



**People for Proper Policing in North Wales**

## **BAD ROADS CAUSE BREAKDOWNS TO SOAR**

**Despite huge revenue from car tax our roads continue to crumble  
This story courtesy of Pistonheads website.**

The number of breakdowns is spiralling out of control thanks to Britain's potholed roads, according to the RAC. There has reportedly been a **76% rise in damaged tyres** and huge increases in chipped windscreens.

Suspension damage is also on the rise as well as the need for underbody repairs. **Punctures were the main cause of breakdowns for RAC members last year, resulting in over 200,000 call-outs.**

Although four out of five RAC patrols have reported that roadworks in their area are on the rise more than half believe that the poor quality of roads is damaging cars.

Iain Vale, the RAC's Patrolman of the Year, believes that road works are not working. *'There seems to be a "sin tax" on motoring and drivers are getting a raw deal. Not only are they feeling the financial pinch, they have to contend with poor quality roads which can cause costly repairs. We are calling on the Government to increase the level of investment to improve the standard of roads to reflect the revenue collected in motoring taxation - providing motorists with the service they deserve and not continue to pay for.'*

RAC statistics have shown that although **£44billion was collected in motoring taxes last year, just £7billion was pumped back into improving roads.**

**The PPP comments ... We recently quoted a North Wales Fire Officer who stated that tyre blowouts were a cause of serious RTAs, this hasn't been our experience .... BUT this story indicates that punctures are a serious problem.**

**Sadly this another case of excellent progress by the manufacturers in tyre design and construction is negated by government policy and lack of investment.**