

## **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT**

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### **YOUR CALL ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN UPS**

January and February are always months when the number of Your Call clean-up operations are limited. However, February saw some 5 organised clean-up operations take place, bringing the annual number of events to 122 and the number of volunteers to 3,072 volunteers, for the period April 2014 to February 2015. March has already had 14 events booked, with more likely.

### **WASTE AMNESTY – SATURDAY COLLECTIONS**

Following the Christmas and New Year break, and back by popular demand, the collection of unwanted household bulky waste has been restarted, with collections taking place up to and including 16 May, servicing a number of different areas on a Saturday morning. The opportunity to have a “spring-clean” of items for some 400 different households every Saturday, is seeing on average over 2 tonnes of waste removed each Saturday.

### **ALCOHOL TEST PURCHASING**

A joint Police/Council alcohol test-purchasing operation was carried out in February. The test purchasing operation returned underage 3 sales from a total of 8 on-licensed premises visited. The Police took the lead in dealing with two of the sales, offering the employees who sold (who were first time sellers, and had previously received training from the pub owners), places on Responsible Alcohol retailing Courses as an alternative to fixed penalty notices. The third premise was one which also sold alcohol to an underage test purchasing volunteer in the last operation, so all options are currently under consideration, including a review of the premises licence.

### **NETWORK RECOVERY**

Carriageway resurfacing, surface dressing and micro asphalt works for the 2014/15 year are now complete.

The hotbox has been installed in Davyfield Depot providing storage for bituminous materials providing cost savings for the defect and planned maintenance operations and will be in operation after Easter.

HAMIS have constructed more schemes this current year than in any previous years and these have been bigger in value and complexity than those undertaken by the in-house team ever before. The M65 Junction 5 and Guide roundabout schemes are currently nearing completion.

### **WINTER MAINTENANCE**

Winter maintenance runs until week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> March 2015 and after this date it will be reviewed and extended as required on a weekly basis. The salt barn is stocked currently with 1100 tonnes of salt.

### **LED RETROFIT**

Good progress has been made on the programme with over 9113 units now installed, exceeding the original target.

### **DRAINAGE / FLOOD MANAGEMENT**

The Drainage team are currently working with the Environment Agency on the Waterfall, Wrangling and Jacks Keys reservoir projects.

Recent changes in Planning Legislation will require the Drainage