

Turners Hill Winter Management Plan 2015/16



The purpose of this document is to set out the procedures should the Parish of Turners Hill be impacted by severe winter weather. The document will include local contacts, roads in the village we believe should be treated and the current location of grit bins and area's available for bulk grit deliveries for use by residents on the public highway.

West Sussex County Council, as Highway Authority, assumes overall responsibility on snow and ice clearance on the public highway. Their priorities are concentrated on keeping the main roads and routes to essential services open throughout the County.

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

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Areas of Concern (marked on the attached map)

At the current time main areas of concern are:

Lion Lane, as the road and footpath are very steep and access to the General Store is restricted.

Mount Lane, although not steep, is liable to extreme levels of ice. As it is the only access to the sheltered housing for the elderly at Noahs Court it is seen as a serious area of concern. Carers, family and emergency services are not able to access the sheltered housing by road in severe weather.

Other area's which suffer considerably are **Willow Ridge, Withypitts Estate, Medway and Hill House Close** all of which have very steep access, these are residential areas and entrance and exit is virtually impossible in severe weather.

Farmers

Mr G Jarvis is willing to undertake:

- snow clearance of Mount Lane, Lion Lane, Willow Ridge and Withypitts carriageways
- snow clearance at the entrances to Hill House Close and Medway
- moving of grit from bulk stores to grit bins around the village

This is dependent on WSCC providing suitable insurance cover and agreed payments for the miles covered.

Mr Jarvis's details are:

Grange Farm, Turners Hill Road, Crawley Down, West Sussex,
RH10 4EY Tel: 01342 714831

Location of Grit Bins marked on attached map:

Lion Lane – to the side of Central Stores

Lion Lane – lower green near electricity sub station

Lion Lane – by the wall of the Red Lion Public House

Medway – at the entrance, next to post box

Mount Lane – opposite The Ark

Mount Lane – in the drive leading to the back car park outside the office

North Street – near junction with Hill House Close

Willow Ridge – outside No.17

Willow Ridge – at junction with Withypitts East

Withypitts – at junction with Selsfield Road

Withypitts – at junction with Withypitts East

Withypitts East – at access road to flats, next to No.29

Bulk Bag Deliveries (marked on the attached map)

We understand that grit bins will only be filled by WSCC once and therefore require bulk bags of grit to be delivered.

We would require 6 bulk bags @ 1 ton per bag and understand that if they are not used WSCC will remove them. The salt/grit will only be used for public highway and not on private land.

Bulk bags should be delivered to the rear of The Ark, Mount Lane, Turners Hill, RH10 4RA. They will be protected from the elements by use of tarpaulin.

The bulk bags will be moved by Mr Jarvis to the smaller salt bins to be used by him and volunteers clearing the areas identified above. This salt will not be used on private land.

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Volunteers

We will establish a volunteer scheme to encourage residents to help and support each other in periods of heavy snow. They will be provided with suitable equipment – snow shovels, visibility vests, gloves etc.

Volunteers will help to clear footpaths within the following areas:

Mount Lane

Noahs Court (if not done by Affinity Sutton)

East Street

Church Road

Lion Lane

Medway

Hill House Close

Withypitts East

Withypitts

Willow Ridge

Selsfield Road

Volunteers will also be encouraged to check that any vulnerable residents are safe and well and are not in need of provisions, heating or support.

Residents will be informed that they are not at risk of being sued by any person that slips on a cleared area of snow.

When clearing snow / ice the following must be adhered to:

- Snow will be moved to a porous surface such as a grass verge or garden.
- Salt/grit will be spread evenly and at appropriate spread rates – 20 grams of salt/grit per square metre when hand salting.
- Salt/grit can be spread using shovels but care is required to ensure over salting does not occur.
- Clear any excess salt/grit once the snow/ice has melted.
- Don't use water to melt snow and ice if there is a risk it will refreeze.
- Do not move snow to a location where it will create another risk such as another part of the pavement, road or where people are likely to walk.
- Don't use excessive salt/grit or other materials so as to create a new or worse risk once the snow/ice has melted.

Our volunteer scheme will be advertised in such a way that it is not seen as removing an individuals' responsibility.