



Severe weather bulletin – 29 December 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, 22 December 2023		Friday, 22 December 2023		Friday, 22 December 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, 23 December 2023		Saturday, 23 December 2023		Saturday, 23 December 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, 24 December 2023		Sunday, 24 December 2023		Sunday, 24 December 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, 25 December 2023		Monday, 25 December 2023		Monday, 25 December 2023	
	AM	• No action taken	AM	• No action taken	AM	• No action taken
	PM	• No action taken	PM	• No action taken	PM	• Selected priority routes treated
	Tuesday, 26 December 2023		Tuesday, 26 December 2023		Tuesday, 26 December 2023	
	AM	• Selected priority routes treated	AM	• No action taken	AM	• Selected priority routes treated
	PM	• No action taken	PM	• No action taken	PM	• No action taken
	Wednesday, 27 December 2023		Wednesday, 27 December 2023		Wednesday, 27 December 2023	
	AM	• No action taken	AM	• No action taken	AM	• Selected priority routes treated
	PM	• No action taken	PM	• No action taken	PM	• No action taken
	Thursday, 28 December 2023		Thursday, 28 December 2023		Thursday, 28 December 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	• October 2022 - 0 tonnes • November 2022 - 375.26 tonnes • December 2022 - 6,379.67 tonnes		• October 2023 - 91.72 tonnes • November 2023 - 1,586.70 tonnes • December 2023 – 2,041.49			
Lowest temp forecasted	Monday, 25 December -0.2°C		Monday, 25 December +1.2°C		Monday, 25 December -0.1°C	
Latest forecast (RST–Road Surface Temperature)	1-5 Day Outlook: FRIDAY: Bright spells and showers tomorrow afternoon. Mainly cloudy with showers overnight; the showers wintry over higher areas and perhaps merging into longer spells of rain or sleet at times. RSTs just below zero over higher areas during the evening with the risk of ice and hoar frost. SATURDAY: A wet day with sleet turning more to rain by afternoon. Cloudy and wet overnight with spells of heavy rain. RSTs above zero. SUNDAY: A cloudy, wet day with outbreaks of light rain. Heavy rain during the evening and overnight, turning more showery by dawn. Increasingly breezy. RSTs should stay above zero. MONDAY: Mostly cloudy with showers, some heavy. Rather breezy for a time. Clear spells and showers overnight; the showers wintry, especially later, perhaps with snow over higher roads. RSTs likely to fall below zero with the risk of ice and hoar frost. 6-10 Day Outlook: TUESDAY: Mainly cloudy with wintry showers or longer spells of rain/sleet; the worst of the wintry precipitation over higher parts. RSTs likely to fall below zero on higher roads. WEDNESDAY: Outbreaks of rain/sleet or wintry showers with largely cloudy skies. RSTs currently due to fall close to zero over higher routes. THURSDAY: Mostly cloudy with showers or longer spells of rain; the showers wintry over higher routes. RSTs perhaps falling close to zero over high roads. FRIDAY: Outbreaks of rain/sleet or showers; the wintry precipitation especially over higher routes. Some clearer intervals too, however. RSTs currently forecast below zero on higher roads.					