

Surface dressing will start soon on your road



Work to be done on your road

We are going to be renewing the surface of your road by undertaking surface dressing work.

As part of Bracknell Forest Councils' road maintenance programme, our contractors hope to start work on your road within the next few weeks. Please check the signs on site that will display the dates for the work.

To avoid costly disruption, we need to have the road clear while we carry out the work. Please do not park your car on the road when the work is due to take place (as shown on the signs).

The process we are using is weather dependent, so if it rains before or during the work, or the temperatures do not suit, we may have to delay and come back later. Should this happen, the road signs will be updated to show the new dates. Please check these regularly.

We ask for your patience and cooperation as staff work to improve your road.

We will make every effort to maintain essential access to the road. However, there will be times when we must close the road to all vehicles to lay and cure materials, ensuring the safety of residents, road users, and our workforce.

What surface treatment will be taking place on your road?

We plan to carry out surface dressing on your road. This process involves spraying the existing surface with a thin layer of bitumen, followed by spreading stone chippings. A heavy roller is then used to compact the chippings into the bitumen.



Within a week, we return to spray the new surface again to lock in any loose stones. Surface dressing seals the existing road surface, making it waterproof to prevent water from entering and weakening the structure. This helps to avoid cracks and potholes, protects against sunlight damage, and provides a new, hard-wearing surface.

A week after, we will return to sweep the road to remove the loose chippings. However, inevitably some will remain until the passing vehicles press them into the bitumen.

Please follow this important advice:

Do not walk on the new surface before it has hardened, as it may stick to your shoes and then damage your carpets or other flooring. Please note that Bracknell Forest Council nor its contractors will be liable for any such damage as it is your responsibility to make sure your shoes are clean. Please keep away from the work area, especially children and pets.

Do not drive on the new surface before it has been opened to traffic. That would ruin the road surface and may also damage your car tyres or paintwork. The new surface should only take up to one hour to harden once laid, but this is weather dependent.

Do obey the traffic control measures, such as signs or temporary traffic lights that may be in place during the work. We ask drivers to go slowly and carefully across any unfinished areas.

Vehicle access to properties will not be possible whilst work is being carried out. If you know you are going to need to use your vehicle during these times, please temporarily park your car safely elsewhere. If you have specific access needs, please approach the site supervisor who will help.

Please note that the bitumen for the new surface is laid in a semi liquid form to make sure all cracks are treated, which makes it a messy process. Initially, the surface can look untidy and there are usually some loose stones for the first few weeks which we will return and sweep up. Once bedded in, the new surface is indistinguishable from other road surfaces but this can take a few months.

Road markings will be replaced as soon as possible after the surfacing work is completed.

If you need help or advice about the work on the day, please ask one of the staff on site to find you the supervisor.

Thank you for your understanding and patience while this work is being carried out. Bracknell Forest Council is committed to maintaining the roads whilst using the most cost-effective methods achieving the best value for money for you. It is our intention to carry out this work as quickly as possible to reduce inconvenience for you.





Beware of cold callers

Please be aware that our contractors will only be working on behalf of Bracknell Forest Council on the roads and pavements. They will always be wearing their uniforms and they will never offer to do private work such as resurface people's driveways.

If you are approached by anyone offering to surface your driveway and claiming that they are working for us, please report them to **Trading Standards** on **01635 519930**.



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