

CRINGLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Winter Maintenance Policy

Cringleford Parish Council(CPC) is committed to ensuring that adequate steps are taken to keep parishioners safe within the village. The objective of this policy is to provide the public with an overview of the Council's position and responsibilities with regard to inclement winter weather.

1. Gritting of roads.

The responsibility for gritting the highways is with Norfolk County Council (NCC). The gritting map can be viewed at www.norfolk.gov.uk/gritting. NCC have a 3 hour gritting run which covers a total of 2,081 miles on A, B and some C class roads - commuter and major bus routes and as far as is possible one route into all villages. The Parish Council can suggest changes to routes but all decisions are made by NCC.

2. Grit Bins.

Grit bins are purchased by the Parish Council and filled by NCC free of charge at the commencement of each winter. Currently the bins are located in the following areas:

Road Name	Exact Location
<i>Intwood Road</i>	<i>Inside the loke</i>
<i>Intwood Road</i>	<i>Inside gate at Cringleford Business Centre</i>
<i>Keswick Road</i>	<i>Cross road with Intwood Road</i>
<i>Brettlingham Avenue</i>	<i>Junction of Langley Close</i>
<i>Brettlingham Avenue</i>	<i>Top of Cantley Lane</i>
<i>Taylor Avenue</i>	<i>Near Meadway</i>
<i>Armitage Close</i>	<i>By Siddell Close</i>
<i>Village green</i>	<i>Outside old school</i>
<i>Colney Lane</i>	<i>Top of Gilbert Way</i>
<i>Colney Lane</i>	<i>Bottom of Newfound Drive</i>
<i>Colney Lane</i>	<i>Top of Oaklands Drive</i>
<i>Colney Lane</i>	<i>Gurney Lane</i>
<i>Dragonfly Lane</i>	<i>Adjacent to notice board / roundabout</i>
<i>Oriole Drive</i>	<i>On grass</i>

When CPC received requests for additional grit bins the location, cost and need are considered by the Recreation and Amenities Group, who put a recommendation forward to full Council.

The grit bins are available for any parishioners to use, to make the footpaths or roads safer in icy weather. Please only take the minimum amount that is required as there is no guarantee when NCC will be able to refill it again.

The Parish Council does not have responsibility for gritting footpaths. Parishioners carry out gritting at their own risk and are recommend to follow the following safety advice:-

- Only spread the grit when there are no vehicles or pedestrians about;
- Wear bright clothing to ensure that you can be seen easily;
- Don't assume that the road or footway is safe just because you have spread the grit;

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- Look after the environment – use the minimum grit necessary. A shovel full of grit will be sufficient for 20-30sq.m of road.

Quarterly visual checks will be carried out by CPC staff to ensure that the grit bins are in a safe condition.

3. Parish Assets

The Parish Council owns both the Pavilion at the recreation ground and The Willow Centre on Willowcroft Way. During periods of cold and icy weather the exterior areas of both buildings are used at parishioner / hirers risks.

CPC will not carry out any gritting at the recreation ground.

At the Willow Centre the carpark slope from Willowcroft Way into the carpark and the area from the front door to the disabled access slope will be gritted on days when staff and hirers are present. No other gritting will be carried out.