

Funding to fix equivalent of 10 million potholes allocated to local authorities

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Local authorities get £500 million to fix potholes across England.



- Department for Transport (DfT) allocates £500 million to local authorities in England for highways maintenance
- funding will go toward ensuring potholes and other road maintenance issues across the country are fixed
- the equivalent of 10 million potholes could be filled in as a result of today's allocations

Councils across England have today (15 February 2021) been [allocated their share of £500 million for highways maintenance](#), with the funding expected to fix the equivalent of 10 million potholes across the country.

It is the second of 5 equal instalments from the £2.5 billion Potholes Fund, providing £500 million a year between 2020/21 and 2024/25, announced by the Chancellor in the [2020 Budget](#) – and is part of wider funding the DfT provides for road maintenance, totalling over £1.1 billion across England in 2021/22.

With the average pothole costing around £50 to fill in, the funding will ensure that the equivalent of 10 million potholes can be rectified, making thousands of local roads both safer and easier to drive and cycle on.

Transport Minister Baroness Vere said:

We know potholes are more than just a nuisance – they can be dangerous to drivers and cyclists alike, and cause damage to thousands of vehicles every year.

The funding allocated today will help councils ensure roads in

their area are kept up to standard, and that the potholes that blight road users can be dealt with promptly.

The DfT has already invested heavily in pothole filling since 2015, including the [£296 million Pothole Action Fund, which ran from 2015/16 to 2020/21](#). It also topped up highway maintenance investment in 2018 with a one-off £420 million boost to all highway authorities in England, including London.

The government is committed to supporting motorists. Through [Road Investment Strategy 2 \(RIS2\)](#), the government is investing £27 billion in the biggest ever roads programme – with £10 billion of the record-breaking sum specifically for road maintenance, operations and renewals.

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