

# ETE In Your Area

Nov / Dec 2011

**Welcome – find out what’s happening on the roads in and around your area**



Welcome to this edition of ETE In Your Area which is designed to provide you with more information about activities that East Sussex County Council’s Economy, Transport and Environment Department are planning in your area over the next couple of months. This newsletter will provide you with information on a variety of activities from ensuring the County’s roads and footpaths are maintained so that the thousands of vehicles and pedestrians using the road network every day can do so safely. This includes reactive, seasonal and planned maintenance activities and the maintenance of the bridges and structures including our Rights of Way and Bridleway networks.

The information is presented in [Wealden](#) to help you quickly find out what is going on in your own area.

We hope that you find this newsletter useful and would welcome any comments that you have.

**The dates provided are based on current plans and while we try to keep to our schedule, in some cases dates may have to change. We will do our best to keep you updated with changes affecting your area.**



# Countywide

## **East Sussex Local Access Forum**

**Contact: Andrew Le Gresley, Team Manager, Rights of Way, 01273 335225**

The East Sussex Local Access Forum will be meeting at 2pm on 7<sup>th</sup> December at the Turkey Barn Seven Sisters Country Park. The Forum advises on a range of issues concerning people using the countryside for recreation. More information, including agendas, minutes and meeting room details will be available here:

<http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/countryside/rightsofway/localaccessforum/default.htm>

## **Winter Maintenance Policy**

**Contact: Tony Pike, Team Manager, Contracts and Asset Management, 01273 482130**

## **Summary of policy 2011/12**

### **Introduction**

This document is a summary of the Winter Maintenance Service Policy<sup>1</sup>. It provides a straightforward guide for reference by the general public.

### **Legal responsibilities**

Section 111 of the Railways and Transport Act 2003 states that a Highway Authority must ensure, so far as is reasonable, that passage along a highway is not endangered by snow and ice. The purpose of the winter maintenance service is to ensure the safe movement of all highway users on designated roads throughout the county, while also keeping delays and accidents, caused by adverse weather conditions, to a minimum.


### **Weather monitoring**

East Sussex has four weather monitoring stations located at Ashcombe, Golden Cross, Mark Cross and Guestling. These weather stations are equipped with sensors to monitor air and road surface temperatures, precipitation, humidity, road surface conditions, and residual salt on the road surface and wind speed. Information from each of the stations is retrieved and managed through a specialist bureau.

### **Weather forecast**

A weather forecast provider supplies daily forecasts of the weather in East Sussex. The road forecast uses information from our four weather stations to provide a detailed weather forecast. This tells us if the road surfaces are likely to fall below





freezing during the next 24 hours and where we need to salt.

### **Roads that are routinely salted**

Routine precautionary salting is carried out on pre-determined routes to help prevent the formation of ice. These routes are consistent with the principles of the Local Transport Plan and the Transport Asset Management Plan. We treat two types of roads:

#### **Primary routes**

These are roads that are normally salted during the course of a winter period as a priority. They consist of A and B roads and about 75% of the C roads, which are the most heavily used roads in the county. The normal salting routes cover 860 miles of road, or 42% of the total road network.

They would normally be treated when the following weather conditions are forecast:

- Snow.
- Road surface temperatures falling close to, or below, freezing where moisture may be present.

We only salt where it is considered necessary. Even on a cold day, the roads can retain enough heat to prevent the need for salting.

The roads are treated at different times of the day depending on the weather forecast. Wherever possible salting is planned to occur:

- after the evening rush hour, if the forecast indicates low overnight road surface temperatures; and
- before the morning rush hour, where low morning temperatures have been forecast.

#### **Secondary roads**

These roads are not normally salted unless snow or severe icy conditions are forecast. They tend to include those major bus routes not included in the primary routes, link roads into a village/hamlet/urban estate, and main feeder roads to local hospitals. The secondary salting routes currently cover 200 miles of road, representing an additional 10% of the total road network.

We do not routinely salt footpaths or pavements.

#### **Gritter fleet and response times**

There are 25 gritters available, which are used to salt both primary and secondary routes.

When primary routes need salting it takes an hour for the gritters to start work. This allows for the drivers to get to a depot, load the salt and refuel the vehicle. It will then take up to three hours to treat all of the roads within the primary routes.

When secondary routes need salting it takes 30 minutes for the gritters to be re-loaded and vehicle checks undertaken, before salting can re-commence. It will then take an additional 1½ hours to treat all of the secondary roads.

It takes approximately six hours to treat both primary and secondary routes<sup>2</sup>.

#### **Treatment during snowy conditions**

Once primary and secondary routes are clear, operations can move to other roads with priority given to:

- hospitals, fire, ambulance and police stations;

- bus and railway stations and other public transport stations;
- main shopping areas, schools etc; and
- difficult sites (very steep hills etc).

Minor rural and urban roads will be left to thaw naturally.

Hand salting of pavements will only be carried out if staff and equipment become available. The pavements in main shopping areas and busy urban areas will be treated as a priority.

### Using farmers during snow

The Council retains a list of farmers that are prepared to clear minor roads local to their farms during snowy conditions. They are provided with a Council owned snowplough which can be mounted onto tractors. They have been instructed to clear specific minor rural roads.

### Roadside grit (salt) bins

These have been provided throughout the county, so that pedestrians and motorists can help themselves by salting small areas of road or pavement. It is current policy to only maintain the existing grit bins and new grit bins will not be provided<sup>3</sup>. However, new bins can be provided by recognised bodies such as parish councils or resident's associations<sup>4</sup>. The location of these bins would require written approval from the local Highways Office. (See Winter maintenance: provision of grit bins: ESH11.)

The Council inspects and fills all its grit bins during the autumn. If there is snow, the bins will only be re-filled if staff and equipment are available to undertake this work. The salt in the bin should be used very sparingly. Salt does not aid grip and is

supplied to assist in preventing the formation of ice and with the melting of snow, which will only occur after it has been churned by traffic. The salt is provided for use only on public roads and pavements, and should not be used or transported anywhere else. Grit bins will not be refilled on demand.

### Self help

Householders and businesses in East Sussex are encouraged to clear snow and ice from public areas near their properties during periods of severe winter weather. They are also encouraged to assist neighbours' who may not be able to clear snow themselves. The following extract from a Ministry of Justice<sup>5</sup> letter may be of interest to anyone who is concerned about their legal position

*'The prospect of a person who volunteers to clear snow from a pavement being successfully sued for damages by a person who subsequently slips on the cleared area and is injured is very small.'*

*'A snow-clearer does have a duty to anyone who passes along the pavement to do the clearing with reasonable care so as not to create a new and worse risk, but the only person who is at risk of being sued is a person who clears the snow so badly that things are worse than before and that common sense would indicate this was so. A job done very badly indeed which makes the pavement clearly more dangerous than before might give rise to a risk if a person who would not have slipped otherwise slips and is injured as a direct result of that more dangerous state of affairs.'*



## Facts and figures

Total road length	3200km (2000 miles)
Primary route length	1380km (860miles) or 42% of the road length
Secondary route length	208km (198 miles) or an additional 10%
Salt in storage at start of season	10,000 tonnes
Salt used to treat primary route	210 tonnes (light to medium application)
Salt used to treat secondary route	50 tonnes (light to medium application)
County Council revenue budget	£358.1 million
Band D Council Tax	£1,158.30
Winter maintenance revenue budget	£1.59 million or 0.45% of county revenue expenditure.
Band D council tax contribution	£5.14 per year, equivalent to 3p a day during the winter period.

### Reference documents

1. Winter Service Policy and Plan 2011/12.
2. Meeting of the Lead Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment dated 4 February 2002 resolved to amend response and treatment times.
3. Meeting of the Transport and Environment Committee dated 30 September 1997 resolution on roads to be gritted and provision of grit bins.
4. East Sussex Highways – Fact Sheet ESH 11 – Provision of grit bins
5. Letter from Ministry of Justice to Nicholas Soames MP dated 28 February 2010.


### Other useful documents


- i) Meeting of the Scrutiny Committee for Transport & Environment Scrutiny Committee of the 15 September 2009 and the Scrutiny Review of Winter Services in East Sussex.
- ii) East Sussex Highways – Fact Sheet ESH 04 - Winter road maintenance

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Why is my road not gritted?

We can't grit all roads, but we have a list of our primary roads that we do grit, which gives priority to the busiest roads in order to avoid the most serious accidents. This includes the major A, B and about 75% of C roads, some 860 miles or 42% of the total road network. During snow and very severe icy conditions we treat an additional 200 miles of road (known as secondary roads), giving a total coverage of about 52% of our road network. Once the busiest roads are clear we give priority to roads leading to:



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- hospitals, fire, ambulance and police stations;
  - bus and railway stations and other public transport stations;
  - main shopping areas, schools etc; and
  - difficult sites (very steep hills etc).

Minor rural and urban roads are left to thaw naturally.

### **When is my road going to be gritted?**

If your road is not on the primary or secondary road list it will not be gritted.

Our gritters treat the roads to try and stop frost and ice forming before temperatures fall below freezing. We schedule the gritting process based on the weather forecast. Where possible we try and plan the gritting operation to occur after the evening peak hours, or before the morning peak hours.

### **Can I see a map of which roads will be gritted?**

We have compiled a map of roads that will be gritted during severe snow and ice. It will show the primary roads that will be gritted, and you can search by postcode to check the roads relevant to your journey. Some secondary roads may also be gritted, once primary roads are completed, but these are not shown on the map. You can find the map on [eastsussex.gov.uk/winterroads](http://eastsussex.gov.uk/winterroads)

### **My road is on a steep hill leading to a busy junction. Why is it not gritted?**

See question 1.

### **Why has one side of the road been gritted but not the side that my house is on?**

The gritter only needs to drive along one side of the road, as the salt spreading mechanism is designed to deliver the salt across the full width of the road.

### **Why was your gritter going along the road but not treating it?**


Our gritters follow a detailed route, so that they can grit the primary roads within a specific area. When designing this detailed route we take into account the length of road that the gritter can treat when it has been fully loaded with salt. To maximise efficiency and reduce the time taken to salt the roads, the gritter has to travel across some intersecting roads to be able to salt the primary roads. It is not feasible to salt these intersecting roads as the gritter would not have sufficient salt to treat the primary roads.


The gritter may be empty and returning to the depot after completing its run.

When the gritter lorry is using its snow ploughs, salt is not always applied.

### **Why don't you grit pavements?**

We don't routinely salt footpaths or pavements. We have to priorities major roads rather than pavements to prevent the most serious accidents. Hand salting of pavements will only be carried out if staff and equipment become available, with pavements in main shopping areas and busy urban areas treated as a priority. We





encourage householders and businesses to help themselves by clearing snow and ice from public areas near their properties.

**Can we have a grit bin?**

We currently have over 750 bins spread around the county. We do not provide additional grit bins. However, we are working with district and borough councils, residents' associations and businesses to review the locations of grit bins, particularly where these organisations may wish to purchase additional bins (see Winter maintenance: provision of grit bins: ESH11).

**When will you fill the grit bin?**

We inspect and fill all of our grit bins in the autumn. If there is snow, the bins will only be re-filled if staff and equipment become available to undertake the work. The salt should be used very sparingly, as it does not aid grip but is supplied to assist in preventing the formation of ice and melting of snow. It is provided for use only on public roads and pavements, and should not be used or transported anywhere else. We do not refill grit bins on demand.

**I'm not on the main gritting route but have an emergency. Can you come out and grit my road?**

If there is a real emergency and we are requested to provide assistance by the emergency services, then we will respond positively.

**Why don't you grit all roads leading to schools?**

See question 1.

**Can I buy grit/salt from you? If not can you give me contact details for a grit supplier?**

We do not provide salt to private individuals or businesses, unless the business or a residents' association has purchased an approved grit bin from East Sussex County Council. Rock salt can be obtained from some builders' merchants and DIY stores.


For further information on purchasing approved grit bins, please refer to our leaflet 'Winter maintenance: provision of grit bins ESH11.'


**My relative has run out of food and can't get to the shops. Can you grit the road please?**

We do not have the resources to respond to individual requests to salt roads. Should anyone need advice or information on the support available for a vulnerable adult, they should contact Social Care Direct on 0345 60 80 191.

**If I slip on an untreated pavement, who is liable? If I have an accident on an untreated road, who is liable?**

If an accident occurs on either an untreated pavement or road, the individual concerned must prove that the County Council is liable. There is no automatic right to compensation and all claims will be assessed on the basis of the Council's legal





responsibilities. Any claimant must be prepared to prove in a Court of Law that the Council's winter maintenance policy was not reasonably practical.

If a person wishes to pursue a claim then details of the incident can be provided to the Highways Contact Centre on 0345 60 80 193 or [highways@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:highways@eastsussex.gov.uk).

### **Should I be gritting the pavement outside my house?**

Householders and businesses are encouraged to clear snow and ice from public areas near their properties during periods of severe winter weather. We also encourage people to assist neighbours' who may not be able to clear snow and ice themselves.

### **If I grit the pavement outside my house and someone slips can they sue me?**

The prospect of a person, who has cleared snow from their pavement, being successfully sued by someone who has subsequently slipped on that pavement is very small. However, the snow-clearer has a duty to ensure that they clear the pavement with reasonable care so that they do not create a new or worse risk. As long as, in clearing the pavement, the resident has improved the condition of the pavement and made it safer to walk on than before it was cleared, they should not be liable if someone slips (see Winter maintenance: summary of policy 2010/11).

### **A gritter sprayed onto my car and has caused damage. What can I do?**

We use a small size of rock salt grit (6mm grading) which is extremely light and not very dense, and is unlikely to cause damage to vehicles. However, should a driver wish to pursue a claim then details should be provided to the Highways Contact Centre on:

0345 60 80 193 or [highways@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:highways@eastsussex.gov.uk). This will then be forwarded to our contractor who is responsible for the manner in which the gritting operations are carried out.


### **Will the bus service be running as normal with the ice on the road? How can I find out?**

Bus companies are responsible for determining whether they are prepared to run a service. You will need to contact the bus company responsible for the route to determine if they are running the service.

### **How do I find out if schools are open?**


- Local radio broadcasts school closures.
- You can subscribe to our email system or RSS alerts on [eastsussex.gov.uk/schoolclosurealert](http://eastsussex.gov.uk/schoolclosurealert) for individual school closures.
- visit our website at [eastsussex.gov.uk](http://eastsussex.gov.uk)
- Your child's school website will also carry information about closures.

## **Facts, Figures & Myths**

- We don't use grit, but rock salt instead which is considered to be the best practice within the industry.
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- Between 1 November 2010 and 31 March 2011 we used approximately 6,600 tonnes of salt.
- In an average year we would expect to use 6,000 tonnes of salt.
- We started the 2010/11 winter season with 7,800 tonnes of salt in our depots, and the contractor had an additional 1000 tonnes on call from Shoreham Harbour.
- ESCC doesn't buy salt directly. It is purchased and owned by May Gurney and we pay for it to be spread on the highway. Typically, salt costs between £30 to £35 per tonne.
- There are two main suppliers of rock salt in the UK: Cleveland Potash and Salt Union, with a further supplier in Ireland.
- May Gurney buy the majority of their salt from Cleveland Potash, combining their ESCC buying with several of their major highways contracts across the UK.
- Salt is delivered to Shoreham Harbour by boat and then distributed by road to our depots.
- We operate a fleet of 25 gritters, and keep three spares in case of breakdowns or accidents.
- Each gritter operates on a pre-planned route that takes approximately two to three hours to complete.
- Generally gritters are used when the forecast or conditions dictate. This can be in the evening or early morning, avoiding peak traffic flows where possible, to try to limit the likelihood of frost/ice forming on the road. It is for this reason that most gritting operations go largely unnoticed.
- In 2010/11 we used our gritters 70 times, whereas in a normal winter we would only anticipate 40 turnouts.
- There are a number of fixed costs in providing the winter maintenance service, these are:


Leasing of vehicles	£510k
Maintenance of vehicles (servicing etc)	£178k
Basic facility (for example standby, depot management etc)	£191k
Weather forecast/bureau/ice detection costs	£ 30k
Snow fence (A259 East Dean)	£ 10k
Total fixed costs	£919k




The winter maintenance budget for 2011-2012 is provisionally set at £1.59 million

- When we salt, we pay the contractor based on the length of road each individual gritter covers when treating a scheduled route or snow route. This has to be funded from the remaining winter maintenance budget after deducting the fixed costs.
- The gritters are driven by trained May Gurney staff.
- Gritters are specialist pieces of equipment, but for eight or nine months of the year they are largely unused.
- Our gritters operate from six depots: Ringmer, Sidley, Heathfield, Maresfield (Mill Pond), Polegate (Mile Oak) and Cripps Corner.
- Salt is stored under cover and we can store up to 15,000 tonnes at our six depots.
- Rock salt provides no friction/abrasion; it simply prevents the formation of ice on the carriageway and aids the melting of snow and ice.
- Salt alone doesn't remove/melt snow; it relies on traffic to 'churn' the snow.
- Rock salt becomes less effective at temperatures below -5 degrees C.
- Rock salt is distributed at the rate of between 10grammes/sq.m and 40grammes/sq.m (½ ounce to 2 ounces) depending on the forecast and severity of the weather conditions.
- We treat 860 miles of highway, a mixture of A, B, C and unclassified roads, amounting to 42% of the total road network. This is one of the highest percentages of treated road networks for a highway authority in the South East:

West Sussex	40%
Kent	30%
Hampshire	26%

- In addition, we treat an extra 200 miles of highway during snow, equating to a total coverage of over 52% of our road network.
  - There are approximately 750 grit bins distributed across the county.
  - 99% of these grit bins are owned by East Sussex County Council (ESCC). The remainder are the responsibility of parish councils.
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- During the winter months the County Council make daily decisions about winter gritting across the whole county upon receipt of detailed weather forecasts from the Met Office. Judgements on where and when to dispatch the gritters are based on forecasted road temperatures and the likelihood of ice formation or snow fall. We work closely with the Borough and District Councils to coordinate their snow clearance activities and gritting of pedestrian areas.
  - During snow fall, snow ploughs are fitted to all gritters. However, snow ploughs don't clear all snow from the highway. Instead they operate approximately 75-100mm above the carriageway, to avoid damaging the road surface and the plough. When driven with ploughs attached, the vehicles have to be manned by two people.
  - We have 20 local farmer and 7 local contractors who can be called upon to clear snow from rural roads.
  - The decision to use gritters is made on the basis of detailed weather forecasts, which are formulated using data collected from our local weather stations at four locations across the county: Ashcombe (nr Lewes), Guestling, Mark Cross, and Golden Cross.

## **Provision of Grit bins**

### **Can we have a grit bin?**

The County Council will provide new grit bins where the costs are met by residents' associations, businesses, or the local parish, town or district council and there is a suitable location for the new bin. If you would like a grit bin please contact your local parish, town or district council in the first instance to find out whether they would be willing to provide one.

If your parish, town or district council agrees to your request, they will contact us. Alternatively, you can contact us using the details on this leaflet. We will then review the request and, if approved, agree a suitable location. The bins can be located on the highway, private or local Council owned land providing the owner gives permission.

### **When the bin is empty, how do we get it filled?**

New grit bins will not be refilled automatically. The relevant owner or responsible person must make a request for a bin to be refilled by contacting our Highways Contact Centre and making an advance payment. We will then arrange for the new bin to be refilled when we refill our own grit bins. In periods of high demand grit may be reserved for use on priority roads and this might prevent grit bins from being re-filled.

When a new grit bin is provided the following costs apply (these costs will be reviewed annually):





### **Cost for initial installation**

Grit/salt bin	£145
Installation and first fill	<u>£130</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£275</b>
<b>Refill</b>	<b>£ 70</b>

### **The use of grit**

Grit is another name for 'rock salt'. It helps to keep roads safe by reducing the risk of ice. The grit works by lowering the temperature at which water freezes. It relies on the action of vehicle tyres to spread it over the road. It can, however, get too cold for the grit to work - at below minus 5 °C the effectiveness of grit is reduced and roads may still freeze. Rain or snow can wash the grit away leaving roads prone to re-icing, so gritting should take place after the rain but before the water freezes. The grit has been specifically provided for the treatment of public roads and pavements and should only be used in these areas.

### **Spreading grit safely**

Safety is the most important factor.

- Only spread the grit when there are no vehicles or pedestrians nearby.
- Wear bright clothing to ensure that you can be seen easily.
- Don't assume the road or pavement is safe just because it has been gritted.
- Look after the environment - use the minimum grit necessary. A shovel full of grit will be sufficient for 20-30sq.m of road.

### **How to contact us**

For more information about our services and to view our series of fact sheets, visit our website or contact our East Sussex Highways Contact Centre on:

(calls charged at the local rate)


Phone: 0345 60 80 193

Fax: 01273 482955

Email: [highways@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:highways@eastsussex.gov.uk)

Website: [eastsussex.gov.uk](http://eastsussex.gov.uk)

[eastsussex.gov.uk/fault](http://eastsussex.gov.uk/fault) (to report a fault online)





## Clearing Snow & Ice from Pavements

Householders and businesses in the county are encouraged to clear snow and ice from pavements and public spaces. This guide provides information and advice to help you clear areas safely, and assist neighbours' who are unable to clear snow themselves.


### **Will I be held liable if someone falls on a path I have cleared?**


There is no law preventing you from clearing snow and ice on the pavement outside your property, pathways to your property or public spaces.

It is very unlikely that you would face any legal liability, as long as you are careful, and use common sense to ensure that you do not make the pavement or pathway more dangerous than before. People using areas affected by snow and ice have responsibility to be careful themselves.

### **What can I do to help clear snow and ice from pavements and public spaces?**

Our Highways department offers the following advice:

- Start early: it is much easier to remove fresh, loose snow rather than compacted ice that has been compressed by people walking on it.
  - **Do not use hot water.** This will melt the snow, but may replace it with black ice, increasing the risk of injury.
  - Be a good neighbour: some people may be unable to clear snow and ice on paths leading to, or fronting their property. Snowfall and cold weather can make gaining access to and from a property or walking to the shops extremely difficult.
  - If shovelling snow, think about where you are putting it, so that it does not block people's paths or drainage channels. This could shift the problem elsewhere.
  - Make a pathway down the middle of the area to be cleared first, so you have a clear surface to walk on. Then you can shovel the snow from the centre to the sides.
  - Spreading salt on the area you have cleared will help to prevent ice forming. Table salt or dishwasher salt will work, but avoid spreading on plants or grass as it may damage them. A few grams (a tablespoon) for each square metre you clear should work. The salt found in salting bins should mainly be used to keep roads clear.
  - Particular care and attention should be given to steps and steep gradients to ensure snow and ice is removed. You might need to apply additional salt to these areas.
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- Use the sun to your advantage. Removing the top layer of snow will allow the sun to melt any ice beneath; however you will need to cover any ice with salt to stop it refreezing overnight.
  - If there is no salt available, then a little sand or ash is a reasonable substitute. It will not have the same de-icing properties as salt but should offer grip under foot.

**Where can I find out more information about what to do in an emergency?**

The Preparing for Emergencies web pages on Directgov contain useful information on how you can prepare for the impacts of all emergencies. The pages can be found at [http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/NI1/Newsroom/Features/DG\\_WP199639](http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/NI1/Newsroom/Features/DG_WP199639)

On the next page is a map of our gritter routes throughout the county.







# Wealden

**Location:** Alfriston  
**Activity:** Alfriston Dickensian Evening  
**Proposed Dates:** 3 December 2011  
**Contact:** Graham Kean, Wealden District Council, 01892 655331  
Temporary road closure at C39 High Street and North Street


**Location:** Argos Hill  
**Activity:** Surfacing  
**Proposed Dates:** 23 November to 25 November 2011  
**Contact:** Anthony Peall, Construction Engineer, 01273 481753  
Road closure at A267 Tunbridge Wells Road


**Location:** Bells Yew Green  
**Activity:** Footway resurfacing  
**Proposed Dates:** 21 November to 2 December 2011  
**Contact:** Peter Heasman, Highway Engineer, 01323 415244  
Road closure at Rushlye Close

**Location:** Berwick  
**Activity:** Civil engineering works  
**Proposed Dates:** 12 October to 11 December 2011  
**Contact:** Network Rail, 01273 783391  
Temporary road closure at C39 Station Road (level crossing)

**Location:** Blackboys  
**Activity:** Water mains replacement  
**Proposed Dates:** 18 July to 23 December 2011  
**Contact:** Clancy Docwra for South East Water, 01634 873084  
Two way temporary traffic lights at B2192 Lewes Road, junction of School Lane and outside Fir Tree Farm

**Location:** Buxted  
**Activity:** Footway resurfacing  
**Proposed Dates:** 31 October to 3 November 2011  
**Contact:** Peter Heasman, Highway Engineer, 01323 415244  
Two way traffic lights at A272 Station Road, Hurstwood Road to Yew Tree Cottage





**Location:** Buxted  
**Activity:** BT Pole Replacement  
**Proposed Dates:** 4 November 2011  
**Contact:** Carillion for BT, 01268 595618  
Temporary road closure at Fowley Lane

**Location:** Buxted  
**Activity:** Creation of mini-roundabout  
**Proposed Dates:** Ongoing  
**Contact:** Nathan Hancock, Development Control Engineer,  
01273 482252

WD/09/1466 - Developer lead highway improvement works at junction with Framfield Road and High Street (associated with the 67 unit residential development)


**Location:** Buxted  
**Activity:** Junction creation, footway extension and pedestrian crossing creation  
**Proposed Dates:** Provisional start November 2011  
**Contact:** Nathan Hancock, Development Control Engineer,  
01273 482252

WD/10/1606 - Developer lead highway improvement works at High Street and Framfield Road (associated with new surgery and community hall)

**Location:** Cooksbridge  
**Activity:** Surfacing  
**Proposed Dates:** 2 December 2011  
**Contact:** Anthony Peall, Construction Engineer, 01273 481753  
Road closure at A275 Cooksbridge Road, Beechwood Lane to Hamsey Road

**Location:** Crowborough  
**Activity:** Surface improvements  
**Proposed Dates:** Autumn 2011  
**Contact:** Alan Hart, Programme Works and Contract Manager,  
01273 335228

At Crowborough FP4 - resurfacing work will be carried out to improve public access along this very well used footpath which runs from Crowborough Hill and provides access to Beacon Community College





**Location:** Crowborough  
**Activity:** Gas main replacement  
**Proposed Dates:** 11 July 2011 to 30 March 2012  
**Contact:** Southern Gas Networks, 01273 490100

Temporary road closure at Luxford Lane from its junction with Herne Road to its junction with Luxford Road. Diversion via Blackness Road and Luxford Road in both directions


**Location:** Crowborough  
**Activity:** Footway Surfacing  
**Proposed Dates:** 7 November to 16 November 2011  
**Contact:** Paul Dartnell, Construction, Engineer, 01323 415244  
At Southridge Road, Southridge Rise junction to Harecombe Rise junction


**Location:** Crowborough  
**Activity:** Remembrance Day parade  
**Proposed Dates:** 11 November 2011  
**Contact:** Graham Kean, Wealden District Council, 01825 655331  
Temporary road closure at Church Road

**Location:** Crowborough  
**Activity:** Christmas Fun Day  
**Proposed Dates:** 1 December 2011  
**Contact:** Graham Kean, Wealden District Council, 01892 655331  
Temporary road closure at B2100/C11 High Street, The Broadway and Croft Road

**Location:** Crowborough  
**Activity:** Mains connection  
**Proposed Dates:** 12 December 2011 to 6 April 2012  
**Contact:** Southern Gas Networks, 01273 490100  
Multiphase temporary traffic lights at Rannoch Road

**Location:** East Hoathly  
**Activity:** East Hoathly Bonfire Celebrations  
**Proposed Dates:** 12 November 2011  
**Contact:** Graham Kean/Barry Martin, Wealden District Council, 01825 840660  
Temporary road closure at C13/C59 Waldron Road, High Street, South Street and London Road





**Location:** Forest Row  
**Activity:** BT inspection chamber maintenance  
**Proposed Dates:** 11 July to 8 November 2011  
**Contact:** Carillion for BT, 01268 595618  
Two way temporary traffic signals at A22 Lewes Road adjacent to Broadstone Scout Camp

**Location:** Forest Row  
**Activity:** Surface and revetment works  
**Proposed Dates:** Autumn 2011  
**Contact:** Alan Hart, Programme Works and Contract Manager, 01273 335228

At Forest Row FP50 – The surface of this useful urban footpath link will be improved to make it more accessible and safer to use. This work will also involve substantial revetment of the path's underlying structure. The footpath runs from Upper Close to Highfields


**Location:** Forest Row  
**Activity:** Replace BT pole  
**Proposed Dates:** 16 November to 18 November 2011  
**Contact:** A Plant Lux-Traffic on behalf of BT, 02086 456 861  
Temporary road closure at C469 Legsheath Lane. Diversion via C2 Plaw Hatch Lane and C401 Grinstead Lane in both directions

**Location:** Hailsham  
**Activity:** Footway widening, cycle crossing provision and kerb realignment  
**Proposed Dates:** Ongoing  
**Contact:** Nathan Hancock, Development Control Engineer, 01273 482252

WD/08/2354 - Developer lead highway improvement works at London Road, Hawks Road (mini-roundabout junction) (associated with residential development)

**Location:** Hailsham  
**Activity:** Gas works  
**Proposed Dates:** 10 October to 4 November 2011  
**Contact:** Southern Gas Networks, 01273 490100  
Two way temporary traffic signals at South Road

**Location:** Hailsham  
**Activity:** Christmas Market  
**Proposed Dates:** 12 October to 10 December 2011  
**Contact:** Graham Kean, Wealden District Council, 01892 655331  
Temporary road closure at A295 High Street





**Location:** Hailsham  
**Activity:** Gas Main replacement  
**Proposed Dates:** 17 October to 4 November 2011  
**Contact:** Southern Gas Networks, 01273 490100

Three way temporary traffic lights (in two phases). Phase 1 at Hawkswood Road junction, Upper Horsebridge Road and Hawks Road. Phase 2 at Hawkswood Road junction, Park Road at A271 Hawkswood Road, A271 junction with Upper Horsebridge Road, C208 Hawks Road and A271 Hawkswood Road junction with C208 Park Road

**Location:** Hailsham  
**Activity:** Relay New Sewer  
**Proposed Dates:** 25 October 2011 to 1 March 2012  
**Contact:** Clancy Docwra for Southern Water, 01273 663816

Two way temporary traffic lights at B2104 Ersham Road

**Location:** Hailsham  
**Activity:** Hailsham Remembrance Sunday Event  
**Proposed Dates:** 13 November 2011  
**Contact:** Royal British Legion, 01323 440745

Temporary road closure at A295 High Street

**Location:** Hailsham  
**Activity:** Fire Engine Pull  
**Proposed Dates:** 18 November 2011  
**Contact:** Simon Peel, East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service, 0303 999 1000


Temporary road closure at A295 High Street


**Location:** Hartfield  
**Activity:** Access and footway improvements  
**Proposed Dates:** Expected start December 2011  
**Contact:** James Hore, Principal Transport Development Control Officer, 01273 482245

WD/09/0979 - Highway improvement works at former coalyard, Edenbridge Road (associated with new residential development)

**Location:** Hastings  
**Activity:** Patching  
**Proposed Dates:** 1 November 2011  
**Contact:** David Johns, Highway Technician, 01424 724287

Two way traffic lights at Chichester Drive





**Location:** Hastings  
**Activity:** Drainage and kerbing  
**Proposed Dates:** 7 November to 18 November 2011  
**Contact:** David Johns, Highway Technician, 01424 724287  
At No. 8 to No. 43 Baldslow Road

**Location:** Hastings  
**Activity:** Drainage and kerbing  
**Proposed Dates:** 5 December to 20 December 2011  
**Contact:** David Johns, Highway Technician, 01424 724287  
At A2101 No. 113 to No. 204 St Helens Road


**Location:** Hastings  
**Activity:** Footway resurfacing  
**Proposed Dates:** 12 December to 16 December 2011  
**Contact:** David Johns, Highway Technician, 01424 724287  
At Ashburnham Road

**Location:** Hastings  
**Activity:** Footway and drainage  
**Proposed Dates:** 19 December to 21 December 2011  
**Contact:** David Johns, Highway Technician, 01424 724287  
Outside No. 3 Henderson Close

**Location:** Heathfield  
**Activity:** Gas Main replacement  
**Proposed Dates:** 7 April to 7 November 2011  
**Contact:** Southern Gas Networks, 01273 490100  
Two way temporary traffic lights at Uplands Park

**Location:** Heathfield  
**Activity:** Footway resurfacing  
**Proposed Dates:** 24 October to 18 November 2011  
**Contact:** Peter Heasman, Highway Engineer, 01323 415244  
Road closure at 064 Downsvievw

**Location:** Heathfield  
**Activity:** Gas Main replacement  
**Proposed Dates:** 31 October to 2 March 2012  
**Contact:** Southern Gas Networks, 01273 490100  
Two way temporary traffic lights at Street End Lane from just north of Uplands Park to just south of Girse Hill





**Location:** Heathfield  
**Activity:** Gas works  
**Proposed Dates:** 10 November to 14 February 2012  
**Contact:** Southern Gas Networks 01273 490100  
Two way temporary traffic lights at U7064 Marshlands Lane

**Location:** Heathfield  
**Activity:** Resurfacing and patching  
**Proposed Dates:** 14 November to 18 November 2011  
**Contact:** Paul Dartnell, Construction, Engineer, 01323 415244  
Road closure at C14 Newick Lane

**Location:** Heathfield  
**Activity:** Footway resurfacing  
**Proposed Dates:** 21 November to 9 December 2011  
**Contact:** Peter Heasman, Highway Engineer, 01323 415244  
Road closure at Marshlands Lane


**Location:** Heathfield  
**Activity:** Carriageway reinstatement  
**Proposed Dates:** 30 November to 20 December 2011  
**Contact:** Southern Water/Hollerans, 01903 272167/01273 819783  
Two way temporary traffic lights at Leeves Way

**Location:** Hellingly  
**Activity:** Install new water main  
**Proposed Dates:** 8 August to 23 December 2011  
**Contact:** Clancy Docwra for South East Water, 01634 276053  
Temporary 30mph speed restriction and temporary traffic lights at A267 North Street from its junction with Swansbrook Lane to its junction with Old North Street

**Location:** Hooe  
**Activity:** Village exhibition  
**Proposed Dates:** 24 November 2011  
**Contact:** Pam Doodles, Hooe Parish Council, 01424 892329  
Temporary road closure at C706 Denbigh Road

**Location:** Horam  
**Activity:** Patching  
**Proposed Dates:** 28 November to 30 November 2011  
**Contact:** Paul Dartnell, Construction, Engineer, 01323 415244  
Road closure at B2088 Hanging Birch Lane between Clay Hill and Horns Cross





**Location:** Isfield  
**Activity:** Isfield Bonfire Celebrations  
**Proposed Dates:** 4 November 2011  
**Contact:** Isfield and Little Horstead Bonfire Society, 07708 229292  
Temporary road closure at C9 Station Road


**Location:** Isfield  
**Activity:** Electricity works  
**Proposed Dates:** 22 November to 25 November 2011  
**Contact:** Murphy Ltd, 01622 352185  
Two way temporary traffic lights at A26 Rose Hill


**Location:** Jarvis Brook  
**Activity:** Surfacing  
**Proposed Dates:** 21 November to 22 November 2011  
**Contact:** Anthony Peall, Construction Engineer, 01273 481753  
Convoy at B2100 Crowborough Hill junction of Montargis Way

**Location:** Maresfield  
**Activity:** Clear blocked BT manhole  
**Proposed Dates:** 14 November to 18 November 2011  
**Contact:** TFGS for BT, 01273 491169  
Two way temporary traffic signals at A22 Horney Common near junction with Picketts Lane

**Location:** Mayfield  
**Activity:** Gas mains replacement  
**Proposed Dates:** 15 August to 4 November 2011  
**Contact:** Southern Gas Networks, 01273 490100  
Temporary road closure at C14 Knowle Hill from West Street south to a property called Claytons. Diversion via C14 Newick Lane, A265 Burwash Road, High Street, A267 Heathfield Road, The Street, Wellbrook and vice versa

**Location:** Nutley  
**Activity:** BT inspection chamber maintenance  
**Proposed Dates:** 11 September to 10 November 2011  
**Contact:** Carillion for BT, 01268 595618  
Two way temporary traffic signals at A22 Millbrook Hill adjacent to Chelwood Vachery





**Location:** Pevensey Bay  
**Activity:** Access to existing gas main  
**Proposed Dates:** 23 November to 16 December 2011  
**Contact:** Southern Gas Networks, 01273 490100

Temporary prohibition of left turn and temporary prohibition of right turn at A259 Wallsend Road and Coast Road. Diversion via A259 Eastbourne Road, Collier Road, A259 Richmond Road and vice versa

**Location:** Polegate  
**Activity:** New shared footway/cycleway  
**Proposed Dates:** Ongoing  
**Contact:** Nathan Hancock, Development Control Engineer, 01273 482252

WD/10/0200 – Developer lead highway improvement works (associated with the 109 unit residential development on land north of Dittons Road) requiring temporary Two and three way traffic lights on Dittons Road

**Location:** Polegate  
**Activity:** Geotechnical remediation of the embankment and bund  
**Proposed Dates:** 9 May to 5 December 2011  
**Contact:** Balfour Beatty Mott MacDonald, 0203 433 2080

Temporary road closure at Bay Tree Lane. Diversion via northbound A22 Hailsham Road, Polegate Road, Arlington Eagles roundabout and southbound A22 Polegate Road, Hailsham Road, Bay Tree Lane

**Location:** Polegate  
**Activity:** Installation of a mini roundabout  
**Proposed Dates:** 22 August to 16 December 2011  
**Contact:** Milo Balfe, Coinford, 01342 840800


Two way temporary traffic lights at B2247 Dittons Road


**Location:** Polegate  
**Activity:** Footway resurfacing  
**Proposed Dates:** 3 November to 18 November 2011  
**Contact:** Peter Heasman, Highway Engineer, 01323 415244

Road closure at West Close

**Location:** Polegate  
**Activity:** Electric supply  
**Proposed Dates:** 14 December to 30 December 2011  
**Contact:** NCAP for UK Power Networks, 01449 727600

Two way temporary traffic lights at B2247 Dittons Road





**Location:** Stone Cross  
**Activity:** Construction of new bellmouth access off Rattle Road and closing up of old access  
**Proposed Dates:** Ongoing  
**Contact:** Nathan Hancock, Development Control Engineer, 01273 482252

WD/09/1487 – Developer lead highway improvement works (associated with the 14 unit residential development in Rattle Road)


**Location:** Uckfield  
**Activity:** Resurfacing  
**Proposed Dates:** 21 November 2011  
**Contact:** Paul Dartnell, Construction, Engineer, 01323 415244  
Road closure at Library Way


**Location:** Uckfield  
**Activity:** Uckfield Carol Service  
**Proposed Dates:** 4 December 2011  
**Contact:** Graham Kean, Wealden District Council, 01892 655331  
Temporary road closure at Harcourt Road, B2102 Framfield Road, C41 High Street, C10 Church Street and Civic Approach

**Location:** Uckfield  
**Activity:** Late Night Shopping  
**Proposed Dates:** 9 December 2011  
**Contact:** Uckfield District Chamber of Commerce, 01825 722607  
Temporary road closure at C41 High Street

**Location:** Uckfield  
**Activity:** Gas mains replacement  
**Proposed Dates:** 9 December to 4 November 2011  
**Contact:** Southern Gas Network, 01273 490100  
Temporary road closure at Snatts Road. Diversion for users via C10 Rocks Road, Church Street, C41 High Street and London Road

**Location:** Upper Dicker  
**Activity:** New water services  
**Proposed Dates:** 17 October to 27 January 2012  
**Contact:** Clancy Docwra for South East Water, 01634 873084  
Two way temporary traffic lights at C690 Camberlot Road






**Location:** Wadhurst  
**Activity:** Access to cabling boxes  
**Proposed Dates:** 31 October to 11 November 2011  
**Contact:** A Plant Lux for BT, 0870 050 0792  
Multiphase traffic signals at B2099 Station Road opposite of Shell Garage

**Location:** Wadhurst  
**Activity:** Remembrance Sunday Parade  
**Proposed Dates:** 13 November 2011  
**Contact:** Graham Kean, Wadhurst Parish Council, 01892 783579  
Temporary road closure at B2099, B2100, High Street and Sparrows Green

**Location:** Westham  
**Activity:** Gas works  
**Proposed Dates:** 31 October to 25 November 2011  
**Contact:** Southern Gas Networks, 01273 490100  
Multiphase traffic signals at C712 Rattle Road

**Location:** Willingdon  
**Activity:** Repairs to concrete carriageway  
**Proposed Dates:** 7 November to 11 November 2011  
**Contact:** Ruth China, Maintenance Engineer, 01273 335732  
At Meadows Road

**Location:** Willingdon  
**Activity:** Carol Service  
**Proposed Dates:** 16 December 2011  
**Contact:** Graham Kean, Wealden District Council, 01892 655331  
Temporary road closure at C340 The Triangle





## Contact List:

You may have queries relating to items not included in the attached list of activities. Please find below some helpful contacts for your future reference:

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