

LCC Snow Warden Scheme – Guidance for Parish Councils

Calling for volunteer snow wardens

We are looking for residents who are able to give up some of their time to clear snow when the winter weather hits us.

Volunteers will receive training and advice on how to clear snow and ice safely.

They would also be provided with protective clothing, a shovel and wheelbarrow.



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Leicestershire County Council will be launching the snow warden scheme again this season and we would like to invite Parish Councils to get involved to help your community during the coming winter.

The snow warden scheme is primarily intended to provide local treatment of key footways during periods of prolonged snow and ice.

The pressure that severe winter conditions places on LCC resource means that we are not able to treat footways ourselves. The objective of the snow warden scheme is to support the use of local resources to

clear footways in the local community during prolonged severe weather. This locally delivered activity will enable greater community resilience when unfortunately in reality, the County Council's current budgetary position means we are not able to resource this service.

How the snow warden scheme works

If your parish council would like to participate this involves the following:

1. The Parish Council identifies a snow warden, either an individual who undertakes grounds maintenance tasks or a volunteer.
2. LCC will agree with the parish council a schedule of footways that would be treated (marked maps would be supplied).
3. LCC will provide the necessary equipment including protective clothing, a shovel, brush and wheelbarrow for the snow warden.

4. The snow warden will undertake the relevant training provided by LCC before they are able to carry out any duties. This will cover safe working practices, manual handling, salt use etc.
5. The identified snow warden will be indemnified against any third party claims providing they operate within the terms of the agreement and adhere to the safety guidelines outlined in the training provided.
6. Written agreement will be drawn up between both parties (Parish Council and County Council) to cover this service.
7. During extreme conditions of snow and ice we will notify participating parish councils by telephone, to agree commencement of the footway treatment. If however you do not receive a communication from us, we would also encourage you to report any areas of concern you may have to us, this will enable us to work collaboratively to clear the area.
8. LCC will make a contribution payment towards the cost of the hours worked. This is invoiced by the parish council after each period of severe weather, detailing the dates and hours worked, without this information we would be unable to process payment. Currently the level of contribution is £6.89 per hour worked. This payment is a contribution to the parish, not the individual. Remuneration to snow wardens by the parish council is at the discretion of the individual parish council.

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Currently and for the foreseeable timeframe no face to face training will be taking place, the training is likely to be remote learning or an induction booklet will be put together for distribution to parishes.

If your parish council would like to book training or review further options for training, please contact Group.support@leics.gov.uk.