

**Marlborough Area Board  
23 November 2010  
Requests for Additional Grit Bins**

- Wiltshire Council's highways service performed well during the extreme weather last winter according to the response to the recent Parish Newsletter consultation, with 65% considering the Council's response to be good or excellent, and only 5% thinking it was poor or very poor.
- One aspect that was of particular interest to the parish councils was the provision of grit bins.
- Following the severe weather last winter a large number of requests for additional bins were received. It is not feasible to meet the cost of providing and filling the 422 additional bins requested, but it would be possible to provide about 100 new bins.
- It is necessary to prioritise the provision of these bins which represent a 10% increase in bins across the county.
- In all areas the requests exceed the allocations. It will be necessary for the area boards to confirm the priorities for the allocation of the bins.
- It is proposed that each area board should have a 10% increase in the number of bins in their area.
- There are presently 70 grit bins in the Marlborough community area. There have been requests for an additional 33 grit bins across the community area and an allocation of 7 additional bins.
- The Council will arrange for the bins to be installed.
- Arrangements will be made for them to be refilled, but in severe weather the gritting and clearing of snow from the main roads may have to take priority.
- The Council can provide parish and town councils with one tonne bags of salt in order to speed up the refilling of grit bins provided they have suitable under cover storage and the capability to fill bins in their area
- Local highways officers were asked to assess the feasibility of each request.
- Of the 33 requests received, local highways officers considered the following locations to be prioritized:

### Marlborough

1. Vicarage Close/Cold Harbour.
2. Blowhorn Street
3. Homefield/Five Stiles Road.
4. Bergamot Close.

### Winterbourne Monkton

5. To be placed where the phone box used to be.

### Ramsbury

6. Crowood Lane/Ashley Piece

The location decision for the seventh grit bin is pending further information.

- Marlborough Area Board is asked to consider and support these requests.

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