

## Press Release

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### **Harpenden Snow Angels Volunteer Initiative Returns for Second Winter Season**

Harpenden Town Council is pleased to announce that the Snow Angels community volunteer initiative will return for the 2019-2020 winter season following the success of last year.

Snow Angels are a group of local people who volunteer to clear snow and ice from the footways & pathways in their area. Snow Angels help clear pedestrian routes within the town to enable safe mobility during wintry weather. Harpenden Town Council equips volunteers with a hi-vis vest, protective gloves, a snow shovel, and provision of grit free of charge.

Last year, 32 households and businesses volunteered as Snow Angels and helped spread over 120 bags of grit and shovelled dozens of footpaths. The initiative also provided an additional salt bin to Southdown, which was which was heavily utilised by both volunteers and the public, helping to ensure footpaths to the shopping parade & local schools were clear of ice.

Cllr. Brian Ellis, Town Mayor of Harpenden, said, "Snow Angels is a terrific initiative that brings together the community and facilitates an important service for Harpenden. The Town Council is pleased to resume the scheme after such a successful first year."

Those interested in volunteering can sign up by visiting <http://www.harpenden.gov.uk/snow-angels>. Volunteers are welcome to join Snow Angels throughout the winter season; upon sign up, volunteers will be required to complete risk assessment documentation.

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### **About Harpenden Town Council**

Harpenden Town Council was created in 1974 and is the largest parish in the St Albans District with a population of almost 30,000 represented by 16 Councilors across 4 Wards.