

## PETWORTH PARISH WINTER EMERGENCY PLAN - 1 OCTOBER 2016 TO 30 APRIL 2017

### INTRODUCTION

This plan is designated to provide a basic co-ordinated approach to ensure access, emergency response and the safety of those residents who are at risk in the event of the Petworth Parish being affected by bad weather during the winter months. This plan has been put together with the support of the West Sussex County Council / Highways Department.

### KEY RISKS AND LOCAL HAZARDS

In times of extreme weather conditions the disruption and risks to the inhabitants are mainly:

- \* Hazardous road conditions due to heavy snow, ice and fallen trees and power cables.
- \* Power failure and telecom disruption due to high winds, snow and fallen trees.

### EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER

In an emergency, please contact the Petworth Council Office on 01798-344 883 or outside office hours on 07484-541 392

### WSCC TREATMENT COVERAGE

WSCC will keep the main arterial routes around the Parish open, these being the A283, the A272, the A285 and the Balls Cross Road. For more detailed information see the link to map from WSCC website with the routes that they will clear and grit.

### PETWORTH TOWN COUNCIL PLAN

In the event of predicted heavy and prolonged snow fall or freezing / icy conditions salt hippo bags will be placed at strategic points.

- The bags will then be distributed as per the following 12 drop points; (marked red on the attached map)
  - Hampers Green Community centre –Nursery School
  - Hampers Common
  - St Mary's Church steps,
  - Market Square (by Xmas tree),
  - Sheepdown Close (grass verge),
  - Grove Lane (near seat),
  - Meadow Way,
  - Dawtrey Road (on grass by 1st right hand turning),
  - Wyndham Road,
  - Stonemasons Inn,
  - Rosemary Gardens (by toilet block) – covering carpark and play area
  - Library and Police Hub

Local volunteers with snow ploughs have also undertaken to clear some roads from snow, notably Grove Lane, the road through Byworth and the roads around Egdean, including up to the church.

#### GENERAL ADVICE

- Use salt provided efficiently and appropriately during severe weather conditions. The Council owns 3 spreaders (Turbocast 300) as shown in the enclosure. These will be distributed and used by volunteers.
- Hand spreading requires only small amounts of salt, which in any case should be used sparingly as it is damaging to the environment and a waste of a limited resource. Approx 20 grams is sufficient to cover 1 sq.m. of footway.
- Volunteers should whenever possible wear a high visibility vest / jacket, warm gloves, sturdy non slip waterproof footwear, warm clothing and be equipped with a snow shovel and a charged mobile phone.
- PTC to sign up to WSCC gritting on twitter, to check the daily decision and what action(s) need to be taken. **@WSHighways**

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