

Walford Parish Council Snow and Ice Clearance Plan

1. Herefordshire Council through their contractor AMEY are responsible for snow clearance and salting of primary routes within the county. In addition, AMEY have a number of subcontractors charged with the snow clearance of secondary routes and minor roads within parishes, and a number of parish councils have been provided with supplies of salt for self-help gritting.
2. Walford Parish has a single primary route running through it, the B4234 running from Ross on Wye through Coughton, Walford and Bishopswood towards the Forest of Dean. In addition, there are a number of minor roads spurring off the B4234 towards Hom Green, Deep Dean, Howle Hill, Bull's Hill, Leys Hill and Bishopswood Hill. AMEY are responsible for keeping the B4234 clear of snow and ice. This plan details the response of Walford Parish Council to ensure that the minor roads within the Parish remain passable in the event of snow and ice.
3. Walford Parish Council has nominated a councillor to take on the role of Community Resilience Coordinator.

The Community Resilience Coordinator is:

Councillor David Berry Tel: 01989 564005 / 0770 666 0002

The Deputy Community Resilience Coordinator is:

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The Community Resilience Coordinator and/or his deputy is responsible for ensuring that in the event of significant snowfalls and/or ice formation the efforts of the contracted and voluntary snow clearance and gritting teams within the Parish are coordinated.

4. The AMEY Subcontractor responsible for snow clearance of the minor roads within the Parish is Councillor Simeon Cole. In the event of heavy snow Councillor Cole will assess the condition of the minor roads and will clear snow where required giving priority to the hills within the Parish (Bishopswood Hill, Bull's Hill, Deep Dean, Howle Hill, Leys Hill). It must be noted that should the snowfall be extreme, AMEY reserve the right to call on their subcontractors to support their efforts to clear the primary routes.

5. The Parish has a supply of salt provided by Herefordshire Council and stored at the following locations:

The Homme – Ben Drummond
Cobrey Farms – Henry Chinn
M.F.Freeman – Luke Freeman
Orchard House – Simeon Cole
Walford Village Hall
Bishopswood Village Hall

The local businesses identified above have spreading machinery and have offered to assist with spreading salt on Parish minor roads as resources permit. Should additional resources be required, the Community Resilience Coordinator maintains a list of volunteers within the Parish who are prepared to hand spread salt.

6. In the event of heavy snowfall or severe icing, snow and ice clearing activities will be initiated within the Parish under the coordination of the Community Resilience Coordinator in accordance with the attached flowchart. Any members of the public who find themselves in difficulty should contact the Community Resilience Coordinator.
7. Grit bins are provided at strategic locations throughout the Parish for use by members of the public. The salt supplies are intended for the public roads and not for private drives. After a period of snowfall AMEY will be requested to refill the bins. Any grit bins that have not been replenished should be reported to the Community Resilience Coordinator.

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