

Ashurst Parish Council

Local Winter Management Plan 2018/19

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WSCC Treatment Coverage

WSCC's Precautionary Salting Network – The B2135

Parish Council Salting and Clearing Arrangements

- i. **Grit bins located at: Junction of School Lane off the B 2135, between Church Lane & School Lane**
- ii. Cllr Chris Jesse, Baybridge House, Horsham Road, Steyning, BN4 3AA (Tel: 01903 815089) has offered to be the nominated farmer to store and distribute grit and clear priority roads

Volunteers

Nick Hedley, Ali Russell and Chris Jesse – details as above and below.

Point of contact for requests for help:

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Road Clearance Volunteers

Cllr Chris Jesse – details as above.

Emergency Plan

Councillors are requested to check residents' needs in their local areas and to refer offers of help to the Vice Chairman (Nick Hedley) and Clerk, as co-ordinators.

General Volunteers

Volunteers managing salt bags should be prepared to use their own initiative to salt when required. If severe weather is forecast, will be contacted and asked to salt. See Appendix 2 for advice on hand salting.

Volunteers under the age of 16 **must** be accompanied by an adult.

If volunteers carry out Winter Service work for Parish Councils in conjunction with WSCC, the following process must be followed to ensure volunteers are covered by the County Council's insurance policy:

The Parish Team Leader must provide the volunteer(s) with a briefing of the Parish Winter Management Plan and guidelines/risk assessments contained within. Either in the day or for the period of time the work takes place, a List of roads cleared and time taken and by the must be completed. If the Parish Team Leader is not present when work takes place, a nominated volunteer will be requested to take responsibility for the completion of the attendance list and return it to the Parish Team Leader. When the work is finished, the Attendance List must be returned to: Richard Speller, WSCC Southern Area Office, Clapham Common, Clapham, Worthing, West Sussex BN13 3UR

Please note that the salt provided by WSCC is for use only on public roads and footpaths.

Sample Attendance List:

Attendance List of Winter Service Volunteers

Name of Task Leader _____

Date/s _____

Task Short Description **Snow Clearance / Salt Spreading**

Location _____

Name	Signature	Please tick or N/A as appropriate
		Aware of guidelines in Parish Winter Plan Notified Leader of any medical conditions

Other residents

If you are able safely to clear snow in your vicinity you are encouraged to do so. There has been much in the media about people potentially being sued for injuries following their clearing of snow. For further advice visit:

www.westsussex.gov.uk

www.gov.uk and input "snow and ice" (this site replaces www.direct.gov.uk)

If you are aware of particular hazards, you are welcome to contact one of the Local Coordinators. If there is an immediate danger, contact the Police on the non-emergency number (101) or in a genuine emergency 999.

WSCC Highways Contact

Cdbs.rural@westsussex.gov.uk

Appendix 2

Annex 10

Advice on hand salting

The photographs below illustrate some of the key features of effective hand salting.

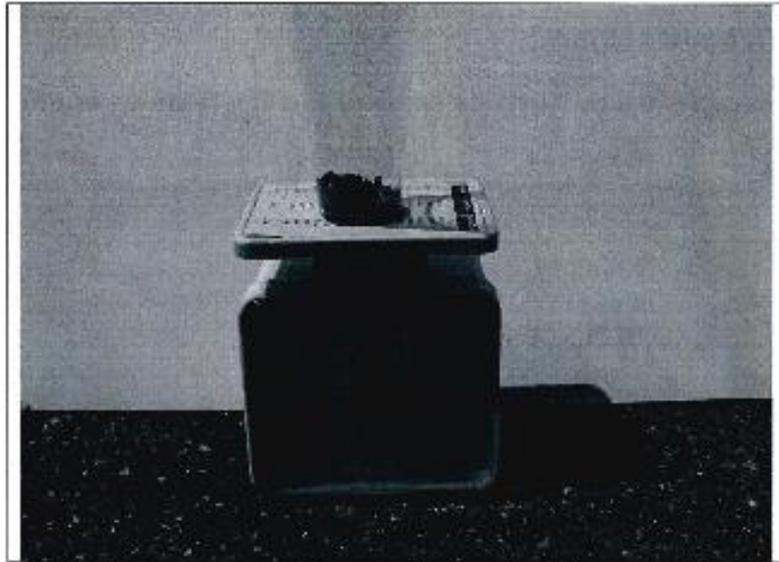


Bulk Bags

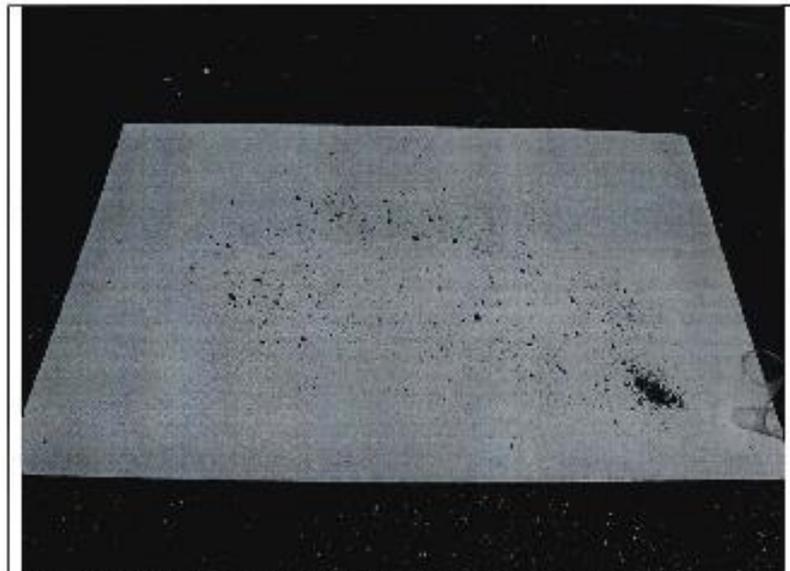
One ton bags of salt / grit mix delivered to agreed locations during times of adverse weather for use on the **public highway** as a form of self-help. This material is not for use on private land.



WSCC recommends a spread rate of approximately 20 grams of salt / grit per metres square when hand salting. Although salt / grit can be spread effectively with shovels, care is required to ensure over salting does not occur. Push-along devices as shown above can be used to cover larger areas with an even spread. Large areas can thus be treated quicker with less wastage.



20 grams is in fact a very small amount. You don't need a lot of salt to protect a footway. Use it sparingly. Over salting is damaging to the environment and a waste of a limited resource. You may not get your salt bin or bulk bags replaced if salt stocks are critical.



The white board in the above photo is one metre square and has 20 grams of salt / grit spread across it. You will observe that you do not need a lot of salt to protect the footways. Spread it evenly and your salt will last longer and cover a greater area.

GOVERNMENT ADVICE ON CLEARING ICE AND SNOW - NOVEMBER 2010

Clearing snow and ice from footpaths yourself



There's no law stopping you from clearing snow and ice on the footpath outside your home or from public spaces. It's unlikely you'll be sued or held legally responsible for any injuries on the path if you have cleared it carefully. Follow the snow code when clearing snow and ice safely.

The snow code - tips on clearing snow and ice from footpaths or public spaces

Prevent slips

Pay extra attention to clear snow and ice from steps and steep pathways - you might need to use more salt on these areas.

If you clear snow and ice yourself, be careful - don't make the pathways more dangerous by causing them to refreeze. But don't be put off clearing paths because you're afraid someone will get injured.

Remember, people walking on snow and ice have responsibility to be careful themselves. Follow the advice below to make sure you clear the pathway safely and effectively.

Clear the snow or ice early in the day

It's easier to move fresh, loose snow rather than hard snow that has packed together from people walking on it. So if possible, start removing the snow and ice in the morning. If you remove the top layer of snow in the morning, any sunshine during the day will help melt any ice beneath. You can then cover the path with salt before nightfall to stop it refreezing overnight.

Use salt or sand - not water

If you use water to melt the snow, it may refreeze and turn to black ice. Black ice increases the risk of injuries as it is invisible and very slippery. You can prevent black ice by spreading some salt on the area you have cleared. You can use ordinary table or dishwasher salt - a tablespoon for each square metre you clear should work. Don't use the salt found in salting bins - this will be needed to keep the roads clear.

Be careful not to spread salt on plants or grass as it may cause them damage.

If you don't have enough salt, you can also use sand or ash. These won't stop the path icing over as well as salt, but will provide good grip under foot.

Take care where you move the snow

When you're shovelling snow, take care where you put it so it doesn't block people's paths or drains. Make sure you make a path down the middle of the area to be cleared first, so you have a clear surface to walk on. Then shovel the snow from the centre of the path to the sides.

Offer to clear your neighbours' paths

If your neighbours will have difficulty getting in and out of their homes, offer to clear snow and ice around their property as well. Check that any elderly or disabled neighbours are all right in the cold weather. If you're worried about them, contact your local council on www.westsussex.gov.uk

Road gritting and snow clearance by your council

Your local council will add grit salt to roads and pavements in your area and clear snow in winter. For information about where and when your council is gritting local roads, check its website on www.westsussex.gov.uk