

**SKERNE AND WANSFORD PARISH
COUNCIL**

SEVERE WEATHER PLAN

1) SCOPE OF ARRANGEMENTS

The footpath gritting and/or snow clearance activities set out in this plan will be carried out on a best endeavours basis, subject to resources being available and if conditions allow people to work safely.

**2) COORDINATION OF FOOTPATH GRITTING
ACTIVITIES**

Footpath gritting activities will be undertaken on an ad hoc basis by parish councillors and members of the community

3) SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY

The parish council will urge residents to consider whether practical assistance (e.g. collecting food and prescriptions) can be provided to the most vulnerable members of the community

**4) WINTER TREATMENT(S) / SNOW CLEARANCE
TEAMS**

Two salt bins are situated in each village – one in each village provided by the Skerne and Wansford Parish Council and one in each village proved by the ERYC. These are for the use of residents on a best endeavours basis and only if conditions allow people to work in safety.

**5) ROADS TREATED BY EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE
COUNCIL**

- B1248 Driffield to Hornsea Road, precautionary network; Wansford to Skerne, Skerne to Driffield, Wansford to Nafferton roads, secondary network.

6) RESOURCES

The Skerne and Wansford Parish Council have identified the following resources for use during snow clearance/footpath and road gritting activities:

Pedestrian spreaders

The Skerne and Wansford Parish Council owns two pedestrian spreaders for community use on the understanding that these are used only for the purpose of clearing light falls of snow and ice from footpaths within the two villages; they are thoroughly cleaned of salt/grit after use; that users have read this Severe Weather Policy and are compliant with its conditions.

Salt Bins

There are salt bins at the following locations:

Town / Parish Council Owned Salt Bins

Nafferton Road, Wansford, one adjacent to telephone kiosk and one at West End, Skerne.

East Riding of Yorkshire Council Owned Salt Bins

Nafferton Road, Wansford, (opposite the Vicarage) and Main Street/West End junction, Skerne.

7) HEALTH AND SAFETY / WELFARE ARRANGEMENTS

The team co-ordinating/those undertaking the winter weather activities should make sure that:

Before undertaking footpath or road gritting or snow clearance individuals must:

- Ensure have ready access to suitable equipment eg shovel, sack-barrow / wheel barrow, mobile phone
- Have adequate protective clothing to ensure that they remain warm and safe; this might include hats, gloves with a good grip, safety boots and high visibility padded jackets. There are shoe grips on the market that provide extra purchase during icy condition. It is better to wear several layers of clothing to maintain body heat, rather than one thick layer. Wear a hat - up to half of your body heat is lost through your head.
- Take appropriate breaks to ensure they are not suffering from effects of the weather, have hot drinks, ensure their clothing dry.
- Remove all hand tools / resources from footpaths / highways

8) SNOW CLEARANCE ACTIONS

The aim of the snow clearing actions is to make the situation better and safer when you have finished than it was before you started.

- Treat light snow falls of 25mm or less, with one or more repeated applications of salt.

- It's easier to move fresh, loose snow rather than hard snow that has packed together from people walking on it. So if possible, start removing the snow in the morning.
- When you're shoveling snow, 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. Take care where you put it so it doesn't block paths or drains.
- Do not pile up snow where it will block or obstruct the footpath, access to property or road in any way. It may be necessary to remove any resulting accumulations of snow.
- Spread salt on the area you have cleared of snow to prevent the residual film icing over.
- Salt is very effective and requires only a small amount spread over a wide area to stop ice forming, all types of salt are effective for example dishwasher or even table salt works well when treating household paths and drives.
- For areas away from the salt bin , a bucket or even a wheelbarrow, if one is available, would be useful to transport some salt.
- Salt doesn't work instantly; it needs sufficient time to dissolve into the moisture on the ground. You can use rock salt, ordinary table or dishwasher salt - a tablespoon for each square meter you clear should work. If you don't have enough salt, you can also use a grit and salt mix. This is particularly helpful on snow that is starting to compress, as it helps to provide better grip under foot. Sand or ash can also be used for this..
- Avoid using water as it may freeze and make the situation more hazardous.
- Refer to the Health and Safety / Staff Welfare Section of this plan.
- When clearing snow it is possible to make conditions worse if you do not follow the precautions listed above. If you do act in a safe way and follow these precautions then you will be helping your community in a positive and safe way and minimise the risk of anyone being injured as a result of your actions.

Every member of the community can play an important part in clearing snow and ice. Copies of an East Riding of Yorkshire Council information leaflet that encourage people to clear around their own property is available at <http://www.eastriding.gov.uk/EasySiteWeb/getresource.axd?AssetID=84782&type=full&servicetype=Attachment> >

