**North Cotswolds Report: Highways 3rd May 2020 by Cllr Nigel Moor**

**Gloucestershire County Councillor Stow Division.**

* Conditions are changing regularly depending on the latest government advice and the resources – people, materials and supply chains – which are available to us but we are doing all we can to support the response to the pandemic. We are working to keep the network safe and the highways service operating.
* Traffic flow on the county roads is 39% of normal flows whilst HGV traffic is 45% of normal flows. We are using this opportunity of reduced traffic flows to accelerate our carriageway repair programme. Last Thursday GCC Highways announced more than 30 carriageway patching schemes for minor roads right across the Cotswolds to be delivered over the period June – September this year. It is a significant acceleration of our £150 m highways programme, and will improve many of our rural roads.
* Seven of these schemes are in my county division and here is a summary of them:

Scheme no Address Parish

806562 B4068 Lower Swell Road Stow/Swell/Upper Slaughter

806666 B4077 Ford Manor to Charnal Stanway/Temple Guiting

806675 c/104 Barton, Chapel Ash Guiting Power/Temple Guiting

806807 3/168 Stow Rd Maugersbury to Little Rissington Wyck Rissington

806810 3/168 Little Rissington to Gt Barrington Gt Rissington

816682 3/105 Cutsdean to Lyne Barn Cottages Temple Guiting

816686 3/105 Cutsdean Hill to Cutsdean Stanway/Cutsdean

The appropriate parish councils will be notified of the road diversions that will be necessary to deliver these repairs.

* Advice from DfT is that we should continue to carry out essential highway works wherever possible. Jobs are being assessed on an individual basis to look at location and proximity to population, resources available and whether the works can be adjusted whilst observing the social distancing and other Public Health England guidelines which are in place.
* Our highways customer contact centre continues to operate for emergency reports and all other matters can be reported through our website, and phone on **08000 514 514**.Some 6000 enquiries were dealt with in March.
* Emergency responses and cyclical works (filling pot holes, gully emptying, forthcoming grass cutting and annual road marking) continue, as do street lighting and traffic signals response.
* Public rights of way are seeing a significant rise in activity with more people using paths – we’ve provided some advice on our website about these but generally we are concentrating on emergency works – repairing bridges, removing fallen trees, and dealing with blocked paths.