

DIY ways to tackle ice hazard

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WITH grit supplies running low across the country many people are taking matters into their own hands to clear their driveways.

At Hale & Co in Drybrook staff have been doing a roaring trade in spades and shovels.

Sales office manager Martin Nealon said although the builders' yard had run out of grit and salt people were still coming in.

He said: "We have 29 tonnes coming in on Wednesday and people can come in and get bags of it then.

"The roads around us are bad and we have had to reduce deliveries because we can't get the trucks out."

Martin said table salt could be used to clear driveways if people can't get hold of rock salt.

"The problem is the ice," he said. "You need to clear the snow from the surface first and put the salt on the ice, then it works. I have had to do my own drive.

"If you use table salt try to mix it with sand so you get the gritty effect."

Meanwhile Gloucestershire County Council has reassured the public that grit bins across the county will be refilled on a priority basis as they are reported empty.

Some parish and town councils are collecting the grit from highways depots to ensure their local bins remain stocked.

Both Gloucester City Council and Cheltenham Borough Council are helping the county council to grit high footfall town centre areas.

And members of the public are urged to use the salt bins to grit their roads and pavements in localised areas.

Cllr Stan Waddington, cabinet member for environment, said: "We are expecting another snowfall on Sunday."

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