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Hart Urges Residents –‘Get Ready for Snow!’

HAVING updated its own snow plan Hart District Council is urging local residents to take precautions against the possibility of sudden snowstorms over the next few weeks.

John Elson, the Council’s Head of Environmental and Technical Services, said this week: ”So far we have avoided the problems of the past couple of winters -but this can change very rapidly and people need to be prepared.

“The Council has updated its own snow plan following the recent restructure of its waste, street cleaning and grounds maintenance services and we feel confident that we are well prepared to deal with bad winter weather should it arrive.”

Urban Myth

Mr Elson said the Council was keen that people should make an effort and prepare for the worst by buying spades and salt **before** snowfalls.

“Salt doesn’t cost very much and will keep for years,” he added.

He also said the widespread view that clearing snow from footpaths opened the gates to legal action in the event of someone falling was “an urban myth”, providing it was done properly.

“If everyone made the effort to clear footpaths to the front of their properties or shops it would make it easier and safer for everyone to get around,” he added.

The Government has recently updated their advice on this and details can be found on the Directgov website.

A list of salt suppliers can be found on Hart’s own website at <http://www.hart.gov.uk>. The Council is keen to see residents and community groups take more responsibility for helping themselves.

