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Dear Sir/Madam

Winter Service in Warwickshire 2016/17

Warwickshire County Council's County Highways have prepared the accompanying leaflet, which is showing the primary gritting routes for the forthcoming winter season 2015/16.

During the course of this summer all existing gritting routes have been reviewed against the county council's Winter Service Policy, taking account of any changes to the network infrastructure that may have occurred. Warwickshire's winter policy is set out on the central page of the leaflet. In applying this winter service policy **over 46%** of the overall county highway network is covered by our precautionary gritting routes, this amount of primary gritted network treated remains higher than most other highway authorities.

Please note if any additions to primary routes additions are requested, it may require an adjustment or reduction to the adjacent gritted network within your local areas.

Whilst the routes shown on the leaflet are those that receive pre-planned precautionary treatment when ice is predicted, there are also emergency routes that cover the highest priority routes only, when ice hasn't been predicted, or when there are sudden changes in the weather, and therefore the road conditions. These routes are of shorter duration and focus on the strategically important lengths of the primary route network. Snow clearing will follow the practices set out in the policy, and we may have to commence on the emergency routes, dependent upon prevailing conditions.

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We are again asking for continued support for our Snow Warden scheme, which encourages self-help from councils, parishes and residents, who are willing to clear any snow or ice off the footway outside their homes. Remember anyone can clear snow and ice from the pavement or public spaces, by following The Government Snow Code to clear snow and ice safely, for further information; go to www.direct.gov.uk/snowcode

In addition to the Snow Warden Scheme, we are considering developing a similar scheme for Flood Wardens to help coordinate any flood response in their area. If you are interested in becoming a Flood Warden or are aware of somebody who may, please register your interest via the Customer Service Centre details below. The Flood Risk Management Team will be in touch in due course with further information.

All information on Warwickshire's winter service, route maps, (for daily gritting decisions via gritter twitter); go to www.warwickshire.gov.uk/gritting
You will also find some useful information and links here from the Met Office and Highways Agency on weather warnings, driving in adverse weather and preparing for winter.

If you have any comments or suggestions relating to our winter services or wish to participate on our Snow / Flood Warden Scheme, please contact the Highways Customer Service Centre on 01926-412515 or; go to www.countyhighways@warwickshire.gov.uk

Thanking you for your continued help and support!

Yours faithfully

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