

# Surface dressing starts in your area soon

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## What is Surface dressing?

Surface dressing is a cost-effective preventative maintenance treatment that helps extend the life of roads by sealing the surface, improving skid resistance, and preventing water ingress.



## Why do we carry out this treatment?

This type of treatment is a key part of a proactive highways maintenance approach, helping prevent issues before they arise.

Key benefits include:

- Seals the surface, reducing cracks and potholes.
- Best use of limited funds by maintaining more of the network at a lower cost than resurfacing.
- Quick application allows roads to reopen rapidly.

## How do we deliver this?

Surface dressing is designed to be quick and efficient, minimising disruption. The process typically includes:

1. **Application:** bitumen is sprayed evenly across the road.
2. **Chippings applied:** stone chippings are spread and rolled into place.
3. **Road open:** traffic helps bed the stones in.

Once completed, we'll return to the area to sweep excess chippings, approximately 3 days and again one week after application.

**⚠ Temporary 20mph speed limits** are put in place to ensure safety while the surface settles.

## When can this be completed?

We usually carry out surface dressing between May and August due to warm, dry weather being required. Any wet weather or surface water effects the bitumen and reduces adhesion of the chippings.

## Road markings and studs

Before work starts, road studs (cat's eyes) are removed to ensure they're not damaged. Once surface dressing is completed, we'll return to the area to replace these, and road markings. This is usually done within a few weeks of the dressing application, however is weather dependent.

## Access to properties

Due to the type of work being carried out, we need to close the road for safety reasons.

Access to properties within the works area will be limited and managed during our working hours. If you need access, please speak to the team on site, as arrangements and routes may change as work progresses.

Please be polite and respectful to the site teams, they are working to keep everyone safe.

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## FAQs

- **Will loose stones damage my vehicle?**

There is a small risk of minor cosmetic damage if vehicles are driven too fast. This is why temporary 20mph speed limits are introduced. Drivers should follow these limits and allow extra distance between vehicles to reduce risk.

- **The road works looks incomplete – has it been finished properly?**

Yes. Surface dressing can look unfinished at first, but this is expected. The surface

will improve as traffic beds in the chippings and excess material is removed during scheduled sweeping.

- **What should cyclists and motorcyclists be aware of?**

Cyclists and motorcyclists should take extra care on recently dressed roads, particularly where loose chippings remain. Following signage and reduced speeds will help keep all users safe.

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