

FRODSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRITTING SCHEME WINTER 2018/19

Cheshire West and Chester Council do not grit our pavements and footpaths, so Frodsham Town Council have decided to run the Community Gritting Scheme again this winter. The scheme is to grit the pavements and footpaths where you live and we are asking for volunteers who would like to do this. FTC will arrange for supplies of grit/salt to be delivered to volunteers

If you were a volunteer under the previous scheme and wish to continue to be a community gritter then you must re-register with Frodsham Town Council

How the scheme works:

- FTC will arrange for bags of grit/salt to be delivered to registered volunteers four times through the winter (dependent on the severity of the weather).
- The grit should only be used on pavements and foot paths
- It is NOT to be used on your own drives or public roads
- If you run out of grit/salt you should inform FTC and you will be included in the next available delivery

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.

To register:

Please email the following details to Frodsham Town Council - council@frodsham.gov.uk:-

Full Name; Address, including Post Code; and Telephone Number