

Member's individual allowance, £7.5k for each member

The highways service in Surrey spends approximately £70m a year keeping the highway safe and ensuring it is fit for purpose for users. However, there is much in your own divisions that will not be centrally funded because it does not meet the safety/fit for purpose criteria, but is important to your communities. This could include things such as tidying up footpaths or sections of highway, repairing fences and signs, installing grit bins, or cutting back overhanging vegetation. This allocation enables you to address these types of issues.

The allocation can be used for anything that provides a benefit to the community on the highway or any area of land in local authority ownership (County, Borough & Districts, Parish and Town Councils). You are encouraged to work closely with Parish and Town Councils, Residents Associations and your Borough/District Council to identify local priorities, and even provide match funding to enable your allocation to go further.

Many of these organisation will have agreements in place to help deliver some of this work.

All of this will be co-ordinated with the support of your local highways team.

The decision on what is a local priority is for you to determine, however there are some constraints to avoid creating longer term problems.

- New items can be put on the highway but we will not permit them to become a future financial liability to the county. If they are damaged or life expired they will not be replaced, unless additional money is provided by either the member or the local committee.
 - Where items need regular maintenance such as the topping up of grit bins the cost will be included in the price for a set period. At the end of this period this item will be removed unless it is funded again
 - This allocation is aimed at delivery and not for investigating, planning and design, unless design is part of overall cost. Each project must not be more than £2.5k but you can use the allowance to part pay for delivery of an item and unlock additional funding to benefit your division.
 - You can plant ornamental trees to enhance communities in agreement with local highways officers and the highways arboriculture team, where there is community agreement for the future maintenance and guidance will be given for this. Planting is carried out between October and December and requests need to be in by July.
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We will put together an approximate schedule of rates to give members a guide

Once spending is agreed, we will respond to all requests with a final price and a time scale for delivery this will include any traffic management and consultation requirements.

This is revenue money and needs to be spent within this financial year so this money needs to be allocated as early as possible to allow time for planning and delivery.

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