

Winter Maintenance
Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement
Winter 2015/6

1. Principles

- 1.1 Cirencester Town Council has resources which, during times of adverse weather, may be available in order to provide assistance to Gloucestershire County Council , e.g. in gritting footways, refilling grit bins and when able to clear snow from footways/pedestrian areas.
- 1.2 During adverse winter weather situations Gloucestershire County Council's priority and resources are focused on keeping the strategic carriageway network running; assistance from the Town Council will provide a level of support to the local community.

2. When

- 2.1 During times of severe weather, such as snow, heavy icing or frozen rain, Gloucestershire County Council's local area office will liaise with Cirencester Town Council about how assistance can be provided in supporting the community whilst maintaining key operational duties.
- 2.2 The extent and duration of this assistance will vary depending on the availability of resources and the severity of the situation but will be agreed between the respective authorities.

3. Contacts

- 3.1 Cirencester Town Council

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4. Where

- 4.1 Priority areas for footway gritting are:

The Waterloo
Dollar Street

Black Jack Street
Silver Street
Park Lane
Tetbury Road (from the entrance to the Leisure Centre car park to the junction with Sheep Street)
Castle Street
Market Place
West Market Place
Cricklade Street (including entrance to Brewery Court)
Dyer Street
North Way
West Way

- 4.2 These areas take into account the areas of highest pedestrian activity and is indicative and does not guarantee that gritting will be carried out in these areas. It is solely intended to serve as a guide.
- 4.3 In addition, the footbridge from the leisure centre to the hospital, across the A419 will be considered a priority area this winter.
- 4.4 Gritting beyond these extents may sometimes be appropriate/possible and will be the result of discussions between Cirencester Town Council and Gloucestershire County Council.

5. Equipment/Materials

- 5.1 Gloucestershire County Council will provide a hand spreader to Cirencester Town Council to assist in spreading salt on footway area.
- 5.2 There will be no cost for the provision of the spreader but any maintenance will need to be managed by Cirencester Town Council.
- 5.3 Gloucestershire County Council will provide a stock of bagged salt to Cirencester Town Council prior to the start of the winter season (end October).
- 5.4 This stock is available to Cirencester Town Council to manage and distribute as they deem appropriate for use on the public highway. Whilst Gloucestershire County Council will endeavor to replenish this supply during the winter season if necessary, it should be noted that resupply cannot be guaranteed as the County's efforts may need to be directed to maintaining the strategic route network and/or conserving supplies of salt.

6. Grit Bins

- 6.1 Gloucestershire County Council will endeavor to fill all grit bins prior to the start of the winter season (end October). Grit bins will not be refilled during the winter season by Gloucestershire County Council but Cirencester Town Council may use their supply of bagged salt to replenish where it is felt appropriate.

7. Health & Safety

- 7.1 A risk assessment has been undertaken by the County Council which seeks to cover the risks and control measures associated with these activities.