



Your Local Community Network

Chard and
Blackdowns LCN

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of interest
3. Approve the minutes of the last meeting
4. Actions from last meeting
5. Public Questions (not covered by the agenda)
6. Presentation by Working Group Chairs
 1. Highways
 2. Environment
7. Discussion: Revisit original priorities. Are they still relevant?
Anything missing?
8. Forward Plan – Topics or themes for future meetings
9. Dates of future meetings

Highway Steward

- A skilled highway single operative
- Drives a branded vehicle
- Visits towns/parishes to a defined works programme
- Empowered to undertake ad-hoc works, where identified
- Delivers minor works within the capability of a single operative



Highway Steward

The Parish or Town Council decide on the local priorities.

The Highway Steward targets discretionary parish works. Any statutory or safety-related work (potholes, damaged regulatory signs, etc.) should be reported in the usual way for the Highway Authority to inspect and assess the appropriate response.



Highway Steward

The scope of work typically includes 'low tech, high value works' such as:

- verge maintenance
- Highway surface water drainage maintenance
- weed removal
- sign cleaning
- cutting back vegetation



Delivering Enhanced Highway Maintenance

Others works Parishes could undertake (but not limited to):

- Winter services (snow clearance and salting of footways/paths)
- Minor repairs to footway and off-road cycle ways
- Verge cutting and weed control
- Tree and hedge maintenance
- Rights of way maintenance
- Passenger transport infrastructure maintenance (bus stop flags and bus shelters)
- Repair and maintenance of road signs

Discussion

What can we do / want to do locally regarding asset and service devolution?

- a. What are the opportunities and risks?
- b. What information do we have and what do we need?
- c. How can we work together to achieve agreed actions?

Think about whether there are any links to themes previously identified by our LCN, and our priorities for the formation of working groups.

Formation of Working Groups

Planning

Roads and
Transport

Youth Provision
& Social Issues

Environment &
Conservation



Future Meetings

- Wednesday 13th March 2024
- Wednesday 1st May 2024
- Wednesday 3rd July 2024

All dates are provisional, subject to venue availability, and will be confirmed by publication of the agenda.

Any suggestions for accessible, low-cost public venues with Wi-Fi capability that could host our future LCN meetings are always welcome.