



SNOW CLEARANCE POLICY GP10

RESPONSIBILITIES OUTLINED:

- County Council as the Highway Authority has responsibility for the road and footpath networks (including Sheep Street).
- Cherwell District Council has responsibility for the off street car parks.
- Bicester Town Council has responsibility for open spaces, play areas and the Cemetery.

POLICIES:

- Oxfordshire County Council (the Highway Authority) undertakes a salting and gritting policy to prioritise the road networks across the County.
- Oxfordshire County Council (the Highway Authority) does not salt footpaths anywhere in the County.
- Cherwell District Council's policy reflects that of the County, in that footpaths leading to and from car parks are not treated, but with a review option should conditions warrant it.
- Bicester Town Council's policy reflects that of the other authorities and does not treat footpaths, but has a review option should conditions warrant it. (See below).

REVIEW OPTION:

If snow conditions are likely to be adversely affected by lying snow turning to ice, then clearing and gritting be undertaken wherever practicable and reasonable, if the resources are available to do so. This would particularly apply to the cemetery area, in order to facilitate funerals etc. In extreme circumstances, the Council may consider closing play areas, football pitches and parks until deemed safe for them to re-open. This could also apply if the conditions are predicted to remain for a number of days.

Town Council officers will determine whether or not to invoke this option by liaising with fellow officers from County and District in order to achieve a co-ordinated programme.