

<b>Report to</b>	<b>South West Wiltshire Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>13 October 2010</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Grit Bins</b>

## Purpose of Report

To inform Councillors of the distribution of extra grit bins to South West Wiltshire and to recommend priorities of allocation to parishes

## 1. Background

- 1.1. Wiltshire Council provides grit bins at suitable locations on minor roads not routinely treated with salt. The bins are filled with salt at the beginning of the winter season, and refilled periodically as the salt is used.
- 1.2. Earlier this year the Council carried out a review of grit bins with the Parish and Town Councils to confirm the location and condition of the 983 existing bins. As a result 65 of the bins are now being repaired or replaced.
- 1.3. Following the severe weather last winter a large number of requests for additional bins was received. It is not feasible to meet the cost of providing and filling the 422 additional bins requested across the county, but it would be possible to provide about 100 new bins.
- 1.4. It is necessary to prioritise the provision of these bins which represent a 10% increase in bins across the county.

## 2. Prioritisation

- 2.1. Bids for 57 new bins have been submitted from parishes in the Mere, Tisbury and Wilton Community Areas as shown:

Ansty	2
Berwick St Leonard	2
Bishopstone	5
Bowerchalke	2
Chilmark	3
Compton Chamberlayne	1
Donhead St Andrew	5
Donhead St Mary	9
East Knoyle	4
Fonthill Bishop	2
Fonthill Gifford	2
Hindon	1
Mere	5
Sedgehill & Semley	2

Sutton Mandeville	1
Teffont	1
Tisbury	1
West Knoyle	1
Wilton	2
Zeals	6

2.2. However, the allocation across the three Areas is only 11. Each of the above parishes has been approached to prioritise their bids. Returns will be available on the day of the Area Board meeting and a recommendation will be made by the Community Area Manager regarding the final distribution.

### **3. Installation**

3.1. 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.

3.2. The Council can provide Parish and Town Councils with 1 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.