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Named as Addressee

Dear Sir/Madam

Ayrshire Roads Alliance Winter Service- Community Resilience

As you are aware, the Ayrshire Roads Alliance formally took operational responsibility for the roads network across South and East Ayrshire from 1 April 2014.

The merger of two roads authorities enabled the service to review its winter operations in terms of gritting and snow clearance.

Since autumn 2015 we have operated our community resilience scheme which offers support and training to all Community Councils and Resident Associations within East Ayrshire and South Ayrshire, who wish to participate in the scheme

The scheme provides all community councils with footway spreaders, snow shovels, personal protective equipment and training to enable them to carry out footway gritting within their own communities.

This partnership working enables local communities to take control immediately of pavement gritting in areas where the Ayrshire Roads Alliance is not able to get to, or are out with our operational plan.

This model has been in use in other parts of Ayrshire for a number of years and is extremely successful. This is purely a voluntary scheme, but I would hope that you would consider this offer of working in partnership with the Ayrshire Roads Alliance.

The winter gritting season will commence at the end of October 2018 and we intend offering training/refresher training in Kilmarnock, Ayr or within the local community. I would be pleased to hear if this is of interest to your Group by 28 September 2018.

Yours faithfully



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