

Devon County Council (DCC)  
Devon Association of Local Councils (DALC)

# CONNECT EVENT DIY Highways

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# Introduction



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# Road Warden scheme

- More information is available here 
- A formal agreement between DCC and a Town or Parish Council
- Allows communities to organise and undertake works on or away from the live carriageway



# Why do we offer a Road Warden scheme

- People asked us if they could do it
- Size of the network
- Largely rural area
- Funding challenges



# Types of work that road wardens typically do

- Pothole repairs (when they do not meet our intervention criteria).
- Clearing weeds.
- Cleaning signs.
- Cleaning drainage (gully grating).
- Cutting grass.
- Repairing finger posts.
- Cutting hedges.
- Managing verges for wildlife





- However, please note that:
  - Hedges are generally the responsibility of the adjacent landowner
  - We don't fund contractors to cut grass, we do assist with tools, materials, and training.





# Duties of a Road Warden

- Nominated as suitable by the town or parish council
- Communication link between DCC and the parish council
- Agree to work within the arrangements set forward by the Road Warden agreement
- Co-ordinate any minor works which are undertaken within the parish or town
- Ensure that risk assessments are undertaken and are easily accessible upon DCC request.



# Insurance cover

- What we cover
- What we don't cover
- Use of contractors



# Applications

- We are compiling annual summaries of successful applications.
- We ask for case studies to be provided for all successful applications





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# Case Studies

Case studies:

- provide evidence of how funding is spent and the high-quality work delivered
- allow other towns and parishes to visualize what might be possible in their own areas

Stockleigh Pomeroy and Stokenham's 'before and after' pictures are shown here





# How you can take part

- If your parish is interested in joining the Road Warden Scheme or you have enquiries relating to training or funding, please email [communityselfhelp@devon.gov.uk](mailto:communityselfhelp@devon.gov.uk)
- You can also discuss the self-help schemes with your local Neighbourhood Highway Officer
- We are working on improvements to our website and would welcome your feedback



# Highways Community Enhancement Fund



More information available on Road Warden pages

- Can provide pothole repair material
- Can provide tools and equipment
- Apply here: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/communities/the-highway-community-enhancement-fund-hmcef>

We are currently working on streamlining and standardising the ordering of PPE and equipment.



# Duties of a Snow Warden



- Ordering grit supplies
- Undertaking training and keeping a register of trained volunteers
- Receiving and responding to local weather alerts
- Organising and deploying volunteers to spread grit or clear snow
- Encouraging responsible use of grit and salt with community





# Duties of a Snow Warden Volunteer

- Spreading grit
- Clearing snow
- Refilling grit bins and bags
- Reporting issues with grit bins and bags

DCC will provide up to five tonnes of salt to participating parishes (with a Snow Warden and suitable place to store the material) free of charge





# Self-funded scheme delivery



- Details are in our committee report
- Aimed at delivery of minor highways improvements
  - Dropped crossings
  - Footways
  - Speed limits
  - Traffic calming features
  - Pedestrian crossings

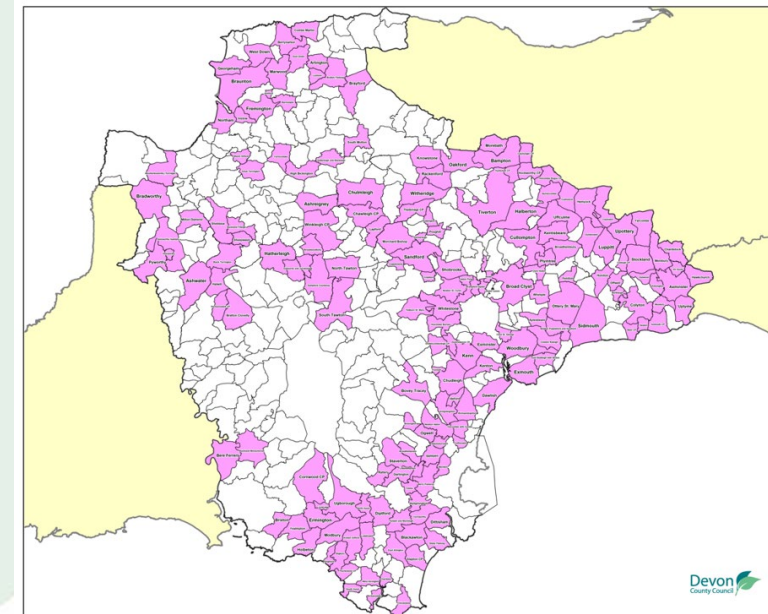
# Key stages for Self-funded schemes

- Project Initiation
- Feasibility Design
- Detailed Design
- Pre-construction
- Post-construction

A Community Self-Delivery Guide for Works on the Highway accompanies the Committee Report

# P3 – Parish Paths Partnership

- **Maintenance Grant**
  - Used to repair failed criteria
  - Volunteer strimming
- **Improvement Grant**
  - Projects that don't fail the criteria





# Social Value

- Types of work:
  - Litter picking
  - Cleaning weeds
  - Cutting grass verges outside your house



But you need to ensure that you are safe, and any work is at your own risk.



## Future Events

- How are our Roads Maintained? - 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024
- Understanding Roadworks - 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024
- Investment in Highways Infrastructure - 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025
- Highways and the Planning System - 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025