



Rutland
County Council

Highways Updates

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Vegetation / Hedge Cutting:

<https://www.rutland.gov.uk/my-community/roads-and-highways/highway-maintenance/hedges-and-trees/>

- Duty of landowners
- Reporting:
 - Inspectors
 - Residents / PCs and TCs (FMS)
 - Dealing with a complaint:
 - Letters
 - Press coverage over the summer
 - Issues
 - Tone of letter
 - Special circumstance
 - RCC trees and hedges
- Next Steps:
 - Initial letter (re-drafted)
 - Liaison with business support
 - Resident complaints prioritized
 - Parish / Town Council / meeting involvement
 - Resident serving department



Winter Maintenance:

<https://www.rutland.gov.uk/my-community/roads-and-highways/winter-service/gritting/>

- Reminder:
 - Snow routes / gritting routes
 - Grit bins:
 - Annual check and re-fill
 - **One re-fill free of charge****
 - 5 working days notice to highways@rutland.gov.uk
- Snow Warden Scheme:
 - Purpose
 - Training
 - Equipment
 - Timeline



Community Speed Watch: Introduction

TravelForRutland@rutland.gov.uk

- Current Work:
 - Highways Transport Working Group
 - Road Safety Strategy
- What is it?
 - Involvement of local communities in the reduction of speeds
- Purpose:
 - Monitor speeding with a view to working with the police to reduce speeding
- Next Steps:
 - Completion of RCC CSW scheme
 - Establish and interested group of volunteers (numbers)
 - Identify possible locations (30mph-40mph zones)
 - Training / risk assessments (RCC in liaison with Speed Watch group)
 - Equipment (RCC)
 - Timeline of activity



Question from Mr. N. Newton:

"With the advent of driverless vehicles there will be an obvious attraction to logistics companies to programming their vehicle movements at night, when traffic is sparse, to the obvious detriment of those villages alongside the A47, A606 and A6003. Will the County Council portfolio holder for transport initiate discussion in the relevant regional and national associations to try and ensure that local authorities have a voice in routes and times of autonomous lorries. For example driverless lorries cannot drive through rural villages between midnight and 6am. This did not happen with Sat Nav technology with some very odd commercial routes as a result."