



ARDINGLY PARISH COUNCIL

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ARDINGLY PARISH COUNCIL WINTER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Introduction

The following document is intended to provide guidance to Ardingly residents with regard to the provisions the Parish Council has in place with regard to winter management. The document has also been provided to West Sussex County Council to guide them on requested road clearance, salt bins and grit bag locations. It also contains the names of key contacts should further information be required.

Snow Ploughing Gritting Routes

In order to provide safe access to homes, schools and shops, the Council has requested the County Council plough and grit the large roads listed below. Smaller roads may not be able to be managed by the Council Gritting lorries and therefore the Parish Council will endeavour to have these roads ploughed and gritted where possible by a local contractor (roads shown in blue below). Please note gritting and snow ploughing is hampered by parked cars and other roadway obstructions therefore residents need to be aware of the limitations of machinery.

Large Roads

- B2028 from Turners Hill to Haywards Heath
- College Road from the junction with Copyhold Lane to the junction with the B2028 in Ardingly

Small Roads (see appendix map)

- [Street Lane from the junction with College Road to St. Peter's Church](#)
- [Holmans \(leading in and up to St Peters Primary School entrance\)](#)
- [Munnion Road leading into Price Way to the Priceholme properties](#)

Salt Bins (see appendix map)

There are salt bins located in the following location in Ardingly for use by local residents on public roads and pavements, but not for use on private property or private driveways.

- Hett Close At the top of slope by garages
- Holmans At the East End by the garages
- Munnion Rd At the junction with College Rd
- Street Lane Outside St Peter's Church centre
- Street Lane Village car park
- West Hill West end in the lay-by
- Recreation Ground Adjacent to garage in car parking area (locked)
- Street Lane Nr junction of Holmans

WSCC have advised that they will stock all grit bins prior to the start of winter, but they cannot undertake to refill grit bins or deliver further supplies once winter has started. The Parish Council have arranged with a local contractor to re-fill bins as and when required. Should you note that a bin is empty or running low please advise the Parish Clerk.

Advice For Clearing Snow & Gritting

We would encourage all residents to clear snow and ice from pavements, especially outside or near their homes. We would also encourage all healthy and mobile snow-clearers to assist the clearance of snow from pavements outside the homes of more elderly or less mobile residents.

Following concern around snow clearing by members of the public, the Ministry of Justice recently stated "The prospects of a person who volunteers to clear snow from a pavement being successfully sued for damages by a person who subsequently slips on the cleared area and is injured are very small".

Nevertheless, a snow-clearer does have a duty to clear with reasonable care so as not to create a new and worse risk. Therefore, we would offer the following advice to anyone clearing snow:

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- Try to move snow to a porous surface such as a grass verge or garden
- Spread salt/grit evenly and at appropriate spread rate – this is at a remarkably sparing rate
- Clear any excess salt or grit once the snow/ ice has melted
- Wear warm clothing/gloves, sturdy waterproof footwear and visible clothing ideally a high visibility jacket/vest.

Don'ts

- Do not clear snow from roads, only pavements and private driveways.
- Please do not use water to melt snow and ice, if there is a risk it will refreeze,
- Please do not move snow to a location where it will create another risk such as another part of the pavement, road or where people are likely to walk.
- Please do not use excessive salt, grit or other materials so as to create a new or worse risk once the snow/ ice has melted.

WSSC 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. Spread it evenly and your salt will last longer and cover a greater area.

Care for Vulnerable and Elderly

Ardingly is fortunate in that it has a well-developed network of residents that cares for the elderly and vulnerable. Key care givers include the Church, Guides and Women's Institute. If any resident is themselves not being cared for or is aware of another resident that is not being cared for they should contact the Emergency Planning Contacts in this document and we will endeavor to ensure assistance is given.

General Advice to Residents

- During cold weather extra care should be taken when moving about. Carefully consider whether the journey you are about to make is essential and whether you are suitably prepared.
- Do not drive a car if the roads are very icy / slippery and/or you do not have a suitable car.
- Even if you possess a 4-wheel drive vehicle, do not drive fast. Other road users may not be in control of their vehicles and despite 4-wheel drive, you will be liable to skid.
- Consider carefully whether it is advisable to use West Hill; it can get extremely icy and impassable.

- Please use the salt provided for public roads and pavements; it is not intended for private drives and it is inconsiderate to use it in such places.
- The Emergency Planning Committee has a list of people with 4-wheel drive vehicles who are prepared to go out in emergencies. Please contact the Emergency Planning contacts for further information.
- Keep reasonable stocks of food in the house ensuring you do not have to go into town for food.

Communication

This document will be available on-line at www.ardingly.org and will be updated as and when required.

KEY CONTACTS

West Sussex County Council (WSSC) General Highways

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/> Telephone 01243 642105 or email highways@westsussex.gov.co.uk For the latest road news and updates on follow Highways on twitter @WSHighways

Mid Sussex District Council – Oaklands, Oaklands Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 1SS Telephone 01444 458166 Out of Hours Emergency: 0845 6021035 www.midsussex.gov.uk

Emergency School Closures - <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/emergency-school-closures/>

UK Power Networks – in the event of a power cut call 105 free to call from mobile/landline <http://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/internet/en/power-cuts/>

Environmental Agency Floodline – 0800 80 70 60 (24 hour incident hotline)

Ardingly Parish Council Emergency Committee Contact Details:

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REFERENCES & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Map with location of parish grit bins

WSSC Winter Management Plan

WSSC Preparing for Winter advice -

http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/living/dealing_with_emergencies/preparing_for_emergencies/prepare_for_winter.aspx

MSDC Winter Planning - <https://www.midsussex.gov.uk/environment/severe-weather/>

Met Office Weather Reports - <http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/>