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Winter Service

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Introduction





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Winter Policy & Operational Plan

- Why we have a Policy?
- Why we have an Operational Plan?



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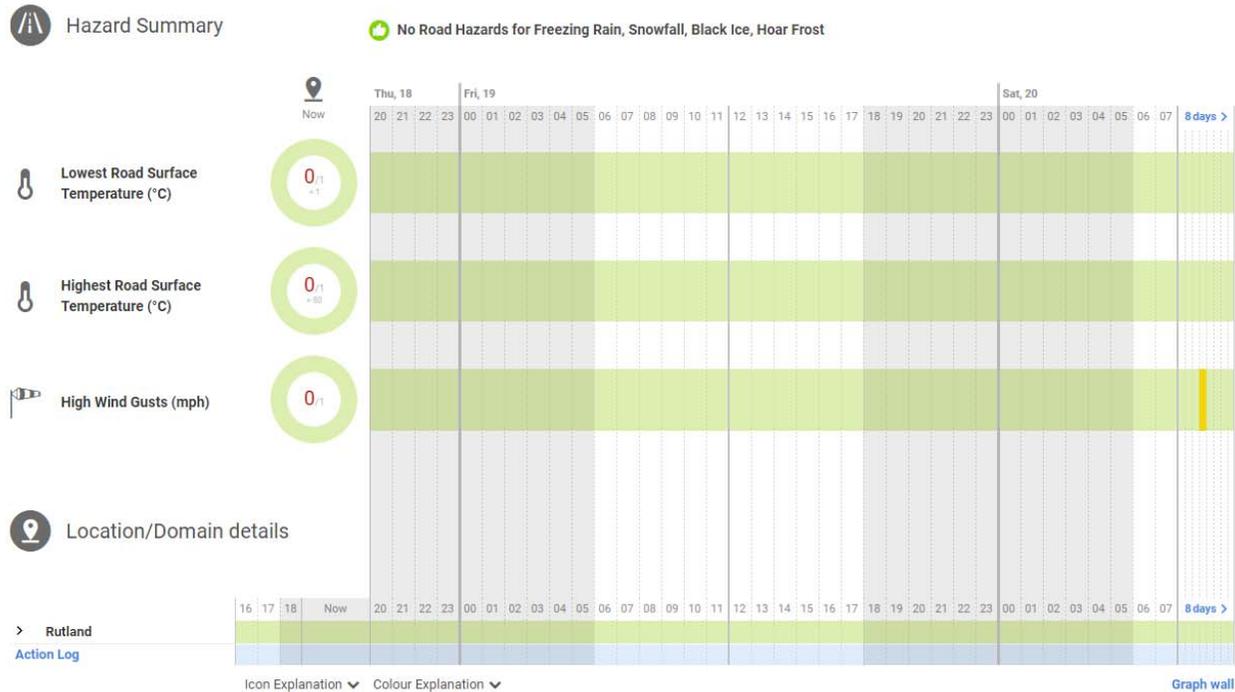


Winter Service – When & What We Do?

- The winter risk period is from 1st October to the 30th April.
- Daily decisions on winter maintenance actions will be made by a suitably trained duty officer
- Weather forecasting services are provided by our partners at MeteoGroup. The target for accuracy is 95%.
- Monitored by our weather Station at Uppingham



Winter Service – Weather Forecasting





Winter Service - Policy

- The statutory basis for Winter Service in England and Wales is addressed through Section 41 (1A) of the Highways Act on the 31st October 2003, by Section 111 of the Railways and Safety Transport Act 2003.
- The Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003 extends the requirements of Section 41 of the Highways Act 1980 to place a specific duty on a Highway Authority to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that safe passage along a highway is not endangered by snow or ice. By using the words 'reasonably practicable' the legislation recognises that it is not possible to treat the entire network or to keep the treated parts of the network clear of snow and ice at all times.
- The Council's aim is to respond effectively to the weather conditions, to ensure key corridors of the highway network are operating satisfactorily to support residents, businesses and other service providers.



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Winter Service - Policy

- This policy details the context for Rutland County Council's winter service provision on the highway network. It is prepared in accordance with the recommendations of the Well Managed Highway Infrastructure – A Code of Practice (the Code) and covers all elements of the service.
- The Policy includes how the Council's will prioritise its routes, arrange for appropriate treatment, deployment of personnel and plant to enable salting; and snow clearance of the highway in accordance with the specified response times.
- How the service is delivered is covered by the Winter Service Operational Plan.

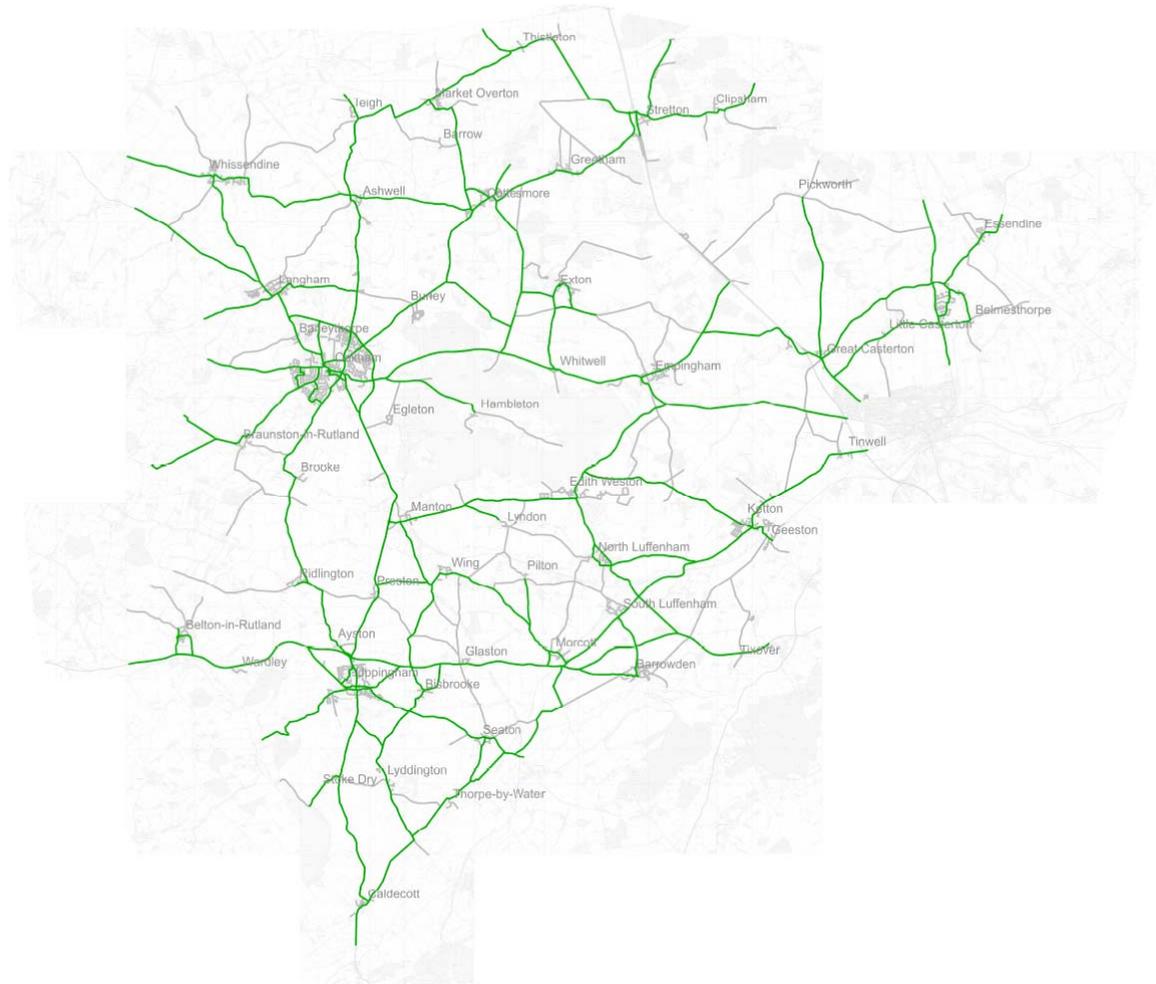


Winter Service – Treatment Routes

- There are a wide variety of highway types, functions and uses across the County, and it is not practicable to either assess or build resilience across all of the network. There is a need to focus resilience risk assessments and plans on a subset of each network - defined as the “Resilient Network” and outlined in Section A.4 of the Code. It has been developed and reviewed as necessary to ensure that it provides:
 - connectivity between major communities;
 - links to the strategic highway network;
 - connectivity across authority boundaries where appropriate;
 - links to transport interchanges;
 - access to emergency facilities including Fire and Rescue, Police, Ambulance Services and hospitals;
 - links to critical infrastructure (ports, power stations, water treatment works etc);
 - principal public transport routes, access to rail and bus stations, and to bus garages and other depots; and
 - other locally important facilities.

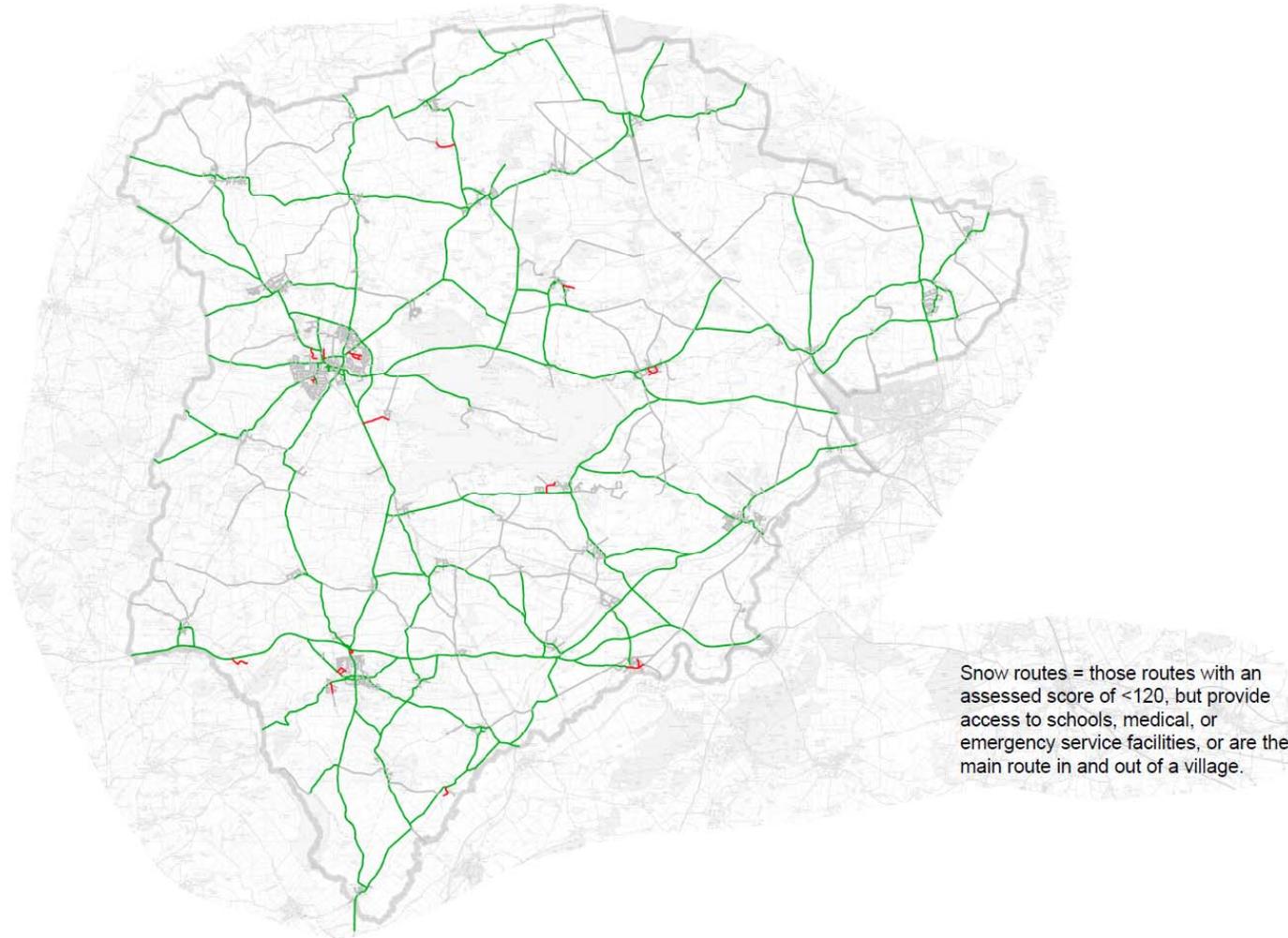


Winter Service – Precautionary Routes





Winter Service – Snow Routes



Snow routes = those routes with an assessed score of <120, but provide access to schools, medical, or emergency service facilities, or are the main route in and out of a village.



Winter Service – Footway Treatments

- Footways will not normally receive a precautionary treatment, however when snow is forecast, precautionary gritting will be carried out on the main footways in Oakham and Uppingham town centre areas only. Where resources are available, treatment of footways after snowfall, other than in Oakham and Uppingham town centres, will take place on a priority basis. i.e. areas with high numbers of vulnerable users.

Oakham

High St
Melton Rd
New St
Church St
Gaul St
Northgate
Market St
Market Place
Mill St
Burley Rd

Uppingham

Market Place
High St East
High St West
Orange St
Queen St
North St East
North St West



Winter Service – Grit Bins

- Over 240 grit bins throughout the County
- Requests for new grit bins will be assessed in line with the Policy
- New grit bins will not be provided if:
 - The proposed location is on a current treatment route
 - The proposed location is within 200m of an existing grit bin
- RCC will install grit bins
- Parishes are responsible for the cost of installation and replacement
- Grit bins will be checked annually and refilled before the start of the winter season.
- Grit bins will be filled for free at the start of the winter season. Parishes will receive one further free re-fill. Additional re-fills will be charged at the rate shown in the schedule of Approved Fees and Charges
- Requests for re-fills should be made by the Parish Council
 - We will endeavour to re-fill empty grit bins within 5 working days of the request being received; as an authority our aim is to assist Parish and Town councils to keep their communities safe.



Winter Service – Snow Wardens

- During times of extreme weather, through the Snow Warden Scheme we will provide advice and training and to community groups and parish councils who are helping each other on a voluntary basis. The Snow Warden is the key point of contact between Rutland County Council (RCC) and the local community
- Rutland County Council will provide the following equipment for snow wardens to enable them to clear snow and spread the salt evenly across the footway:
 - snow shovel
 - fluorescent waistcoat
 - waterproof gloves
- Parish Councils must nominate designated snow wardens prior to the start of the winter season.





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Winter Service – Snow Warden Video





Winter Service – Self Help

- The public are encouraged to assist with snow clearing activities, and the Dft advice on how they can assist their communities can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/clear-snow-road-path-cycleway>
 - When you clear snow and ice:
 - do it early in the day - it's easier to move fresh, loose snow
 - don't use water - it might refreeze and turn to black ice
 - use salt if possible - it will melt the ice or snow and stop it from refreezing overnight (but don't use the salt from salting bins as this is used to keep roads clear)
 - you can use ash and sand if you don't have enough salt - it will provide grip underfoot
 - pay extra attention when clearing steps and steep pathways - using more salt may help



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Winter Service – Further Information

- Further information on our winter service can be found:
- On our website: <https://tinyurl.com/Rutland-Winter>
- Follow us on Twitter : <https://tinyurl.com/RCC-Twitter>
- Like our Facebook Page: <https://tinyurl.com/Rutland-Facebook>
- Check the MetOffice Website for up to date weather details:
- <https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/>
- Listen to Rutland Radio



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Thank you – Questions?

