

Cheselbourne Parish Council

Local Winter Weather Maintenance Plan v2.2

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1. Contacts

The Chair of the Parish Council will take the lead in co-ordinating local resources during adverse weather. The Chair will receive a copy of the Daily Decision issued by Dorset Council and will liaise with other key personnel and local contacts as to any actions to be taken.

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2. Priority Areas for Access

In the event of significant snowfall, the priority for the Parish Council will be to ensure that the main road through Cheselbourne is kept as clear as possible.

Also Streetway Lane as far as Rosehill Lodge Farm and Drakes Lane as far as the Western end of the village.

By keeping these areas clear, access should be maintained for all houses in the village to the road to the South, to ensure access is available to main roads, doctor's surgeries, shops etc.

3. Salt Bins

There are 5 salt bins located in Cheselbourne. They are at:

1. Drakes Lane, opposite Cheselbourne Village School – **3-47**
2. Drakes Lane, 200 yds from Village School on South side of road – **3-46**
3. Streetway Lane, 100 yds uphill from main road on South side of Lane opposite large conifer tree – **3-48**
4. Streetway Lane, at bottom of hill, on main road opposite finger post – **3-171**
5. On East side of main road through village, opposite entrance to Meyden Revel – **3-152**

Note: numbers are Dorset Council bin location ID for reference

4. Dorset Council Severe Weather Contact

The Dorset Council Winter Service Manager is based at the Charminster Depot.

Tel: 01305 228100

E-mail: winterservice@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

However in the event of severe weather it is unlikely that there will be much help from Dorset Council as Cheselbourne does not have a sufficiently large population and is not on a key route.

5. Guidance on Snow Clearing & Salt Spreading

Snow clearers have a duty to take reasonable care so as to not create a new and possibly worse hazard, such as piling up heaps of snow, blocking drains or leaving an area in such a condition as to make slips more likely.

Snow is easier to clear when it is fresh than when it has been compacted and frozen. Clearers should take care not to over exert themselves when clearing snow.

We ask residents to respect the Parish Council's responsibility to manage the supply of salt and to observe the guidance.

Pre-salting footways prior to snow aids its removal.

Do:

Always wear suitable clothing & footwear.

Clear a 1.0m path along the footway ensuring not to create a worse hazard.

Make sure salt is accessible before starting work.

Clear snow as soon as possible to avoid compaction.

Pay particular attention to steep slopes and steps.

Move snow to porous surfaces such as gardens and verges.

Spread salt evenly at a rate of 20g / sq m

Don't:

Use salt from public bins on private paths and drives.

Use water to melt snow and ice if there is a risk that it will re-freeze.

Block drives, paths or drains or pile snow against buildings.

6. Ice on roads and footways

Salt from the public bins can be used on icy roads and footways where there is deemed to be a danger to vehicles or pedestrians e.g. on sharp bends or steep hills. The Parish Council Chair should be advised if public bins are getting low on salt so that resupply from Dorset Council can be arranged.

7. High wind conditions

The roads around and through the village are lined with trees in many places and in very high winds there is always a danger of trees being blown onto the road. Dorset Council is responsible for keeping highways clear and so are residents who own land bordering a road. To report a tree blocking the road: -

Tel: 01305 221020