



Travel & transport newsletter, January 2015

A338 major maintenance

Reconstruction of the A338 Bournemouth Spur Road will be getting underway in September 2015.

Advance works will be taking place in January, with further preparation works scheduled for the spring. Residents and commuters can stay up to date with the progress of the scheme by [following the project blog](#).

The project is part of The Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership (DLEP) [Growth Deal 2015/16 Projects](#).



Gritting fact file

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650 miles of Dorset's roads are covered by the gritting network

22 main gritting routes, covering 20% of the county roads

Year	How many times were gritters sent out?
2013/14	40
2012/13	120
2011/12	60
2010/11	72
2009/10	80

Approximately **110** tonnes of rock salt used for each treatment

In snow conditions up to **1,000** tonnes of salt can be used

12,000 tonnes of salt in stock at the start of each winter

Each salt run costs approximately **£6,500**

9 ice alert weather stations

26 gritters in fleet

80 farming and other specialist contractors on stand-by for snow ploughing

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Brrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr!

Christmas may be over and feeling like a distant memory, but who knows how long the cold weather will last?

To help you stay safe on the roads look at our [gritting routes in your area](#) and our [gritting action](#) online.

Cold and wet weather will also mean more potholes. As well as carrying out routine inspections of our roads, we also ask residents to help by [reporting potholes](#) they come across.

Potholes are ranked for repair based on the level of risk to road users – location, size, depth and the type of road – with repairs completed between 32 hours for the highest risk and 28 days for minor risk.

Roadworks in your area?

As the New Year gets underway, so does a programme of major gas, BT and road maintenance works.

Gas main replacement Weymouth Avenue, Dorchester – two-way lights, 11 weeks, starting January

Gas main replacement Victoria Avenue, Swanage – road closure, eight weeks, starting in January

BT, SSE and road maintenance Bridge Street, Christchurch – road closure, two weeks and two-way traffic lights, six weeks, starting January

Gas and road maintenance work Poole Road and Blandford Road, Upton – traffic control and road closure, ten weeks, starting January

[Check out the full details of the works](#) online (ensure you select the 'next 12 months' date filter) and get [live travel updates](#) by following [@traveldorset on Twitter](#)



We want to hear from you!

We want to understand how you use Travel Dorset - what you think of it and what should be done differently.

Travel Dorset is Dorset County Council's traffic and travel portal, it brings together traffic and travel information for the whole of the county; including roadworks, diversions, live bus and rail departures and cycling/walking routes.

Have your say and [complete this short survey](#).

Flood prevention

Dorset County Council is installing flood barriers, doors and pumps to homes that have reported internal flooding to criteria set by the Environment Agency.

Dorset Highways flood risk team will be overseeing the fitting of devices that will improve the flood resilience of 100 properties and help householders return to normality quickly after being flooded.

You can [report the flooding of your property](#) to ensure it is considered for future schemes. More help is at hand for those who have been affected by flooding from the [National Flood Forum](#).