

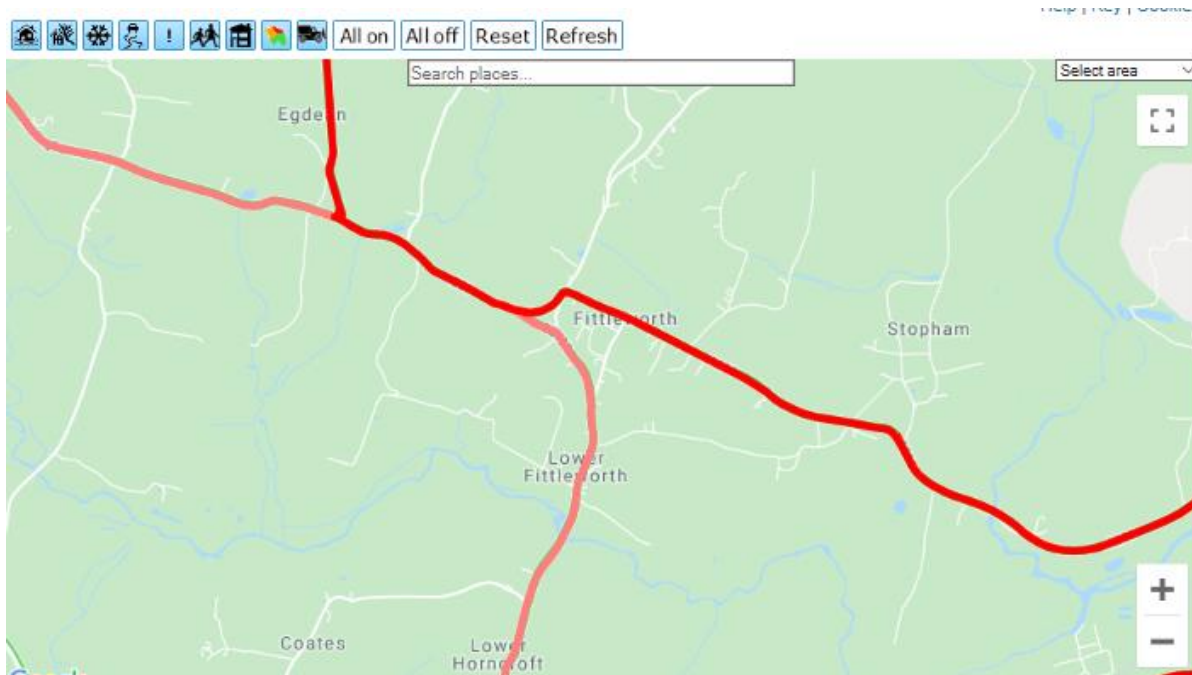
# FITTLEWORTH COMMUNITY WINTER RESILIENCE PLAN 2023 - 24

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## **WSCC WINTER SERVICE NETWORK & WINTER RESILIENT NETWORK - SALTING ROUTES**

The map below shows the roads in the Parish of Fittleworth that fall under the Precautionary Salting Network as 2022-23 - Lower Street (B2138) and The Fleet (A283).



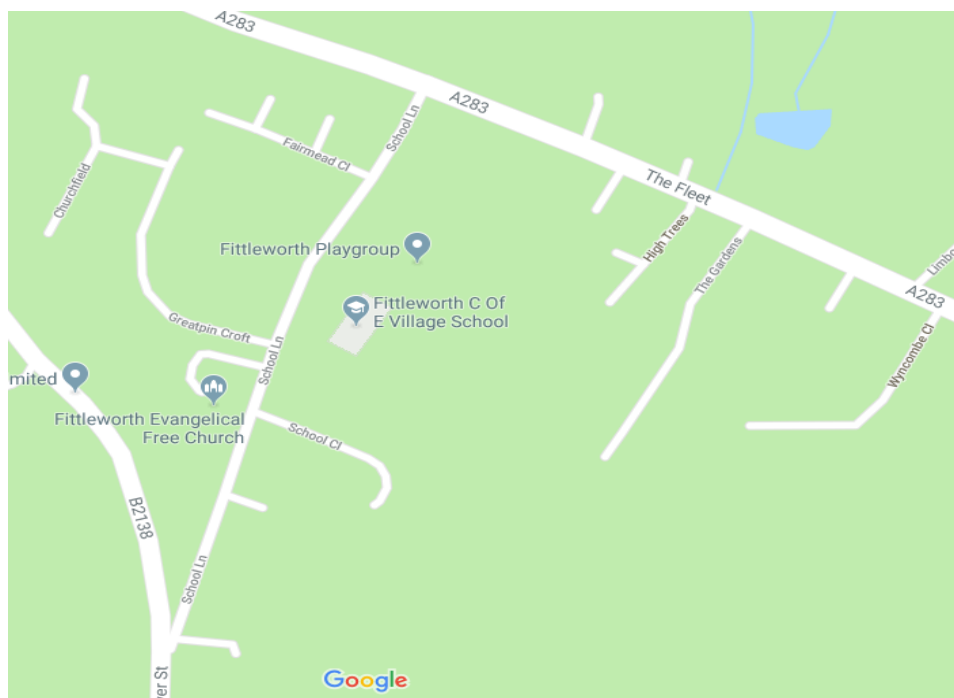
There are now 2 winter networks:

- **Winter Service Network** (Shown as Dark and Light Red routes) - this is the whole treatable network what WSCC will grit as a precaution for the prevention of the formation of ice, so far as is reasonably practical.
- **Winter Resilient Network** (Shown as Dark Red routes only) – the this is the reduced network to be treated/ploughed in the event of (severe weather) snow greater than **5 cm**.

## **ADDITIONAL GRITTING & SNOW CLEARING**

The Parish Council has arranged for School Lane, Fittleworth to be gritted or cleared by a local farmer when WSCC inform the clerk and farmer that that weather conditions have triggered the need to grit or clear the snow from the roads.

The Parish Council believe that the Primary School, the Village Hall and Recreation Ground, The Playground and the new Fittleworth Village Shop (the village hub) must remain clear during icy and snowy conditions.



### **WSCC CONTACT CENTRE DETAILS**

To report fallen trees or damage to Public Highway please call WSCC Highways

**01243 642105**

### **SALT BIN AND SALT BAG LOCATIONS**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT SALT BAGS IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS IS FOR THE COMMUNITY TO USE ALONG PUBLIC PAVEMENTS AND ROADS – IT IS NOT FOR PRIVATE USE. PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE YOUR OWN SUPPLY OF SALT FOR PRIVATE USE FOR PATHS AND PRIVATE ROADS. THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS A LIMITED SUPPLY OF SALT.**

#### **SALT BIN**

The Parish has one salt bin located at the bottom of Limbourne Lane near the junction with The Fleet (A283). In August 2023 the bin was 80% full.

#### **SALT BAGS**

The Salt Bags will only be deposited in the locations below when:-

- WSCC has informed the clerk and local farmer that the weather has deteriorated to such an extent that salt is to be distributed AND
- enough bags available (In 2022/23 0 bags were used and WSCC have not replaced the bags as the Parish did not fall below 75% of the required level. The Parish Council had 8 Hippo bags as at 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023)

#### **BEDHAM LANE**

**Bag 1** – Place bag by the telegraph pole on the verge, on the opposite side of the 5-bar gate to the post box at 'Ivy House' at the entry to Bedham Lane, by Hallelujah Corner.

(permission has been given by the owner) – **(OS121- 00951942)**

**Bag 2** – Up Bedham Lane towards Wisborough Green, past the fork in the road, up the hill and place bag on verge on the right hand side of the 5 bar gate opposite the drive of the house 'Catercross' **(OS 134 – 01352013)**

**Bag 3** – Up Bedham Lane towards Wisborough Green, past Brinkwells and Springs Farm, turn left towards Bedham and place bag on verge opposite entrance to Bedham Manor Farm RH20 1JR **(OS 134 – 01742192)**

#### **LIMBOURNE LANE**

**Bag 1** – Put bag on the right hand verge, just before the house 'Dunrovin' near where it joins The Fleet. **(OS121 – 01551915)**

#### **SANDY LANE** (top & bottom)

**Bag 1** – Drive up the hill to the top. Place bag on the verge by the telegraph pole, on the opposite side of the road between 'Strawberry Trees' and 'Knoll House' **(OS121 – 01401875)**

**Bag 2** – To be placed at the entry to Sandy Lane, on the grass by the dead-end road sign **(OS121 – 011187)**

#### **SCHOOL LANE** (top & bottom)

**Bag 1** – Place bag on grass at the corner of Great Pin Croft/School Lane opposite the telephone exchange. **(OS121 – 01151910)**

**Bag 2** – Place bag on the gravel parking area, up against the grass (not on) outside 'Rose Cottage'. This is on the right hand side of School Lane, just before Lower Street junction, going South. **(OS121 – 01101867)** (Permission for this to happen has been given by the owner)

#### **HESWORTH HAMLET** - (just north of Hesworth Farm and Hesworth Barn).

**Bag 1** – Place bag on hairpin bend at map reference **001189**.

#### **LITTLE BOGNOR**

**Bag 1** – Place bag by the public footpath sign on verge on the right hand side of the drive leading to 'Dyers Cottage' this is on the right hand side of the road going North, at the top of the hill. **(OS134 – 00452037)**

#### **ADVICE ON HAND SALTING – WSCC Advice**

Bulk Bags - One tonne bags of salt / grit mix delivered to agreed locations as a response to a prolonged snow event for use on the public highway as a form of self-help. This material is not for use on private land.

WSCC recommends a spread rate of approximately 20 grams of salt / grit per metres square when hand salting. Although salt / grit can be spread effectively with shovels, care is required to ensure over salting does not occur. Push-along devices as shown above can be used to cover larger areas with an even spread. Large areas can thus be treated quicker with less wastage.

20 grams is in fact a very small amount. You don't need a lot of salt to protect a footway. Use it sparingly. Over salting is damaging to the environment and a waste of a limited resource. Spread it evenly and your salt will last longer and cover a greater area.

## **TELEPHONE CONTACT DETAILS**

Ms Jane Claxton (Chairman) Email – [jane.claxton@fittleworth-pc.org.uk](mailto:jane.claxton@fittleworth-pc.org.uk)  
01798 865819 or 07803290136 (mobile)  
Ms Rachel Gorvin (Parish Clerk) Email – [clerk@fittleworth-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@fittleworth-pc.org.uk)  
07385 175198

## **ADVICE TO LOCAL RESIDENTS ON HOW TO KEEP SAFE DURING WINTER**

### **Information from WSCC Website**

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/dealing-with-extreme-weather/dealing-with-heavy-snow-and-ice/>

**Dealing with heavy snow and ice -Find out what to do before, during and after it has snowed.**

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### **1 PREPARE FOR WINTER**

There are simple things you can do to help you and your family keep warm, healthy and safe during cold weather.

Keep an eye on the weather

- Sign up to [receive severe weather and school closure email alerts](#).
- [Check if you are at risk from flooding](#) and [sign up for free flood warnings](#).

Protect your home

- Order winter fuel in advance.
- [Check pipes are lagged](#) to prevent them bursting and know where to turn your stopcock off.
- Have a shovel available to clear paths.
- Prepare an [emergency bag](#) in case you or your family have to move location at short notice.
- Make sure you have a [working smoke alarm](#) on each level of your home.
- Complete a Household Emergency Plan, which should include important numbers, such as your home insurer, doctor and the police:
  - [Household Emergency Plan form \(PDF, 130KB\)](#)

Protect your business

- Our [Protect your business](#) pages provide information on how to prepare a business continuity plan to help in the event of extreme weather.

Protect your health

- [Keep warm and well](#) - find out if you are eligible for [Cold Weather Payments](#).

- Fight the flu – get a flu jab.
- If you take medication make sure you have enough to get you through any bad weather.
- Check NHS Choices for [winter health guidance](#).
- Wash your hands to prevent virus spreading.
- Have your heating and cooking appliances serviced by an [approved trader](#) - carbon monoxide is a killer.
- Stock up on basic supplies at home (see our [emergency survival checklist](#) for more information) or find out about getting [Meals on Wheels](#).

#### Winter travel

- Ensure you have shoes with a good grip.
- Prepare your car for winter weather by following [RAC advice](#).
- Follow GOV.UK's advice about [driving in adverse weather conditions](#).
- Keep up to date with the latest travel information [around the county](#) or [around the UK](#).
- Sign up for free [train delay and disruption alerts](#).

#### Help your community

- Check who might need help in your community should the weather turn bad by speaking to your [local parish clerk](#) –
- **Rachel Gorvin 07385 175198 – [clerk@fittleworth-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@fittleworth-pc.org.uk)**
- Help your community by [volunteering](#).

#### Other resources

- [Energy saving advice](#) for advice about reducing your bills and increasing energy efficiency.
- Contact the [Energy Saving Trust](#) for free, impartial advice on reducing your heating bills and making your home more energy efficient.

## **2. DURING SNOW OR ICE**

- Find the [latest information on school closures](#) in West Sussex.
- Check the [forecast from the Met Office](#) and watch out for severe weather warnings.
- Keep up to date with events by following WSCC news on [Twitter](#) and liking us on [Facebook](#).
- Keep your mobile phone fully charged.

- Check that any elderly or disabled neighbours are managing in the cold weather - if you are worried about them you can call 111 for health advice, or in an emergency call 999.

#### Venturing out on foot

- Put on sturdy footwear to avoid slips and trips - be particularly careful going up and down steps and pavements.
- Wear several layers of clothing and keep dry to prevent loss of body heat.
- Keep moving your arms and legs to help the blood circulate.
- Take a mobile phone with you in case you get into difficulties.

#### Venturing out by car

- Avoid travel if possible - try to wait until the roads have been gritted before travelling and keep an eye on [weather warnings](#).
- If you must travel, follow the AA's advice on the [items you should have in your car](#).
- Extreme weather conditions and icy roads make driving more difficult - by following [Government advice](#) you can help to make your journey safer and reduce delays for everyone.
- Refer to our [winter service pages](#) for information on snow gritting routes and our [West Sussex Highways X feed](#) for daily decisions about gritting.
- See the [winter driving advice](#) from the RAC.

#### Getting trapped or stranded in your car

- Wrap up warm and put a hat on - use newspapers, maps, and even removable car mats for added insulation.
- Put on as many layers of clothing as possible - multiple layers are better at keeping you insulated than a couple of thick layers.
- Keep your circulation going by clapping your hands and moving your arms and legs occasionally.
- Watch for signs of [frostbite](#) and [hypothermia](#).
- Stay in the car and do not leave it to search for assistance unless help is visible within 100 yards - you could become disoriented and lost in drifting snow.
- Display a 'trouble' sign by hanging a brightly coloured cloth on the radio antenna and raising the bonnet.

- Run the engine for about 10 minutes each hour so you can use the heater and turn on the car's light.
- Beware of carbon monoxide poisoning by keeping the exhaust pipe clear of snow and opening a downwind window slightly for ventilation.
- Take turns sleeping if more than one person is in the car - huddle together for warmth.

#### Clearing snow and ice

There's no law stopping you from clearing snow and ice on the pavement outside your home or from public spaces. It's unlikely you'll be sued or held legally responsible for any injuries on the path if you have cleared it carefully.

- Check the [Government advice on clearing snow](#).
- Put grit, sharp sand or salt on paths and driveways to lessen the risk of slipping on compacted snow.
- Bulk bags of salt will be left by us in key areas that have been identified by your parish council, with the expectation that the salt will be used before snow falls. This salt can be used by the community to assist in clearing public places.

#### Weather information

- Latest [weather forecast](#) from the Met Office.
- Latest [severe weather warnings](#) from the Met Office.

#### Travel information

- Information on road works and other travel information is available on the [One.network](#) website.
- [AA traffic news](#)
- [National Rail Enquiries](#)

### **3. AFTER SNOW OR ICE**

- The action of freezing and thawing may damage the road surface - please [report potholes](#) using our online form.
- Be extra careful when travelling as an initial thaw could create black ice.
- Replace any supplies or food you have used to ensure you are ready should the severe weather return.
- Check on vulnerable neighbours to see if there is anything they need.