

Devon Highways

Our strategy is to

- ◆ drive efficiencies when planning and delivering highway maintenance works
- ◆ mobilise community support for highway maintenance
- ◆ manage demand for highway services.



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Members Information Pack

Bellwin Funding

The Bellwin Funding scheme is designed to provide support funding to local authorities in extreme circumstances. The scheme is traditionally seen as a response to incidents in which bad weather 'caused threats to life and property beyond all previous local experience'.

If we believe a qualifying event has occurred, we must notify the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) within one month of the incident. DCLG will decide, on a case by case basis, whether to activate the scheme for an individual event. If they accept that an event meets the qualifying criteria, the work must be completed within two months of the incident and a claim must be submitted one month later.

Only works relating to the immediate and necessary response to the incident - to protect life and property - are eligible to be reclaimed under the scheme. So initial clear up of debris, unblocking gullies and temporary repairs such as minor patches would qualify, but permanent repairs, such as resurfacing a large stretch of the network, would not.

The first £1.7m (in the case of DCC) of any claim must be met by the authority. DCLG will reimburse us for 85% of eligible costs above the £1.7 m threshold, following an appropriate audit of the claim.