

We are making good progress on delivery of the annual programme, surface dressing is complete, and most of the remaining works for the year have been identified. The spray injection patching programme has gone well and this will be increased in size next year. Preparations for the 2016/17 year are progressing well with the surface dressing and surfacing programme sites identified. These together are valued at over £16m.

As part of the funding process for next year we will be completing an incentive fund self - assessment to submit to government at the end of November. This is helping to focus the team on some key priorities. One of the areas we are working on is the development of a three year forward programme. This will help in many ways. It will provide programme managers and contractors with longer lead-in times, it will help coordination with other network activity, it will provide customer information and it will provide greater opportunity to reduce traffic management costs. We will be looking to develop the process for the three year programme with input from neighbourhood teams.

The Highway Asset Officers and Technicians took up their new roles on 1 September. On Thursday 17 September the group assembled at Stover County Park. The new roles have a wide brief from managing local projects to developing and reviewing highway policies with a key purpose of developing and communicating our asset strategy to the wider team. This was the first time the group have come together and there were some open discussions about current and future requirements.

We will be looking for some help, soon, from other parts of Highways and Traffic in reviewing our asset strategy. If you would like to contribute to this please contact myself or Rhys Davies.

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