

PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN A CURE

The RSTA 2025 conference will take place on the 10th of April at the Celtic Manor Resort in Newport, Wales and is timed with a significant step change that is coming, which will impact positively on the approach to highway maintenance and for the surface treatments sector.

The theme for the 2025 conference will be a hybrid of recent themes linked to carbon reduction, with most local authorities now having declared climate emergencies. The conference will also see the launch of the Second Edition Carbon Guidance which documents a longer term comparison of treatments versus asphalt, that considers cradle to end of life. We will also be hearing about the PAS 2080 specification requirements.

This will be combined with themes linked to preventative maintenance which has been the key message in recent campaigns, and is gathering momentum within the highway sector.

The conference will be an opportunity to reflect on the 'HMEP Pothole Review - Prevention is better than cure' guidance document, and the associated recommendations, which were published in April 2012, to see what has changed in that time.

But also to hear from local highway authorities who have embraced these themes and embedded preventative surface treatments into their maintenance programmes, and will discuss how this is supporting the Highways Service and Council objectives.

With increased maintenance budgets pledged by the Government for 2025/26 its more significant than ever, to adopt these preventative maintenance principles to secure maximum return on this investment, prevent the formation of potholes, whilst also keeping the associated carbon footprint to a minimum.

We will also hear from other representatives in the industry about issues raised by association members as areas of concern or interest.

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Agenda

8.30 Registration, coffee & exhibition
Caernarfon Foyer

CONFERENCE IN THE CAERNARFON ROOMS

9.15 Chair's welcome and introduction
Andy Jones, Stabilised Pavements

9.20 "Prevention is better than a cure" April 2012 - Building on these recommendations
Mike Hansford, Chief Executive, RSTA

9.30 Keynote Speaker
Matthew Eglinton, Head of Local Highways Policy, Department for Transport

9.50 Local highway authority speaker
TBC

10.10 Break and exhibition
Caernarfon Foyer

10.40 Permitting / Lane rental
TBC

11.00 Edition 2 Carbon Guidance launch
Emma Pye, PYE Management

11.20 PAS 2080 Specification for whole carbon in infrastructure
TBC

11.40 Dept for Transport Live Labs 2 Centre of Excellence
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12.00 Buffet lunch and exhibition
Caernarfon Foyer

13.00 2025 Annual RSTA Golf Tournament
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