

City of York Council Snow Warden Scheme

Coping with snow and ice in York's communities



Environment and Community team



We work with ...

- Individual volunteers -
- Community organisations
- York Open Spaces Volunteers
- GoodGym
- York Cares (employee volunteering)
- Local businesses
- 250 Snow wardens
- 314 Litterpickers
- 105 Gardeners
- 89 Park Lockers/Unlockers
- Volunteer roles for Leaf Blowers and Leaf Clearers have been set up
- In addition there are Friends Groups involved with 26 CYC sites

York Winter 2010 / 2011

Local communities struggle to cope with heavy snow and a prolonged period of sub-zero temperatures and ice.



2011 - Time for action

City of York Council agree to launch a Snow Warden scheme

Look to Sheffield City Council as an example

Publicity

Trainings sessions organised



As you know, during recent bad weather in York, many residential streets and pavements became treacherous for a number of days as the council is unable to grit every road and pavement in the city.

As a way of easing this problem in future months and years, City of York Council would like to invite local residents to become **Volunteer snow wardens**. We will provide the volunteers with training, high visibility gear, snow clearing kit and grit so that they are able to make a real difference in their neighbourhoods by clearing pavements and roads.

As a starting point City of York Council Neighbourhood Management Unit is gathering names to build up a database of volunteers.

We would be very interested to hear from you if you feel able to give up some of your time to clear snow when the next bad weather hits us. If you would like to volunteer for this new project, please contact Michal Czekajlo on (01904) **551841** or e-mail: michal.czekajlo@york.gov.uk.

*Help your community
feel safe in the snow!*

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Getting started

Target of 50 volunteers

Training sessions delivered

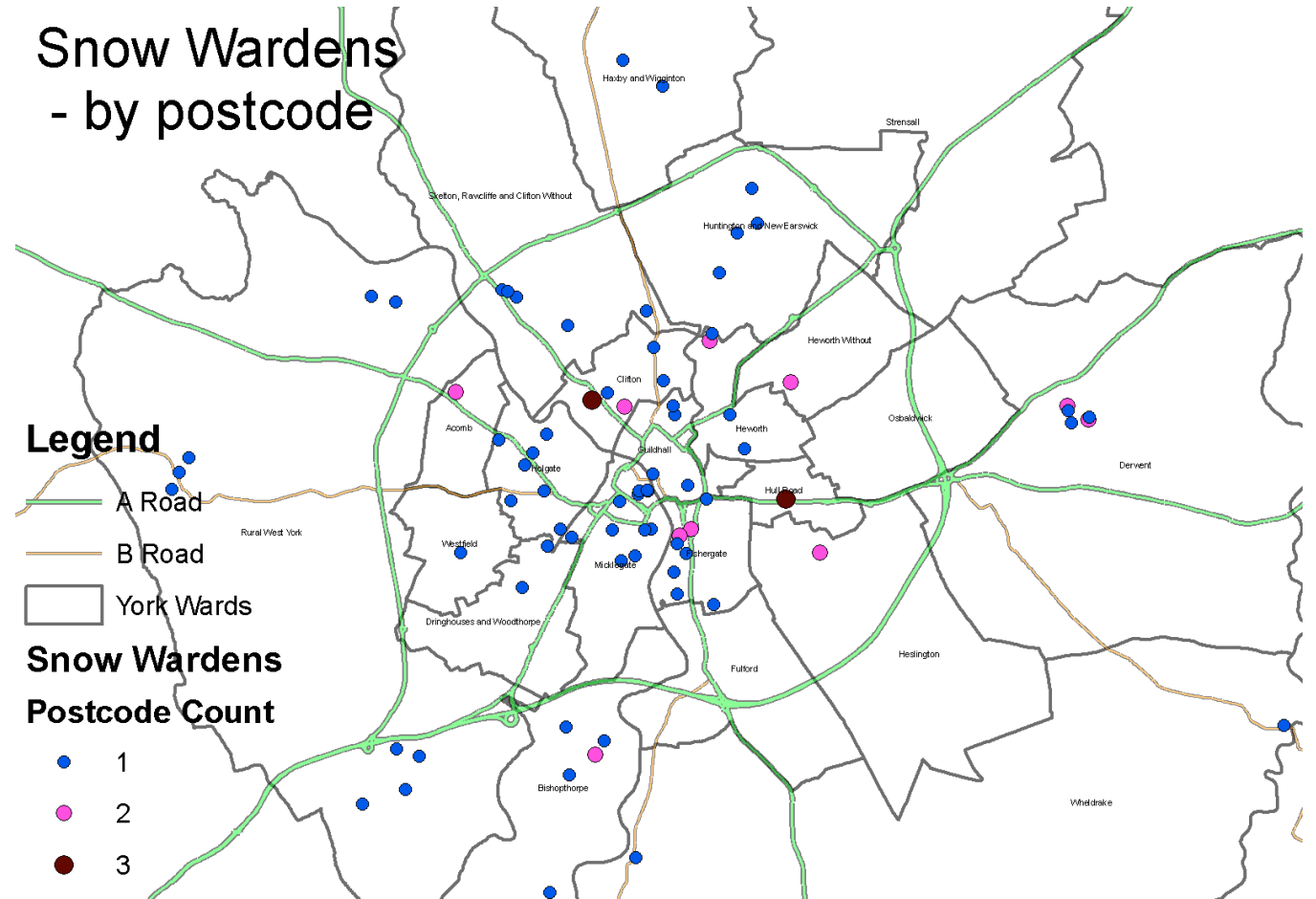
Kit supplied

Public liability insurance

Grit delivered

81 volunteers registered

Snow Wardens - by postcode



Up and running

Text messaging

Email list

Facebook group

Local groups

Annual training sessions



Keeping up to date

Risk Assessment updated

Electronic system

Health implications

STANDARD RISK ASSESSMENT FORM
Volunteer Snow Warden

High

RISK ASSESSMENT DETAILS		RISK RATING MATRIX			
Work area	Environment and Community Officer	POTENTIAL HARM		LIKELIHOOD	
Site	City Wide	Catastrophic	Fatal Injury	Highly Probable	The event is extremely foreseeable
Location of activity	Dependant on volunteer	Major	RIDDOR reportable Specified Injuries/ Diseases/Dangerous Occurrence	Probable	The event is very foreseeable
Reference	CYC/RA/01912	Moderate	Serious Injury likely to result in a RIDDOR reportable 7 day injury	Possible	The event is foreseeable
Risk rating	18	Unlikely		Unlikely	The event is not very foreseeable
Details of activity	Volunteers are tasked to clear snow from, and grit snow covered / icy, footpaths not covered by the City of York Council defined gritting network.	Minor	Multiple minor injury	Remote	The event is unforeseeable
Date of assessment	15/01/2019	Insignificant	Individual minor injuries		Less likely to occur
Review date	22/01/2020				
Assessor carrying out risk assessment	Kristina Davey				
Name of employee consulted	Steve Gamble				
Authoriser	Jennifer Allott				
Risk register ref					

COLOUR	SCORE	ASSESSMENT	REQUIRED ACTION
	1 - 5	Very Low	No action
	6 - 10	Low	No action
	11 - 15	Medium	Review
	16 - 19	High	Review
	20 - 22	Urgent	Review
	23 - 25	CRITICAL	WOR

* Seek advice from the H&S Team

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Snow Warden Induction

Tool Talk	Signature	Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Snow Scoop Grit supply 		
Looking after your health		
PPE		
Checking in policy		
What to look for when assessing work area.		
Dealing with sharps and dog fouling		
Manual Handling		
Keeping safe		
Sign for equipment given out		
Contact details for Environment and Community Officer		

I have received the training outlined above and read and understood the Risk Assessment provided.

Volunteer Name:

Address:

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Phone number:

Email:

Environment and Community Officer:

Environment and Community

Eco Depot,
James Street,
Hazel Court York YO10

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I am volunteering on behalf of City of York Council to help care for the open spaces in the City.

For more information please contact the Environment and Community Team on 01904 551551 or environmentandcommunity@york.gov.uk

Ongoing management

Order in equipment

Annual letter / email

Update induction

GDPR

Grit / Equipment

Daily / targetted email weather alerts

Daily Facebook weather alerts / sharing information

Publicity – posters / social media

Train up further volunteers

Volunteer Snow Wardens

York has over 200 Snow Wardens across the city.

Volunteers receive training, equipment and insurance cover. They pick where and when to keep pavements free of ice and snow and make a real difference to their neighbourhoods.

City of York Council issues volunteers with a high visibility vest, warm hat, gloves, a snow shovel and a supply of grit which is topped up when required.

If you would like to find out more, or if you would like to become a Volunteer Snow Warden, contact the Environment and Community team on **01904 553676** or **environmentandcommunity@york.gov.uk**



Additional volunteer role

2019 launch of Volunteer Leaf
Clearer role

Keeping paths and pavements
leaf / slip free

Keeping gullies clear to
reduce localised flooding

Reducing build up of leaf
mould next to kerbsides to
reduce weeds

Further opportunity to
involve community through
leaf composting

Volunteer Leaf Clearers

City of York Council are introducing a Volunteer Leaf Clearer role on council owned, or maintained, land. Volunteers will receive training, equipment and insurance cover. The purpose is to maintain safe walkways and to help prevent localised flooding by keeping gullies free of leaves. Volunteers will pick where, and when, is convenient for them to keep pavements and drains free of leaves and make a real difference to their neighbourhoods.

City of York Council will issue volunteers with a high-visibility vest, broom, shovel and leaf scoops and, where necessary, will assist with the disposal of green waste.

If you would like to find out more, or if you would like to become a Volunteer Leaf Clearer, contact the Environment and Community team on **01904 553676** or environmentandcommunity@york.gov.uk



Thank you and any questions?

