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SNOW

REPORT

2009/10

The bad news

Salt runs out

The good news

New posts

installed

at the

Hayes Lane

entrance

NOTE **AGM** TAKES PLACE
AT

KENLEY MEMORIAL
HALL

ON

WEDNESDAY

2ND JUNE 2010

at 8pm

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FOR AGENDA AND LAST
YEARS MINUTES

Welcomes & Uplands Road Association

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Following the heavy snowfalls over Christmas and New Year and ensuing icy road surfaces for long periods without the availability of salt-grit in the Council maintained bins, I feel some explanation is required. You will know from Press and news reports that there has been a shortage of supplies and that councils will only grit priority roads ensuring bus, hospital, station and school accessibility and thus **secondary roads are well down the list. Our roads, being designated as 'private' albeit with public access, are not covered by the Highways department although it is their responsibility to at least maintain the bins assuming a ready supply of salt.** All eight of our bins were virtually emptied after the first snowfall around Christmas which has left us without ever since in spite of numerous telephone and email requests by, not only members of the committee, but also many residents. All our and Councillor **Steve O'Connell's efforts came to nothing and even our offer to pay for just one gritting was ignored.** All I can tell you is that the Highways department is aware of the need to refill the bins and that we will be applying for the installation of a number of extra bins although this will obviously not happen in the immediate future. (Whilst we appreciate that many do not have the time or inclination our thanks to those residents who managed to clear the snow from areas in their vicinity and hopefully their efforts will be repeated should we have more downfalls. Remember, the earlier you can get out there before cars compact the snow the easier it is- perhaps the bins will be refilled by then!!)

It is obvious that the road surface has suffered considerably in places exacerbated by exceptionally cold temperatures and we foresee the need for extensive repairs come the Spring especially in the area of the last corner of Welcomes **towards Hayes Lane. Contractors' vehicles and substandard surfacing to the new houses in that vicinity have contributed to the problem and we will be following up the developer's offer made at the AGM to contribute towards the cost of repairs.** We feel that that corner appears to suffer excessively from wear and tear and that it needs considerable reconstruction to both the edges and surface rather than, as we initially visualised, resurfacing from the junction down to Uplands thus we will be consulting several companies for their opinions and quotes all of which we will keep you informed.

If you have any comments/suggestions concerning these issues do not hesitate to contact any member of the committee.

Thank you for your forbearance and understanding.