

ELTON PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY WINTER GRITTING SCHEME

Introduction

The scheme is a trial scheme which will provide residents with the opportunity to register as gritting volunteers and receive a supply of grit so that they can apply that grit to footpaths and pavements in the area.

How the scheme will work during the trial period

Elton Parish Council will arrange for bags of grit /salt to be delivered to the Elton Community Centre. The grit is to be collected by registered volunteers from the Community Centre, or an arrangement may be made to deliver grit to your home address.

Residents can register to become volunteers to help apply the grit in the street in which they live through the winter when freezing temperatures are forecast.

By registering as a volunteer you are committing to carrying out a service to your community and there is an expectation that you will distribute the grit supplied within a fairly reasonable distance of your own home – in other words, that the grit supplied is not for personal use only within the boundaries of your home.

The grit should only be used on pavements and foot paths

The grit is **NOT** to be used on public roads that carry vehicles.

Extent of Liability:

Elton Parish Council's liability only extends to the supply and, by arrangement, the delivery of the grit to volunteers registered addresses. Thereafter volunteers will spread the grit having regard to the Community Gritting Scheme guidelines below and without the involvement of the Parish Council.

Elton Parish Council are not responsible for when the grit is spread or for any accidents or incidents that occur through volunteers' failure to spread the grit or for any accidents or incidents that may occur during the spreading of grit by volunteers.

Scheme Guidelines:

The grit that you will be using is a mixture of crushed sand, stone and rock salt. When it is spread on a path, the crushed sand and stone provide extra grip for shoes and the rock salt dissolves and raises the salinity of surface water, which lowers the temperature at which it will freeze.

A surprisingly thin layer of grit is needed to achieve this effect (road gritters use as little as one tablespoon of grit per square metre). There is a limit to the amount of salt which water can absorb, which means that using a heavier layer of grit will not make the surface less likely to freeze.

Spreading grit will not clear heavy snow and if it is spread on snow that has been compacted, it may briefly melt a thin top layer, which will then refreeze and create a very slippery layer of ice. This means that it is very important to clear snow before you spread grit.

Using an appropriate shovel, start from the centre of the path, moving snow outward to the edge, taking care not to block driveways, dropped kerbs or drains. Even a small pile of snow can freeze into an icy bump that will cause problems.

Grit works best when spread onto an area where ice has already melted. You can use nature to your advantage, by clearing snow early and timing your gritting after the sun has had time to act on the icy path beneath, but before it sets and causes a drop in temperature that will start a new freeze.



Community Winter Gritting Scheme Trial Winter 2024-25

Volunteer Registration Form

Name:	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Telephone No	
Email	
<i>Elton Parish Council will use the information supplied solely for efficiently managing the community gritting scheme. Information will be stored in accordance with EPC's General Privacy Notice and will not be passed to any other organisation or individual</i>	
Area which you confirm as a Volunteer of the Scheme, that you will grit	
I confirm I have read and agree to the terms of the Scheme	
Date	

**Please return this completed form by
1 November 2024**

Or send the details required in the form in an email
to: parishclerk@eltonparishcouncil.co.uk

If preferred, you can print off and complete the form by hand and either post or hand deliver to:

Elton Parish Council, Elton Community Centre, School Lane, Elton CH2 4PU

Tel: 07871 614665