

Templeton Community Snow / Emergency Plan

Please remember, while this is an emergency plan, our gritting teams cannot replace the work done by Devon County Council gritting lorries. Care should always be taken when gritting the roads.

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If you have any questions or would like to contribute to this plan, please contact Sara Stone ss@templetonparishcouncil.org.uk or clerk@templetonparishcouncil.org.uk

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1. A zonal approach to our Snow / Emergency Plan

- The parish of Templeton is split into 5 zones.
- It is paramount that the zones make sense to the residents who live there and include the practicalities of support.
- Residents are encouraged to know which zone they are in.
- Each zone has a zone leader who acts as a link person. They oversee their immediate area and are on the spot should timely assistance be needed.
- This list will be updated annually unless circumstances change.

Zone Description	
Zone 1	<p>Templeton Cross to Palm Springs Templeton Bridge to Higher South Coombe</p> <p><i>A grit spreader is owned and operated by residents in Zone One, Temple Bridge. This grit spreader operator will use grit from the supply provided by the Snow Warden / Devon County Council.</i></p>
Zone 2	Templeton Village to Templeton Cross
Zone 3	The Ford to Templeton Village
Zone 4	Burches Cross to The Coombes
Zone 5	<p>Templeton Cross to Rackenford Road [Loxbeare Junction]</p> <p><i>Although outside Templeton, this road gives the most direct access to and from the Rackenford Road, which is gritted by Devon County Council.</i></p>

2. Where are the grit bins in Templeton (and beyond)

Devon County Council provides an interactive map of grit bins in Templeton and beyond.

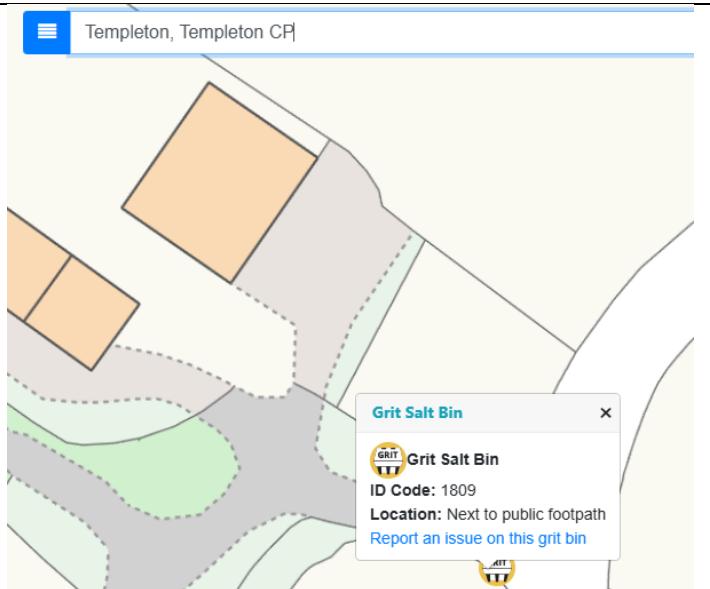
The link for grit bins is here:

https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem/map/map_src/gritbins/

Click on the link, scroll down and click continue to go to the map. Here is an example of what you will see.

All grit bins maintained by Devon County Council have a unique number as well as a description of where they are.

Residents are encouraged to identify their nearest grit bin(s).



3. When to spread grit

- The weather forecast is closely monitored by the Snow Warden, and team of zone leaders and volunteers, for expected freezing temperatures or frost.
The link to the main website is here:
[https://weather.metoffice.gov.uk/forecast/gcj3wjhv?nearestTo=Templeton%20\(Devon\)#?date=2025-10-19](https://weather.metoffice.gov.uk/forecast/gcj3wjhv?nearestTo=Templeton%20(Devon)#?date=2025-10-19)
- Grit should be spread when the forecast shows road temperatures are expected to fall to **0-2°C**. However, if rain is forecast to continue right up to freezing point, a decision may be taken to wait as the rain would wash away the grit before it can work.
- Grit should be spread by the Snow Warden, team or household before freezing temperatures or ice is expected, ideally either in the **late afternoon or early evening** to allow traffic to work the grit into the surface, or in the **early morning** before rush hour. Spreading grit before the ice forms is more effective than trying to break it up once it's already there.
- Care should always be taken when gritting the roads.

4. What to do if a grit bin needs filling

- Residents can contact Devon County Council directly using this interactive map.
https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem/map/map_src/gritbins/

If you do this, please advise the Snow Warden as while the interactive system shows grit bins which have been identified as needing to be filled, it does not currently differentiate between whether a grit bin is full, or if it may be empty but not reported.

When you report a grit bin which needs filling, you will be asked to indicate the current level of grit. e.g. quarter full.

- Or contact the Snow Warden, Sara Stone, ss@templetonparishcouncil.org.uk so that she can liaise with Devon County Council and order the grit.
- Or contact your zone lead and they will pass that information on to the Snow Warden.

5. What to do if a grit bin is damaged

- You can report it directly to Devon County Council directly using this interactive map.
https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem/map/map_src/gritbins/
When you report a damaged grit bin, you will be asked to describe the nature of the damage. e.g. grit bin split, lid missing and whether there are any sharp edges.
If you do this, please advise Sara Stone, the Snow Warden ss@templetonparishcouncil.org.uk care of the Parish Council so that our records can be kept up to date.
- Or contact the Snow Warden, Sara Stone, ss@templetonparishcouncil.org.uk so that she can liaise with Devon County Council and arrange for a replacement grit box.
- Or you can contact your zone lead and they will pass that information on to the Snow Warden.

6. Who should spread the grit?

The grit should be spread by the Snow Warden, the Zone Leaders, and the named volunteers. Households from Templeton may also take grit from their closest grit bins if they use the grit responsibly and follow grit spreading advice* (See point 3).

7. How to spread grit

These videos demonstrate how to spread grit by hand.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GLBoS0-Fbno>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3JDhppgyaQo>

8. Responsibilities of the Snow Warden - Overview

The Snow Warden works on behalf of Templeton Parish Council, not Devon County Council. The Snow Warden will deliver winter maintenance support to their community.

This includes:

1	Ordering grit supplies.
2	Receiving and responding locally to weather alerts. This includes liaising with the Zone Leaders as to when to go out and grit.
3	Organising and deploying volunteers to clear snow and to spread grit when icy conditions are forecast.
4	Keeping a register of local trained volunteers. This training to include <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to spread grit• When to spread grit• How the Snow Warden comms system is used to muster and organise volunteers
5	Encouraging responsible use of grit and help to minimise the abuse of grit.

9. The role of the Snow Warden

1	The Snow Warden must be named and nominated as suitable by Templeton Parish Council.
2	The Snow Warden must have received suitable training by Devon County Council to carry out minor works.
3	The Snow Warden must agree to work within the advice provided by Devon County Council.
4	The Snow Warden must agree to work to Templeton Parish Council's plan that has been agreed with Devon County Council i.e. this plan.
5	The Snow Warden must be registered with Devon County Council.

10. Responsibilities of Volunteers

1	The volunteer must work with the Snow Warden, who coordinates, and maintains a list of all volunteers.
2	The volunteers must give the Snow Warden their contact details and communicate with the Snow Warden, zone leaders and other volunteers via the Snow Warden WhatsApp Group. Templeton EX16 Emergency Group – to be set up Additional communications will also be sent out via the Templeton Village Hall Facebook Page
3	The volunteer's contact details will only be shared within each zone, with the Zone Leaders, the Snow Warden and Templeton Parish Clerk.
4	The volunteers should ensure that they have the right equipment for example, warm clothes, sensible shoes, hi viz jackets, shovel and stick, gloves, and a charged mobile phone in areas with a signal. Volunteers should also tell someone when they are going out, especially in areas where there is no, or limited, mobile phone signal.
5	The volunteers will receive training in how to spread grit and have access to Devon County Council training materials and other resources, including how to keep themselves safe. See point 7. A link to the Snow Warden Scheme and training materials is here: https://www.devon.gov.uk/communities/opportunities/snow-warden-scheme/

11. Templeton Community Emergency Plan

This is the Templeton Community Snow / Emergency Plan. Our Community Emergency Plan which will follow the same guidelines and lines of communication as the Snow Plan.
This information is taken from the Gov.uk website and offers a helpful overview.

<https://prepare.campaign.gov.uk/get-prepared-for-emergencies/>
<https://prepare.campaign.gov.uk/be-informed-about-hazards/>
<https://prepare.campaign.gov.uk/get-involved-in-your-community/>

12. Additional information

These links provide additional local information

https://www.facebook.com/DevonAlert/?locale=en_GB