

Winter Management Offer 2018/19. Frequently Asked Question's

Question	Answer
<p>Can the existing Winter Plan roll over to this winter?</p>	<p>All existing plans and agreements with local farmers/contractors need to be reviewed annually in case there are changes and resubmitted to WSCC.</p> <p>You will need to review and highlight any changes including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Details of nominated persons. • Gritting and Snow Clearing routes identified in the plans. • Locations of salt bins/bags and highlighting any additional bins or bins that have been removed. • Check with your local farmer/contractor is still happy to support your winter plan.
<p>What is the pre-arranged financial contribution towards local farmers and contractors?</p>	<p>To be eligible you must have submitted following information by the 24 October 2018:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A plan showing the roads that Farmer / Contractor will be gritting or snow ploughing which is agreed by the local Area Highway Manager • Email addresses for 2 key contacts that will receive the winter trigger information – one of whom should be the Farmer/Contractor. • Farmer / Contractor details and contact information • A valid Public Liability Insurance (covering Winter 2018/19) document for the Farmer / Contractor <p>WSCC will enter into an Agreement with the local Farmer / Contractor based on the information provided in your plan.</p>

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<p>How much is the prearranged financial contribution towards local farmers and contractors?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Financial Contribution consists of:</p> <p><u>Financial Contribution can only be claimed for once a Trigger Email has been sent from WSCC Highways advising of a forecasted significant snow event and to put the Winter Maintenance Plan into Action.</u></p> <p>In line with national agreed standards with the NFU and other neighbouring authorities WSCC will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide £35 per hr towards farmers/local contractor to carry out precautionary salting to local roads identified in the agreed Local Community Winter Maintenance Plans as a result of a WSCC notification in advance of a significant snow event. <p>Provide £35 per hr towards farmers/local contractor to clear snow as a result of a significant snow event, from local roads identified in the agreed Local Community Winter Maintenance Plans and whose activities have been activated through the agreed Trigger Mechanism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order to take part in the “Local Farmers and Contractors Agreement” the contractor must be covered by their own Public Liability Insurance at the date they carry out the work.
<p>What is the Trigger Mechanism to activate Winter Maintenance Plans and Farmers/Contractors?</p>	<p>The Winter Management Plan is intended as a response to significant weather events ONLY.</p> <p>WSCC Highways will issue an email directed at the particular areas forecasted to experience significant weather event.</p> <p>Example Email: <i>(Insert Appropriate Location Name)</i> is forecasted to have a significant snow event in the next 3 to 4 days’ time please put your Winter Maintenance Plans into Action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Precautionary Salting: Advisory email of a significant weather event will be the trigger mechanism for paying farmers and/or local contractors to move bulk bags, undertake precautionary salting. • Snow Clearance: Advisory email of a significant weather event will be the trigger mechanism for paying farmers and/or local contractor’s snow clearance is 2” (50mm) of accumulated snow.

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	<p>WSCC have no objections to local councils/community groups using the salt provided at their discretion and cost.</p>
<p>How do we pay the local farmer/contractor for any work relating to our winter plan?</p>	<p>WSCC will only cover the costs of filling salt bins, precautionary salting and snow clearance when the trigger has been activated. If the trigger is activated the payment from WSCC will be made directly to the local Farmer/Contractor. This will only happen where there is an agreement in place.</p>
<p>Can we request extra bulk bags on top of what they already have stored for filling up their bins?</p>	<p>The offer is not to provide communities free salt on top of what they already have in storage. This should be used to top up any existing salt/grit bins. Communities have the option to purchase any additional salt. Contact active.communities@westsussex.gov.uk and contact the Routine and Cyclical Maintenance Team</p>
<p>What are the arrangements to fill the bin this winter?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salt/Grit held locally: If you have salt/grit stored at a local farmer this needs to be used to fill up the salt/grit bins before requesting further supplies from WSCC. • No salt/grit held locally: WSCC Highways will top up bins less than 75% full and identified through the community audit submitted by September 2018. No bins will be filled after 1 Nov 2018.
<p>The Parish or Town Council or Community group would like some new bins is this possible?</p>	<p>WSCC will not be supplying any new bins in 2018/19. You will need to obtain agreement to place a salt/grit bin on the highway from the Highway Manager for the area before obtaining a new bin.</p>
<p>Parish/Town Council or Community Group has purchased a new grit bin, how do they get it refilled and is there a cost for this?</p>	<p>Include the new salt bin and its location into the salt audit before September 2018 and it will be taken into account with the existing bins.</p>

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<p>Existing Hippo bags - Top Up or Replace.</p>	<p>Top up existing hippo bags identified through the Community Audit is included in the Winter Offer. No free additional bags will be delivered for 2018/19.</p> <p>□ Local Councils, schools and hospitals that wish to purchase bulk bags in conjunction with an agreed plan may do so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ £80 per 1 ton bag: To supply, fill and deliver if part of a programme if countywide bag deliveries. ○ £150 per 1 ton bag: To supply, fill and deliver as a one off operation (ad hoc)
<p>Existing Hippo bags – Removed or Moved</p>	<p>WSSC will not remove or move Hippo Bags once they have been delivered. If communities wish to move existing hippo bags they can utilise any local agreements with Farmers/Contractors at their own cost.</p>
<p>Bins/hippos bags where salt has risen to the top, gotten wet or is clumpy.</p>	<p>Salt/Grit mix is still usable if salt has risen to the top or gone clumpy and can be mixed by a stick or shovel/spade to break up. If salt/grit mix has become very wet this should be left to dry and then can be used. Place the hippo bag on a wooden pallet and cover with tarpaulin</p>
<p>How will Daily Decisions by Highways are communicated?</p>	<p>Daily forecast will be monitored between October and April and appropriate action taken. Issue a Daily Decision to all interested parties via @WSHighways sign up here</p>
<p>Salt/grit supplies in the event of either a prolonged or several extreme winter weather events</p>	<p>In the event of a prolonged or several extreme weather events priority will remain to the precautionary salting network and we would have to consider the position of whether any salt/grit would be available more widely at that point on a needs basis e.g the areas that have had snow will get priority.</p>