



SNOW PLAN



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This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis

Next Review – January 2026

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Brixton Parish Council Snow Plan

This policy has been written in conjunction with BPC Snow Warden

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Introduction

This plan has been approved by Brixton Parish Council and is designed to provide a basic framework to ensure an effective approach to responding to snow and ice incidents which may threaten the safety and welfare of the community.

The role of the Snow Warden will be focussed on the provision of supplies to the Snow Patrol members, re-stocking of grit bins, any liaison with the emergency services / Devon County Council and act as a central point for information and communication for the community.

The Snow Warden and Snow Patrol members form the Snow Response team. The Snow Patrol members fulfil the role of Community Emergency Wardens. Historically snow / ice has a localised effect and requires a localised response. The plan is built on having many Snow Patrol members dispersed throughout the village. They will be equipped by the Parish Council and thus able to respond to their local situation quickly.

Role	Name	Telephone Number
Community Road Warden Snow Warden	Roger Smith	07967 016094

If the Snow Warden is unavailable to be the Snow Warden then an appointed representative of the Parish Council will take on the role. The incident will be co-ordinated from the Snow Warden's home address. The plan will be reviewed annually by Brixton Parish Council and notify Snow Warden accordingly. It will also be reviewed and updated after any snow / ice incident to reflect lessons learnt.

Objectives of the plan

- Identifies the hazardous areas.
- Defines the arrangements to identify, train and provision the community resources.
- Provides the specific details and tasks for a snow / ice incident in support of the higher level Community Emergency Response Plan.
- Identifies resources in the community available to assist during a snow / ice event.
- Promotes preparatory work for householders / businesses.
- Provides key contact details for the Snow Response Team, the Emergency Services and Local Authorities.

At Risk Areas

Brixton parish lies partially in a valley, hence it can suffer from cold lying in the hollows overnight. It has two tributaries of the River Yealm flowing through it which may cause low lying mists which can then condense and freeze onto cold pavements. It is also key that the Flood Defence preparations are completed as standing water on the roads would become a severe hazard if frozen during a cold-snap.

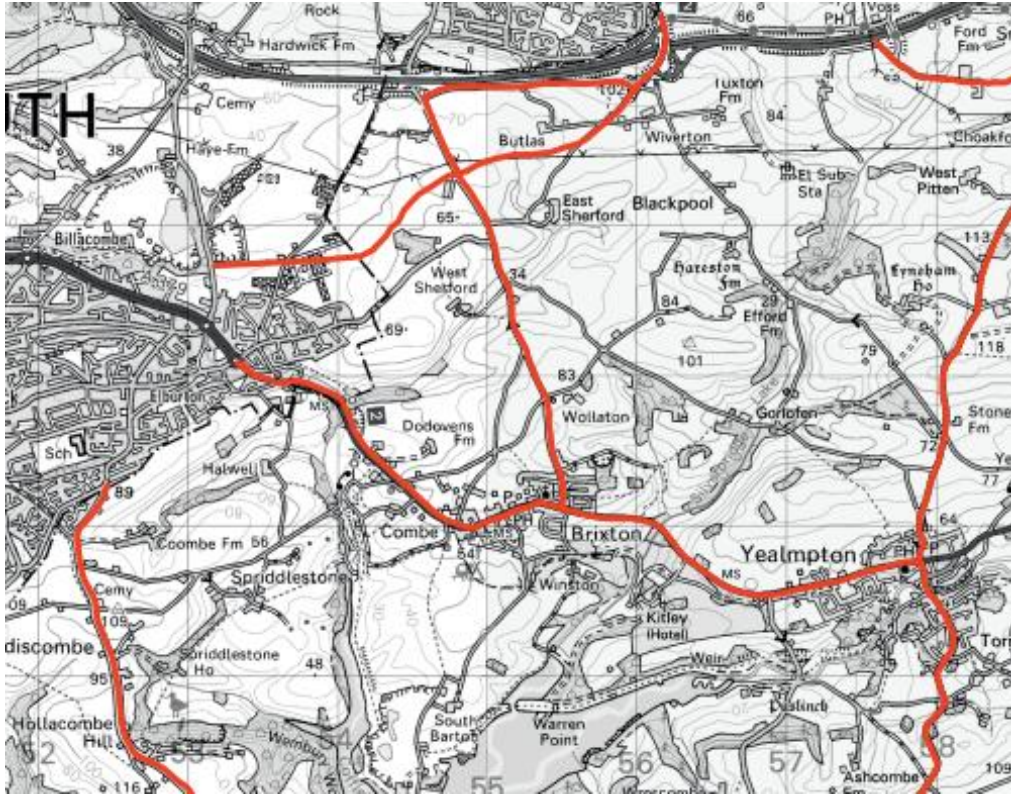
From the historical records the following hazard areas have been identified and are listed below:

Hazard Area
<i>Pavement Icing / Junction Icing</i>
Cherry Tree Drive
Cross Park
Winstone Lane
Steerpoint Road (corner Elliotts Hill)
Brixton Torr (corner Fordbrook Lane)
Fordbrook Road
Court View (corner with Venn Drive)
Elliots Hill (corner with A379)
Daisy Park
Legion Lane
Woodland Drive (corner with Red Lion Hill)

NB: Remember at all times to take every reasonable precautions to avoid harm to yourself and others.

Devon County Council as the lead Highways authority has a statutory duty to grit key traffic routes.

From the <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/document/winter-service-and-emergency-plan/#appendix-2-primary-salting-routes>



Roads that are gritted by Devon County Council

- A379

What to do before snow / ice incident

Brixton Parish Council is part of the Snow Warden scheme run by Devon County Council
This provides salt, grit and sandbags.

In August

- Review level of equipment (snow shovels, hi-viz vests, gloves etc) held by Snow Warden and held in the store and re-order as required.
- Encourage vulnerable people to register with their utility supplier's vulnerable customer's schemes.
- Promote key guides, for example

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keep-warm-keep-well-leaflet-gives-advice-on-staying-healthy-in-cold-weather>

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/keep-warm-keep-well/>

<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/health-wellbeing/keep-well-this-winter/>

- Check grit bins, and contact Devon County Council's Severe Weather team requesting grit refills if necessary.

In September

Ask farmer(s) to confirm that their equipment can be used

In October

- Order Devon County Council salt bags for storage in Brixton store.
- Snow Warden reviews priority areas for gritting.
- Snow Patrol members kit replenished from BPC store

In November and January

Articles in village newsletters highlighting that households can clear the pavements outside their own houses.

Monitoring and Alerts

- Devon County Council Safe Travel – Winter Travel
<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/safe-travel/winter-travel/>
- Devon Weather media posts
- Local and National Weather forecasts
- Met Office operates a National Severe Weather Warning Service
<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/warnings-and-advice/seasonal-advice/cold-weather-alerts> which also has details of the Cold Weather Alerts

The Cold Health Alert has four colour states alerts,(Green, Yellow, Amber and Red)

Green (summer preparedness)

No alert will be issued as the conditions are likely to have minimal impact on health.

Yellow (response)

These alerts cover a range of situations. A yellow alert may also be issued if the confidence in the weather forecast is low, but there could be more significant impacts if the worst-case scenario is realised.

Amber (enhanced response)

An amber alert would indicate that significant impacts are expected across multiple sectors.

Red (emergency response)

A red alert would indicate significant risk to life for even the healthy population

Respond to a snow / ice event procedure

Step	Action	Completed
Trigger	<p>Alert from Devon County Council Severe Weather Officer, or local knowledge The Snow Warden will liaise with DCC and BPC for further advice and/or assistance. Start recording events on the Incident Log Sheet – see Appendix 1</p> <p>Place warning / notices on website and social media feeds</p> <p>It is key that snow is removed quickly from any pavements. This avoids it becoming slush, freezing overnight and becoming more treacherous ice the follow day.</p>	
Before	<p>Snow Patrol members spread salt at hazardous area</p>	
After	<p>Snow Patrol members clear snow from hazardous areas. Householders clear snow from pavements adjoining their property.</p> <p>NB Snow is easier to remove than frozen slush. Note: There's no law stopping residents from clearing snow and ice on the pavement outside homes or from public spaces. It is unlikely individuals will be held legally responsible for any injures on a path if it has been cleared carefully. (Clear snow from a road, path or cycleway - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk))</p> <p>Snow Patrol members may need to spread more salt if life is being threatened, or if the emergency services are required, call 999 and request immediate assistance. Notify the D&C Police (dial 101).</p> <p>Snow Warden will establish an Emergency Control Centre (ECC) at their address. The ECC will coordinate, and should be informed of all aspects of the operation.</p> <p>If incident occurs for an extended period of time then instigate arrangements to check on the condition of vulnerable persons – heating / food etc</p> <p>Remember – keep a log of all incoming and outgoing calls and any action taken.</p>	
End	<p>Be on the look-out for burst pipes in properties</p> <p>Post incident review – lessons learn identify kit used for re-ordering</p>	

Council Contact Details

Organisation	Details	Contact Details
Devon County Council	https://www.devon.gov.uk/communities/opportunities/snow-warden-scheme	0345 155 1004
Brixton Parish Council	Clerk – Kirstie Aldridge	07890 945785
Brixton Parish Council	Snow Warden – Roger Smith	07967 016094

Local Media and Transport Information

Media	Freq / Location	Contact details
Radio Devon	FM: 95.7 MHz	Switchboard: 01752 260323 News desk: 01752 234511 radio.devon@bbc.co.uk
Spotlight	BBC1 television	01752 229201 spotlight@bbc.co.uk
Westcountry	ITV television	0808 10 10 185 westcountry@itv.com
Plymouth Live	Newspaper (online facility)	07584 591102 news@theplymouthherald.co.uk
Love Brixton Facebook	Facebook page	ge.webb@yahoo.com
Brixton Village Facebook	Facebook page	ian@haveanicestay.co.uk

Key Community Skills

Experience / Qualification	Address / Tel Number
Medical Aid	Yealm Medical Centre
NHS out of hours service	999 or 111
Farmers with salt / gritting equipment	
4 x 4 drivers	
Defibrillators	Locations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outside Venn Court - Outside the main entrance door to Brixton St Mary's Primary School - In the former phone box on The Green - In the former phone box at Fordbrook - Plymstock Albion Oaks, Horsham sports field - Entrance to Chittleburn Business Park

Equipment Details

Equipment	Owner	Available at	Contact
Grit Bin	DCC	Cherry Tree Drive	Snow Warden
Grit Bin	DCC	Cross Park	Snow Warden
Grit Bin	DCC	Winstone Lane	Snow Warden
Grit Bin	DCC	Steerpoint Road (corner Elliotts Hill)	Snow Warden
Grit Bin	DCC	Brixton Torr corner Fordbrook Lane)	Snow Warden
Grit Bin	BPC	Fordbrook Road (beside the Bee Friendly flower bed)	Snow Warden
Grit Bin	BPC	Court View (corner with Venn Drive) <i>small yellow bin</i>	Snow Warden
Grit Bin	BPC	Elliotts Hill (corner with A379)	Snow Warden
Grit Bin	BPC	Daisy Park	Snow Warden
Grit Bin	BPC	Legion Lane (top right, at back of open bin store)	Snow Warden
Grit Bin	BPC	Woodland Drive (corner with Red Lion Hill)	Snow Warden
3 x Hi Vis Jackets	BPC	BPC shed	Snow Warden
3 x Protective Gloves	BPC	BPC shed	Snow Warden
3 x snow shovels	BPC	BPC shed	Snow Warden
Salt Supply 25kg bags	Provided by DCC	Spriddlestone Farm	Snow Warden

Appendix 1 – Incident Log

The information contained in this log may be of use to agencies and local authorities following an incident to establish exactly what happened

(Do not destroy)

Log Keeper

Incident

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Date	Time	Event / Message	Action