# WINTER MAINTENANCE

## **PROVISION OF GRIT BINS AND SALT**

## **GRIT BINS**

Grit bins are provided in locations that are not included within the Council's gritting routes where there are:

- Slopes
- Challenging road junctions
- Sharp bends
- Areas of high footfall

#### DAMAGED OR MISSING GRIT BIN?

Damaged or missing grit bins can be reported online or by calling our Customer Services Team.

#### **HOW CAN I REQUEST A GRIT BIN?**

Grit bins can be requested through your parish council who will pass the request on. Our Locality Steward will then assess the proposed location against the above criteria and arrange for grit bins to be sited where required.

#### **PRIVATE OR PARISH OWNED GRIT BINS**

Grit bins cannot be provided at locations that do not meet the above criteria unless funded privately or through the parish council (to be maintained and filled at their expense).

### **GRIT SALT**

Salt from council grit bins can be used on public roads, pavements, and footways.

Salt from council grit bins can not be used for treating private property such as driveways. Use of public grit salt on private property is a misuse of resource and can result in a shortage elsewhere which may result in causing a danger to pedestrians and road users.

#### **GRIT BIN FILLING**

All grit bins are refilled across the county at the beginning of the winter season. Where resource allows or when there is adverse weather grit bins will then be refilled as necessary.

#### **SPREADING GRIT SALT**

Where conditions are safe to do so grit salt can be spread using shovels to apply a thin and even layer across roads and footways. Please always be aware of approaching vehicles and slippery conditions underfoot. We encourage residents to clear areas outside their properties and where possible to help those less able.

Clearance of snow and ice does not make you liable for any incident that may occur.

For further information please contact our customer services team on 01432 261800 or online via https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/ info/200196/roads/232/winter\_gritting\_routes.