

# Highways Maintenance Newsletter

November 2018



**Hampshire Highways' salting vehicles are ready for winter and a campaign is already in full swing to raise awareness of the County Council's winter service. In addition, we have been visiting local schools to share important road safety messages and give the school children the opportunity to name their local gritter.**

The 43 dedicated winter vehicles were brought in last year as part of the new Hampshire Highways fleet. These state-of-the-art vehicles are fitted with the latest technology to ensure salting is accurate and efficient, and this includes full GPS guidance and automatic salt

delivery. The vehicles also have Euro VI environmentally efficient engines and dedicated snow ploughs that can be fitted when required. Highways teams remain on standby 24/7 throughout the winter season, which runs from 1 October to the end of April. They use detailed Hampshire-specific weather forecasts in combination with real time information from a network of electronic roadside weather stations to make decisions about the best time to salt the roads, where to salt, and how much salt to use.

Salting is done on a priority basis – main roads always being treated first. Our 'Priority one' routes cover

approximately one third of the county road network but carry the majority of Hampshire's traffic; all A roads, some B roads, major bus routes, roads to hospitals and other key emergency hubs, large schools and colleges, areas of high traffic concentration and public transport interchanges are all included.

Follow the County Council's 'gritter twitter' **@hantshighways** to find out when and where the salting lorries are going out. Maps of priority routes as well as salt bin locations can be found at: [www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/severeweather/salting](http://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/severeweather/salting)

## Countywide Statistics for September 2018

374

Emergencies attended

33,263

Square metres of carriageway resurfacing

18

Operation Resilience planned works complete

17,197

Gullies and other drainage cleared

25,155

Square metres of surface dressing and micro asphalt

127

Arboriculture jobs completed

25,278

Square metres of footway repaired/resurfaced

5,273

Potholes repaired (including extra Find and Fix gangs\*)

797

Other Jobs completed (outside of all works shown)

\*These repairs were recorded differently on our system. This is an approximate figure.



# Basingstoke Statistics

for October 2018

**54**

Emergencies attended

**3,834**

Square metres of carriageway resurfacing

**3**

Operation Resilience planned works complete

**611**

Gullies and other drainage cleared

**13,100**

Square metres of surface dressing and micro asphalt

**10**

Arboriculture jobs completed

**997**

Square metres of footway repaired/resurfaced

**593**

Potholes repaired (including extra Find and Fix gangs\*)

**69**

Other Jobs completed (outside of all works shown)



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