

Department for Transport Pothole Action Fund 2019/20

The Pothole Action Fund was first announced in the 2015 Budget and totalled £250 million, enough to repair, on average, over five million potholes or to stop them forming in the first place.

This funding was allocated by formula and shared by local highway authorities in England, outside London.

Between 2016/17 and 2020/21, the Department for Transport (DfT) has announced several further rounds of the Pothole Action Fund. In April 2019 the DfT allocated a further £5.35 million from the Pothole Action Fund for authorities in the Yorkshire and Humber region, enough to fix or prevent around 108,000 potholes in 2019/20.

East Riding of Yorkshire Council received £623,000 from this round of the Pothole Action Fund on top of our typical annual highway maintenance block allocation of £8.9 million.

The decision was made to spend the £623,000 allocation on preventative treatments, as follows:

- Roadmaster: £371k filling 11,120 potholes;
- Ultrascreed: £150k addressing 8,075 potholes; and
- Structural patching programme which was enhanced to deliver £491k worth of structural repair;

In total the DfT's most recent Pothole Action Fund allocation has enabled the authority to fix/prevent a total of 20,444 potholes, ensuring that roads in the East Riding remain safe and fit for purpose.



Figure 1: Work being carried out at North Bar, Beverley