

# Harting Parish Winter Management Plan

## Introduction

This plan provides a framework for a response to extreme weather conditions which may threaten the vulnerable in the parish.

## Key Risks

Harting Parish is centred on the village of South Harting with the more spread- out hamlets of East Harting and West Harting relatively close, the larger but more compact hamlet of Nyewood sits one and a half miles to the north.

The roads to Rogate, via Nyewood, and over the Downs to Chichester are busy and each include difficult, steep gradients and thickly wooded sections. The South Harting to Petersfield (B2146) road is easier on the Sussex side of the county border but can be dangerous in winter weather. All three are bus routes and school bus routes.

## In extreme weather conditions the principal risks are:

- Hazardous conditions and restricted access because of snow-bound roads, icy hills and fallen trees or power lines;
- Power failures
- Dangerous pavements and footpaths
- Disruption of communications including telephone lines and public transport
- Isolation of the frail and elderly who may, effectively, become trapped in their homes

## Emergency Response

In the event of a heavy snowfall and icing the priority should be to keep the following roads open. All are bus routes and school bus routes and are the principal routes of access for emergency vehicles:

- South Harting to Rogate
- South Harting to Petersfield (B2146)
- South Harting to Chichester (B2141)
- South Harting to Midhurst

These roads should be cleared by WSCC Highways Department.

## Salt bags

Salt is stored at Ryefields, contact Will Davey – 07768 726445. The supply is topped-up by WSCC on an annual basis, if required.

If heavy and prolonged snow is forecast, and advice from WSCC indicates the need, Will Davey will be asked to place the salt bags at the previously agreed sites (see Appendix A for location details).

The Parish Emergency Committee will ensure that volunteers are ready to treat key footpaths and pavements from pre-sited grit/salt bags and particularly steep and

dangerous roads that aren't salted.

### **Fallen Trees**

If a fallen tree is on power or telephone lines, a parish council member, or the Clerk, will contact the appropriate supplier. WSCC Highways will be contacted if a tree is blocking a road or a highway verge.

### **Risk to the Vulnerable**

Harting Parish has a significant population of elderly people, some of whom live in relatively remote locations. A vulnerable person list will be drawn up to ensure that assistance and support can be mobilised in the event of extreme weather conditions or power failure.

### **Parish Emergency Committee (as agreed Dec 2017)**

Mr Powys Maurice    West Harting  
Mr Healey            Nyewood  
Mr Stuttaford        East Harting  
Mrs Walker           South Harting.

### **Emergency Contact Numbers**

West Sussex Police	<a href="http://www.sussex.police.co.uk">www.sussex.police.co.uk</a>	101 or 01273 470101
Southern Water	<a href="http://www.southernwater.co.uk">www.southernwater.co.uk</a>	0330 3030368
SSE – Scottish Southern Electric	<a href="http://www.sse.co.uk">www.sse.co.uk</a>	0800 0727282
Power cut helpline		105 or 0800 072 7282
BT	<a href="http://www.bt.com/faults">www.bt.com/faults</a>	0800 800 151
WSCC Highways	<a href="http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/">www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/</a>	01243 642105

Appendix A

South Harting Salt Bags









