

The Process

1. Erection of advanced notification signs. Every effort is made to ensure that information is correct but late changes may be made as a result of the weather.
2. The road is swept and cleared of any build up of detritus and all ironwork masked over.
3. Bitumen emulsion is sprayed onto the road using a large spray tanker.
4. Chippings are spread over the bitumen using a self propelled chipping spreader following behind the spray tanker.
5. The chippings are rolled into the bitumen by rollers following behind.
6. In order to ensure that the road is completely covered and sealed an excess of chippings is used.
7. The masking is removed from the ironwork in the road.
8. After completion, any loose chippings are removed, footways are cleared of debris and loose chipping, speed restriction signs and if required no road marking signs are erected.
9. Over the next 7 –10 days, traffic movement will help embed the chips. During this embedment period, sweeping will continue to remove excess loose chippings.
10. Following the 10 day embedment period, a bitumen sealant will be applied to high stress sites and estate roads to lock in the chips.
11. All temporary road signs are removed from site

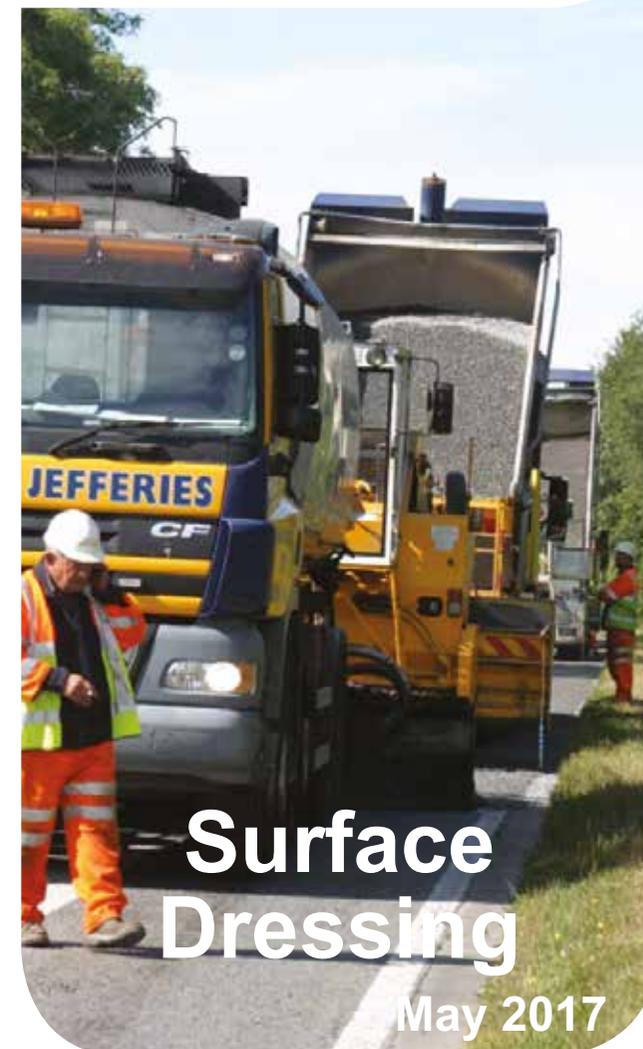
Start Date:

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What is Surface Dressing?

As part of West Berkshire Council's Highway Improvement Programme, it is proposed to carry out surface dressing in your road. Surface dressing is a treatment where bitumen and stone chippings are applied to the road surface.

Surface dressing seals the road to prevent water ingress, improves surface texture and prolongs the life of the road for many years. It is a quick, efficient and economic method of preventative maintenance.

It should be noted that surface dressing is not designed to remove existing undulations or regulate uneven surfaces in the road.

Due to the nature of the process surface dressing can only be carried out in dry weather between April and September.

Important Information

Notification of Work

Work will commence within 3 days of receipt of this leaflet. The proposed date is stamped on the leaflet.

We ask you to ensure that you do not leave your car parked on the road or verges when the work is due to start.

Unfortunately, this work is highly sensitive to the weather conditions. Accordingly, in the event of the work not being undertaken as programmed, could you please ensure that the road is left clear of vehicles on the next working day.

At the start of the work traffic control measures will be put in place to create a safe working environment for the operatives.

During the Works

Generally, work will be carried out between 8:00am and 6:00pm—Monday to Friday.

On street parking will not be possible during these times other than for a very short duration.

Vehicle access to your properties will be possible during the works but you may experience short delays at times when the equipment train is in the vicinity of your property.

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

Please do not hesitate to enlist the help of one of the operatives if you are in need of any assistance.

Please do not attempt to access or exit your property by driving or walking over the newly laid material until the surface dressing operation has been completed.

After Completion

The new surface can be driven on immediately after completion.

There will be an excess of loose chippings on the road for a period of time after completion. This is normal. Please drive slowly and observe the temporary signs that will have been left on site.

The road will be swept after two to three days to remove surplus chippings.

For a short time, particularly if the weather is warm, there may be small areas of bitumen that are still soft. Please take great care. **If you have to walk on the new surface please check your shoes before entering the house or getting into your car.**

