

Keeping Lancashire moving this winter

19 to 26 February 2015 - Issue 6

The county council is responsible for over 4,300 miles of roads of which approximately 1,500 miles are part of Lancashire's 'Priority Road Network' for salting and snow clearing.

You can view details of our Priority and Secondary route networks on our [winter website](#).

For the latest weather forecast visit the [Met Office website](#).

Advice for residents

- **Stock up on grit** - the salt we provide in grit bins is to help make the roads and pavements safer for everyone – it's not for private use. You can stock up on grit for your personal use from a range of DIY stores. It's also useful to have a snow shovel, a torch, batteries, a first aid kit and some appropriate footwear and warm clothes handy.
- **Get your flu jab** - The flu jab is offered free to people who are at risk to make sure that they are protected against catching flu and developing serious complications. Contact your GP to find out if you are eligible for a free flu jab.
- **Keep warm and well** - Look after yourself and keep an eye on friends, relatives and older neighbours who may be more vulnerable to the cold weather. Make sure that they are safe, [warm and well](#) and have enough medication and food if the weather is severe.
- **Choose well** - During the winter, A&E departments are under a lot of pressure. A&E and 999 calls should only be used for life-threatening and emergency conditions only. There are a range of other places you can go for NHS treatment including your local pharmacy, your GP or local walk in centre.
- **Clearing snow and ice** - The government has issued advice for members of the public when clearing snow - find out more about the [Snow Code](#).
- **Parking during winter** - If you park your car on a main road or gritting route during winter, please make sure it's not causing an obstruction. Blocked roads could mean we are unable to grit that road and could also mean your vehicle is at risk of damage if our gritters have to manoeuvre around your vehicle.

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What we treated in the past few days	Thursday 19 February 2015		Thursday 19 February 2015		Thursday 19 February 2015	
	PM	• All priority routes treated with salt in the evening.	PM	• No action required.	PM	• All priority routes treated with salt in the evening.
	Friday 20 February 2015		Friday 20 February 2015		Friday 20 February 2015	
	AM	• No Action	AM	• No action required.	AM	• No action required.
	PM	• All priority routes treated with salt in the evening.	PM	• All priority routes treated with salt overnight.	PM	• All priority routes treated with salt overnight.
	Saturday 21 February 2015		Saturday 21 February 2015		Saturday 21 February 2015	
AM	• All priority routes treated with salt in the evening	AM	• No action required.	AM	• Patches of ice on priority routes treated with salt in Pendle, Rossendale and Ribble Valley.	
PM	• All priority routes treated with salt in the evening	PM	• All priority routes treated with salt overnight	PM	• All priority routes treated with salt in the evening.	
Sunday 22 February 2015		Sunday 22 February 2015		Sunday 22 February 2015		
AM	• No action required.	AM	• No action required.	AM	• High level priority routes patrolled and treated with salt where necessary during the day, addition resources were brought in during the afternoon in Rossendale to treat with salt the other priority routes affected by snow.	
PM	• All priority routes treated with salt in the evening.	PM	• All priority routes treated with salt overnight	PM	• All priority routes treated with salt in the evening.	
Monday 23 February 2015		Monday 23 February 2015		Monday 23 February 2015		
AM	• No action required.	AM	• No action required.	AM	• No action required.	
PM	• No action required.	PM	• No action required.	PM	• All priority routes treated with salt in the evening.	

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	Tuesday 24 February 2015	Tuesday 24 February 2015	Tuesday 24 February 2015
	AM • No action required.	AM • No action required.	AM • No action required.
	PM • No action required.	PM • No action required.	PM • All priority routes treated with salt in the evening
	Wednesday 25 February 2015	Wednesday 25 February 2015	Wednesday 25 February 2015
	AM • No action required.	AM • No action required.	AM • No action required.
	PM • No action required.	PM • No action required.	PM • No action required.
	Thursday 26 February 2015	Thursday 26 February 2015	Thursday 26 February 2015
	AM • No action required.	AM • No action required.	AM • No action required.
Other actions			Restocking of all grit bins and salt piles in Rossendale
The 2-5 day weather forecast	<p>Friday Dry and fine during the day with some outbreaks of mainly light rain and drizzle overnight, perhaps initially falling as sleet or wet snow at first across higher routes. It will stay cloudy with outbreaks of rain continuing through the morning.</p> <p>Saturday Cloudy and breezy with rain and drizzle for most of the day. Rain becoming heavy at times during the night and through the early morning. It will become generally showery through the late morning, with rain perhaps turning to sleet across highest routes</p> <p>Sunday/Monday Unsettled with breezy north-westerly winds, with clear spells and occasional blustery, wintry showers. Showers may merge into longer spells of rain for a time during the day on Monday.</p>		
Lowest temperature recorded	21 st February 2015, -2.4°C	22 nd February 2015, -0.8°C	22 nd February 2015, -0.9°C

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Salt usage	November 2014 30 tonnes December 2014 808 tonnes January 2015 2,264 tonnes February 2015 714 tonnes	November 2014 1 tonne December 2014 890 tonnes January 2015 2,176 tonnes February 2015 841 tonnes	November 2014 171 tonnes December 2014 2,130 tonnes January 2015 5,696 tonnes February 2015 1,589 tonnes
Overall summary of salt usage & storage <i>Figures are approximate.</i>	<p>Countywide: November 2014 202 tonnes December 2014 3,828 tonnes January 2015 10,136 tonnes February 2015 3,344 tonnes</p> <p><i>(These figures are based upon visual assessments during periods of high activity and actual usage is likely to be higher than shown.)</i></p> <p>Grit Bins: 505 tonnes of salt and sand mix (50:50) has been distributed across the county to local stockpiles for use on footways and to refill grit bins since the start of the winter season</p> <p>Schools & Care Homes: 194 x 25kg bags and 3 x 1 tonne bags of salt and sand mix (50:50) has been distributed to schools and care homes since the start of the winter season.</p> <p>County Reserve: Total 24,037 tonnes (12,077 tonnes in depots, and 11,960 tonnes in strategic stockpiles). We continue to receive regular top up deliveries from our supplier via their salt stocks management system.</p>		