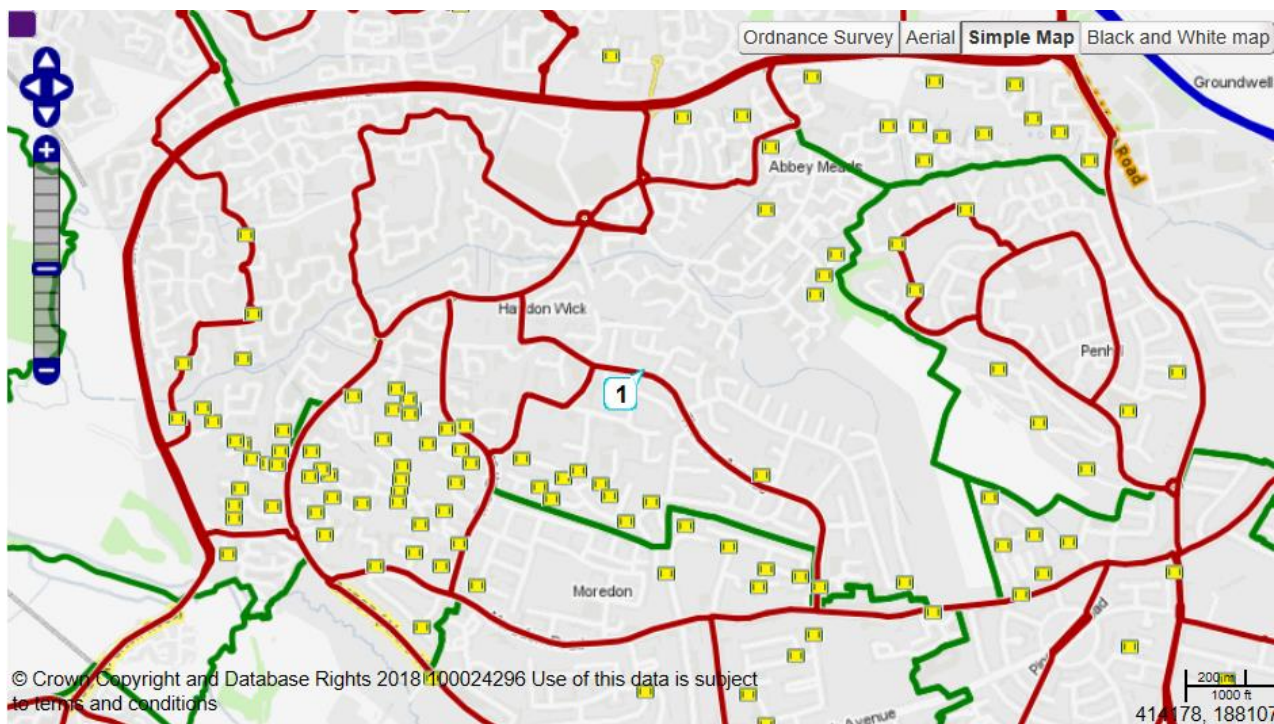


SNOW & ICE PLAN 2023/2024– WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY

Haydon Wick Parish Council has produced a snow and ice plan, the aim of the plan is to provide safe access during bad weather to the nearby doctor's surgery, footpaths surrounding affected Parish Council assets and the main car park at the Haydon Centre.

In most circumstances, the responsibility of salting roads with Swindon Borough Council as the Highway Authority for the area and they are not responsible for the footpaths or shopping centres within the parish.

There are many grit bins provided by Swindon Borough Council within the parish that are for public areas and should not be taken for use on private property. There are 64 grit bins situated in the parish. These can be found by clicking on the following link: [Swindon Borough Grit Bin Locations](#).



The Parish Council is hoping to be working with neighbouring businesses to ensure that the car parks and pathways adjacent to the buildings are fully covered especially as this is heavily used by people accessing these venues. The Parish Council will also attend to the underpasses in the Parish.

Grit is available at the Parish Council office, to be used in the event of snow fall and risk of ice.

Working with the Community

The Parish Council would be grateful for any help clearing pathways from members of the community. Please note that it is perfectly OK to clear snow from pavements if due care is taken not to leave piles

that may present a trip hazard or use a method of clearance which may create a further hazard. If you feel you are able to clear more than your immediate areas please contact us to become a Volunteer on admin@haydonwick.gov.uk.

Tips and advice on clearing snow:

- When using grit from the bins, there is a tendency to apply too much. It needs to be distributed as sparingly as possible.
- It is much easier to clear fresh snow before it has been compacted, make sure you create a pathway down the middle first so that you have a safe and clear path to walk on
- Do not use hot water as this will melt the snow but may replace it with black ice
- Be a good neighbour and consider if there are any elderly or vulnerable people nearby who may need assistance
- Make sure you have an area to put all the snow so that it doesn't block paths, driveway or drainage
- Spread some salt on the areas that you have cleared (table or dishwasher salt will also work). If there is no salt available sand or ash are good alternatives.
- Avoid spreading this on plants or grass as they may be damaged
- Pay particular care and attention to steps and steep gradients
- Use the sun to your advantage moving the top layer of snow will allow the snow to melt underneath.
- Salt from the grit bins should be for public use only and should not be used for private properties, you can use ash, table salt from your homes as it has the same effect
- In the event of bad weather, you should avoid unnecessary journeys
- Be neighbourly and consider if there are any elderly or vulnerable people nearby who would not be able to clear the snow from their path/ driveways!