Pentewan Valley Parish Council Winter Maintenance Strategy

This plan explains how winter maintenance is managed in the parish, where residents can find information, and how to report problems.

1. Purpose and scope

The purpose of this plan is to support safe access to key facilities and provide residents with clear information during icy or snowy weather. It applies to the Pentewan Valley Parish Area and should be read alongside the winter service information published by Cornwall Council.

2. Who is responsible?

Organisation	**Responsibility**
Cornwall Council	Responsibility for salting and gritting both the roads and pavements The Highway's gritting lorries work around the clock to keep the main transport links open treating 7,250km of the county's roads as part of their precautionary salting network. Details can be found at: Cornwall Councils Gritting and Winter Maintenance Plan
Pentewan Valley Parish Council	The Parish Council has provided some grit salt bins but has no winter-maintenance responsibility for any roads or pavement areas.
Residents and landowners	Residents may use the salt to treat public highways, side roads, local footpaths and other areas that council gritters do not regularly reach, such as steep hills and sharp bends. Take reasonable care and follow the guidance below. Use public grit salt only for its authorised purpose. **It must not be taken for private driveways or other private land.**

3. Grit salt bins

The Parish Council provided grit salt bins located at Pentewan Village (Pentewan Hill and Bridge) Pentewan Pentewan car park, Sawles Road, and Tregorrick Road and Higher Trewhiddle. The grit salt is for treating public roads and pavements.

How to use grit salt effectively

- Use a light, even covering; a small amount is generally sufficient.
- Spread grit salt carefully with a shovel or scoop and avoid creating piles.
- Use only what is needed so supplies remain available to others.
- Follow any safety instructions displayed on the bin.

4. Requests for new grit salt bins

The Parish Council is not able to provide any additional grit salt bins, and there is no waiting list.

5. Safety concerns and emergencies

For routine highway hazards, contact Cornwall Council directly . For an immediate danger to life, call 999. Do not put yourself at risk by attempting to treat a busy road or unsafe location.

Severe weather can place older people, disabled people and others who may be isolated at greater risk. If it is safe and appropriate to do so:

- Check that neighbours have heating, food and essential medication.
- Offer practical help, such as collecting shopping, without putting yourself at risk.
- Call 999 if someone is in immediate danger or requires urgent medical assistance.