



## Highways Report 2009 – 2010

This year has seen the footpaths in Layters Way resurfaced using our delegated budget from Bucks County Council (BCC). We have installed a safety barrier on the footpath between Latchmoor Pond and Bulstrode Way to prevent children running into the road on this blind bend.

We now have a new BCC Highways Community Gang, which has been much more responsive to our requests. They work on agreed projects on a monthly basis, including clearing footpaths, cutting back vegetation etc. Examples are the clearing of the footpath on the Oxford Road between Gerrards Cross and Beaconsfield, as well as the footpath between Gerrards Cross and Tatling End.

Potholes have been a major problem, which has been exacerbated by the snow and ice in January. Since then, our monthly Community Gang has been cancelled to allow extra gangs to concentrate on pothole repairs.

The final stages of the Tesco project include the rebuilding and widening of the bridge on Packhorse Road between April and November this year. This will have a significant impact on traffic through Gerrards Cross. We ask residents to be patient to allow this work to progress as quickly as possible.

Mill Lane railway bridge has had its weight limit reduced to 18 tonnes, which will prevent it being used as a shortcut by HGVs. The bridge has recently been closed for major strengthening works.

We are pleased to say that we now have the go-ahead from BCC for the installation of our Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS's) to remind motorists of the 30mph limit in Fulmer Road.

The speed limit change on the short section of the A40 to the west of Gerrards Cross is expected in April. Those on Lower Road and West Common are expected in the middle of the year.

The proposed Mill Lane footpath has been delayed because BCC has not been prepared to adopt the land required for this from Network Rail. The Parish Council cannot adopt the land and we have now requested BCC to reconsider its decision on this safety issue.

After the recent accidents on both the A40 and the A413, we have again requested BCC to switch the street lights back on as a matter of urgency.

The missing cats-eyes by Wapseys Wood on the unlit section of the A40 have now been replaced.

The snow and ice in January resulted in 4 lamp posts being knocked down, which have now been replaced

During the snow, the footpaths outside the shops were very slippery. BCC has now agreed to include these in their secondary salting routes, which means they will be cleared after the major roads have been salted. Elsewhere, where there were problems with the ice, we are installing new salt bins. However, please note that these are for use on the highways only and it is illegal to use the salt for private use.

We look forward to seeing the gates installed on Heusden Way in April, where the behaviour of drivers of parked vehicles has been a problem.

We have sent our comments on the Consultation of the Local Transport Plan 3, covering the period 2011 - 2026. Our recommendations are to include a road resurfacing programme and safety improvements for all road users in the plan.

Councillor Chris Brown