



Provision of a Grit Bin Procedure

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Grit Bin Provision and Maintenance

Northumberland County Council (NCC) will continue to install, maintain and refill grit bins that are deemed necessary as part of its routine winter service operations. These bins are placed at locations that meet NCC's established placement criteria.

County councillors, town councils and individual members of the public may request additional grit bins. However, most qualifying locations will already have been addressed (see above). New requests can still be submitted, preferably via the FixMyStreet platform, and will be assessed against NCC's current criteria. Where the criteria are met, NCC will install the bin and assume responsibility for its ongoing maintenance and refills.

If the requested location does not meet NCC's criteria, a grit bin may still be installed under the following conditions:

- a) The location is approved by Northumberland County Council; and
- b) West Bedlington Town Council or county councillor fund the installation; and
- c) The Town Council adopts the bin as its asset and assumes responsibility for all future maintenance and refilling.

Notes:

1. The cost is £250 per bin. This includes the initial fill and two additional fills. Further refills are available at a cost of £125, which covers up to three fills.
2. Bins paid by county councillors are subject to their £2,000 minimum spend required by the Member Local Infrastructure Scheme (MLIS). This means that the funding of grit bins is now generally included as part of other councillor funded highways-related works within a ward to ensure the minimum spend threshold is met.
3. FixMyStreet is a website and free mobile app (Apple & Android) developed by mySociety. It simplifies the process of reporting issues like potholes, broken streetlights, or fly-tipping - or requesting grit bins - by connecting users directly with Northumberland County Council.