

Interesting facts about gritters!

Ever wondered how roads stay safe when it's icy and snowy?

Meet the gritters - big, brave trucks that spread salt to stop roads from getting slippery. Let's explore some cool facts about these winter warriors!

Super salty roads

Last winter, gritters treated 32,189 miles of roads in Sunderland! That's like driving from Land's End to John O'Groats (the length of Britain) 37 times!

Brrrrr! It was cold!

The coldest temperature recorded last winter was -7.7°C on the morning of 8 January. That's colder than your freezer!

Salt power

Gritters used 5,247 tonnes of salt last winter in Sunderland. That's as heavy as nearly 1,000 elephants!

Big and mighty machines

A fully loaded gritter weighs 26 tonnes. That's the same weight as 722 eleven-year-olds!

Night-time ninjas

Most road gritting happens between 1am and 6am - the coldest part of the day. Gritter drivers work hard in the dark and cold, when most of us are tucked up fast asleep, to keep roads safe for everyone.

And just one more...

Gritters don't just throw salt around anywhere - their route is carefully planned so they know where and when to treat roads to help cars, buses, and bikes travel safely.

So next time you see a big yellow truck spreading salt, remember, it's a gritter, helping to keep us all safe on the roads.

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