



Dear Resident

We are now entering the winter period and I would like to take this opportunity to write to you about KCC Highways & Transportation's winter service provisions.

You may be interested to know that Kent County Council salt roughly 30% of all of Kent's roads, which is nearly 1500 miles of road which need to be gritted when conditions require it, for comparison this is the equivalent to travelling from London to Athens every time gritters are required! We also work with local farmers and provide them with the necessary equipment in order to clear country lanes and act as extra manpower when we are fully mobilised during a snow emergency. A full list of the winter services we provide can be found on the Kent County Council website.

[Kent County Council Website](#)

Please visit our website at www.kent.gov.uk for comprehensive information on our winter service provision. The direct link to this information is as follows:

www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/what-we-look-after/winter-service

This section will provide useful information on:

- Salt Bins (including locations)
- Gritting Routes
- How and when we salt the roads
- Clearing snow in the community
- The latest weather updates

[Please take great care on the roads this winter!](#)

For many people Christmas and New Year is the time for celebration that involves travelling to see friends & family and going out for Christmas shopping and Christmas parties. Naturally we see more traffic on the roads during the period of darkness and the worst weather of the year. Kent County Council will be working hard to keep the roads as safe and clear as possible; however you can also help us in the following ways:

- Drive to the conditions of the road at all times, especially during times of rain, ice and snow
- If we do get snow on the roads, please don't make any non essential journeys
- Please regularly check your vehicle to make sure it is road worthy.
- Do not drink and drive, or drive under the influence of any substance liable to impair your judgement

Finally I would like to thank you for taking time to read this article and wish you an enjoyable festive period and above all a very safe winter.

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