



St Stephen in Brannel Parish Council

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Winter Maintenance Policy

St Stephen in Brannel Parish Council is committed to ensuring that adequate steps are taken to keep residents safe within the Parish.

The objective of this policy is to provide the public with an overview of the Council's position and responsibilities with regard to inclement winter weather.

Gritting of Roads

The responsibility for gritting the highways is with Cornwall Council.

More details can be found at <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/roads-highways-and-pavements/highway-maintenance/gritting-and-winter-maintenance/which-roads-are-salted/>

To report urgent problems of ice or snow on the road or footway that is resulting in hazardous conditions, please telephone 0300 1234 222 (24-hour service) giving details of the location.

Salt Bins

Two salt bins for community use have been purchased by the Parish Council and are filled by Cornwall Council when instructed to do so.

The bins are located in the following areas -

- Whitemoor Chapel, Crown Rd, Whitemoor
- Corner of Currian Rd, Nanpean

When St Stephen in Brannel Parish Council receive requests for additional salt bins the location, cost and need are considered by the Finance & General Purposes Committee who put a recommendation forward to Full Council.

The salt bins are available for community use, to make the footpaths or roads safer in icy weather. Please only take the minimum amount that is required as there is no guarantee when it will be refilled again.

The Parish Council does not have responsibility for gritting footpaths. Parishioners carry out gritting at their own risk and are recommended to follow the following safety advice –

- Only spread the grit when there are no vehicles or pedestrians about;
- Wear bright clothing to ensure that you can be seen easily;
- Don't assume that the road or footway is safe just because you have spread the grit;
- Look after the environment – use the minimum grit necessary. A shovel full of grit will be sufficient for 20-30sq.m of road.

Yearly visual checks will be carried out by St Stephen in Brannel Parish Council staff to ensure that the salt bins are in a safe condition.

Parish Assets

During periods of cold and icy weather, any exterior areas owned or managed by the Parish Council are used at residents own risk.

St Stephen in Brannel Parish Council will not carry out any gritting.