

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Snow Warden Scheme

As part of the Community Emergency plan, Faringdon Town Council (FTC) runs a Snow Warden scheme with the support of Oxfordshire County Council.

Residents and volunteers are invited to put their names forward to become a Snow Warden to help keep paths and pavements clear over the winter period.

The Snow Warden works on behalf of FTC and will contribute to delivering winter maintenance support to their communities.

FTC will make available:

- Salt (free of charge)
- Training courses to ensure the safe operation and clearance of snow and ice from footways
- Regular updates of when routes within their area have been gritted

FTC responsibility:

- Provide details of footways within the parish that will be treated with salt
- Encourage residents to help to clear areas of the footway adjacent to their property
- Assign a 'Snow Warden' to a specified area - a Snow Warden will co-ordinate activities locally and provide information about conditions of the local area
- Ensure refilling of grit bins by liaising with the OCC

Snow Warden responsibilities include:

- Management of local salt/grit supplies and storage
- Receiving and responding locally to weather alerts
- Liaising with other volunteers to clear snow and spread grit when snow is forecast
- Informing FTC of when grit bins require re-filling
- Encouraging other residents to use grit/salt responsibly and help to minimise the abuse of grit/salt within communities
- Providing information on local conditions
- Following personal safety measures as indicated in the risk assessment

Chief Snow Warden

FTC will appoint a Chief Snow Warden to keep a register of local trained volunteers and coordinator of volunteers

Equipment provided:

- High viz tabards
- Snow/grit shovel

Who can be a Snow Warden?

Any member of the community who is physically fit can apply to be a Snow Warden. Carrying out snow clearing activities can be physically demanding and tiring.

If you are pregnant or have any pre-existing health conditions that might place yourself or others at risk, or if you are not sure whether you are fit enough to carry out the work involved, please seek advice from your GP.

How can you get involved?

For more information on how to sign up, or if you just want more information about the role please contact Faringdon Town Council on 01367 240 281 or email: sarah@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk