

## **Winter Weather Network & Contingency Plan- AMESBURY (updated 7<sup>th</sup> Nov)**

In conjunction with Wiltshire Council, Amesbury Town Council is putting in place a system to enable residents to cope with adverse weather conditions this winter, should they arise.

On 1<sup>st</sup> November at an Amesbury Town council meeting, winter team officers from Wiltshire council briefed Town councillors on a plan for Amesbury, the Town council then voted funding in preparation for any winter snowfall. An order has been placed for more grit bins to be strategically placed around Amesbury and these stocks will be replenished by Wilts council.

Alongside this, there is the opportunity to register an interest in joining the **Winter Weather Network**.

The Town Council will provide information to individuals on sourcing snow shovels cheaply, and will acquire a small stock to distribute to **Network Helpers**. It is our intention to mobilize drivers (already identified) with 4x4 vehicles to help keep the estate roads and other roads through the Town clear for vehicles. Wilts council will be providing small towed gritting machines to enable us to do that before any significant fall of snow. The larger supermarket chains are now selling snow shovels at less than a fiver, as well as grit dispensers; residents are strongly encouraged to take advantage of stocks whilst available.

The aim is to stockpile grit at secure locations around the town, which can be accessed and distributed in a controlled way, to help clear pavements on estates, access routes to health centres', etc. Businesses/shop keepers will be encouraged to clear snow from their shop fronts. Wheel barrow gritters have been sourced to help facilitate this.

We would ask other owners of 4x4 vehicles to register to help the vulnerable/elderly with necessary tasks – eg. collection of prescriptions, etc.

Please contact the Town council through the website [www.amesburytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.amesburytowncouncil.gov.uk) to find out more about the **Winter Weather Network** scheme and please spread the word to others who might be willing to help mobilize Amesbury this winter.

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**Advice has been received from Wiltshire Council's legal service regarding individuals' liability if they clear snow from the pavement. Put simply, if an individual clears snow from the pavement and leaves the section of pavement in a condition that any reasonable person would view as being "safer", then there should be no liability, as the individual cannot be said to have been "negligent".**