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COMMUNITY WINTER RESILIENCE PLAN 2021-22

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3 Actions

If snow is predicted, volunteers asked to grit/salt priority pavements.
If snow has fallen, volunteers to sweep/grit/salt High Street pavements.
Shopkeepers and residents asked to clear pavements in front of their properties using grit/salt in bins provided.

4 Gritting Route

The map on page 3 shows roads to be treated by WSCC. The A272 from the A23 to Haywards Heath is a WSCC winter service network route, as is Cuckfield High Street through to the B2116 to Warninglid. London Lane is also an approved route for gritting.

5 Cuckfield Village

The map on page 4 indicates location of grit/salt bins and hippo bags.

6 Problem Roads and Pavements to be cleared

Ardingly Road, Hanlye Lane and Broad Street
Should WSCC trigger a severe weather warning for snow Steve Whiting, local farmer, will clear the above roads.

Other Roads

None of the side streets are gritted making access/egress for all drivers difficult after heavy snow. Access to the medical centre and shops, particularly for the elderly, is important. Access also needs to be maintained to the schools.

Pavements to be cleared:

High Street (steep hill and access to local services)
Medical Centre, Glebe Road
Scrase Stream footpath, Glebe Road
Holy Trinity Primary School, Glebe Road
Warden Park School
Old Park Close, Broad Street (Sheltered Housing)
Annandale, Broad Street (Sheltered Housing)
Tower House Close, London Road (Retirement Homes)

7 Location of Salt Bins and Hippo Bags in Cuckfield

Barrowfield - between Nrs 23-24
Broad Street - on drive of Annadale
Church Platt - Old School Car Park
Glebe Road - Close to Nr 24
Hatchgate Lane - junction Wheatsheaf Lane
London Lane - junction Chatfield Road (Woodbine Cottage)
Mytten Close - opposite side of road to Nrs 21-23
The Brambles - close to junction of Chatfield Road
Leyton Lea - South side on grass verge
Whiteman's Green - opposite Meadowside
Blundon Drive - junction Farr Close
Leyton Lea (bag) – junction High Street
Church Platt (bag) – junction South Street on grass verge
Broad Street Car Park (bag) - right hand side of entrance
Brick Lane - junction Woodbine Close
Queen's Hall - Mobile Wheelie Bin
Pelham House – inside main entrance

8 Hippo bags

Cuckfield is an urban village. Bags are delivered by Steve Whiting (local farmer) to the identified locations as soon as snow is forecast. Winter volunteers and residents work to distribute the grit/salt as appropriate. Bags to be delivered to:

Leyton Lea - junction with High Street
Church Platt - junction with South Street
Broad Street car park - right side of entrance

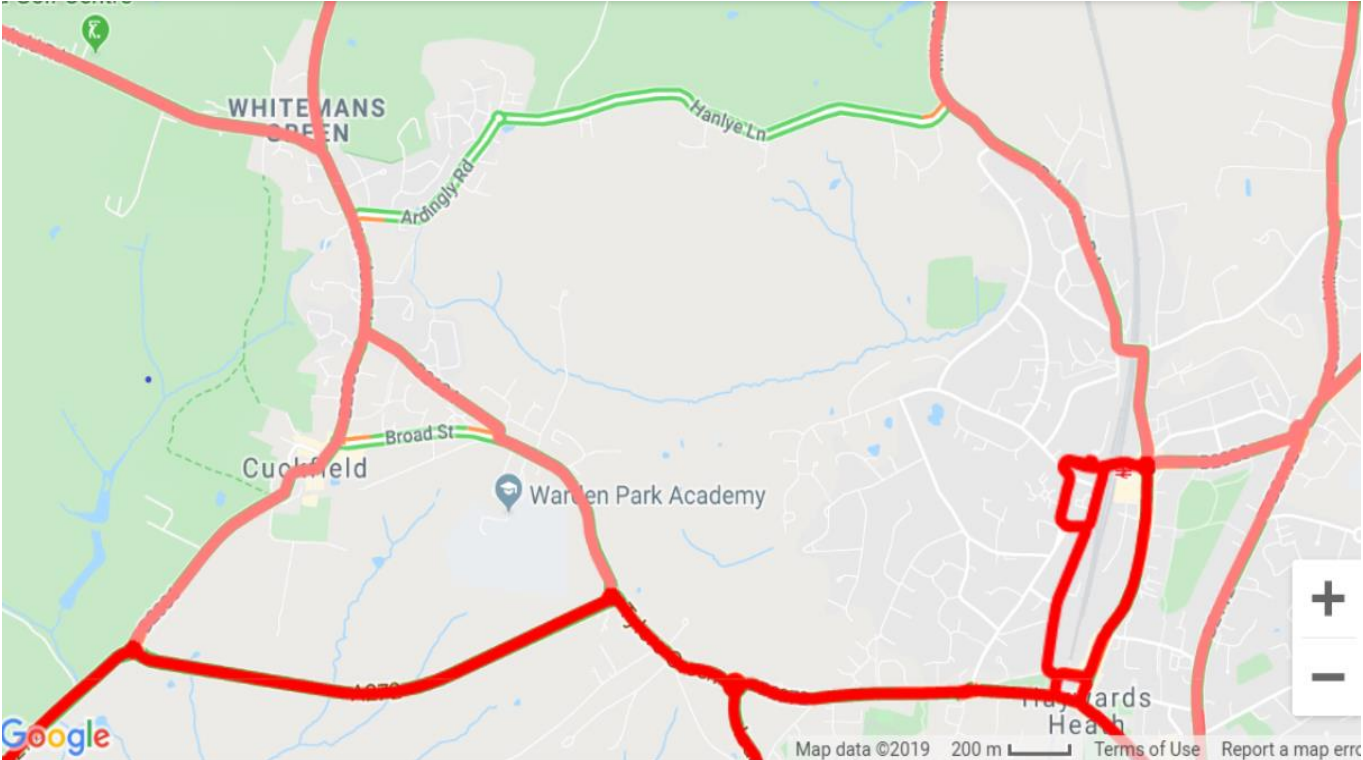
9 Liability

Any individual using the grit/salt will be acting on their own initiative and this action will be entirely at their own risk. It is recommended that the following equipment is used when spreading the salt; a high visibility vest/jacket, warm gloves, sturdy non slip waterproof footwear, warm clothing, a snow shovel and a fully charged mobile phone. If you are working alone, always contact someone when starting and finishing.

10 Equipment and Clothing

Snow shovels and clothing bags (including high viz tabard, thermal gloves, shoe grips, woolly hat and 2 emergency blankets) are stored at Queen's Hall.

**Map of WSCC Winter Network Routes
Around Cuckfield**



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WSCC have designated two winter networks:

- **Winter Service Network** (Shown as Dark and Light Red routes) - this is the whole treatable network what WSCC will grit as a precaution for the prevention of the formation of ice, so far as is reasonably practical.
- **Winter Resilient Network** (Shown as Dark Red routes only) – this is the reduced network to be treated/ploughed in the event of (severe weather) snow greater than **5 cm**.

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/maintaining-roads-verges-and-pavements/winter-service/gritting-routes/>

Snow Code

Clearing your path or driveway - the snow code

Clearing snow and ice from the pavement outside your home or public spaces can help prevent slips and falls. Here is some handy advice issued by the Department for Transport.

Do not be put off clearing paths because you are afraid someone will get injured. Remember, people walking on snow and ice have a responsibility to be careful themselves. Follow the advice from the Department for Transport below to make sure you clear the pathway safely and effectively. And do not believe the myths - it is unlikely you will be sued or held legally responsible for any injuries if you have cleared the path carefully.

Clear the snow and ice early in the day

It is 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.

Clear and prevent slips

- Pay extra attention to clearing snow and ice from steps and steep pathways - you might need to use more salt on these areas
- 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 melt snow or 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. Do not use the salt found in salting bins - this will be needed to keep the roads clear unless your council advises otherwise. Please contact your local council for more advice.
- Be careful not to spread salt on plants or grass as it may damage them
- If you do not have enough salt, you can also use sand or ash. These will not stop the path icing over as effectively as salt, but will provide good grip underfoot

Take care where you move the snow

When you are shovelling snow, take care where you put it, so it does not 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.

Check neighbours are alright in the cold weather. If you are worried about them, try contacting their relatives or friends, or if necessary, the local council.

Winter services from your local council

Your local council will provide many winter services such as clearing local roads and pavements in your area. For information about your council's winter service, check its website.

This Snow Code advice comes from the [Department for Transport](#)

Appendix 1:

Advice on hand salting

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



One-ton Hippo bags of salt/grit mix delivered to agreed locations as a response to a prolonged snow event 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 do not 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.



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.