

SNOW PLAN – CLAWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Purpose: To keep the roads running East-West from the village centre to the Parish boundaries passable to vehicles in the event of significant snow and/or ice.

Responsibilities: The Snow Warden (currently Paul Grafton) is responsible for:

- monitoring the stocks of salt in the salt bins
- monitoring the stock and condition of salt bags (currently at Higher Sellick)
- ordering further supplies for salt bins or of bags through the clerk when necessary.;
- monitoring the state of the grit bins and advising the Clerk if any are damaged and need replacing
- ensuring the gritter trailer is in good working order
- monitoring weather forecasts and receiving and responding to weather alerts;
- placing salt bags at the roadside on hills each November and recovering unused ones to storage in April.
- training assistant Snow Wardens as required and equipping them with Hi-Viz vests
- liaising with Adrian Mitchell (trained as an assistant Snow Warden) who has a tractor-mountable snow plough for use when snow has fallen in sufficient quantity as to require clearing before the gritter trailer is used.

Snow/Ice Plan: Unlike the County Council which treats the main roads in advance when snow or ice are forecast, the village plan is to place bags of road salt and grit on all hills except near to the grit bins (see locations below). The gritter trailer (and snow plough where necessary) will be used only when snow has fallen or ice has formed, is likely to cause significant difficulty for vehicles and is unlikely to clear naturally within a few hours.

Farmers whose businesses require access by milk tankers and who have the ability to spread salt and grit as and when required in order to ensure the tankers are able to collect milk can be provided with a supply of grit bags.

In the village centre the pavements will be treated by an Assistant Snow warden (currently Andy Moakes from Claw Park) using a hand- operated grit spreader.

Residents can request extra grit or gritting by calling the Snow Warden on 07794 913757 or 01409 271456. Grit is only for use on public roads and gritting will only be carried out when conditions are as described above.

Location of salt bins:

- Top of Horslett Hill (3783)
- Village hall
- Halfway up Beer Hill