

PETWORTH PARISH WINTER EMERGENCY PLAN

INTRODUCTION

This Plan is designed 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 Petworth Parish being affected by bad weather during the Winter months.

KEY RISKS AND LOCAL HAZARDS

In times of severe 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 telecommunication disruption due to high winds, snow and fallen trees

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Petworth Town Council Office on 01798 344883.

WSCC TREATMENT COVERAGE

WSCC will keep open the main arterial routes around and through the Parish, these being the A283, the A272, the A285 and the road to Balls Cross. For more detailed information see the WSCC web site.

PETWORTH TOWN COUNCIL PLAN

The Town Council has installed 12 Salt/Grit bins around the Parish. These bins are topped up by WSCC each Autumn

They are located thus:

- Hampers Green – south corner of triangular grass area
- Hampers Green – grass area adjacent to parking bays
- Hampers Green Community Centre – at site entrance
- Station Road – at corner with Dawtrey Road
- Library, Rosemary Lane – at car park entrance
- Pound Street car park – adjacent to Gents WC
- Grove Street – adjacent to the Doctor's surgery on footpath verge
- Wyndham Road – on grass area in front of houses 67 & 68
- Church Street – on grass area between the Church and Petworth House entrances
- Lombard Street – on cobbled triangle adjacent to the Post Office
- Sheepdown Drive – on the southern side grass verge
- Cherry Tree Walk – adjacent to the post box

Local volunteers will spread salt/grit from the bins as needed. Additionally local volunteers with snow ploughs have agreed to clear some other roads from snow, in particular Grove Lane, the road through Byworth and the road up to Egdean Church

GENERAL ADVICE

- Use the salt/grit provided efficiently and appropriately during severe weather conditions.
- The salt mixture should be used sparingly as it is potentially damaging to the environment and could waste a limited resource. Hand spreading requires only small amounts of salt – approx. 20 grams is sufficient to cover 1 sqm of footway
- Volunteers should whenever possible wear a high visibility vest/jacket, warm gloves, sturdy non-slip waterproof, warm clothing and be equipped with a snow shovel and a charged mobile phone
- Petworth Town Council will access the WSCC twitter account (@WSHighways) to check daily if any action is being taken.

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