

Bath an North East Somerset Council - Winter Maintenance Statistics

Season	Operational costs (excluding Council staff time)	Number of gritting runs	Gritting Route length	Total miles gritted	Salt costs			
2009	£453k	72	253	18,216	£113k			
2010	£515k	65	260	16,900	£134k			
TOTAL	£968k	137		35,116	£247k			

Other information:

- The Council routinely salts 38% of the road network, this is 8% higher than the national average
- Following salt shortages we have increased our storage capacity by 1000 tonnes. A 77% increase.
- We are currently holding 1700 tonnes in stock and a further delivery is due before winter taking our stock to the capacity of 2300 tonnes.
- During the last two winters the Council has consumed over 8000 tonnes of salt.
- Following a winter review the Council increased the length of roads treated (increased by 8 miles) and added approximately 20 more grit bins.
- Public transport routes were reviewed and the gritting routes updated to ensure that all gritter accessible routes are treated.
- The Council has protected the Highway budget and added an inflation factor in both 2009 and 2010.
- The Council invested an extra £2.5m of its own resources in 2010/11 and £1m in 2011/12 to repair winter damaged roads and increase the number of roads resurfaced.
- The Government granted the Council approximately £300k in 2010/11 to repair winter damaged roads and £800k in 2011/12.
- The Council operates 9 'state of the art' gritters that were purchased in 2009.
- During the last two winters staff have been redeployed from other services to support snow clearance work
- A small pilot is planned for winter 2011 to trial the use of Snow Wardens to co-ordinate volunteers to help clear snow in areas away from the routes cleared by the Council.