

WINTER DRIVING

You may find ice on any road when temperatures drop in the winter. This map shows some known cold-spots where ice often forms earlier than at other places.

There is no evening or overnight gritting service in Shetland.

Gritters start at 6am but may take more than an hour to grit all main roads.



ICE

Be aware of conditions outside your vehicle for warning signs. A little sparkling from the road or verge can tell you of frost appearing.

There is a higher risk of icy patches with a fine night.

It is not unusual for temperatures to drop rapidly and ice to form just as day breaks.

TAKE EXTRA CARE IN THE EARLY MORNING



HOW GOOD ARE YOUR TYRES?

'All Season' or 'Winter' tyres give much better grip on ice, snow and cold wet roads than standard tyres.

ROSPA recommends replacing tyres when tread depth reaches 3mm (legal min 1.6mm)

4-WHEEL DRIVE HELPS YOU TO GO BUT IT DOESN'T HELP YOU TO STOP



The thermometer in your car will tell you the air temperature, but road surface temperatures may be up to 3 or 4°C colder, especially on a calm night with clear skies.

Hail, sleet, snow - SLOW DOWN



INFORMATION ON ROAD CONDITIONS



Shetland
Islands Council

SIC Weather Disruption Webpage:
www.shetland.gov.uk/adverseweather
Roads Office, phone:
01595 744866 (office hours plus early mornings during bad winter conditions)

For Road Temperature Information Visit:
www.shetland.gov.uk/icecast
or with a web enabled mobile phone:
www.shetland.gov.uk/icecast/wap.asp