

Dear residents,

We have had our first heavy frost of this winter, and I am sure we are all looking forward to a dumping of snow at Christmas!!

## **SNOW PLAN 2016/17**

I have attached a copy of the Snow Plan 2016/17. It has been updated for a number of changes; not least being Keith's Mobile Pantry that has taken over the round from 'Jim'.

## **SALT BINS**

I am also forwarding to you an email received yesterday from Hampshire County Council Highways Dept on the topic of 'salt bins'.

*"Hampshire County Council has around 3500 roadside salt bins located across the highway network and we have been checking and replenishing these in recent weeks. The bins are filled with a 50:50 mix of salt and grit and this can be freely used by members of the community for de-icing pavements and smaller access roads, and particularly those areas of public highway that are not covered by one of our main salting routes.*

*Please be aware that it only takes a tablespoon of salt/grit (roughly around 20 grams) to treat one square metre of road or pavement so a full bin can treat a substantial area.*

*If your local salt bin is less than  $\frac{3}{4}$  full and needs refilling through the winter season the quickest way to let us know is via the specific link on our web page at*

[www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/severeweather/salting](http://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/severeweather/salting)."

I think it is worth mentioning that **the parish council reviewed the 11 salt bins in the parish on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and identified two that are broken and un-useable** namely, the one at the junction with the A339 (Bin No. 1089) on the main route out of Hannington and one on Hook Lane at Ibworth (Bin No. 1416). Both have been reported by the parish council. The remainder are 80%-100% full with salt/grit.

**The locations of all the salt bins and priority salting routes** within the Hannington Parish can be found at <http://maps.hants.gov.uk/saltroutesmap/> remember to 'tick' the salt bin feature, then click on the salt bin on the map to obtain the bin number and location for reporting purposes.

And,

**A new salt bin is to be located at 1-4 Oakley Road** at the South end of the village. The parish council have been told by HCC Highways that salt bins can be sited on private land. The residents on Oakley road have cleared away the overgrowth to enable the siting of a new salt bin. However, some earth and blackthorn roots need to be removed to create a level surface. Once this work is completed the parish council will request a new salt bin from HCC Highways to be located here.

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