

# **BOGNOR REGIS TOWN COUNCIL**

## **Community Winter Resilience Plan 2023/24**

**Adopted by the Council at its Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

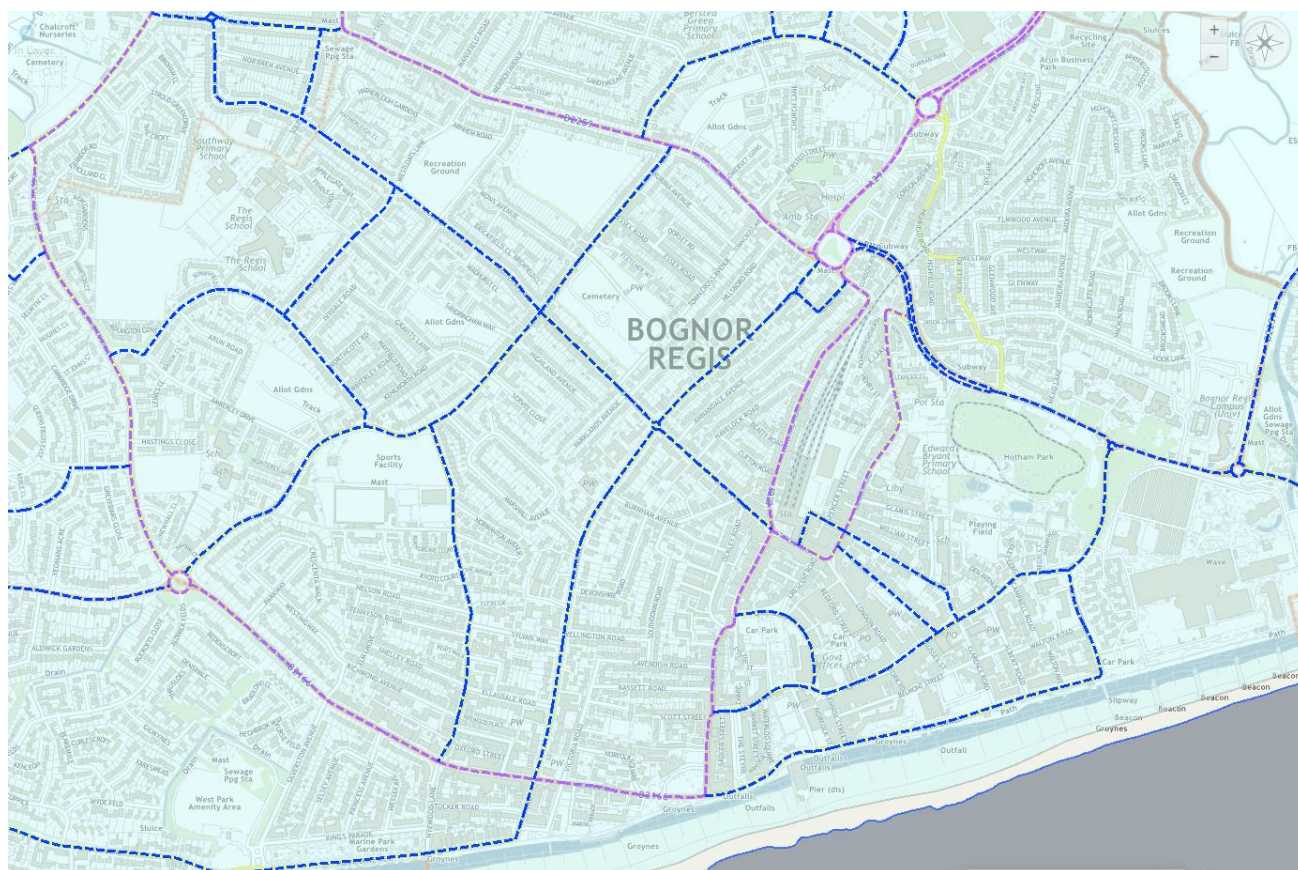
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This Community Winter Resilience Plan is produced with the support of West Sussex County Council (WSCC) in helping communities in times of extreme weather.

WSCC Highways undertakes to do the following:

- Monitor the daily forecast provided by their weather forecast provider between October and April and take appropriate actions. Issue a Daily Decision to all interested parties via [@WSHighways](#).
- Treat the Winter Service Network – 42% of the county’s 4,000km road network.
- Purchase and store, at five WSCC depots, at least 8,000 tons of de-icing road salt during the summer months when prices are advantageous.
- Liaise with the Government’s “Salt Cell” and actively participate in Mutual aid with adjacent Highway Authorities.
- Maintain a fleet of 20 gritters (bulk spreaders) between October and April.
- Issue a pre-snow trigger email in the event of a significant weather event to advise communities when to activate the Local Farmer and Contractor Agreement for WSCC funded activities.

### WSCC Gritting Routes within the five Wards of Bognor Regis



**-----** Winter Service Network - treated for frost, ice and snow (this network focuses on areas of local importance and includes roads such as major bus routes, Police Stations, Ambulance Stations, Fire & Rescue stations, hospitals and routes to large industrial establishments)

**-----** Winter Resilient Network - treated for snow only (this is the extent of the network that will be treated/ploughed in the event of heavy snowfall, 5cm +. This network will be driven in both directions on all roads with only the nearside lane being driven on dual carriageways/multi-lane roads)

WSCC Highways does not undertake any of the following:

- Treat any roads not identified as part of the Winter Service Network.
- Hand treat footways / cycleways / precincts as a precautionary exercise.
- Treat private, 3<sup>rd</sup> party or non-highway land.
- Refill salt bins or replace Hippo Bags during the winter period free of charge.
- Deliver salt bins or Hippo Bags once winter has started free of charge.
- Fund farmers to clear roads that have not been identified in the agreed Local Winter Plan, or clearance has been undertaken without consent to activate from WSCC.

## **Town/Parish Council Salting and Clearing Arrangements**

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Bulk bags of salt to be provided by WSCC Highways during the autumn, for hand salting by identified volunteers at the problem areas highlighted below. Salt provided by WSCC is for use only on public roads and footpaths and is not to be used for complete route coverage. Bognor Regis Town Council's Town Force staff will be deployed to undertake salting in the event of emergencies, with salt to be stored at the following locations:

<b>Area</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
Town Force Lock Up Unit G2 Beeding Close Southern Cross Trading Estate Bognor Regis	1 bag

## **Problem areas identified within Bognor Regis**

The following areas have been highlighted as areas that may require hand salting in the event of snow/heavy frost:

- 3 x WSCC subways and adjoining paths.
- London Road precinct.
- Railway footbridges at Longford Road and Ivy Lane.
- Communal areas of Bognor Regis Town Council's allotments.
- Other areas as identified as a result of snow/frost.

## **Identified volunteers**

Bognor Regis Town Force team (paid staff)

## **Advice on hand salting**

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



One ton bags of salt/grit mix is 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 on the left, can be used to cover large 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. Salt bins or bulk bags may not be replaced if salt stocks are critical.



The white board in the photo to the left 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.

## **Advice from GOV.UK on clearing snow and ice, from a road, path or cycleway, where possible**

When you clear snow and ice:

- Do it early in the day - it's easier to move fresh, loose snow.
- Don't use water - it might refreeze and turn to black ice.
- Use salt if possible - it will melt the ice or snow and stop it from refreezing overnight (you can use ordinary table or dishwasher salt).
- You can use ash and sand if you don't have enough salt - it will provide grip underfoot.
- Pay extra attention when clearing steps and steep pathways - using more salt may help.
- 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.

*Remember, people walking on snow and ice have responsibility to be careful themselves.*

## **Advice from WSCC on how to prepare for winter**

### **Keep an eye on the weather**

- Sign up to [receive severe weather and school closure email alerts](#).
- [Check if you are at risk from flooding](#) and [sign up for free flood warnings](#).

### **Protect your home**

- Order winter fuel in advance.
- [Check pipes are lagged](#) to prevent them bursting and know where to turn your stopcock off.
- Have a shovel available to clear paths.
- Prepare an [emergency bag](#) in case you or your family have to move location at short notice.
- Make sure you have a [working smoke alarm](#) on each level of your home.
- Complete a Household Emergency Plan, which should include important numbers, such as your home insurer, doctor and the police: [Household Emergency Plan form](#).
- Sign up to the British Red Cross [app](#).

### **Protect your business**

- WSCC's [Protect your business](#) pages provide information on how to prepare a business continuity plan to help in the event of extreme weather.

### **Protect your health**

- [Keep warm and well](#) - find out if you are eligible for [Cold Weather Payments](#).
- Fight the flu – [get a flu jab](#).
- If you take medication make sure you have enough to get you through any bad weather.
- Check NHS Choices for [winter health guidance](#).

- Have your heating and cooking appliances serviced by an [approved trader](#) - carbon monoxide is a killer.
- Stock up on basic supplies at home (see WSCC's [emergency survival checklist](#) for more information) or find out about getting [Meals on Wheels](#).

### **Winter travel**

- Ensure you have shoes with a good grip.
- Prepare your car for winter weather by following [RAC advice](#).
- Follow GOV.UK's advice about [driving in adverse weather conditions](#).
- Keep up to date with the latest travel information [around the county](#) or [around the UK](#).
- Sign up for free [train delay and disruption alerts](#).

### **Other resources**

- Contact the [Energy Saving Trust](#) for free, impartial advice on reducing your heating bills and making your home more energy efficient.

### **Useful contact details/websites in an emergency**

Bognor Regis Town Council	01243 867744 <a href="mailto:bognortc@bognorregis.gov.uk">bognortc@bognorregis.gov.uk</a>
Arun District Council (Enquiries)	01903 737500 <a href="mailto:info@arun.gov.uk">info@arun.gov.uk</a>
BBC Sussex (104.8 & 95.3 FM)	<a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/bbcsussex">www.bbc.co.uk/bbcsussex</a>
British Gas and Transco Gas	0800 111 999
Emergency Services	999
Environment Agency	<a href="http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk">www.environment-agency.gov.uk</a>
Heart (97.5 & 96.7 FM)	<a href="http://www.heart.co.uk/sussex">www.heart.co.uk/sussex</a>
Highways England	0300 123 5000 <a href="https://m.highwaysengland.co.uk/">https://m.highwaysengland.co.uk/</a>
National Flood Forum	<a href="https://nationalfloodforum.org.uk/">https://nationalfloodforum.org.uk/</a>
NHS out-of-hours	111
Police (non-urgent)	101
Portsmouth Water	023 9247 7999
Power Cut	105
St Richard's Hospital	01243 788122
Southern Water	0330 303 0368
V2 Radio Sussex	<a href="http://www.v2radio.co.uk">www.v2radio.co.uk</a>

West Sussex County Council (Enquiries)	01243 777100 <a href="http://www.westsussex.gov.uk">www.westsussex.gov.uk</a>
West Sussex Highways	01243 642105 <a href="http://www.westsussex.gov.uk">www.westsussex.gov.uk</a>
WSCC Resilience & Emergencies	033 022 22400 <a href="mailto:emergency@westsussex.gov.uk">emergency@westsussex.gov.uk</a>
West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service	01243 786211 <a href="mailto:wsfrs@westsussex.gov.uk">wsfrs@westsussex.gov.uk</a>