

## **Thorndon Parish Council County Councillor Report 1.12.2016**

### **Seasonal Update**

As temperatures have started to drop, our winter service plan is in full swing as the work to keep the county's roads clear and safe. At the time of writing, the gritting team has already treated priority 1 routes 14 times, and priority 2 routes 3 times, and we owe our thanks to them. A total of nearly 27,000 miles have been gritted and 1,400 tonnes of salt used this winter.

The Suffolk Highways depots are stocked with more than 24,000 tonnes of salt mix, and SCC will keep supplies topped up through the winter period. Last year we used just over 9,000 tones of salt, and treated priority one routes 60 times.

Our priority 1 and 2 gritting routes cover more than 2,000 miles of Suffolk's roads, that's just over half of the network. For daily updates on whether the gritters are out – follow @Suffolk\_Highways on Twitter or visit [www.suffolk.gov.uk/gritting](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/gritting) for more information.

We are also checking and restocking 1100 salt bins and 1300 grit heaps around Suffolk to enable local communities to help themselves if severe weather hits. Please stay safe this winter, familiarise yourselves with the P1 & P2 routes, this will help you if the weather is severe, you will be acquainted with the safest routes.

### **Telephone/Broadband Thorndon**

I am greatly indebted to Claude and Paul for the work in compiling the replies to the call for complaints; I have also been in regular correspondence with BT management to make sure we get this resolved, and stand a greater chance of bringing the Broadband roll out to Thorndon earlier.

### **County loan for New Building**

Suffolk County Council has agreed to loan 2.5 million pounds to "Concertus" a wholly owned company who reside at Endeavour house at the moment, but the company is expanding and requires more space, the county council has agreed this loan to Concertus so they can purchase more office space, however many believe that this office is not a shared public sector building but a space bought from the market, this move is a break with long agreed policy of sharing a single public sector estate, i.e no new purchases and share what we have.

**Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas**

**and look forward to the fruitful New Year**

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