



Effective Winter Gritting for Falkirk Council

Problem Identified

When cold and icy winter weather arrives, pavements and pedestrianised areas can become a hazard. Falkirk Council received some complaints following the previous winter, from both the general public and shop owners. These related to the treacherous conditions of icy pavements, the frequency of gritting activity and the uneven spread of material. Falkirk Council took these observations seriously and carried out a survey to consider improvements.

The survey recognised that grit had generally been spread manually by two operatives from the back of a lorry. This sometimes meant that coverage was uneven and the spreading method was time consuming. Limited vehicle access meant that some pedestrian areas were not being gritted to best effect.

Solution

Falkirk Council's research concluded that certain areas needed to be identified as a priority for gritting during the winter months and that a more all-embracing method of gritting needed to be put into place.

A representative from Glasdon UK worked with the decision making team responsible for gritting roads and pavements in the authority, to consider the equipment options. As a result, two Cruiser Turbocast 300™ grit/salt spreaders were purchased by the Council and after a short trial period, they proved to be extremely efficient and effective. Subsequently, three more were purchased.

Cruiser Turbocast 300 grit/salt spreader is a manual broadcast gritter with a slim design, enabling footpaths and pedestrianised areas to be gritted with ease. The unit has a range of settings for controlled, economic and even spreading.

Resulting Benefits

The Cruiser Turbocast 300 has saved time and made the spreading of grit/salt more effective. It is no longer necessary to use a vehicle for gritting as all areas are accessible using Cruiser Turbocast. Falkirk Council has been able to achieve their gritting targets and Cruiser Turbocast has met all their needs, making the pavements, footpaths and pedestrianised areas safer during the icy winter. Feedback from the public and shop owners has been excellent.

What the Customer Says

“The Cruiser Turbocast has greatly increased the number of areas that are gritted. It allows each operative to control the required level of spread in selected locations. Our investment in Cruiser has helped us to fulfil our duty of care to the satisfaction of the local community.”

Robert Fleming Support Systems Officer, Falkirk Council.



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