

Active Snow Wardens

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In the beginning there was







Help

What would a Snow Warden do?

- Help deal with potential heavy snow fall and ice between October and April
- Report the latest local area conditions during wintry weather using the County Council's website
- Co-ordinate volunteers to clear snow and distribute grit
- Identify an individual who has authority to order the refilling of grit bins on behalf of the town or parish council - this may or may not be the snow warden
- Report situations that affect vulnerable residents, such as the elderly or infirm

What would Derbyshire County Council provide?

- A free delivery of up to a tonne of palletted 20kg bags of salt for each town and parish council participating in the scheme
- Training in safe operations for the clearing of snow and ice from pavements and footways
- A website facility to report snow clearing activities and notify the Council of any problems/issues in the local area
- Early notification of severe weather

What about the District and Borough Councils?

- High Peak and Chesterfield Borough Councils operate their own Snow Warden Scheme
- Members of the Borough Councils agree to undertake snow clearing activity
- DCC provide bagged grit to the Boroughs in order to operate this scheme





		Reviews								
Task/Operation:	Snow warden	Next review needed	Date actually reviewed	Changes needed? (Yes/No)	Assessor initials					
Group(s) affected:	Snow Warden, Members of Public (MOP), Highway Users.									
Person(s) undertaking assessment:										
Employee(s) consulted:										
Union Safety Rep(s) consulted:										
Date of assessment:										
<p>General: Snow Wardens to have attended the DCC Snow Warden training course or to have received cascade training from a volunteer who has attended the training. 10 g/m² is the recommended spread rate of salt. 40 g/m² for packed snow/ice.</p>										
Key: SW = Snow Warden; PC = Parish Council; DCC = Derbyshire County Council		Before control						After control		
Hazard	Resultant effect(s)	L	S	R	State control measures to be put in place and by whom			L	S	R
Slips	Injury to Snow Warden, Injury to MOP	2	2	4	*Wear suitable sturdy footwear with good grip (SW).			1	2	2

WINTER SERVICE FIT TO PARTICIPATE FORM



Do you consider yourself to be physically capable of carrying out the work involved?

Carrying out snow clearing activity can be physically demanding and tiring.

If you are pregnant or have any pre-existing health problems, e.g. angina or back pain, or you are not sure whether you are fit enough to carry out the work involved, please seek advice from your GP before you complete this form.

First Name

Surname

Parish or
Town Council

Address

Postcode

Contact Number(s)

Email Address

I declare that I am fit to carry out snow clearing activities and have read the information covering the safe operations required for clearance of snow and ice from pavements provided on Derbyshire County Council's website:
www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport_roads/roads_traffic/road_maintenance/snow_info

Signed

Date

Printed Name

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Snow warden information pack

The documents attached to this page will be useful for anyone thinking of becoming a snow warden.

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They include the risk assessment and fit to participate forms.

Related documents



Snow warden risk assessment - 99KB



Snow warden fit to participate form - 1MB



Information for snow wardens - 177KB



Winter Service Scheme training presentation - 4MB



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Will I get sued?

- Don't believe the myths!
- It's unlikely you'll be sued for any injuries if you have cleared the path carefully and left it in a better state than it was before you started to clear snow
- Follow the Government Snow Code
- To date there have been no claims

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Snow Code

There's no law stopping you from clearing snow and ice on the pavement outside your home or from public spaces. So it's unlikely you'd be sued or held legally responsible if someone was injured on the path if you clear it carefully.

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Snow wardens reporting form

Please complete the following form to report weather conditions and your actions.

Note: Asterisks (*) indicate required information.

Warden and town/parish details

Location *

Belper Town Council



Snow warden name *

John Smith



Conditions and actions

Conditions

Snow covered



Actions taken *

Footway cleared



Locations treated *

Main Road



Time cleared

08:45

Temperature if known

-2

Other

Other issues

The grit bin on Church Rise ref DCC0134 needs to be refilled.



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Snow wardens

Watch our short video clip to learn about our Snow Warden Scheme.

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Any Questions?

If you have any questions/queries following this event please contact me at:

snow@derbyshire.gov.uk

Thank you