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Reclaiming our Rural Highways

IHIE welcomes Dorset County Council's research on creating sympathetic road design, signage and maintenance for Dorset's rural roads.

Reclaiming our Rural Highways identifies the problems of insensitive design and maintenance drawing on examples from across the UK as well as locally. Its recommendations include

- new policy initiatives
- clutter audits
- an asset catalogue
- greater parish council engagement
- a single road hierarchy for the rural country (HGVs and tourist movement, destination signing, speed limit setting).

Gerry Harvey, IHIE President said, "The IHIE has, for several years, been championing engineers and designers to push the boundaries when influencing the design of residential highways in new, high quality urban development settings.

We are now also at the forefront of applying the same concepts to influencing the consideration of highways in high quality rural landscape settings thanks to our involvement in work that will lead, potentially, to the deurbanisation of highways across Dorset's beautiful landscape".

Background

- Copies of *Reclaiming our Rural Highways* are available from Stephen Hardy, tel 01305 756 782.
- The research author is James Purkiss, Halcrow. Stephen Hardy FIHIE made a significant contribution.

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