



# Effective Winter Gritting for East Dorset District Council

## Problem Identified

During the winter of 2003-2004 East Dorset District Council underwent an expansion of their area of Winter Maintenance responsibility. This, together with the implementation of the 'Duty to Grit' legislation led the Council to survey their gritting resources. It was concluded that they were under equipped to deal with the number of car parks, bridges and pedestrianised areas and footpaths within their area during hazardous icy conditions.

## Solution

Having used Glasdon winter products before, East Dorset District Council approached the company for a solution to meet the Council's winter safety requirements. A Glasdon representative visited and demonstrated the Cruiser Turbocast 300™ broadcast gritter and Nestor™ grit storage container.

East Dorset District Council required a gritting machine which could spread a wide variety of materials, including damp sand, 6mm grit/salt and Glasdon Icemelt™. Cruiser Turbocast 300 fulfilled all the Council's stipulations. They purchased two Cruiser Turbocast 300s for use on all the Council's pedestrianised areas of the Town Centre of Wimborne and around the Council car parks. Nestor grit/salt storage containers were also chosen. These were located at strategic points around the town centre ready for the operator to refill the Cruiser Turbocast when needed.

## Resulting Benefits

East Dorset District Council have noticed improved safety within their 'hazard' areas during wintry conditions. The Cruiser Turbocast 300 is very easy to use and maintain, allowing the Council's car parks and footpaths to be gritted as required with minimum effort. The strategically placed Nestor large capacity grit/salt containers have been an added benefit, as they allow the Cruiser Turbocast 300 to be refilled throughout its route without returning to a depot, making the whole process much quicker.

## What the customer says

“The Glasdon Nestor grit/salt container and Cruiser Turbocast 300 gritter have contributed to making it easier and more effective to grit. By careful positioning of the large capacity grit bins, the Cruiser Turbocast 300 can cover all the areas in and around the town centre within a couple of hours. This has led to a very positive response from the general public who see their local authority carrying out their 'Duty to Grit' efficiently and safely.”

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