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## Winter Roads Maintenance Briefing Note

*“Working Together”*

Over Christmas and New Year various infrastructure staff will be working together to ensure treatments are carried out on the road network. We have a Duty Officer, Nominated Officers and Winter Supervisors monitoring the weather and road conditions throughout the festive period.

A big thank you is due to the employees from fleet, roads, landscape and waste services who will continue working to maintain critical services for our communities.

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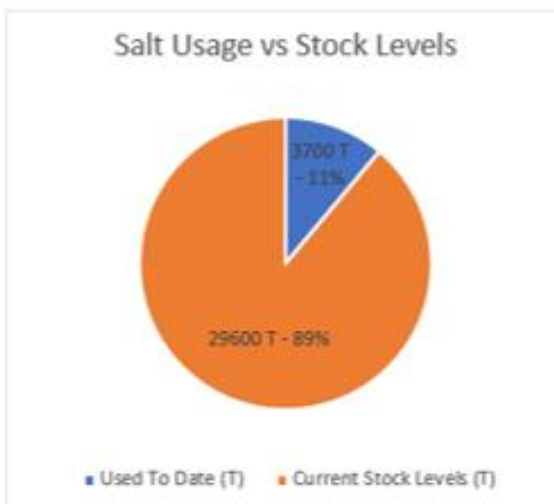


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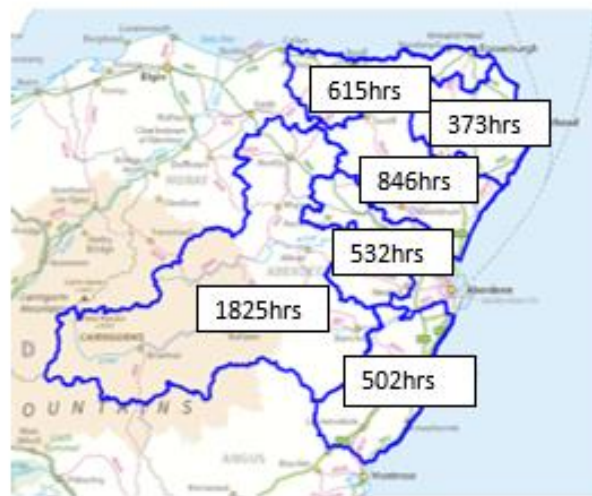
### Salt Management

So far this season we have used 3,700 tonnes of salt. We have just received a delivery of 3,800 tonnes, and currently in stock we have approximately 29,600 tonnes across the depots and quarries. We are constantly reviewing our salt stocks and arranging for further deliveries to remain prepared and resilient over the winter season.

We have so far spent 4693 hours carrying out Winter duties. The figures below show the breakdown of hours by area and by month.



\* Stats based on data from 1/10/20 to 13/12/20



Winter Hours by Area for the season



Monthly Person Hours required



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### Working Together - Farmers

During the winter season you may see some tractors with a plough attachment clearing some minor roads. We have arrangements in place with around 95 farmers to carry out snow clearing duties on C and U class roads.

This enhancement to the service allows minor roads to be cleared while we treat the primary network and priority footways. Aberdeenshire Council provides farmers with an hourly payment and snow plough attachment for their vehicle. We also deliver grit piles on minor roads to allow for community treatment when required.

For further information on why and how we carry out our treatments plans please refer to our Winter Ops Plan. See link for more details - <http://bit.ly/AbshireWMOP>





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### Communication

Our twitter account has almost reached 4000 followers. We are regularly updating and informing our communities of road works, closures and our winter maintenance plans. Throughout the season our winter operations will be providing updates of what treatments we will be carrying out across the network.

For updates throughout the winter follow our twitter account [@AbshireRoads](https://twitter.com/AbshireRoads)



**Aberdeenshire Roads** @... · 28 Nov

Temp remaining low with icy patches expected across @Aberdeenshire ❄️

#GritneyGears and 28 other gritters will be out treating across the road network tomorrow morning.

Check planned treatments [bit.ly/AbshireGR](https://bit.ly/AbshireGR) or download the #myAberdeenshireApp

#PlanAhead



2 replies, 3 retweets, 13 likes



**Aberdeenshire Roads**  
2,631 Tweets



**Aberdeenshire Roads**  
@AbshireRoads

News and updates about Aberdeenshire's roads network. Account is not monitored 24-hours. Report any issues using the link below, or call 03456 08 12 05.

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53 Following 3,945 Followers

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**Aberdeenshire Roads** @... · 7 Dec

Abshire Winter Ops - Mon 7 Dec 2020 (Update 07:25) - Reports of black ice around Ellon and towards Aberdeen, Gritters have been deployed to react to conditions. Current road surface temperatures shown on table. Please #drivesafe #TakeCare and drive to road conditions.



3 retweets, 7 likes

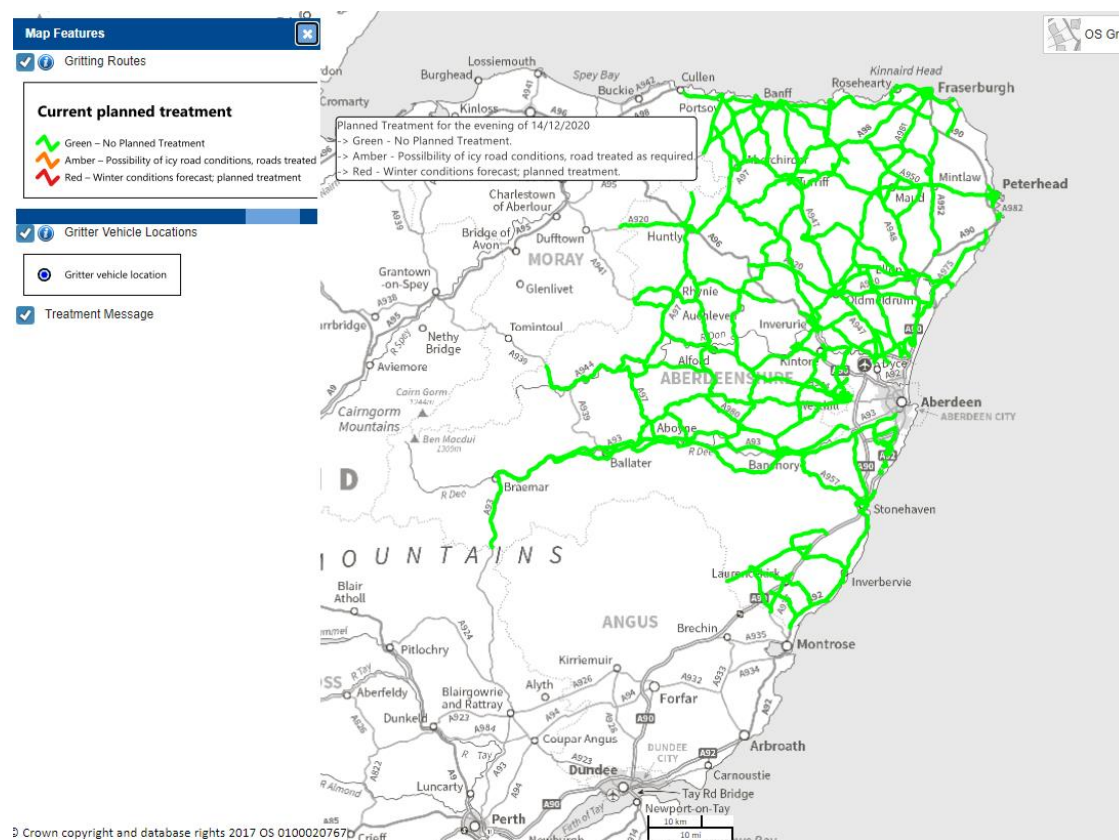
**Aberdeenshire Roads** @... · 7 Dec

Abshire Winter Ops - Mon 7 Dec 2020 (Update 06:20) - Reports of black ice around Inverurie and Kintore, Gritters have been deployed to react to conditions. Please #drivesafe #TakeCare and drive to road conditions



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### Gritter Tracking



We've had a busy start to the season and all 32 of our primary route gritters have been out treating the network.

The map shows the current treatment status of all primary routes. When the Gritters are out treating they will be visible on the map.

To see where and when we are gritting click here – <http://bit.ly/AbshireGR>

Or alternatively check the myAberdeenshire App.



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### Festive Planning

Over the festive period we are maintaining the provision of 24hr cover by Duty Officers, Nominated Officers and Overnight Standby Officers.

Duty Officers and Nominated Officers are responsible for monitoring the weather and road conditions in accordance with our Winter Maintenance Operational Plan. They will determine if treatment is required. This will continue as normal over the Christmas Period.

Overnight Standby Officers will be the emergency contact between 10pm and 4am. They will take appropriate action on any emergency calls that are received.

We also have the full provision of Winter Supervisors and Operatives across all areas who are on standby every morning and evening. They are all ready to carry out winter duties if required.

### My Aberdeenshire – Winter Service

Aberdeenshire Council have developed a mobile app that allows you to access council services on the move. You can use it on a smartphone or tablet for the following winter services:

- Request new grit bin or relocate a grit bin
- Request grit bin refill or report a damaged grit bin
- Check what treatments are planned for gritting routes
- Live track your gritter

The app can also be used to check your recycling and waste collections dates as well as find out what to put inside each bin. Information on your local recycling centre and what they accept. The Aberdeenshire school and term dates, planned/unplanned closures notification is also available. Browse events in Aberdeenshire and view current council jobs through the app. You can also view your councillors and watch live and archived council meetings.

Download the app for free from the Google Play Store or Apple App Store.

