



TRAWDEN FOREST
PARISH COUNCIL

Gritting During Inclement Weather Policy

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Introduction

The Parish Council does not have a statutory duty to prepare for, and deal with snow and ice.

When winter weather hits, we work with Lancashire County Council to try to ensure that the roads are kept as clear and safe as possible to ensure the areas traffic can keep moving and council services up and running. Lancashire County Council have their own policy on how and when they will grit priority and secondary routes.

The aim is to keep the area at a minimum risk of injury and damage to property. The Parish Council do not take any responsibility for gritting any highways or footpaths within the Parish.

Grit bins are provided and filled by Lancashire County Council, in strategic locations, to ensure residents have optimum amounts of gritting materials available to keep their area accessible. This grit should not be used on private property. If a grit bin needs filling, this can be reported via the Love Clean Streets app.

How does gritting work?

Rock salt lowers the freezing point of moisture on the road surface, stopping ice from forming and causing existing ice or snow to melt. For grit to work most effectively, it needs traffic to crush and spread it across the road. When it snows heavily at night, though a road is gritted, the snow will often still settle. Unfortunately, that means, for the first few drivers, it may be slippery.

What will be gritted?

When the temperatures start to fall, Lancashire County Council Highways work 24hours a day, 7 days a week to monitor the roads, and their gritters are sent out day and night when conditions dictate.

The County Council is responsible for over 4300 miles of roads of which approximately 1,800 miles are part of Lancashire's 'Priority Road Network' for salting and snow clearing. When low temperatures are forecast, they grit the roads as a precaution before the frost forms, usually during the evening or early hours of the morning. Weather forecasts are only a guide and their local knowledge and expertise is vital in deciding what to do.

Despite their best efforts, winter weather can still make roads treacherous and there is no guarantee that roads will always be completely free of ice and snow. It is your own responsibility to take extra care.

You can keep updated and problems can be reported direct via [Winter in Lancashire - Lancashire County Council](#).

Parish Council Responsibilities

Following advice from the Local Authority, the Parish Council has a 'No Gritting Policy' for any of the land that it owns. This includes Lanehouse Lane Playground and Ball Grove Park. The Ball Grove car park, off Keighley Road should be kept locked during the snow and ice to discourage anyone from attempting to access it. Anyone who chooses to use the Park does so at their own risk and should ensure that they have appropriate footwear and are confident on their feet.

The Parish Council is not responsible for clearing snow or gritting any of the unadopted roads within the Parish.