

Winter maintenance - grit bins

Elm Parish Council has purchased a number of grit bins from Cambridgeshire County Council, for the purpose of improving public safety during times of freezing weather conditions.

These bins, which are yellow in colour, have been sited at the following locations across the parish:

- Elm - on the grassed area at the junction of Abington Grove with the B1101
- Elm - on the public footpath adjacent to The Sportsman public house
- Elm - on the verge at the sharp bend on Begdale Road (in the vicinity of Pheasants Rest)
- Coldham - In the bus layby
- Fridaybridge - outside the Community Primary School
- Fridaybridge – adjacent to the parish notice board, opposite the Clock tower.

The bins are provided on the basis that members of the public will spread the grit on footways and on carriageways which are not part of the County Council' s gritting routes.

The grit is not provided for use within the boundaries of residential properties.

Elderly or other at risk residents of the parish should contact the Parish Council Clerk if help is required.

Neither the County Council nor the Parish Council has any liability in respect of the areas which have been treated by members of the public.

Furthermore, there is no liability upon those individuals who decide to carry out this work. The Health and Safety Executive has made it clear that there is no law which prohibits individuals or councils from clearing snow or gritting footpaths – the suggestion that an individual who carries out community gritting or snow clearance could be sued if someone were to fall on a gritted or snow cleared area is a myth.

On request from the Parish Council Clerk, the County Council will re-fill these bins.

If a local resident notices that the salt level of a bin is getting low, it would be helpful if he or she informs the Parish Council Clerk (by telephone on 01354 656677 or e-mail at clerk@elm-pc.org.uk) so that arrangements for re-filling can be made with the County Council.