

The Gill

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The Taxman wants your views

HMRC is conducting a consultation about a proposal to allow the use of red diesel in tractors that could be used to grit rural roads in the winter.

The consultation document says - "Currently, it is permitted to use red diesel in any vehicle that is being used to clear snow from public roads by means of a snow plough or similar device. However, vehicles that may use red diesel for gritting roads are much more narrowly defined. The Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979 ('HODA') provides that only vehicles (known as gritters) that are constructed or adapted, and used, solely for gritting roads can use red diesel for that purpose .

Many rural communities are too remote to benefit from municipal gritting activities, leaving them cut off in times of severe weather. Tractors are often the only vehicles capable of both clearing and gritting roads in these communities and their use could make a difference in maintaining road access for supply vehicles and the emergency services during extreme weather. The recent series of severe winters in the UK has led to increased calls for farmers to use their tractors to grit roads in rural areas.

Stop Crime, call - Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111

In recent winters, during periods of extreme weather, HMRC have temporarily relaxed rules around use of red diesel and allowed tractors being used for gritting rural roads to be fuelled with red diesel.

'Extreme weather conditions' are by their very nature difficult to define or predict. The severity and duration of icy conditions are rarely consistent across the country. In addition, harsh winters appear to have become the norm, thus weakening the justification for granting a concession in 'exceptional circumstances'.

Following an internal review, HMRC now propose to amend HODA to specifically allow the use of red diesel in tractors for gritting as and when conditions demand it.

Before making any such amendment, HMRC wish to establish whether such a change is desired by the communities that would be affected and how it might affect the interests of commercial operators and official gritting authorities.

The aim of the proposal is to permit owners of tractors in rural areas to use red diesel when gritting roads in times of bad weather without harming commercial gritting contractors who, if using vehicles other than gritters or operating on private premises, have to use unrebated fuel ('white diesel').

HMRC proposes to limit the new exemption to gritting carried out in the area where the vehicle is registered and to agricultural vehicles that already qualify to use red diesel under Schedule 1 of HODA. HMRC proposes that gritting may be carried out up to a permitted radius of 15 miles from the address at which the vehicle is registered. This distance is

based on the DVLA limit on the distance a tractor may tow a gritting box without an 'operator's license'.

Light Agricultural Vehicles

Like tractors, these vehicles may use red diesel for purposes relating to agriculture, horticulture and forestry and are capable of pulling purpose-built gritting trailers or simple trailers of grit to be spread manually. HMRC would welcome views from the farming community as to whether an extension of the proposed change to include this type of vehicle is also desirable."

The full consultation document is on the HMRC website.

Responses should be sent by 5 October 2012 to Steve.Clarke2@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk or by post to:

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Police report

Community Engagement

Officers from Cumbria County Council's Trading Standards service joined forces with officers from Brampton Police as they

took to the streets to raise awareness of an expected increase in doorstep crime as summer approaches.

The operation was carried out in two distinct parts, the first being at the beginning of June which was to raise awareness and highlight the dangers of cold callers touting for work, as incidents tend to increase over the summer months. Over a hundred homes in the villages of Dalston, Cumwhitton, Wetheral and Warwick-on-Eden were visited by officers and the residents advised to be on the lookout for cold callers targeting their villages. They were given advice on how to deal with cold callers and asked to look out for elderly and vulnerable neighbours. Angela Jones, Cumbria Trading Standards manager said: 'Cold callers are not welcome in our county as they can leave residents out of pocket by charging inflated prices and the work is invariably sub standard. Through partnership working with the police and warning residents in advance of the danger of cold callers we aim to reduce the incidents of cold callers and rogue traders in our county. The second part of the operation conducted in the latter part of the month saw officers working in Alston, Brampton, Longtown and Dalston stopping and checking vehicles and their occupants. Speaking to trades people working at houses and ensuring all were reliable and reputable with the correct paperwork.

To find a reliable and reputable local trader go to www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk or call 01539 713594. To report cold callers in your area contact Trading Standards via Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 08454 040506 or Cumbria Police on 101.

Retro Sports Day for young and old

Thursday 2nd August 5-7pm Lochinvar Close Field, Longtown

Thursday 9th August 5-7pm William Howard School field,
Brampton

Thursday 16th August 5-7pm Dalston Recreational field
Thursday 23rd August 5-7pm Tyne Willows playing field Alston
All welcome for a FREE fun evening.

PCSO 5243 Pete Aiston.

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Bolton Fell Moss

Natural England have published their Summer Newsletter update on progress with the acquisition and restoration of Bolton Fell Moss. A copy has been circulated to residents living adjacent to the Moss and can be found on their own and the Parish Council's websites.

Grants for Community Activity

The Parish Council is able to make grants to a number of community groups for projects and activities that will benefit the local community. Please contact the Clerk for more details.



Recent meetings have seen the Council being consulted on a number of issues such as The Nuclear Waste Repository, County Council Mineral and Waste local plan, Irthington Village Community School proposed extension to nursery provision and early talks about National Grid proposals for the North West Coast connections project.

The Council has also adopted a new Code of Conduct for Councillors which requires a revised approach to the declaration of their interests. In future it will be a criminal offence not to declare certain interests. Members interests must now also be published on the web sites of the Carlisle District Council and the Parish Council.

Web Site - The Council's web site is proving popular with over 1000 "hits" being recorded since it was set up and even the odd email being received about local issues. The Gill is also published along with other newsletters.

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Our web site is: www.hethersgill-pc.org.uk

Your Councillors

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The Parish Council meeting dates for the rest of 2012 are: September 11th and November 13th

All meetings are open to the public and held in the Parish Hall, Hethersgill at 7.30pm on the above dates.

Should you have an enquiry about the work of the parish council or any matter of concern within the parish please contact a councillor or the Clerk to the Council:-
Clive Moth 01228 675328 email: clerk@hethersgill-pc.org.uk

REALLY USEFULL INFORMATION



Mobile Post Office

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Highways hotline

Report holes in the road, floods, fallen trees, broken signs, faulty street lights etc to the hotline 0845 6096 609



Recycling if the bins are full ring 01228 817200.

Comments about the Gill We welcome comments about the newsletter or any topic - please contact:- Clive Moth, Clerk to the Council 01228 675328 or clerk@hethersgill-pc.org.uk

Hethersgill Parish Council

Receipts and Payments to year ended 31st March 2012.

2010/11	Receipts	2011/12	% Diff
6500.00	Precept	6500.00	-
3977.00	Grants	2496.00	- 37
136.00	Recycling	160.00	+17
266.99	VAT recovered	638.40	+139
75.00	Gill Advert Fees	35.00	+53
10954.99	Total	9829.40	
Payments			
250.00	Administration	475.76	+90
2871.12	Clerk's Salary	2871.12	-
8473.13	Parish Hall grants	4110.40	-51
800.00	Parish Church Grant	500.00	-37
337.35	Insurance	225.00	- 33
68.00	Recycling	80.00	+17
700.00	Donations(S.137)	100.00	- 85
192.00	The Gill	357.84	+86
158.63	Audit Fees	162.00	+2
213.75	Grass Cutting	108.00	+50
	Training	5.00	+100
	Web site	800.00	+100
14063.98	Total	9795.12	
Summary			
6822.69	Brought FWD	3173.70	
10954.99	Add income	9829.40	
17777.68		13543.10	
14063.98	less payments	9795.12	
3713.70	C/F to 1st April 2012	3747.98	
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