



ST LEONARDS & ST IVES

PARISH COUNCIL

Grit Bin Policy

Policy No: 12

A grit bin can only be placed on a verge or public highway with the permission of the Highway Authority, Dorset Council.

There are two categories, strategic or community bins. Dorset Council will determine whether the request is for a strategic or community bin by using a ranking system:-

- Strategic bins are filled by Dorset Council when required. There are currently 5 strategic bins in the Parish located at the Matchams Close due to the severity of the incline. These are automatically refilled free of charge by Dorset Council and were installed at the time the road was adopted.
- Community bins are purchased by a resident or group and then donated to the Parish

Community Bins

Dorset Council will provide one free filling of a community grit bin per year at an approved location which must be on an adopted road. The resident group applying for the bin must accept responsibility for additional refills during the year which will be recharged to them via the Parish Council. The resident group purchases the bin and donates it to the Parish once located in an approved location.

The residents group must accept that there is no budgetary provision for the supply, repair or refill cost of the bin. If the bin is damaged and deemed unsafe the Parish Council does not accept responsibility to replace it.

The Parish Council reserves the right to remove the bin due to misuse, poor condition or as a result of non payment for refills. No liability is accepted by the Parish Council for a shortage of supply of grit. The residents group are responsible for informing the Parish Clerk that a refill is required.

Conditions for authorising a community bin:-

- A site for the bin has been located on a public verge or junction and must be approved by Dorset Council as the Highway Authority
- Request must be for an adopted road
- All the properties in the immediate vicinity of the location of the bin must agree its location
- Residents must be responsible for checking the bin to ensure it is in good repair and stocked on a regular basis
- Residents must be prepared to purchase the bin and meet any Highway Authority requirements concerning specification
- Residents must accept that grit provided by Dorset Council is for the public highway and pavements not for personal driveways
- Residents must be prepared to spread the grit
- If the bin is in an approved location Dorset Council will fill the bin once per year free of charge all subsequent refills that year will be recharged by the Parish Council to the nominated resident.
- The group will appoint a nominated person for correspondence to and from the Parish Council