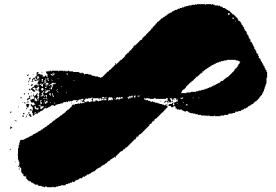


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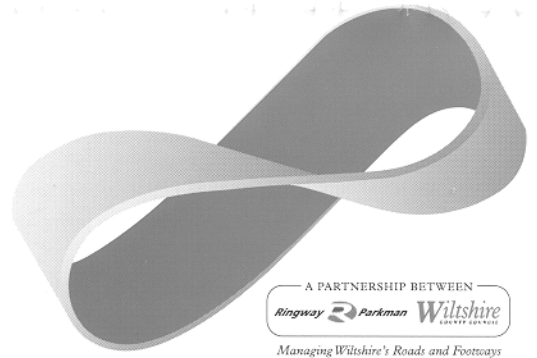
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Introducing the Wiltshire Highways Partnership

Since May 1999 the management of the county's roads and footways has been carried out by Ringway Parkman in partnership with the county council.

To help improve the service and to strengthen the partnership county council highways area staff have joined with colleagues from Ringway Parkman to form the Wiltshire Highways Partnership.

We hope that by creating one body it will help clarify who is responsible for Wiltshire's roads. Our aim is to provide a service, which reflects the needs and priorities of the area we serve by building on existing initiatives, such as the parish lengthsman and CLARENCE, and strengthening the local focus of the combined team.

Area 3 team



A divisional highway manager will soon be appointed covering a division which stretches from Bradford-on-Avon and Melksham in the north to Warminster in the south.

The division is split into two areas each with a highway engineer and team.

Highway engineer Andy Cadwallader's area (known as Area 3) extends to Monkton Farleigh and Melksham in the north and Southwick and Bulkington in the south. He has been a senior highway technician for the past 4 years. Initially highway technician Bryan Smith will work alongside Andy. A further highway technician will be appointed soon.

Highway engineer Pat Whyte's area (known as Area 4) extends to Dilton Marsh and Edington in the north to Horningsham and Stockton in the south. He has worked highway maintenance for the past 20 years.

His team includes highway technicians, Paul Green and Lee Bridgman. Paul has worked in a highway maintenance for 33 years and Lee for the past 12 years. They have worked in a variety of roles across the county.

For both areas your first point of contact will most often be Denise Bunce, the Administrative Officer who manages and maintains office systems and procedures. She will also now be responsible for managing the parish lengthsman scheme.

Dominic Gorton, the streetworks co-ordinator for north and west Wiltshire and Steve Leonard, the rights of way warden for west Wiltshire will also be based at the same office.

Area 4 team



Additionally a large number of fresh ideas on how we can for improve services are already emerging. Details of new initiatives will appear in this newsletter.

The partnership and newsletter will help us improve links with parish and town councils to ensure we are in touch with local views and issues.

During the next few weeks you will also begin to see our vehicles displaying the partnership's new logo.

Welcome

Welcome to the very first issue of Wiltshire Highways, the quarterly newsletter from the Wiltshire Highways Partnership. It will contain news and information on highway issues in your local area and work to improve roads, footways and rights of way across the county.

In this edition we will be looking at two major innovations, the partnership and our new fleet of road menders.

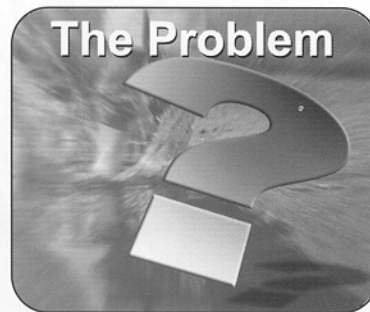
We hope you find this newsletter both interesting and useful. If you have any comments we would be delighted to receive them through your area highway office.



The Roadmender

Repairing the surface of the county's roads has to be a priority, however with a 2900 mile road network keeping up with repairs is always a challenge.

Traditionally gangs are out filling potholes with cold asphalt, which creates a good temporary repair, but can get washed out. In addition potholes are often miles apart, prevalent in the worst weather and often result in waste material needing to be removed.



We needed a self contained machine, which could deliver Hot Macadam or Asphalt to isolated sites, had a skip for waste material and could carry tools, traffic signs and a crew of three.

We found a machine made by Econ (they also supply our gritters) with the potential to meet these needs but it required considerable modification.

Our engineers worked with Econ and agreed a specification that best met our needs. Four of the 'Roadmender' machines have now been ordered and two are in service.

We applied to the DTER for a Public Service Agreement grant to address the problem of potholes using a number of initiatives, including the Roadmender machines.

The bid was successful and we are monitoring reports of potholes to evaluate the success of the machines.



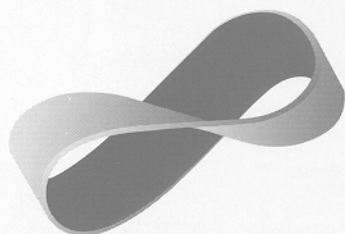
One of our Roadmenders

The restoration of the road network will not be achieved by this machine alone. Its function is to enable better repairs.

Econ have now sold Roadmenders to many other councils including the Isle of Man, where its self contained design makes it ideal.

Reports of potholes to CLARENCE and the area team are directed to the Roadmender team for attention as soon as possible.

Our engineers are now working with Econ to develop a fifth machine to repair older very thin surfaces which are now recognized, nationally, as very difficult to repair. More about this machine in a future edition!



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