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The Devon Climate Emergency Response Group, chaired by Phil Norrey and comprising of public and private sector organisations, has appointed a Net-Zero Task Force to deliver a Devon Carbon Plan.

The Net-Zero Task Force is chaired by Professor Patrick Devine-Wright, a leading climate expert, and it includes experts drawn from environmental, economic, health and academic organisations.

The Task Force has today 24th October issued an invitation – a 'call for evidence' - to all Devon residents to submit their ideas about how Devon can reduce carbon emissions as quickly as possible. It will be conducting a series of hearings to help gather views, evidence and data that will be used to develop recommendations for the Devon Carbon Plan.

For your information, here is a link to the Net-Zero Task Force's press announcement about the 'call for evidence'. https://www.devonclimateemergency.org.uk/category/media-releases/

A new Devon Climate Emergency website, launched today, detailing the work of the Devon Climate Emergency Response Group and the Net-Zero Task Force, can be viewed here, https://www.devonclimateemergency.org.uk/ Please take a moment to have a look at the website, specifically the information about the Devon Carbon Plan, which can be viewed here https://www.devonclimateemergency.org.uk/devon-carbon-plan/.

I am sure that most of us are aware of the roads in our area and below I have cut and pasted an outline of what is planned for the winter months. As always if there is a problem one can go online www.devon.gov.uk **report a problem page** or by ringing the call centre 0345 155 1004

Winter Service Special

Devon Highways winter service period officially started on the 15 October.

We aim to assist safe Winter Travel in every way that we can, however not everything is under our control or in our remit. Below is a list of just some of the things we do to help keep the network moving

- Undertake precautionary salting on major roads when there is a risk of ice or snow
- Monitor road conditions and direct resources to where problems are occurring
- Clear the major routes of snow

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Useful links

Neighbourhood Highway Officer (NHO)

Each electoral division has a designated NHO who provides local support and information on highway matters. They are your main point of contact for the highway service.

- Provide roadside salt bins and bags for self help
- React to highway flooding, and fallen trees which can be reported online
- Keep delays to a minimum.

You can find out more about what we do in our Winter Service and Emergency Plan.

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Important updates

Grit bins

We will not routinely be refilling grit bins this year so please ensure that you advise us of any empty or damaged grit bins, or any with contents that are unusable, via our report a problem page

IMPORTANT - Snow Warden details

If you are new to the Snow Warden Scheme or your Snow Warden details have changed, please complete our online form.

It is important that we have accurate, up to date information so that we are able to circulate important updates during periods of severe weather but also to ensure that we comply with GDPR requirements.

If you are not currently part of the scheme but would like to join, please speak to your Neighbourhood Highway Officer in the first instance.

Free allocation of salt

If you are part of the Snow Warden Scheme and need further supplies of free salt (up to 4 tonnes per parish) please complete our online form.

Salting network

There are 2,650 km (1,650 miles) of roads are on the precautionary salting network. This includes major roads and routes to larger settlements, as well as accesses to emergency services such as hospitals or fire stations to make travelling as safe as possible. Despite this, 80% of roads are not routinely treated. Details of gritting routes are available on our report a problem webpage under the grit bin option or are also accessible via one.network.org (Map Layers>Driver Information>Winter Gritting Routes).

Report a problem

Report a number of problems, including potholes, on our report a problem page

pinpoint

Pinpoint Devon enables users to find care and support services, residential homes, advice services, community groups, activity clubs, registered childcare and much more across Devon.

Flood Risk Management

For information on protecting communities and improving resilience please visit our Flood Risk Management webpages.

We would like to invite our stakeholders to complete a public satisfaction survey provided by the National Highways and Transport Network (NHT).

Click here for further information and to complete the survey.

Funding news

Highway Maintenance Community Enhancement Fund

Did you know that you can apply to our HMCEF fund for financial assistance for minor maintenance projects in your community? Applications can also be submitted for equipment to support your communities during the winter months. Funding has previously been granted for the purchase of additional grit bins and a salt/gritter dispenser. For further information please visit our webpages.

Community self help

Parish & Town Council Conferences

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and support our Parish & Town Council Conferences.

A feedback form will be distributed to all attendees shortly.

Snow Warden Training

Please remember that your nominated Snow Warden must have had training provided by our Neighbourhood Team. The Snow Warden will then be able to train additional volunteers. If you need to arrange training please contact your Neighbourhood Highway Officer.

Community Warden Facebook Group

A Facebook group has been created to provide an area to share examples of local projects, discuss ideas for future projects and collaborative working and to seek advice and guidance.

All parishes and town councils, signed up to the road warden scheme, and Snow Wardens, who have provided us with an email address, have been invited to the group.

If you would like to become a member please let us know here (an email address is required).

One.network

One.network (formerly roadworks.org) enables you to find out what roadworks are going on in your area and you can sign up to automatic alerts.

We also create dedicated webpages for works which are likely to impact those travelling on our network. These are available to view here.

Highway Safety Awareness

A free e-learning course is available, which we recommend is undertaken by anybody who wishes to, or is interested in, undertaking community works on or near the highway. If you would like to register volunteers for this course, please send their name and email addresses to this mailbox.

The Met Office provides a range of advice to help you deal with the worst the weather throws at us.

Tips and advice is available including how to stay safe, warm and healthy at home or outdoors.

Feedback

If you have any feedback please let us know as we would like to shape this publication based on your requirements.

Alternatively if you are aware of other members of your council who would like to receive a copy of Roadmap please advise here.

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I attended the annual meeting of DALC to chair the meeting as I am one of the Vice Chairs having served on the committee for 12years in the past. The Devon Association of Parish Councils (DALC) had their Annual meeting on 23rd October, the event took place at Exeter Race course. There have been changes with DALC over the last year – over the last few years they have been hosted alongside Devon Communities Together sharing activities. They decided to become independent as has happened in many of the County Associations across the Country. Cara Stobart is the County Officer and they are now working in their new office accommodation at the Devon Rural hob at Cheriton Bishop. Ken Browse has been elected to serve as Chairman for the coming year. Ken has been chairman for a number of years and has served on the National Association of Local Councils having also served as National Chairman.