

Hartley Wintney Parish Council – Winter Weather Emergency Plan

Responsibilities

Clearance of ice and snow from priority 1 and 2 highway routes – HCC

www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/severeweather

Clearance of ice and snow from HDC priority areas, e.g. Schools, Doctors Surgery, Care Homes and priority footways including Hartley Wintney High Street – HDC assisted by HWPC where appropriate.

www.hart.gov.uk/weather-advice

Work will be coordinated by Phil Bacon at Basingstoke – 01256 845278 and the Executive Clerk will liaise with him where appropriate.

Clearance of designated Prepared Rest Centre located at the Victoria Hall (Priority 1 HDC)

Clearance of Central Car Park – HDC responsibility.

Local contractors.

A list of local contractors will be held in the office and be accessible to the Executive Clerk, Deputy Clerk and HAO (Horticulture & Amenities Officer). In the event of snow, the Executive Clerk will make the initial contact. If only a light dusting, this can be done by a designated member of HWPC staff. For heavier snow, a contractor will be asked to clear (if required) and grit.

Installation of grit boxes – HCC (Blue boxes)

- Top of St Johns Road
- Walpole Gardens
- Hartford Road
- bottom of Arrow Lane
- Hazeley Close
- Vicarage Hill
- Champion Way
- Elvetham Lane
- Top of Pool Road

HWPC – (yellow / beige)

- Junction of Mabbs Road / Weir Road
- Doctors surgery
- junction of Weatherby Gardens and A30
- Kiln Gardens (x2) residents own bins but HWPC re-fill
- Vicarage Hill (Church Lane near Cottage Green)
- Causeway / Park Corner
- Mildmay Terrace (top)
- Junction of West Green Common and Thackhams Lane
- Heather Grove (x 2) by no.23 and no.53
- Sandy Lane round 1st bend
- Entrance to Haywarden Place
- Junction of Hartford Road / Harebell Close.
- Springfield Avenue (turning head)
- Hartford Terrace
- Top of Franklin Avenue

Checking grit levels in boxes – Levels in HWPC boxes will be checked monthly to ensure they are at least 50% full, from November – March but checked once a week when snow or icy conditions prevail.

The E&A Committee will review the number and locations of Grit Boxes in and around the Parish on an annual basis.

There is a small quantity of salt together with snow clearing equipment for use in emergencies at the toilets in the central car park. The key for the toilet's service corridor is held in the Parish Office.

The Executive Clerk is authorised to hire any plant / equipment to respond to severe weather.

Collation and dissemination of information regarding disruption of services, gritting and HCC/ HDC updates will be shared via email, the Council's website and social media.

Residents are asked to keep an eye on the levels in the salt bins around the Parish. A reminder will be put on social media and in Contact around September/October time to ask residents to check the bins near their houses. With Blue HCC bins there is a number / website listed inside the lid of the bin to call to obtain a refill.

Advice from HCC with regard to salt / grit box use is as follows: our new blue bins all have stickers on the inside which, as well as giving contact details, also give guidance on how much salt to use, e.g. 1 heaped tablespoon of salt can treat 1 square metre - people tend to think one needs a shovel full to treat the same area!

In the case of the beige / yellow Parish Council bins, please e-mail the Parish Office to request a top up of salt. Please be aware that if the office is closed over the festive break answerphone messages may not be picked up.

Information

The Get Ready for Winter website www.metoffice.gov.uk/barometer/get-ready-for-winter provides information and advice on how to prepare for winter weather including health and wellbeing advice.

Are you are aware of the emergency risks in your area?

- Hart District Council has a snow plan in place, which shows how they manage a snowfall event and their areas of priority: https://www.hart.gov.uk/sites/default/files/1_Residents/Environment/Weather_advice/Snow%20Plan%20Nov%202019.pdf
- Your local resilience forum has a community risk register outlining the risks in your local police force area. Contact details for your local resilience forum: www.gov.uk/guidance/local-resilience-forums-contact-details
- Check your local flood risks including coastal, river and rainfall /surface water: <https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/long-term-flood-risk>
- Sign up for flood warnings and weather alerts: <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>
<https://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKMETOFFICE/subscriber/new>
- The British Red Cross has developed an emergency app that provides local alerts for severe weather and other emergencies near you, and provides practical advice on how to prepare, respond and recovery from a range of emergencies including severe weather www.redcross.org.uk/What-we-do/Emergencyresponse/Emergency-app-landing

Useful Names and Numbers

Hampshire County Council – 0300 555 1375 (switchboard)

Hart District Council 01252 622122

Parish Council Office 01252 845152, email both admin@hartleywintney-pc.gov.uk

Police, Fire & Rescue and Ambulance Service - 999 or 101

Gas – National Gas Emergency Service (24hr) 0800 111 999

Water - South East Water 0333 000 0365, Castle Water 01250 718700 (office hours)

Electricity – emergency service 105

Environmental Incident (Pollution) - Environment Agency 0800 80 70 60

HCC web self-service facility enables residents to report empty, missing or broken blue salt bins online.

www.hants.gov.uk

Those without internet facilities can still contact HCC by telephone in the usual way.

For residents who are having difficulty with access to services during periods of severe weather, if it is safe to do so the Community Bus may be able to arrange door to door collections to take people to the shops. Alternatively, the village has excellent Milk and More service, which can supply essential groceries three times a week. Either leave your order with the milkman in the usual way or order online at www.milkandmore.co.uk

This policy will be reviewed annually each November after guidance has been issued from the District and County Councils.

Additional information

For further information, please contact the Executive Clerk or the Chairman of the Policy Committee.

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