

12. RURAL TRANSPORT

Hertfordshire has very specific traffic and transport problems in rural areas of the County. The rural strategy developed in response of these problems has been implemented through a variety of services, projects and initiatives.

What was delivered in 2000/01?

Scheme	Status
STRAP	
- Hertfordshire approach to Quiet Lanes with Ayot St Peter parish	Concept design work undertaken in consultation with community representatives
- Regeneration on Wheathampstead High Street	Concept design work undertaken
- Work with local schools to establish forums to discuss sustainable transport issues	Ongoing
- Provision of a shuttle service from Welwyn Garden City to the National Trust's property at Shaw's Corner	Implemented
- Development of UKVillages web facilities	Completed
Review of the management of the Rights of Way network	Review concluded with the adoption of a set of new policies and good practice guide
Watling Chase Greenways strategy workshop	February 2001
Rural Transport Co-ordination Project	Project developed into a Countywide brief

Financial details for the above schemes can be found in the Finance Forms in the technical document accompanying this report.

The Programme for 2001/02

Scheme	£'000s
STRAP	
- Complete Ayot St Peter Quiet Lanes work by March 2002	175
- Detailed designs on Wheathampstead High Street regeneration	50
- Rural Transport and Traffic Management Toolkit to be produced by October 2001	5
Rural Passenger Transport Services	2000
Rural Bus Grant	566
Rural Challenge proposals	None as yet, bids will be submitted once rules are out
Rural Transport Partnership	121
Central Chilterns Area Traffic Management Project	1
- Appoint dedicated project officer	
- Workshop for local residents to present current range of options and receive feedback	
Watling Chase Greenways	62
- Strategy drafted prior to presentation to Hertsmere committee	
TOTAL	2980

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Funding Sources

The majority of funding in rural areas is from revenue support for passenger transport services or from the Rural Bus Subsidy Grant/Rural Challenge. Further details of the latter two funding sources are given in Section 2.7.

In 2000/01 £20,000 of LTP money was allocated to rural transport, this has been increased to £200,000 for the 2001/02 financial year as a result of the higher amount of funding received in the LTP settlement.