

Community *Insight*

News update from Island Roads
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Dear All,

Welcome to another Community Insight.

This newsletter contains information about some of our activity across the Island during what is a particularly active time for Island Roads. While delivering a resurfacing programme this autumn, we are also gearing up for the winter maintenance season. Already we have experienced some heavy rainfall and this newsletter contains advice on what landowners can do to help us keep the highways free of rainwater run-off.

We are also delivering a major scheme to lay a new deck in Yarmouth Bridge, while our borehole work at Leeson Road in Ventnor is also well underway.

All of us at Island Roads appreciate this is a very busy time on the network. This is partly because of the way that, under the PFI, we keep the main roads as free of disruption as possible during the high summer season. This is to minimise impact on the holiday economy but it does mean that there are fewer weeks available in the year to undertake the required improvement work.

We do understand the frustrations this intense work causes to the travelling public but – for safety reasons – we respectfully ask road users to observe traffic restrictions such as road closures. We have recently purchased CCTV cameras to help enforce these road closures and to help us take action against those who endanger themselves, our staff, and other road users by ignoring road signs.

Stephen Ashman
Service Director, Island Roads



From Tower Bridge to Yarmouth Bridge

Work to replace the deck of Yarmouth Bridge using Technology the same as that used on London’s Tower Bridge is progressing well.

The eight-week project, which involves the closure of the structure to motor vehicles, will also see the bridge’s footways also replaced.

You can see more about the project which also includes a film explaining more about the scheme - [learn more](#).

Autumn Resurfacing Work

A programme of resurfacing work is being delivered this autumn.

Around a dozen sites across the Island including both main and rural roads are included in the work. Among the most busy routes to be upgraded at a section of the main Newport to Cowes Road at Northwood and Atherley Road in Shanklin.

You can read more about the programme [here](#).



Help Us Prevent Highway Flooding

Island Roads has stepped up its activities to help reduce highway flooding this year.

This work includes additional road sweeping which aims to prevent autumn leaf fall entering the drainage system.

We are also reminding landowners of the steps they are legally required to do to help stop rainwater entering the highway. Water running off from fields - which is typically brown in colour - can quickly overwhelm highways drainage systems so the assistance of landowners is really important.

You can read more [here](#).



Work Continuing to Re-Open Leeson Road

A major project to sink three boreholes - some of the deepest ever drilled on the Island - is ongoing.

The purpose of the boreholes, which are as deep as 130 metres, is twofold: to retrieve ground samples which help us further understand the local geography and to install further equipment so we can monitor accurately any ongoing ground movement.

You can learn more about the work and follow progress [here](#).

Keeping Worksites and Staff Safe

Island Roads is using new CCTV cameras to help ensure road closures are observed and on-site staff and pedestrians are not put at risk by motorists who ignore signs.

The cameras will also be used to record evidence of staff being subject to verbal and physical abuse, following an increase in such incidents.

More details [here](#).

Please Follow Us on X

Our X (formerly Twitter) feed is a great way of keeping up to date with the latest information about the Island's Highways network including road closures and news of forthcoming work.

Please do follow us on [@IslandRoads](#)



Still Time for Feedback

There is still time to take part in the latest customer survey we are undertaking to gather residents' views on the services we provide.

We are seeking feedback on all its services but are particularly keen to hear your views on our spring/summer season activities.

The survey was launched last month and the deadline to take part is Tuesday October 22. The survey can be accessed online [here](#).



Electric Cars Join the Fleet

Twelve electric vehicles have joined the Island Roads fleet as part of the company's commitment to reducing its carbon footprint.


Island Roads began using electric vehicles in 2013 and has since been upgrading its fleet continually as vehicles need replacing. The company now has 21 electric vans, which are used by highways inspectors and district stewards to carry out their work around the Island.

The latest arrivals to the fleet are five Renault Ekangoos and seven Peugeot Partners, replacing 12 diesel vans. Island Roads has charging infrastructure at its base at St Christopher House in Newport and also its depot at Stag Lane. Staff can also make use of the Island's network of public charging points across the Island if needed.

We are always grateful to receive your feedback on our services.

We are fortunate to receive a number of compliments from residents each month. While we know we don't always get things right, our staff love to receive your comments when we do.


You can read the latest compliments received by Island Roads [here](#).

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