

In December 2012 the Secretary of State for Transport allocated additional funds to provide for essential maintenance to renew, repair and extend the life of the highway network. Darlington's additional allocation totalled £289k for 2013/14 and £145k for 2014/15 and was split as follows:

- 2013/14 - £189k for carriageway maintenance including structural repairs and resurfacing, as indicated in the list of schemes below. The additional funds have allowed an increase in the number of roads to be resurfaced which will reduce the amount of future potholes in these areas. £100k for street lighting column replacement work which will increase the number of columns over 40 years old to be replaced
- 2014/15 - £145k towards repairs and bridge strengthening

In March 2014 the Secretary of State for Transport made £140 million available to local highway authorities in England to help repair damage caused by the severe weather over the winter. £36.5 million was used to increase the transport element of the Severe Weather Recovery Scheme to a total of £70 million. The remaining £103.5 million was made available to the highway authorities in England and Darlington received £178,442. This is in addition to the £1,565,640 which Darlington has made available in the highways maintenance budget to be spent on carriageway and footway repairs. The additional budget will allow for an increase in structural carriageway repairs and resurfacing works allowing savings due to economies of scale and preventative maintenance.