

Witham Town Council: Snow Clearance Policy

1. This policy relates to Witham Town Council's snow clearance procedures to be carried out by Witham Town Council's Operations Team.
2. In the event of snow that needs clearing, it was agreed that the following areas will be cleared by Witham Town Council's Operations Team following a suitable risk assessment –
3. **Town Hall** – The public pavement in front of the Town Hall is the responsibility of Essex County Council. Witham Town Council's Operations Team will clear, salt and grit the driveway leading from Newland Street to the Town Hall car park and a walkway leading to the side entrance of the building and kitchen. However, as member of Essex Highways Salt Bag Partnership, Witham Town Council's Operations team will clear the public pavement outside the Town Hall as well. This should minimise the risk of slipping by staff and visitors to the Town Hall. It is not considered necessary to clear the whole car park.
4. **Bridges** – The Operations Team will be responsible for the four bridges along the River Walk.

The bridge near Laurence Avenue leading across the river to Maldon Road Park has high usage and is particularly hazardous as it is shaded by large trees.

Two bridges between Bridge Street and Guithavon Road which may be used by students of Maltings Academy.

One bridge near Bramble Road.

All four bridges will be cleared of snow, salted and gritted. The priority order will be the bridge near Laurence Avenue, followed by the bridge near Bramble Road and lastly the two bridges between Bridge Street and Guithavon Road.

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