

What's happening?

We will shortly be delivering a surface dressing programme outside of your property.

Signs will be erected on the road prior to works, informing you of the intended start date of the works, which will be completed within 36 hours of commencement. **Surface dressing is highly weather dependent and dates are likely to change at short notice**, please keep an eye out for local signage.

Programme and changes will also be published online and on our social media feeds:

- Website
www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/surfacedressing
- Facebook – Gloucestershire Roads
- Twitter - @GlosRoads

During the works

To ensure the safety of road users and our workforce, **the road will be closed** while the works take place.

Generally, the works will be carried out **between 7am and 7pm, 7 days a week**.

The operation is made very difficult if vehicles are parked on the road.

Therefore, can you please ensure that **your vehicles are removed from the road** between the hours of 7am and 7pm, to avoid disruption and enable the work to be completed efficiently. Off-road parking will be unaffected.

Pedestrian access to your property will be maintained throughout the works, where possible.

Please ensure your pets are kept indoors during the works.

Please do not walk or drive on the wet bituminous surface, as this may mark your shoes, car and driveways. If walking across the freshly laid finished road surface please be aware it may stick to your shoes and be transferred to carpets, internal floors and driveways etc.

“Important Note, please check your shoes and your pet’s feet before entering any premises as we cannot accept liability for any damage caused.”

After completion

The new surface can be driven on immediately after completion.

The road will be swept after 24 hours of the new surface being laid.

Vehicles can be parked again in previously designated parking areas in the road once the street has been swept.

Your help is also required in keeping the road free of vehicles when the sweeper returns after 48 hours and then approximately 7 days to remove any residual loose chippings.

An excess of loose chippings will be present on the road for a period after completion, which is normal for this process and will be removed by a suction sweeper when necessary. **Please drive slowly (less than 20mph), do not overtake and observe all temporary signs that will have been left in place.**

For a short time, particularly if the weather is warm, there may be small areas of bitumen that remain soft. **Please take great care, and when walking on the new surface, please check your shoes before entering any properties or getting into a vehicle.**

What is surface dressing?

Surface dressing improves the skid resistance of the road surface, extends its life and prevents further deterioration.

Due to the nature of the process it can only be carried out in dry weather and with the correct road temperatures, therefore works are typically undertaken during spring and summer months.

Surface dressing is a preventative method of maintenance. The process does not reshape or increase the strength of the road.

Surface dressing process

Prior the surface dressing works, it is likely that preparation works have been carried out. These often include pothole repair, patching, cats-eye or vegetation removal.

All ironwork and road markings are identified, recorded and covered.

Hot bitumen is sprayed onto the road surface using a calibrated tanker and chippings are applied onto the bitumen from a metered spreader.

Rollers are then used to ensure that newly applied surface lie flat in the binder.

Afterwards all ironworks are uncovered.

We re-open the road as soon as possible as traffic helps to embed the aggregate chippings into the road surface forming a strong interlocking mosaic. There is a skid risk due to the newly laid road surface and therefore speed restriction signage remains in place for a period of time.

Following completion of the work there will be loose chippings, which is normal for this process. It will be removed by a suction sweeper in accordance with industry practices.

Only when the surface is embedded fully and all sweeping has been undertaken, temporary traffic signs will be removed.

Road markings will be replaced at a later date. There will be temporary signs erected on site warning that existing road markings have been removed.

On completion of all works, the site will be inspected. A follow up inspection will be undertaken later in the year (especially after cold winter) to ensure that the surface is fully bedded in.

At any point during the works, if weather is wet or too hot, the process might be suspended and re-start once the weather conditions have improved.

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