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Hampshire County Council Report for 13th January 2016

This winter has been mild so far, but Hampshire's highways teams are ready 24/7 for when the cold comes. Weather and road conditions are monitored continually, with staff on standby 24 hours a day, seven days a week. A fleet of 51 salting vehicles will treat Hampshire's roads to combat icy and snowy conditions should temperatures drop. As a large county, temperatures and conditions can vary quite significantly, so Hampshire is divided into two distinct weather bands and this helps highways teams to decide when and where to spread salt: the northern weather band broadly covers all routes north of Romsey, Bishops' Waltham and Horndean, with the southern weather band covering Fareham, Gosport, Havant, the New Forest and surrounding areas. Everyone can help in their community during a cold snap. There are around 3,700 salt bins throughout Hampshire, all filled and ready for the winter, for residents to use on pavements and smaller roads. This year, new technology is being trialled to monitor community salt bins, with 50 community salt bins in Basingstoke fitted with sensors to measure how much salt is in each bin and how often the salt is being used. These will be activated during the winter and then monitored remotely so refills can be managed more effectively. Full information on Hampshire's winter service, including salt route maps and community salt bins is available on our new website: www.hants.gov.uk/roads/weather-on-roads/salting. This new look website has been redesigned to help residents access more services online, saving customers time

Countywide statistics for November 2015

- 959 Square metres of footway patching completed *not including vehicle accesses
- 1844 Jobs completed (excluding emergency, tree and vegetation maintenance, structures or planned works)
- 874 Potholes repaired
- 95 Vehicle accesses completed
- 155 Drainage jobs completed
- 5 gritting runs over 4 days using 1140t of salt
- 362 Two hour response emergencies attended
- 9155 Gullies and catchpits cleared

New Forest Statistics for November 2015

- 191 Potholes repaired
- 6 Vehicle accesses completed
- 533 Gullies and catchpits cleared
- 52 Two hour response emergencies attended
- 33 Drainage jobs completed
- 108 Square metres of footway patching completed *not including vehicle accesses

371 Jobs completed (excluding emergency, tree and vegetation maintenance, structures or planned works)