



## Severe weather bulletin – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023

We do everything we can to keep traffic moving on priority roads and we are open about the fact we cannot grit every road in Lancashire. Even if we had the resources needed we couldn't grit them quickly enough to make a real difference.

No council does this. It is important people understand there are limitations to the service we can provide.

That is why we ask residents to take steps to make sure that when severe winter weather strikes they are prepared and able to manage.

### What we do

- The county council is responsible for over 4,300 miles of roads of which approximately 1,800 miles are part of Lancashire's 'Priority Road Network' for salting and snow clearing.
- It can take our gritters up to four hours to grit one route and even longer in severe weather conditions. This means sometimes we can't grit as often as we would like.
- When low temperatures are forecast we grit the roads as a precaution before the frost forms, usually during the evening or early hours of the morning. Remember weather forecasts are only a guide and our local knowledge and expertise is vital in deciding what to do.
- Despite our best efforts, winter weather can still make roads treacherous and there is no guarantee that roads will always be completely free of ice and snow. Take extra care.



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Update	North Lancashire (Lancaster, Wyre, Fylde)		Central & South Lancashire (Chorley, Preston, South Ribble, West Lancashire)		East Lancashire (Burnley, Hyndburn, Ribble Valley, Rossendale, Pendle)	
Where we have gritted in the past few days	Friday, 17 February 2023		Friday, 17 February 2023		Friday, 17 February 2023	
	AM	• No action taken	AM	• No action taken	AM	• No action taken
	PM	• No action taken	PM	• No action taken	PM	• No action taken
	Saturday, 18 February 2023		Saturday, 18 February 2023		Saturday, 18 February 2023	
	AM	• No action taken	AM	• No action taken	AM	• No action taken
	PM	• No action taken	PM	• No action taken	PM	• No action taken
	Sunday, 19 February 2023		Sunday, 19 February 2023		Sunday, 19 February 2023	
	AM	• No action taken	AM	• No action taken	AM	• No action taken
	PM	• No action taken	PM	• No action taken	PM	• No action taken
	Monday, 20 February 2023		Monday, 20 February 2023		Monday, 20 February 2023	
	AM	• No action taken	AM	• No action taken	AM	• No action taken
	PM	• No action taken	PM	• No action taken	PM	• No action taken
	Tuesday, 21 February 2023		Tuesday, 21 February 2023		Tuesday, 21 February 2023	
	AM	• No action taken	AM	• No action taken	AM	• No action taken
	PM	• No action taken	PM	• No action taken	PM	• No action taken
	Wednesday, 22 February 2023		Wednesday, 22 February 2023		Wednesday, 22 February 2023	
	AM	• No action taken	AM	• No action taken	AM	• No action taken
	PM	• All priority routes treated	PM	• All priority routes treated	PM	• All priority routes treated
	Thursday, 23 February 2023		Thursday, 23 February 2023		Thursday, 23 February 2023	
	AM	• No action taken	AM	• No action taken	AM	• No action taken
	PM	• No action taken	PM	• No action taken	PM	• No action taken
Countywide salt usage	• December 2021 – 2,771.19 tonnes • January 2022 – 4,872.15 tonnes • February 2022 – 3,998.90 tonnes		• December 2022 – 6,379.67 tonnes • January 2023 – 5,778.58 tonnes • February 2023 – 1,432.39 tonnes			
Lowest temp forecasted	Wednesday, 22 February - -2.7 °C		Wednesday, 22 February -1.5 °C		Wednesday, 22 February -2.8 °C	
Latest forecast  (RST–Road Surface Temperature)	1-5 Day Outlook: <b>THURSDAY:</b> Dry with sunshine tomorrow afternoon. Evening clear breaks, but an increasingly cloudy night with the slim chance of a light shower. RSTs close to zero for a time over high roads. <b>FRIDAY:</b> A bright day with sunny spells, although the chance of one or two showers. Dry overnight with lengthy clear intervals. RSTs below zero with the risk of hoar frost. <b>SATURDAY:</b> A dry morning, but one or two showers later, perhaps wintry over high routes. Dry overnight with clear spells. RSTs expected to drop below zero with the risk of hoar frost. <b>SUNDAY:</b> Variable amounts of cloud with the chance of one or two showers. Dry overnight with clear periods. RSTs likely to fall below zero with the risk of hoar frost. <b>6-10 Day Outlook: MONDAY:</b> Variable cloud with the chance of showers for a time - wintry across higher roads. RSTs likely to fall below zero. <b>TUESDAY &amp; WEDNESDAY:</b> Largely dry with clear spells and variable amounts of cloud. RSTs currently forecast to stay above zero on both nights. <b>THURSDAY:</b> Dry with clear intervals and variable cloud amounts. RSTs currently forecast to drop close to zero.					