational later in 2017. Network Rail will be carrying out significant infrastructure works in Spring 2017, including signalling

upgrades and the relaying of the track through Kenilworth. These works are required to enable the new train service to operate for Kenilworth Station. Both projects are now aligned to ensure delivery of an operational station from August 2017.

Warwickshire County Council and train operator London Midland are working hard to ensure that everything is in place for the start of passenger services in 2017, including sourcing the appropriate diesel rolling stock to operate the service at a time when diesel trains are in high demand. In preparation for the start of services, timetable remodelling work has been taking place. Work has also been happening on site to ensure the necessary utilities are in place, ready for the construction of the ticket office building.

To keep up-to-date with this scheme, please click on <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/kenilworthstation>



Warwickshire Car Share Scheme one of biggest in country
Warwickshire County Council and

Liftshare – the largest car-sharing network in the UK - have been working in partnership since June 2014. Liftshare is free to use and members are able to search for other people going their way and ask for a lift. Alternatively, many members are also happy to give a lift in return for a contribution to their fuel costs.

Since the scheme started, 48% of Single Occupancy Vehicles (SOV) have become car share vehicles. There are now more than 5,116 Liftshare members registered throughout Warwickshire and a total number of 5,337 journeys have been recorded, with 3,858 car share miles, largely contributed to by Jaguar Land Rover (JLR).

Since JLR - one of the biggest employers in the region – joined, the Warwickshire scheme currently stands as one of the most successful Liftshare schemes in the country. JLR now has more than 3,857 registered employees on the car sharing system, all of which are able to search and match journeys sharing to and from the JLR sites. Liftshare has been promoted to employees at its Gaydon, Whitely and Fen End sites, with many registered car share journeys now stretching as far as London, Bath and Bristol.

Over the next 12 months, JLR is predicted to contribute towards a further 235,572 shared passenger trips, with an estimated saving of up to 4,967,068 miles. JLR car sharers will save in excess of £1.1 million and 1,635 tonnes of CO₂.

Please visit our car share website
<https://carsharewarwickshire.liftshare.com/>

Warwickshire to issue new Highway maintenance contract - worth £245 million -2016 - 2023

In May 2016 Warwickshire County Council Highways will enter into a new contract with Balfour Beatty to deliver reactive, routine and planned road maintenance.

Warwickshire produced and procured this joint venture contract on behalf of itself Coventry City Council and Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council. This contract is a huge regional highway maintenance project that will see Warwickshire's, Coventry's and Solihull's roads repaired and maintained to a high standard for the next 7 years of this contract.

Over the seven year period, £245 million of highways maintenance works will be jointly issued for Warwickshire, Coventry City Council and Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council. There is an option to extend the contract for a further three years, to 10 years in total, if

performance targets are achieved throughout the life of the initial 7 years of the contract.

Warwickshire County Councillor, Peter Butlin, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning, said, "This collaborative arrangement with the three local highway authorities will provide a single source service provider across the three areas. The contract will provide value for money, improved service resilience and flexibility in services."

Balfour Beatty has delivered Highways maintenance services across Warwickshire over the last five years. The firm's directly employed workforce will deliver a variety of services to over 5,000km of roads, winter maintenance across 2,000km of roads and maintenance of over 55,000 street lights.



Improved Bus Stop facilities at St Cross Hospital, Rugby.

Warwickshire County Council Transport Operations Group have been working with colleagues at University Hospital Coventry & Warwickshire, who manage

the St Cross site, to improve the accessibility of buses and the provision of waiting facilities.

A new route into and around the site has resulted in ease of passage and the installation of a donated bus shelter from Coventry City Council will allow anyone visiting the hospital to wait in a covered area out of the wind and rain that is so prevalent at this time of year.

A further new bus shelter within the hospital grounds is planned for later in the year to provide another safe and dry waiting area at another part of the hospital.

The number [11](#) service operated by A&M Group and the number [585](#) service operated by Travel De Courcey will allow easy access to the Hospital for residents of Rugby and beyond.

Further information is available from the Passenger Transport Development Team on 01926 412929 or from passengertransport@warwickshire.gov.uk.

Stop for the Lollipop!



School Crossing Patrols across Warwickshire regularly report incidents of cars that don't stop for them. Drivers are legally obliged to obey the School Crossing Patrol Stop sign to allow children and adults to cross the road safely.

Failure to do so could result in fines of up to £1,000 and three penalty points. Or worse still, could result in injury to children or other pedestrians crossing the road. Warwickshire County Council are working with Warwickshire Police and reporting any drivers that fail to Stop.

Warwickshire Road Safety Club

46 schools are now members of the Warwickshire Road Safety Club. Between September and December last year, over 11,000 children have received vital road safety skills. Membership is open to all schools in the county. A number of businesses have also sponsored the club to support the delivery of road safety initiatives within their local schools.

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/roadsafetyeducation>



Love2Bike

Love2Bike provides cycle education and training for commuter and leisure cyclists. Over the past few months, Road Safety Warwickshire have been supporting travel events held at Jaguar Land Rover (JLR), assisting in promoting green travel to and within site. Over

the next few months specialist Love2Bike training sessions will be delivered to JLR together with ongoing consultation and support of travel events and campaigns. Love2Bike runs a number of campaigns and events throughout the county to raise awareness of cycling so to find out more please visit:

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/roadsafety>



Road works

The [Warwickshire County Council Roadworks page](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/roadworksmap) enables you to sign up to receive updates by email which will give you details of the road works in your area.

To sign up to this service go to:

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/roadworksmap>

and follow the instructions on this page.

Major road works

Highway improvement schemes linked to development sites

The Design Services team are working with several housing developers on highway improvement schemes across Warwickshire. These improvements have been agreed by the relevant District and Borough Councils through the planning process and it is our responsibility to ensure that these improvements are constructed to a high standard and with the minimum of disruption. It is inevitable though that disruption will occur and we will seek to keep the public informed through information boards adjacent to the works and with the details that can be found on www.warwickshire.gov.uk/roadworks.

Forthcoming schemes include:

- In March we will be commencing work on a new right turn lane and access for the Bellway Homes development to the north of Worth's Way on Birmingham Road, Stratford-upon-Avon.

- In April we will be commencing work in Southam where we will be installing a right turn lane and access for the Taylor Wimpey site on A423 Coventry Road.
- Also in April, we will commence work in Polesworth where we will be installing a roundabout on B5000 Grendon Road, east of St Helena Road, again for Taylor Wimpey.
- We expect to start work in May on a right turn lane and new access on Oakley Wood Road, Bishops Tachbrook, for a site being developed by Bloor Homes.
- We also expect to start in May on a right turn lane from Campden Road into Station Road, Long Marston, and a site access off Station Road to the St Modwen's Meon Vale development.

Please contact Shirley Reynolds in Design Services on 01926 412110 if you would like more information on any of these schemes.

Waterside and Sheep Street Stratford

National Grid essential Gas Renewal works began on the 11th January. Progress is good and works are currently due to be completed on the 18 March

There are areas in Warwickshire where there are major disruptions at the moment and these are described in some detail on the web sites given below with dates given for all sections and details of progress of the works.

Highways Agency - Toll Bar End Improvements -

www.highways.gov.uk/roads/road/a45a46-tollbar-end-improvements/ and <http://www.highways.gov.uk/publications/a45a46-tollbar-end-quarterly-newsletter-march-2014/>

Highways Agency - Cathorpe M1 Junction 19 improvement scheme
www.highways.gov.uk/roads/m1-junction-19-improvement-scheme/

These works are all described in some detail on these sites with dates given for all sections and progress of the works.
All other works are on www.roadworks.org

There is currently a substantial degree of road works in the Coventry area which has an impact on traffic flows within Warwickshire. For more information about these road works and others around the City please use the [roadworks.org](http://www.roadworks.org) site or Coventry City Council link
<http://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/569/roads-roadworks>.

To keep up to date on progress or for more information on these or any other road works in Warwickshire, please go to

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/roadworks



For information on gritting, please go to
<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/gritting>



Details of works being undertaken by the Highways England, who are responsible for operating, maintaining and improving the strategic network e. g motorways, can be found by going to www.highways.gov.uk



Reporting problems on the highway

We have a customer service centre with staff specifically trained to take details of faults on the highway and ensure the information is passed on as quickly as possible. Alternatively you can report issues on line or by email.

- call 01926 412515 (Mon-Fri 8am-8pm. Sat. 9am-4pm.)
- report on line by going to www.warwickshire.gov.uk/roadfaults or
- email countyhighways@warwickshire.gov.uk

REMINDER - Public Transport Twitter

for school and public bus information in Warwickshire.

Responses to questions submitted will receive a response between 9am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday and you can follow them at @WCCBusServices