

British Aggregates Association

Press Release - Immediate

UK SME Quarries Plans to Keep the Gritters Runningand ready to assist with Flood Defences

Quarries are once again supplying fine aggregates to local authorities and highway agencies to treat iced up roads and pavements.

Quarry grit was the traditional method of dealing with snow and ice before the use of salt became commonplace. Although it does not melt ice in the same way as salt, it is *environmentally friendly* and ideal for providing grip on slippery surfaces.

Assistance is also available to the environment agencies to supply both good sand, and bagged sand for flood defences.

The Association has updated and re-issued the database of BAA companies able to assist.

BAA Director Robert Durward;

“Spreading quarry grit will prevent accidents and reduce pressure on stocks of salt. It is also possible to use farm machinery to spread the grit meaning that many more roads and pavements can be treated than would otherwise be possible. Quarry grit has no adverse effect on the environment and can be recycled once the ice and snow have melted.

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Notes

- The database is attached and also available at www.british-aggregates.co.uk/news/doc169_Road_Gritting_and_Sand_Bag_Database_Jan2017_update.pdf
- The Association represents the interest of the SME privately owned independent industry sector with some 120 members, 70 who own and operate quarries throughout the UK with 20% of national output and over 300 individual sites.
- We are fully represented with other industry bodies and with local, national and EU government and policy makers.