

# People Can

## support communities in winter



The People Can Make a Difference campaign is actively promoting all the good things that people are already doing in their communities as well as encouraging more people to volunteer and get involved in community life.

**Snow and ice can make vulnerable people feel isolated and lonely, affect travel plans and limit access to homes and community buildings.**

- Take a few minutes to check on elderly or other neighbours who might be in need of some support.
- Help with some shopping, give them a lift somewhere or just introduce yourself, share a hot drink and have a chat.
- If you are concerned about someone, try contacting their relatives or friends. If necessary, contact Bradford Council on 01274 432111
- Make your neighbourhood safer by clearing snow and ice from pavements.
- People walking on snow and ice have a responsibility to take care, however clearing it away can prevent slips.
- It's easier to move fresh, loose snow so start in the morning. Any sunshine later on will help melt any remaining ice.
- Wear suitable clothing and footwear, and use 'shoe grippers' to prevent slipping.
- Take care where you move the snow so you don't block paths or drains.
- Begin by clearing a central route then move the snow from the centre to the sides.
- Cover paths and steps with salt before nightfall to stop them refreezing overnight.



- Pay extra attention when you are clearing and gritting steps and steep pathways.
- Don't use hot water to clear paths as it can create black ice which is less visible and very slippery.
- Table or dishwasher salt works if you have no grit. Be careful not to put it on plants or grass as it may damage them. Sand or ash won't stop the path icing over but can provide some extra grip.
- Offer to clear around vulnerable neighbours' properties.
- Offer to clear around the properties of people who are unable to do it for themselves.



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