

Highways Maintenance Newsletter

December 2018



Hampshire Highways' winter teams will be on 24/7 standby over the festive season, ready for whatever the weather brings, to ensure Hampshire's roads are clear and passable during Christmas and New Year.

Some of the new winter vehicles are now sporting their own names, having been named by local school children, BBC Radio Solent listeners, and social media followers of our highways service @hantshighways on Twitter. So, when the temperatures drop, keep an eye out for *Gritter Garbo*, *Luke Snow Walker* and *Gritty Gritty Bang Bang* among others!

Everyone can help in their communities to keep Hampshire moving during

cold and freezing weather. Across Hampshire there are more than 3,000 blue or yellow bins filled with salt for use in the community on public roads and pavements. For more information about where these grit bins are, how to get them topped up, and how to report a damaged or missing grit bin visit www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/severeweather/salting

It's important people are ready to adapt the way they drive in winter when the conditions can make driving more hazardous, such as:

- Reduce your speed. The chances of skidding are much greater and your stopping distance will increase massively.

- Only travel at a speed at which you can stop within the distance you can see to be clear.
- Speed limits are the maximum in ideal conditions; in difficult conditions, they can often be too fast.
- Avoid harsh braking and acceleration, or sharp steering.
- Always reduce your speed smoothly and in plenty of time on slippery surfaces.

Further advice on preparing for driving in bad weather and helpful winter driving tips are available at:

www.rospa.com/road-safety/advice/drivers/better-driving/winter-tips

Countywide Statistics for November 2018

301

Emergencies attended

56,370

Square metres of carriageway resurfacing

27

Operation Resilience planned works complete

10,643

Gullies and other drainage cleared

9,285

Square metres of surface dressing and micro asphalt

102

Arboriculture jobs completed

5,182

Square metres of footway repaired/resurfaced

5,880

Potholes repaired (including extra Find and Fix gangs*)

747

Other Jobs completed (outside of all works shown)

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



Basingstoke Statistics

for November 2018

36

Emergencies attended

10,491

Square metres of carriageway resurfacing

5

Operation Resilience planned works complete

980

Gullies and other drainage cleared



7

Arboriculture jobs completed

764

Square metres of footway repaired/resurfaced

460

Potholes repaired (including extra Find and Fix gangs*)

87

Other Jobs completed (outside of all works shown)



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