



ASHURST WOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Winter Management Plan

Introduction

Following the severe cold weather in November December 2010/ January 2011, which dislocated public transport links to the village and rendered several road junctions dangerous or impassable, and prevented the resupply of salt/grit to our bins at key locations, the Council needs to mitigate the impact of a similar period of cold weather.

The plan must be simple, low in capital cost, and proportional to the current perceived level of threat and actual or potential resources deployed by other public authorities and services in their contingency plans. It should be regularly reviewed before each winter, in accordance with the long and medium range forecasts for that winter.

Whilst carrying out this plan, Ashurst Wood Parish Council (AWPC) is not taking on the responsibility of West Sussex County Council (WSSCC).

Reference will be made to the central government's snow code and full risk assessment undertaken. Council Insurers will be notified of this policy and its implications.

Basic Requirements:

- 1) In the event of severe snow and ice, particularly if prolonged, safe, passable roads and pavements within the AWPC area, to enable public services and essential food and fuel transport to service the population.
- 2) To ensure continued safety, health, and care of children, elderly and infirm villagers in the severe conditions.

Road gritting within AWPC area;

West Sussex County Council resourced.

Deployed on A22, Wall Hill/Hammerwood Road bus route, main routes through village; Maypole Rd, Woods Hill Lane, Hammerwood Road(to Bishops Green), Wall Hill & Woods Hill Lane.

Residential roads other than these are not covered.

Pavement gritting within AWPC area;

These are not gritted, except by hand from the AWPC grit bins, or incidentally from road gritting.

Replenishment of contents from bulk stocks currently under ultimate control of WSSCC Highways.

Ashurst Wood Parish Council to grit pavements, **on an ad hoc basis**. These pavements to be: School Lane from the junction with Hammerwood Road to Chapel Lane junction.

Gritting Problems;

- 1) County Council's gritting priorities are subject to change as their stocks run low. The Parish roads may suffer as priorities will be motorways and main roads.
- 2) Non-replenishment of village grit bins is outside Parish Council control.

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3) Use by public for private use. This to be continued to be discouraged via Parish Council newsletters

Agreed Solutions:

- 1) Hippo Bags to be requested for following locations:
 - a. Village Centre Maypole Road
 - b. beside Post Office grit bin Hammerwood Road
 - c. between War Memorial grit bin and bus shelter – Hammerwood Road

Resources in AWPC area

Human Resources:

Existing:

WSCC gritter drivers

AWPC Handyman

ad hoc and small number of volunteers from village who joined Handyman.

Local contractor has contract with WSCC for clearing roads in Ashurst Wood as per attached map.(2011/12 season)

Existing equipment:

Static items:

AWPC grit bins, currently restocked by WSCC.

See Appendix 1 for locations.

Hand Tools:

- 1) Hand gritter for footways in particular purchased for winter 11/12
- 2) Two snow shovels

Current Handyman owns cold weather clothing, a set of light usage ice crampons, two plastic snow shovels, usual shovels and brooms and has the long term use of a metal builder's wheelbarrow.

Ashurst Wood Conservation Group has a collection of hand tools which could be deployed under supervision.

Most village households have access to a shovel, spade or hoe.

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Appendix 1

Hammerwood Road	j/w School Lane	1
Maypole Road	Village Centre car park	1
Maypole Road	near no. 114	1
Maypole Road/ Phoenix Lane	By Maypole Inn	
Wall Hill Road	by War Memorial	1
Woods Hill Lane	j/w Woods Hill Close	1
Woods Hill Lane	j/w Hammerwood Rd	1
School Lane	o/s school entrance	1
	& j/w Chapel Lane	1

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- from daytime snow by 1 hour after snow has stopped falling or as necessary if particularly heavy falls.
- 2) Depending on routes taken some Priority 3 roads may be cleared together Priority 2 roads.
 - 3) Depending on road width and parked cars, roads may need two passes.