**HAYTON AND BURNBY PARISH COUNCIL**

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**SEVERE WEATHER PLAN - SNOW CLEARANCE PLAN**

**SCOPE**

This document describes the resources available to deal with winter weather in Hayton and Burnby parish and the processes for using the Parish Council’s resources to deal with severe winter weather.

The plan will NOT address all issues and severe weather really is a time for self-help where able residents could clear the footpath in front of their property plus neighbouring vulnerable people’s property.

**ROADS TREATED BY EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE COUNCIL**

The East Riding Council grits the A1079 running through the parish as a designated primary route.

It also grits the road from the A1079 to Everingham plus the road from Londesborough to Burnby, and Burnby to Hayton, Nunburnholme : these are designated as secondary routes. Information on these routes can be found on the East Riding Council web-site.

There is no other gritting work done in the parish and it is this shortfall that the Parish Council has made a plan to address.

It should be pointed out that the East Riding Council states that they cannot grit every road and footpath in the East Riding as manpower does not permit it. Similarly the Parish Council cannot clear every road and footpath in the parish.

**RESOURCES IN THE PARISH**

The Parish Council has bought 2 tonnes of grit/salt per village and also owns a salt spreader for each village. The Parish Council has purchased 20 high quality snow shovels and will distribute these to volunteer residents so that they can organise work parties to clear their paths and roads.

Resources are stored at :

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| Grit | Cllr Smith’s farm in Hayton |
|  | Cllr Nicholson’s farm in Burnby |
| Spreader - Hayton | Cllr Smith’s farm, Hayton along with 10 snow shovels |
| Spreader - Burnby | Cllr Nicholson’s farm along with 10 snow shovels |

Salt bins are located at:

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| Hayton | Outside Holly Beck on the A1079 | Parish |
|  | Junction of Town Street and A1079 | Parish |
|  | Outside the Old Vicarage, Town Street | Parish |
|  | Junction of A1079 and Everingham Lane | Parish |
|  | Junction of Town Street and Burnby Lane | Parish |
| Burnby | Junction of Burnby Lane and Burnby Road | ERYC |
|  | Nunburnholme Lane | Parish |

The salt bins provided by East Riding Council and Hayton & Burnby Parish Council are there to clear public areas. Please make sure that they are not used for private drives etc. and buy domestic size bags of salt now, ready for bad weather.

If you find that a salt bin is empty, or running low, then please contact the Clerk of the Parish Council (details above) in order for them to be filled promptly.

**THE PLAN**

The basic objective of the plan is to ensure access is kept open for as many people as possible. Vulnerable members of our parish are most at risk and you are asked to get to know your neighbours and offer help with collecting food, prescriptions and fuel and also to help with doctor/hospital visits etc.

The plan can be activated by any two members of the Parish Council.

**Hayton:** use the salt spreader to keep the footpath clear of snow from A1079 along Town Street towards Burnby. The two bus shelters on the A1079 will also be kept clear, as will the area around the telephone box, Village Hall, and Church.

**Burnby**: use the salt spreader to keep the footpath clear of snow on the footpath which surrounds the Church. The bus shelter area will also be kept clear of snow, as will the area around the telephone box, and the Church.

**Salt bins**: ensure that the ERYC-owned bins in both Villages are kept full, as are the Parish Council-owned bins.

This information is given in the knowledge that everyone who is able could get involved with snow clearance. If anyone needs further information or has further ideas please contact the Clerk by email or phone. Please contact the clerk if you would like to volunteer to help with this plan.

**EMERGENCY SHELTER**

In the event of emergency and shelter is needed then the Village Hall at Hayton, the Church at Hayton and the Church at Burnby can be used. Keys are available from:

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| Village Hall | Cllr Bettison, Cllr Wagstaff and the Clerk |
| Churches | Cllr Thackery |

**CONTACT DETAILS**

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**HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Activities will only be carried out if conditions allow people to work safely. All operations are as if Parish Council / Clerk were members of the public and are acting voluntarily. The Parish Council carries no liability for instructed work on snow / ice clearing.

We have examined the access to salt for public use and believe adequate supplies are available for ‘normal’ snow conditions.

**APPENDIX : ADVICE ABOUT SNOW CLEARANCE BY THE PUBLIC**

**CLEARING SNOW AND ICE FROM PAVEMENTS AND PUBLIC SPACES**

This guide is designed to help you to act in a neighbourly way by safely clearing snow and ice from pavements and public spaces.

**Will I be held liable if someone falls on a path I have cleared?**

There is no law preventing you from clearing snow and ice on the pavement outside your property, pathways to your property or public spaces.

It is very unlikely that you would face any legal liability, as long as you are careful, and use common sense to ensure that you do not make the pavement or pathway clearly more dangerous than before. People using areas affected by snow and ice also have responsibility to be careful themselves.

**What can I do to help clear snow and ice from pavements and public spaces?**

Practical advice from highway engineers is given below. This is not a comprehensive list.

* **Start early**: it is much easier to remove fresh, loose snow compared to compacted ice that has been compressed by people walking on it.
* **Do not use hot water.** This will melt the snow, but may replace it with black ice, increasing the risk of injury.
* **Be a good neighbour**: some people may be unable to clear snow and ice on paths leading to their property or indeed the footway fronting their property. Snowfall and cold weather pose particular difficulties for them gaining access to and from their property or walking to the shops.
* If shovelling snow, consider where you are going to put it, so that it does not block people’s paths, or block drainage channels. This could shift the problem elsewhere.
* Make a pathway down the middle of the area to be cleared first, so you have a clear surface to walk on. Then you can shovel the snow from the centre to the sides.
* Spreading some salt on the area you have cleared will help to prevent any ice forming. Table salt or dishwasher salt will work, but avoid spreading on plants or grass as they may be damaged by it. A few grams (a tablespoon) for each square metre you clear should work. The salt found in salting bins will be needed for keeping roads clear.

Particular care and attention should be given to steps and steep gradients to ensure snow and ice is removed. You might need to apply additional salt to these areas.

* Use the sun to your advantage. Removing the top layer of snow will allow the sun to melt any ice beneath; however you will need to cover any ice with salt to stop it refreezing overnight.
* If there is no salt available, then a little sand or ash is a reasonable substitute. It will not have the same de-icing properties as salt but should offer grip under foot.

**Why did the Government publish this information?**

During the severe winter in 2009/10, many people across the country worked very hard to keep our transport network open. This included many members of the public who cleared pavements and public spaces around their homes. Some people, however, were deterred from taking action to clear pavements and other public spaces because they feared that they might be sued.

An independent review of the transport sector’s response to the severe weather of 2009/10 recommended that the Department for Transport should publish this note on good practice for members of the public in clearing snow and ice from footways and other public spaces. The Local Government Association published a report on behalf of Councils which reached the same conclusion. The Government is committed, as a key part of the Big Society agenda, to remove the barriers which may unnecessarily prevent people from helping themselves and those around them.

**Where can I find out more information about what I can do in an emergency?**

The Preparing for Emergencies web pages on DirectGov contain useful information on how you can prepare for the impacts of all emergencies. The pages can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/local-planning-emergency-major-incident>