

**CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL**

**County Council  
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**SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Iain McIntosh**

**The roads around the Yscir ward are in a very bad state. Many areas need resurfacing and numerous pot holes remain unrepaired. Can the portfolio holder for highways offer any reassurance to the residents of rural wards such as Yscir that their roads will be repaired to a better standard soon?**

**Response**

Members will be aware that the budget for basic road maintenance has been continuously and severely reduced for a number of years and it is inevitable that the condition of our highways network will reflect this in a visible deterioration; particularly on the thousands of kilometres of rural roads we have in Powys. New methods of work have been recently introduced (use of Roadmaster patching machines) in an endeavour to combat the budget reduction and maintain a reasonable level of service, as is our duty as the highway authority. The use of this process of repair should ensure a more permanent repair to the increasing number of minor road defects.

I am informed that a considerable number of repairs have already been carried out in the area concerned following your reports, and these will continue within the constraints of the budget resource. A risk analysis of roads is undertaken to ensure that the priority repairs are programmed in a consistent manner across the county.

Roads identified as requiring more major repairs such as structural patching and wholesale surface treatments are ranked for priority and included in a forward programme for Capital funding.