

Southern Wiltshire Area Board – 7 December 2017

Winter's here! Will your community be safe?

Here's a checklist to help you be prepared...

- If your village has an Emergency Plan should it be (a) reviewed; and (b) publicised? If it doesn't have an Emergency Plan should it?
- If there is no Emergency Plan should the Parish Council at least have a discussion of any particular local hazards, known isolated people, possible precautionary steps, emergency contacts.
- If your village is exposed to flooding do you have a Flood Warden to monitor water levels, issue warnings and liaise with the authorities? Is there an evacuation plan? Has it been tested?
- Check the grit bins before the ice comes. And regularly through the Winter.
- Are there any locations which still need a grit bin: hilly stretches, sharp bends, exposed roads, junctions on an incline?
- Make sure the parish clerk and councillors have an up-to-date list of emergency contacts - especially council and utilities.
- Check that your PCSOs know who the most vulnerable and isolated residents are and that they will be visited. Ensure there are 'Good Neighbour' arrangements in place for these people.
- Make sure that public buildings, clubs and sports buildings have emergency lighting or at least working torches.

Wiltshire Council resources:

Winter Weather advice sheet

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/adverse-weather.pdf>

Remember

- Never assume a road has been salted or is free of ice
- Do not use salt from salt bins to treat private property
- In extreme cold temperatures salt will not prevent the formation of ice
- It takes time and movement of traffic to activate salt to melt snow or ice
- Rain or melting snow causes salt off the road, causing ice on foot paths
- Help yourself and others by clearing snow and ice outside of your property

Useful contacts

For further advice for clearing the paths:
roads@wiltshire.gov.uk (Newbury) 01295 251100
For further information on winter maintenance in Wiltshire:
Call 0800 23 23 23
Visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/roadgutting
Email roads@wiltshire.gov.uk
Twitter: @Wiltshireroads

For information on roads during severe weather please listen to your local radio station

You can contact Wiltshire Council in the following ways:

Telephone: 0300 424 0100
Toll-free: 03 222 722000
Email: roads@wiltshire.gov.uk
Web: www.wiltshire.gov.uk

Information about Wiltshire Council services can be made available in request in other languages including BSL and formats such as large print and audio.

Winter weather Advice for a safe journey and self help

Parish newsletter – Highways & Streetscene focus

<http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/mgGeneric.aspx?MD=mgparishcouncilnewsletter&bcr=1>

CHRISTMAS IS COMING AND THE SALT STORES ARE FULL

