

BARLEY CAR PARK

WINTER MAINTENANCE POLICY

Barley is located within the Borough of Pendle within Lancashire; the car park is close to the village centre and just off Barley New Road at BB12 9JX.

Barley Parish Council own the Barley Car Park and it has a capacity to hold around 130 vehicles. Just less than half of the car park has a macadam surface and the rest is hardcore.

The car park is mainly used by visitors to the area, those who visit the Cabin cafeteria for food and drinks and those who come just to use the toilet facility.

The car park is mainly opened during daylight hours; in winter it usually closes between 1800Hrs and 1900Hrs so there is a period when parts of the car park are in darkness except for the lights on the toilet block illuminating part of the area.

There are no gradients of any significance but the land does have a minor slope across the whole car park.

The risk of slipping or sliding is obvious to all those entering the car park when icy conditions prevail and snow has fallen. People out and about and coming onto the car park need to be aware of the conditions and they need to be prepared to take due care and attention when moving around.

Winter Maintenance Policy

Duty of Care

All landowners and occupiers have a duty of care to ensure the safety of visitors on their premises, especially during winter months. This responsibility includes being prepared for adverse weather conditions, such as snow and ice, by implementing appropriate gritting measures to reduce the risk of accidents.

The Council does not have the resources to treat the whole car park to remove ice or snow when it happens. What the Council will aim to do is:

Clear snow and spread rock salt to reduce the risk of ice formation in the following areas of the car park shown in the images below:

1. Around the pay kiosk area where footfall is high,
2. Outside the entrances to the Ladies and Gents toilets where there are steps,
3. Between the Ladies and Gents toilets to facilitate access.

Rock salt will be stored in bags to keep it dry. It will be spread manually using a bucket and a scoop by a local person, usually the gatekeeper, who will spread salt at circa 75mg / per sqm. The Council can give no guarantee that these footpath areas will always be clear of snow and ice due to the unpredictability of the weather and the reliance on the availability of resources. We aim to treat surfaces when the toilets are opened in the morning and closed in the evening; when snow is forecast, we aim to spread salt before the snow falls.



Area to be cleared of snow and salt spread



The main car park will not be treated with salt unless there has been compacted snow or ice on the main car park for **more** than three days and conditions are forecast to continue with icy conditions for another 48 Hours. In these circumstances, the Clerk will contact local contractors with the capability to spread rock salt on the tarmacked areas of the car park. Any treatment and the times of the treatment of the car park tarmac areas will depend upon contractor availability.

If the car park is deemed to be dangerous for use it will be closed by the agreement of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Clerk. A notice, placed on the car park gates, will state: "Car park is closed for winter safety reasons".

The following items should be available to aid snow and ice clearance:

- Two snow shovels
- One Spade
- One bag salt
- One bucket and scoop

Local weather forecasts will be monitored to determine if any salting is required.

Visitors to Take Due Care

The presence of snow and ice presents health and safety risks, as the potential for slips, trips and falls increases significantly. It is important all for persons on Council property to adhere to common sense protocols such as:

- Walk, don't run,
- Wear footwear with a non-slip sole,
- Try where possible to leave hands free to aid balance and/or in the event of a fall you will be better able to minimise the effects of a slip, trip or fall,
- Allow more time for your journey,
- Be mindful of slipping while walking, using ramps and steps.

Remember, gritting may help, but it is no substitute for care and preparedness on the part of the individual.

Other Information

Lancashire County Council is responsible for salting the public highway.