

**Community Roads and Pavements Fund 2013**  
**Summary report**

**Community Engagement Team**  
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## **1. Introduction**

In 2013 Richmond Council carried out the second round of the annual Community Roads and Pavements Fund scheme.

As part of the Council's drive to improve the environment of the borough and after listening to comments from its 'All in One' consultation, an annual community road and pavement funding pot of £35,000 was set up in 2012 for each of the fourteen village areas in the borough.

This sum (in total £490,000) is in addition to the routine maintenance work being carried out by the Council and decisions on where the money is spent are driven by the local community. Each year local residents will be invited to suggest how the £35,000 should be spent in their local area on the repair and maintenance of roads and pavements.

## **2. Methodology**

Residents were given six weeks to submit their suggestions for improvement work; the nominations period ran from 21 January to 1 March 2013. Announcements about the fund were made on the Council website, in a press release and in the village newsletters. In addition to an online survey, paper leaflets with questionnaire attached were made available at local libraries (See Appendix B for a copy of the leaflet).

To aid residents in submitting suggestions supporting information was available on the Council website - guidance was provided on the costs of various types of repairs and highways work already planned across the borough.

At the end of the nominations period the Community Engagement team analysed the results according to the best practice principles set out in Richmond Council's Community Engagement Framework. The most frequently mentioned roads in each village area were then evaluated by Council Highways officers to ensure that the proposed works were practical and did not form part of existing planned maintenance work. The final decisions were taken by the Cabinet Member for Highway and Street Scene. Details of the approved suggestions for each area were then published on the Council website, in village newsletters and in the local press. (See Appendix A for a list of the winning roads.)

All agreed improvement works for this year will be completed by April 2014.

## **3. Final results**

### **3.1. Response**

The total response was higher than in 2012; 507 residents submitted suggestions compared to 439 the previous year.

77% of submissions were made online and 23% paper copies; this is a very similar split to last year.

### 3.2. Demographics of respondents

The demographics section of the questionnaire provides the Council with information it can use to ensure services are developed that meet the needs of all the community. Completion of this section is voluntary. Respondents were asked to stipulate their gender, age group, disability status and ethnic group. Responses to these questions are described in detail below.

#### 3.2.1. Gender

428 respondents (85%) filled in the gender question. Of these 52% were female and 48% male. This is very similar to the ratio of women to men in the borough as a whole which is 51:49\*

	Count	Percentage	Borough percentage*
<b>Female</b>	221	52%	51%
<b>Male</b>	207	48%	49%
<b>Total</b>	428	100%	100%

Base: All who answered gender question

\*Source: Census 2011 data

#### 3.2.2. Age group

There were 466 responses to this question (92% of all respondents). Overall those aged over 45 years old are over represented in the survey and those under 34 are under represented (as shown in the table below).

Residents aged 65+ made up over a quarter (29%) of the responses to the survey, while 14% of the boroughs population are aged 65+. This is however, 5 percentage points lower than last year when 32% of respondents were aged 65+.

	Count	Percentage	Borough percentage*
<b>18-24</b>	5	1%	7%
<b>25-34</b>	44	9%	15%
<b>35-44</b>	90	19%	18%
<b>45-54</b>	90	19%	14%
<b>55-64</b>	101	22%	11%
<b>65+</b>	136	29%	14%
<b>Total</b>	466	100%	

Base: All who answered age question

\*Source: Census 2011 data

### 3.2.3. Disability status

Of the 457 people who responded to this question the vast majority 90% said they did not consider themselves to have a disability 10% said they did. This roughly tallies with the most recent statistics for the borough – 11.5% of Richmond residents report that a long term health problem or disability limits their day time activities a lot or a little.

	Count	Percentage	Borough percentage*
<b>Disability - no</b>	413	90%	88%
<b>Disability - yes</b>	44	10%	12%
<b>Total</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Base: All who answered disability question

\*Source: Census 2011 data

### 3.2.4. Ethnic group

Of the 460 people who responded to this question, the overwhelming majority (93%) identified themselves as White or White British. Around 3% of respondents identified themselves as Asian or Asian British, 1% said they were Mixed or Mixed British and a further 1% said Black or Black British. Around 2% chose the option 'Any other ethnic background'. The percentage of White or White British respondents is higher than in the population as a whole and Asian, Asian British and Mixed/Mixed British residents are under-represented in these results.

	Count	Percentage	Borough percentage*
<b>White/White British</b>	429	93%	86%
<b>Asian/Asian British</b>	12	3%	7%
<b>Mixed/Mixed British</b>	6	1%	4%
<b>Black/Black British</b>	4	1%	1%
<b>Any other ethnic background</b>	9	2%	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Base: All who answered ethnicity question

\*Source: Census 2011 data

### 3.3. Response by village

#### 3.3.1. All suggestions

The number of suggestions by village is as follows:

Village	Number of suggestions	% of total suggestions	% of borough residents	% +/- change year on year
Richmond Village	87	17%	10%	-1%
St Margarets Village	77	15%	7%	+9%
Twickenham Village	74	15%	12%	+2%
Hampton Village	56	11%	10%	+2%
Whitton Village	53	10%	11%	+1%
East Sheen Village	38	7%	8%	+1%
Barnes Village	37	7%	9%	-2%
Teddington Village	29	6%	13%	-2%
Kew Village	21	4%	6%	-2%
Ham & Petersham Village	17	3%	5%	-10%
Hampton Hill Village	9	2%	3%	+1%
Strawberry Hill Village	4	1%	3%	-
Mortlake Village	3	1%	3%	-1%
Hampton Wick	2	0%	2%	-2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	

- The village area with the highest number of responses (87 suggestions) was Richmond with 17% of total suggestions. This number is proportionately high as only 10% of borough residents live in Richmond village - a similar trend to last year's results
- 15% of nominations came from St Margarets although only 7% of borough residents live there. The proportion of responses from St Margarets has risen by 9 percentage points since last year
- Last year suggestions from Ham & Petersham village made up 13% of the total which was a high response rate as only 5% of the borough residents live in the village. This year however only 3% of nominations came from Ham & Petersham, a year on year decrease of 10 percentage points

### 3.3.2. Types of repair

The types of suggested repair by village are as follows:

Village area	Number of footways suggestions	Number of roads suggestions	Number of drainage/gulleys suggestions
Richmond	61	43	8
Twickenham	44	46	11
St Margarets	44	38	3
Whitton	42	29	6
Hampton	38	38	14
Teddington	24	12	2
Barnes	20	23	5
East Sheen	20	34	2
Kew	17	5	0
Ham & Petersham	11	9	1
Hampton Hill	7	3	0
Mortlake	1	2	0
Hampton Wick	1	1	1
Strawberry Hill	1	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>53</b>

**NB The numbers in the table above add up to more than the total number of suggestions as respondents often assign their nomination to more than one type of repair**

The highest number of suggestions for footways and roads were from the Richmond Village area . Footways rather than roads were a priority for residents 7 of the 14 village areas but particularly those in Richmond, Whitton, Teddington and Kew. Roads were more of a priority for respondents in East Sheen and Barnes. While Hampton residents nominated a proportionately high number of drainage issues.

## 4. Comparison with 2012 results

- Level of female response has come down five percentage points year on year, bringing the gender split almost in line with the borough average
- Older residents were again much more likely to nominate this year – 51% of respondents were aged 55+, compared to 25% in the borough population as a whole
- Respondents were slightly less likely to have a disability – 10% stated that they had a disability in 2013 as compared with 13% last year
- The percentage of White or White British respondents has decreased from 95% to 93% year on year. This is still high however, as the percentage of White/White British in Richmond borough as a whole is 86%

- The biggest changes by village are in St Margarets, which has seen nominations rise by nine percentage points year on year and in Ham & Petersham where response has dropped by ten percentage points

## 5. Next Steps

The next round of nominations for the Community Road & Pavement Fund is likely to open in November 2013.

The list of successful nominations for this years fund and further details about the next round of nominations will be published on the Council website at <http://www.richmond.gov.uk/fund>

## Appendix A – Fund winning roads for 2013

Village	Road
Barnes	Vine Road
Barnes	Station Road
East Sheen	Grosvenor Gardens
East Sheen	Gilpin Avenue
Ham & Petersham	Ham Street
Ham & Petersham	Sandy Lane
Ham & Petersham	Petersham Road
Hampton Hill	Uxbridge Road
Hampton Hill	Links View Road
Hampton	Douai Grove
Hampton	Buckingham Close
Hampton	Nightingale Road
Hampton	Church Street
Hampton Wick	Vicarage Road
Kew	Marksbury Avenue
Kew	Sandycombe Road
Mortlake	Worple Street
Mortlake	North Worple Way
Richmond	Pagoda Avenue
Richmond	Friars Stile Road
St Margarets	Broadway Avenue
Strawberry Hill	Strawberry Hill Close
Strawberry Hill	Fieldend
Teddington	Luther Road
Teddington	Broom Park
Teddington	Cambridge Road
Twickenham	Vicarage Road
Twickenham	Campbell Road
Twickenham	Hampton Road
Whitton	Constance Road

## Appendix B: Copy of paper leaflet and questionnaire 2013



# Nominate roads and footpaths for repair

**Residents concerned about the state of roads and footpaths in their local area can now nominate them for repair until 1st March 2013.**

The All in One survey highlighted the condition of roads and footpaths as one of the top concerns for residents. In response, the Council set aside an annual fund of £490,000 to pay specifically for community-nominated improvements, in addition to the regular maintenance work being carried out.

In 2012 over 400 residents took part in the nominations process and many neighbours joined forces to suggest repairs to improve their local area.

The Council subsequently announced £400,000 extra funding to boost the first year of the scheme, bringing

the total for the first round of work to £890,000. Forty one roads received funding and all works will be completed by April this year.

If you know a road or footpath that needs to be repaired, complete this nomination form now and return to: Catherine Smith, Community Engagement, Richmond Council, 44 York Street, Twickenham, TW1 3BZ. Alternatively apply online at: [www.richmond.gov.uk/fund](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/fund)

Deadline for nominations is 1st March 2013.





## Community Roads and Pavements Fund 2013 Nomination Form

The Council has put aside an annual community roads and pavements funding pot. Each of the fourteen village areas in the borough will receive £35,000 and residents are invited to suggest how the money should be spent on the repair and maintenance of roads and pavements.

Please use the following form to submit your suggestion for your village area or you can make

your suggestions online at:  
[www.richmond.gov.uk/fund](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/fund).

Please read through all the supporting information on our website or in local libraries before submitting your suggestion. The closing date for nominations is 1st March 2013.

### Confidentiality

You will be asked to supply your full name, address and postcode in order to make a valid submission, as residents will only be eligible to make suggestions for the village area they live in. **Please note that if you do not provide this information your nomination will not be valid.**

All the information you provide will be treated in the strictest confidence and will not be used to identify you personally. It will not be passed to anyone else and will only be used for the purposes of this consultation unless otherwise specified by you. The analysis is done on an anonymous basis under the guidelines of the Data Protection Act.



"After expressing some concerns with the pavements in my road, one of my local councillors pointed me toward the Community Roads and Pavement Fund.

It was a very easy process to apply and only took me a couple of days to put together the application. I had the support of my neighbours and other members of my local community and I'm sure that helped with the success of the application.

Less than six months after applying the works are now being carried out and I'm more than happy with the quality of what is being done – the workmanship is exceptional and the workmen are working very hard.

I would definitely encourage other residents to apply for the Community Roads and Pavement Fund, it's easy to do and before you know it your road could be as good as new."

Clive Barron, St Paul's Road in Richmond.

## Section A: Your details

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

If you are interested in being contacted by the Council about opportunities such as community involvement, consultations you may be interested in or publicity material for the winning roads and pavements please provide us with your email address:

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## Section B: Your suggestion

1. Please state the road where the repair, maintenance work or improvement is needed.

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2. If the repair is on a footpath off the road please identify the nearest road, or if it is on a junction please select one of the roads and describe in more detail, e.g. on the corner of Waldegrave Road and Shacklegate Lane or outside number 10 York Street.

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3. Which of the following would you like to suggest? (Tick all that apply)

Repair/maintenance of a footway

Repair/maintenance of a carriageway

Repair/maintenance of highway drainage

4. Please tell us if you have any additional comments to support your suggestion: (100 words maximum)

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## Section C: About you

The information from this section is used to ensure services are developed which meet the needs of the whole community. You do not have to complete this section, but please provide as much information as possible.

### 1. Are you:

Male

Female

### 2. What was your age at your last birthday?

Under 18  18-24

25-34  35-44

45-54  55-64

65+

### 3. Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

Yes

No

### 4. How would you describe your ethnic group?

White or White British

Mixed or Mixed British

Asian or Asian British

Black or Black British

Any other ethnic background (please specify below)

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Thank you for submitting your suggestion

Please return your completed nomination forms by the 1st March to: Catherine Smith,  
Community Engagement, Richmond Council, 44 York Street, Twickenham, TW1 3BZ.

