

North Yorkshire County Council is responsible for keeping the County moving during periods of extreme weather. Our main priority is to keep major routes treated and passable followed by other important routes throughout our 9,000km road network.

To achieve this we use 89 gritters and 5 snow blowers and work with 130 farmers/contractors who help us to clear snow from roads in rural areas and we restock 9,000 salt bins and heaps annually.

In order to know when to salt the roads and footways we receive daily weather forecasts which are used in conjunction with a sophisticated ice prediction system linked to weather stations across the County.

Prevention and treatment of ice and snow covered roads

The plans overleaf show which roads will be gritted during winter conditions.

Priority one routes:

- include the major traffic routes which connect or pass through towns and other major centres of population.

Priority two routes:

- generally provide access to local communities.

Priority three routes:

- include roads in housing estates and country lanes. (priority three routes are not shown on the plans)

Timing

Priority one routes will be treated first in all conditions and should be treated by 7.00am subject to changes in the forecast. These are followed by priority two routes when the weather requires it. Generally treatment does not take place between 11.00pm and 5.00am, however specific conditions may require us to do so.

Priority three routes will not normally receive treatment unless freezing conditions are likely to persist for more than 72 hours and only if resources permit.



Footways

Busy shopping areas and main pedestrian footways will be treated, in severe weather, before 9am. Normal overnight frosty conditions will not warrant treatment of footways. After snow fall busy shopping streets and main pedestrian footways will be cleared before other footways. In ice and snow conditions remaining footways and cycleways will be treated in priority order subject to available resources.

Cycleways which are not part of the road will not normally be treated.

Salt bins and heaps

We will only provide salt bins or salt heaps where the location has been assessed in accordance with the agreed procedure.

Salt bins and heaps are replenished before 1 November each year in readiness for winter. If required a refill will be carried out mid-season. Note: In exceptional circumstances restrictions over the use of salt and resources may impact on our ability to replenish salt bins and heaps.

Community Partnership

The County Council is engaging with local community groups in order that they can provide additional snow clearing of footways. The Council will provide each group with training on how best to clear and treat the footway.

Self help

Last year the government issued a 'Snow Code'. This encourages people to clear snow from footways and confirms how this can be done responsibly.

Which roads we grit

We are responsible for all publicly maintained roads in the County except the A1, A1(M), A66, A66(M), A64, A168 (Dishforth to Thirsk) and A19 (Thirsk to Crathorne). These national routes are the responsibility of the Highways England and they can be contacted on 0300 123 5000.

More information

For more detail regarding the information in this leaflet and our gritting operations, mapping and camera images around the County see our website www.northyorks.gov.uk

Northallerton, Thirsk, Easingwold, Bedale, Stokesley, Great Ayton and surrounding areas

Advice for safe winter driving

Always listen to weather forecasts in the winter and don't make any unnecessary trips if the weather is forecast to be particularly bad.

- Make sure that you clear your windows properly of ice and snow before you start your journey.
- Add anti-freeze to the radiator and additive to the windscreen washer bottles.
- Check your tyre tread depth and pressure.
- Keep your lights clean and your battery fully charged.
- Use dipped headlights in hail, snow and rain.
- Drive slower to take into account the weather conditions.
- Give yourself more time to brake as brakes don't work as well in icy conditions – it can take ten times longer to stop in icy conditions than on a dry road.
- Leave plenty of distance between you and the vehicle in front.
- Use the highest gear possible to avoid wheel spin.
- When braking on ice and snow get into a low gear earlier than normal, allow your speed to fall and press gently on the brake.
- If you do end up in a skid, ease off the accelerator but don't brake suddenly.
- If visibility is reduced by fog use your fog lights – but remember to switch them off when visibility improves.
- Keep sunglasses in the car for the winter sun.
- Keep some warm clothes and a torch in the car.
- If the conditions are very bad – don't drive.

Local weather information

The following radio stations provide regular updates:

BBC Radio York 103.7FM

BBC Radio Tees 95.0 FM

TFM Radio 96.6FM

STRAYFM 97.2FM

Yorkshire Coast Radio 103.1FM

Fresh Radio 95.6 FM

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A guide to winter service in your area

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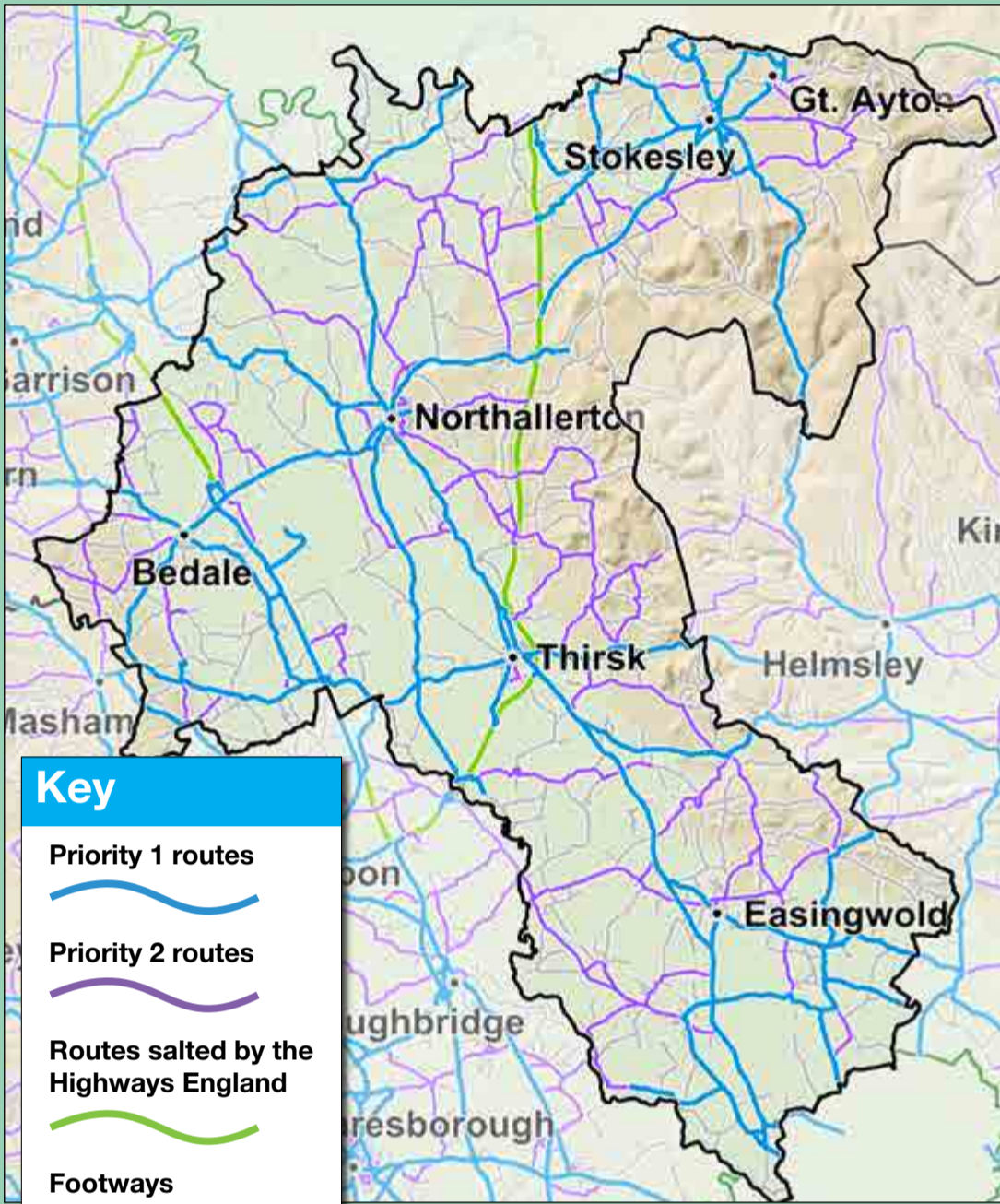


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Business and Environmental Services

Winter service

Salting priority one and two routes in the Northallerton/Thirsk area



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Busy shopping areas and main pedestrian footways post salted in severe weather conditions before 9am

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Thirsk



Bedale



Easingwold



Stokesley



Great Ayton



Priority one and two routes salted in town centres

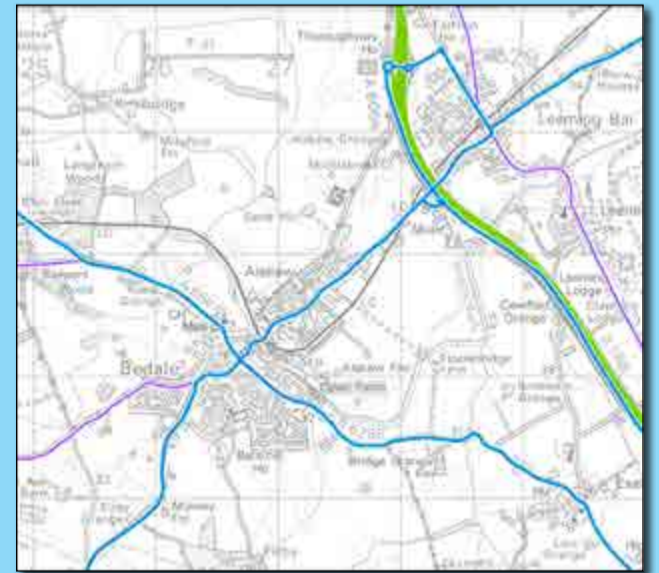
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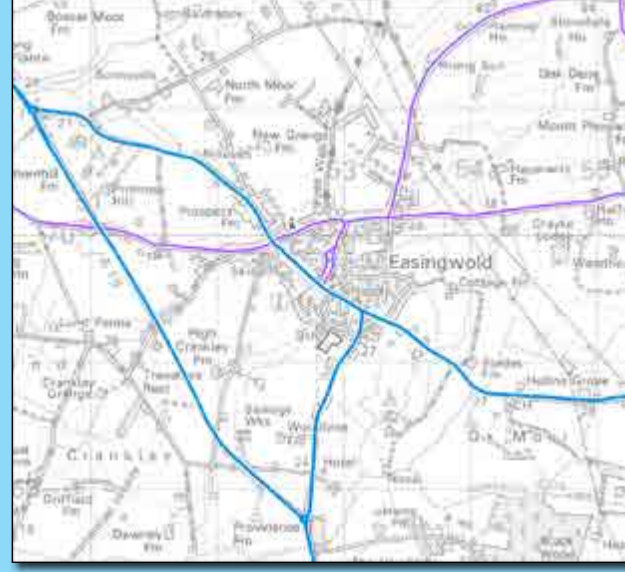
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