

## **Report on the Snow Warden activity during the recent cold period in January 2026**

- Most snow wardens were active and the agreed areas were successfully gritted. The WhatsApp group proved to be a successful way of communicating. Members of the public noticed the gritting.
- Some areas were not down for gritting and perhaps needed it. They were as follows:
  - The footpath to the school beside Kingfisher Close. This has now been added to the Kingfisher Close bin area.
  - Godolphin Close and Woodlands. These were not gritted and it was very slippery for several days. Of particular concern is the footpath connecting Woodlands with West Town Road. It may be possible to leave bags of grit with suitable residents in these streets for future use.
  - West Town Road. In patches this was very slippery for several days. The corner at Halses was particularly bad and a hazard for any traffic coming down the hill. If we were to grit this road, we would need at least a handheld gritter and more grit. The corner at Halses could be gritted by a local resident. Two bags of salt have now been left in the resilience shed at the Parish Hall and may be of use next time.
  - Smallbrook. Two bags of salt have now been left in the resilience shed for future use.
  - Sand Down Lane. Although this has a grit bin, it was too hazardous to reach it!
  - The road from the Beer Engine to Norton Cross. This shouldn't be gritted overall but there is a small stretch in front of the houses that remains slippery for days as it does not get any sun. Two bags of salt have now been left with a resident so that this short stretch can be treated next time.
  - Anywhere in Langford. There are no grit bins here, nor do we have any volunteers in this area.
- We were able to stock up quickly with bags of salt stored at Quicke's Home Farm. There are 26 bags left there for future use. However, the grit was exhausted from some of the bins. It's not known how long it takes for DCC to top them up and several apparently belong to MDDC and there is no apparent mechanism for topping them up.