

## Severe weather bulletin – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019

We do everything we can to keep traffic moving on priority roads and we are open about the fact we cannot grit every road in Lancashire. Even if we had the resources needed we couldn't grit them quickly enough to make a real difference.

No council does this. It is important people understand there are limitations to the service we can provide.

That is why we ask residents to take steps to make sure that when severe winter weather strikes they are prepared and able to manage.

### What we do

- The county council is responsible for over 4,300 miles of roads of which approximately 1,800 miles are part of Lancashire's 'Priority Road Network' for salting and snow clearing.
- It can take our gritters up to four hours to grit one route and even longer in severe weather conditions. This means sometimes we can't grit as often as we would like.
- When low temperatures are forecast we grit the roads as a precaution before the frost forms, usually during the evening or early hours of the morning. Remember weather forecasts are only a guide and our local knowledge and expertise is vital in deciding what to do.
- Despite our best efforts, winter weather can still make roads treacherous and there is no guarantee that roads will always be completely free of ice and snow. Take extra care.



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Update	North Lancashire (Lancaster, Wyre, Fylde)	Central & South Lancashire (Chorley, Preston, South Ribble, West Lancashire)	East Lancashire (Burnley, Hyndburn, Ribble Valley, Rossendale, Pendle)	
<i>Where we have gritted in the past few days</i>	<b>Thursday 21 Mar</b>		<b>Thursday 21 Mar</b>	
	AM	• No action taken	AM	• No action taken
	PM	• No action taken	PM	• No action taken
	<b>Wednesday 20 Mar</b>		<b>Wednesday 20 Mar</b>	
AM	• No action taken	AM	• No action taken	

	<b>PM</b>	• No action taken	<b>PM</b>	• No action taken	<b>PM</b>	• No action taken
	<b>Tuesday 19 Mar</b>		<b>Tuesday 19 Mar</b>		<b>Tuesday 19 Mar</b>	
	<b>AM</b>	• No action taken	<b>AM</b>	• No action taken	<b>AM</b>	• No action taken
	<b>PM</b>	• No action taken	<b>PM</b>	• No action taken	<b>PM</b>	• No action taken
	<b>Monday 18 Mar</b>		<b>Monday 18 Mar</b>		<b>Monday 18 Mar</b>	
	<b>AM</b>	• No action taken	<b>AM</b>	• No action taken	<b>AM</b>	• No action taken
	<b>PM</b>	• No action taken	<b>PM</b>	• No action taken	<b>PM</b>	• No action taken
	<b>Sunday 17 Mar</b>		<b>Sunday 17 Mar</b>		<b>Sunday 17 Mar</b>	
	<b>AM</b>	• No action taken	<b>AM</b>	• No action taken	<b>AM</b>	• No action taken
	<b>PM</b>	• No action taken	<b>PM</b>	• Selected priority routes treated	<b>PM</b>	• All priority routes treated
	<b>Saturday 16 Mar</b>		<b>Saturday 16 Mar</b>		<b>Saturday 16 Mar</b>	
	<b>AM</b>	• No action taken	<b>AM</b>	• No action taken	<b>AM</b>	• No action taken
	<b>PM</b>	• Selected priority routes treated	<b>PM</b>	• Selected priority routes treated	<b>PM</b>	• Selected priority routes treated
	<b>Friday 15 Mar</b>		<b>Friday 15 Mar</b>		<b>Friday 15 Mar</b>	
	<b>AM</b>	• No action taken	<b>AM</b>	• No action taken	<b>AM</b>	• No action taken
	<b>PM</b>	• No action taken	<b>PM</b>	• No action taken	<b>PM</b>	• No action taken
<b>Lowest temp forecasted</b>	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March -1.9 degrees		Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March -0.5 degrees		Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March -2.2 degrees	
<b>Countywide Salt usage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• December 2,267 tonnes</li> <li>• January 8,455 tonnes</li> <li>• February 1,715 tonnes</li> </ul>					
<b>Latest forecast</b>	<p>Mainly cloudy on Saturday afternoon but it should stay dry. Cloud should clear southwards through Saturday night allowing skies to clear and it will turn cold with Road Surface Temperatures falling below zero in places. Bright and breezy on Sunday with sunny spells and the chance of the odd shower. Showers perhaps becoming more frequent for a time on Sunday evening before becoming more isolated once again overnight. A chilly night with marginal Road Surface Temperatures in places. Dry with sunny spells on Monday. Winds becoming light on Monday night and with clear skies it will turn cold with Road Surface Temperatures dropping below zero. Dry with variable amounts of cloud on Tuesday and Tuesday night with Road Surface Temperatures becoming marginal overnight.</p>					

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