



CHEDWORTH **PARISH COUNCIL** **WINTER EMERGENCY** **PLAN**

This leaflet summarises what services are available and how you can prepare for winter weather. The full Plan is on the Parish Council website ([www.chedworth-c.org.uk/docs_publications/view.php?file=Winter Emergency Plan.pdf](http://www.chedworth-c.org.uk/docs_publications/view.php?file=Winter%20Emergency%20Plan.pdf)).

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY A WINTER EMERGENCY

Predominantly, icy roads and significant snowfall – but also fallen trees, broken overhead cables, flooding and loss of services such as electricity, telephone or water.

If possible, subscribe to the Parish Council email alert system – the Winter Emergency Coordinating Team will use this to keep you informed.
(www.chedworth-pc.org.uk).

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

In the event of icy weather or snow, Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) and Chedworth Parish Council provide the following services:

GCC Highways usually grits the Fosse Way, Fields Road and main routes through the village.

Parish Council gritter volunteers will try to grit as many of the other village roads as possible.

After significant snowfall, GCC Highways snow ploughs Fields Road but are not able to do other village roads.

Manor Farm operates a tractor-mounted snow plough, on behalf of GCC Highways, which can be used for all the village roads, wherever possible, subject to access.

Salt/grit bins around the village are for use on the public roads. GCC Highways fill these at the beginning of the winter and also supply a further store for replenishment.

Area Wardens will coordinate efforts to clear other roads and paths for vehicles and pedestrians.

Steep and narrow roads cannot always be gritted or snow ploughed. These include Cooks Hill, Ballingers Hill, Tuns Hill, Hawkes Lane, Calves Hill, Green Lane and Pancake Hill.

AREA WARDENS

The Parish Council has recruited a number of Area Wardens who have volunteered to:

Be familiar with their neighbourhood.

Be aware of elderly or vulnerable residents and ensure that they are supported.

Monitor the state of roads, including pot holes and blocked drains.

Replenish green grit/salt bins as necessary.

Liaise with Winter Emergency Plan Coordinators.

Encourage/organise working parties to clear snow if needed.

GET YOURSELF READY FOR WINTER

Consider fitting winter tyres to your car, even if you already have a 4x4.

Have a snow shovel and supplies of salt.

Have some food and essential supplies in reserve.

For more information, see

www.metoffice.gov.uk/learning/get-ready-for-winter.

Know who your Area Warden is and their contact details.

MY AREA WARDEN IS:

IN POOR WEATHER

If icy weather or snowfall is forecast, and you are likely to need to get out of the village, consider leaving your car at the Village Hall or the Farm Shop.

You should either let them know that you have done so or leave a note in your car with your name and contact details. Please park sensibly and tidily, without blocking entrances, and then remove your car as soon as can.

If possible, please avoid leaving your car on the road - it may obstruct the snow plough or gritter.

If you do need to go out in cold or difficult weather, for example to clear snow, walk to the Farm Shop or to help with a working party - wear visible clothing, dress warmly and try to make sure someone knows where you are.

Fresh snow is easier to clear before it is walked or driven on.

Salt is more effective if most of the snow is cleared first and only needs to be spread thinly.

EMERGENCY SUPPLIES

The Farm Shop is willing to deliver emergency supplies to the vulnerable, please contact them if you wish to make use of this.

OTHER EMERGENCY

Flooding.
Fallen trees on the highway.
Prolonged loss of power, telephones or water.
Broken overhead cables.

These should be reported to the appropriate organisation, the full Winter Emergency Plan covers these emergencies. Your Area Warden will also be able to help. The Village Hall and the Farm Shop are proposed places of safety/refuge if the need arises.

For any medical emergency you should always ring 999. You will be asked for your address and postcode. But if you live in an isolated area, it may also help if you know the Grid Reference for your house – this can be obtained from the website: gridreferencefinder.com.

MY GRID REFERENCE IS: SP

In the unlikely event that the ambulance service cannot gain access to you, there are several Doctors who live in the village who are willing to help in emergencies.

Also the village has 3 defibrillators (located at the Lower Chedworth phone box, Village Hall and Seven Tuns). These are normally used in conjunction with the Ambulance Service during a 999 call (www.chedworth-pc.org.uk/userfiles/files/Defibrillators.pdf).

CONTACTS

Chedworth Village Hall – 01285 720669
(or chedworthvh@live.co.uk).

Chedworth Farm Shop - Rosanne Dickenson – 01285 720265 (or hello@chedworthfarmshop.co.uk).

Chedworth Parish Council – 01285 720313
(or clerk@chedworth-pc.org.uk).

Winter Emergency Plan Coordinating Team - John King – 01285 720278 (or john@merylking.com).

All other contact details for relevant people and organisations are in the full plan. ([www.chedworth-pc.org.uk/docs_publications/view.php?file=Winter Emergency Plan.pdf](http://www.chedworth-pc.org.uk/docs_publications/view.php?file=Winter%20Emergency%20Plan.pdf)).

FEEDBACK

The Parish Council would like to hear your feedback on this plan or its operation – please contact the Clerk or your Area Warden or the Coordinating Team. The Winter Emergency Plan will be reviewed every year.