

Winter maintenance:

Provision of grit bins ESH11

Can we have a grit bin?

The County Council will provide new grit bins where the costs are met by residents' associations, businesses, or the local parish, town or district council and there is a suitable location for the new bin. If you would like a grit bin please contact your local parish, town or district council in the first instance to find out whether they would be willing to provide one.

If your parish, town or district council agrees to your request, they will contact us. Alternatively, you can contact us using the details on this leaflet. We will then review the request and, if approved, agree a suitable location. The bins can be located on the highway, private or local Council owned land providing the owner gives permission.

When the bin is empty, how do we get it filled?

New grit bins will not be refilled automatically. The relevant owner or responsible person must make a request for a bin to be refilled by contacting our Highways Contact Centre and making an advance payment. We will then arrange

for the new bin to be refilled when we refill our own grit bins. In periods of high demand grit may be reserved for use on priority roads and this might prevent grit bins from being re-filled.

When a new grit bin is provided the following costs apply (these costs will be reviewed annually):

Cost for initial installation

Grit/salt bin	£145
Installation and first fill	<u>£130</u>
Total	£275
Refill	£ 70

The use of grit

Grit is another name for 'rock salt'. It helps to keep roads safe by reducing the risk of ice. The grit works by lowering the temperature at which water freezes. It relies on the action of vehicle tyres to spread it over the road. It can, however, get too cold for the grit to work - at below minus 5 °C the effectiveness of grit is reduced and roads may still freeze. Rain or snow can wash the grit away leaving roads prone to re-icing, so gritting should take place after the rain but before the water freezes. The grit has been

specifically provided for the treatment of public roads and pavements and should only be used in these areas.

Spreading grit safely

Safety is the most important factor.

- Only spread the grit when there are no vehicles or pedestrians nearby.
- Wear bright clothing to ensure that you can be seen easily.
- Don't assume the road or pavement is safe just because it has been gritted.
- Look after the environment - use the minimum grit necessary. A shovel full of grit will be sufficient for 20-30sq.m of road.

How to contact us

For more information about our services and to view our series of fact sheets, visit our website or contact our East Sussex Highways Contact Centre on:

(calls charged at the local rate)

Phone: 0345 60 80 193

Fax: 01273 482955

Email: highways@eastsussex.gov.uk

Website: eastsussex.gov.uk
eastsussex.gov.uk/fault (to report a fault online)

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