

Lavant Parish Council – Winter Plan 2016/7

This paper identifies existing arrangements for implementing a winter plan management within Lavant village.

Existing gritting arrangements (WSCC)

Precautionary road salting will be undertaken by WSCC in respect of the carriageways contained in the 'County Strategic Network'. There are three levels of priority which are P1 – main A roads and emergency services access routes, P2 – remainder of A roads and strategic B roads, P3 – other strategic routes. For P1 and P2 the action is triggered by ice and/or snow whilst P3 is triggered by ice only. In respect of Lavant the roads covered are:

A286 – Midhurst Road (P1)
Pook Lane (P2)
Sheepwash Lane (P2)
Entry stretch of Lavant Down Road (P2)
New Road (P2)

Additionally WSCC will issue a pre-snow event statement by email to those who have been established as the point of contact for local winter plan management.

Coverage

LPC will not undertake formal carriageway or pavement salting. LPC operates an adhoc system, individuals can salt their local areas using salt from the local bins and following the guidance below.

Where necessary **Lavant Volunteer Task Force** will undertake snow clearance of key pavement areas e.g. vulnerable people, school access.

Salt Guidance

There are five salt bins located in the village which are all full. WSCC will not fill bins or replace bags after 1 September each year prior to the winter period. LPC will top up the salt bins from the Reserve bag of salt is located near to Memorial Hall.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The salt provided by LPC is for public pavements and roads only – **it is not for use on private driveways and garden paths.**

The recommended amount of salt to be spread is actually quite small:

Expected temperature of between 0 and -2C	10 grams per square metre
Expected temperature of -2C or below	20 grams per square metre

At this level of application it is anticipated that supplies are sufficient for the winter period unless a prolonged spell of extreme weather is experienced.

Each salt bin carries the following advisory notice: “Lavant Parish Council has supplied this bin and grit for use by and for the benefit of the community. Any individual using the grit will be acting on their own initiative and this action will be entirely at their own risk.

The salt provided by LPC is for public pavements and roads only – it is not for use on private driveways and garden paths.

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.”

Location of Salt/Grit bins

