

# Gritting - the winter service

## What you and your communities can do...The law on clearing snow and ice

Northamptonshire Highways simply do not have the resource to grit every path and road in the county and encourage people to use the 1500 grit bins across the county.

The salt is for use on public roads and paths.

If you find a bin that is empty, please report to Street Doctor and we will come out and refill.

Grit bins contain a 50/50 mix of sand/salt and hold approximately 0.75 tonnes.

There is a common misconception that the public could be held liable if they use the grit from the grit bins. This is not true and we actively encourage people to use the grit in these bins for use on the public paths and roads or public spaces. This grit is not for use on private paths and driveways.

If an accident did occur, it's unlikely that you'll be sued or held responsible if someone is injured on a path or pavement if you have cleared it carefully.

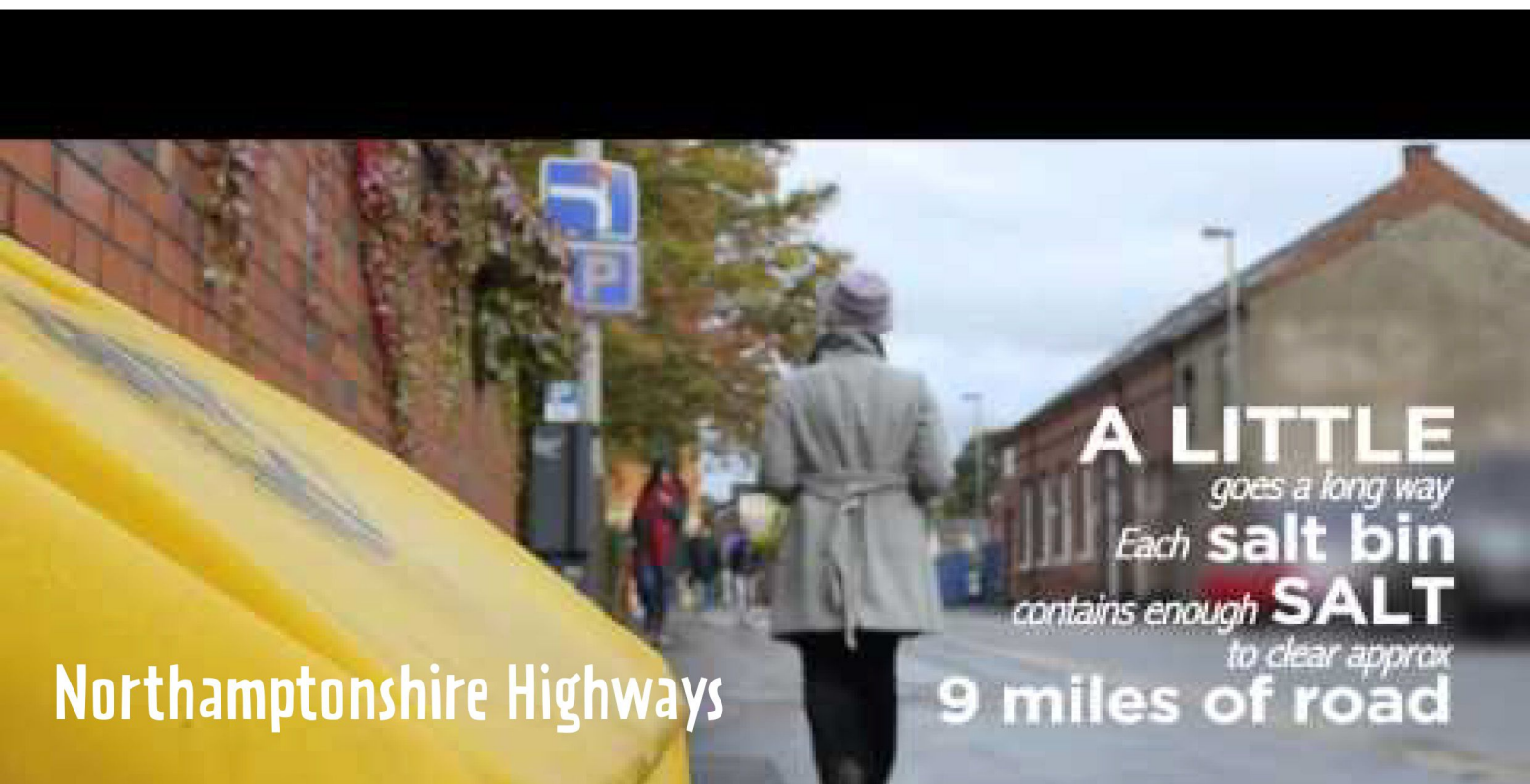
Don't be afraid to clear public paths in fear someone will get injured.  
People walking on snow and ice have the responsibility to be careful.  
Don't make the pathways more dangerous by causing them to refreeze.

Further information can be found on the NCC website

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**A LITTLE**  
*goes a long way*  
Each **salt bin**  
*contains enough* **SALT**  
*to clear approx*  
**9 miles of road**