

# Ockbrook & Borrowash Parish Council

## Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### DCC Report

#### (Cllr Robert A Parkinson)

#### **£100m Road Improvements**

Derbyshire County Council is set to spend £100 million over the next five years improving the county's roads.

On 8<sup>th</sup> April, DCC Cabinet approved the money – given to the Council in the form of Government grants - to be spent between now and 2024.

The Council has earmarked the cash to be spent on fixing potholes, resurfacing and surface dressing roads and pavements, repairing retaining walls, fixing drains, upgrading bridges and replacing worn-out traffic lights and lamp posts.

Next year the Council is to spend around £23m. This will go towards resurfacing and surface dressing stretches of some of the county's main roads. Around 40 minor 'B' roads and 30 pavements countywide are also earmarked to be resurfaced or surface dressed.

Junction improvements, improved signage and extra anti-skid surfaces, have also been identified to improve road safety at various locations around the county.

Part of the money includes £550,000 to roll out electronic bus stop signs in Amber Valley and Erewash.

The remaining funding is set to be split over the following four years. Specific improvements have yet to be identified but are likely to include resurfacing and surface dressing local roads and pavements and tackling issues with bridges and retaining walls.

#### **Gold Card holders are urged to check that their cards are valid**

Derbyshire Gold Card holders are being urged to check their cards are valid ahead of the launch of new technology which will detect if a card has been cancelled. From 1<sup>st</sup> July, upgraded ticket machines on buses throughout the county will be able to identify invalid Gold Cards.

A card may be invalid because:

- it has been reported lost or stolen
- the cardholder has had multiple cards and is not using the most up-to-date card - the valid card is the one with the highest 13 digit number shown on the front of the card
- the card has been used fraudulently
- the cardholder no longer qualifies for free travel.

Gold Cards enable passengers to get free, off-peak travel on local buses throughout England. Off-peak travel is after 9.30am up to 11pm weekdays and any time at the weekend and on bank holidays.

Gold Card is also a Derbyshire and Derby city library card and entitles the cardholder to get discounts at around 700 local shops and on other services.

Cardholders who are unsure if their card is valid or not should get in touch with Erewash Borough Council.