

National Winter Gritting and Snow Clearing



Shorts Truegrit provide a gritting service that is implemented on localised weather forecast allowing us to grit pro-actively dealing with the hazards before they develop in the morning.

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Salt gritting is implemented proactively when conditions dictate. We will grit automatically as per our prearranged plan when temperatures fall to an agreed minimum with hazards forecast, and email you to inform you that we are gritting your site.

Snow clearing is a reactive service called for by the customer as and when required.

From the beginning of November to the end of March, Shorts Truegrit Ltd receive a daily localised weather forecast for each site we cover.

These forecasts are colour coded green, amber, and red, with green indicating no risk of freezing weather, amber a slight risk, and red warning means freezing air and road surface temperatures with associated hazards of either black ice, white hoar frost or snow. We grit on a red warning

Usually we proactively grit between 9.00pm and 5.00am, as sites tend to be clear of cars and pedestrians, which means we can have your site fully treated before the normal working day begins.

We are, of course, ready to act outside of these hours should conditions or forecast dictate.

Although the term gritting is used we are spreading pure de-icing salt which can be either white marine salt or reddish coloured rock salt both work the same way lowering the freezing point and is spread at a rate of 15gm/m² in freezing conditions and in snow conditions the application rate is doubled.

In the event of heavy snow and temperatures falling below -5°C salt on its own becomes ineffective and snow clearing becomes the only option.

We have a fleet of snow clearing vehicles ready to clear snow on a reactive basis after it has fallen. This equipment is put on standby when snow is forecast and can be called upon to work during both the day and night

We keep several thousand tonnes of salt in reserve, so won't be caught out in even the most extreme winter. We also offer a grit bin filling service.

All our gritting vehicles are equipped with trackers and we can also supply copies of weather reports for any town or city for any day during the winter period so if an explanation is required as to why and when we gritted at any specific site then the information can be provided.

Shorts Truegrit Ltd aim is to be completely transparent in the service we provide and to work in a close, partnership relationship with all our clients.

