

# New and Replacement Grit Bins Report For Beckington Parish Council

## INTRODUCTON

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The adverse weather conditions encountered over the past 2 years have highlighted a need for Beckington Parish Council to review the provision of road grit bins, within its area of responsibility. The Grit Bins are provided by the Parish Council, but are supplied with Road Grit on a demand basis by Somerset Highways. The Parish of Beckington (including Rudge and Standerwick) is shown as having Grit Bins in 2 locations according to a map provided by Somerset Highways. Although there are in fact 3. These are located as follows;

- 1) The Corner of Sandy Lane and Warminster Road.
- 2) Frome Road junction with slip road to Baptist Church
- 3) Rudge Hill, Near Scotland Lane (Confirmed by Cllr Wright)

Investigation has shown that there is no longer a Grit Bin in Frome Road (2) despite it being recorded on the Parish Council Asset register. Therefore only 2 actually exist.

## REQUIREMENT

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Given the recent increases within the Parish of domestic residences, and the corresponding increase in road and pedestrian traffic, further provision needs to be made for the storage and provision of Road Grit for application to roads and pavements in times of adverse weather conditions. The main areas of concern being Frome Road, Bath Road, and Church Hill (School and Church), with a further Grit bin being required in Rudge, on or near the junction with Rudge Hill/Rudge Lane (by the Full Moon Pub, tbc)

## PROPOSAL

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It is proposed that the Parish Council undertake procurement activity for 3 new Grit Bins, and 1 replacement Grit Bin, that is 4 in total.

Representations have been received regarding the colour preference for the Grit Bins, with a bright yellow being precluded as being too harsh to sit within the environmental surrounds in which they are proposed to be located (i.e. within the conservation area). This reduces the products available to meet the requirement, although this does not appear to have a significant impact upon cost.

Grit Bin from 4 suppliers were investigated. 3 suppliers from a list provided by Somerset Highways, and 1 identified from a further search on the internet) The 4 options are shown in the following table.

<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Price (incl VAT)</b>
Glasdon	Nestor 90 Grit Bin (Deep Green) <a href="https://uk.glasdon.com/winter-safety-equipment/lockable-grit-bins/nestor-tm-90-grit-salt-bin">https://uk.glasdon.com/winter-safety-equipment/lockable-grit-bins/nestor-tm-90-grit-salt-bin</a>	£119.34 per unit Total Cost £477.36
Greenham	Oaklsnd Plastics 6 Cu Ft Stackable Grit/Salt Bins (Yellow) Code No 702000. <a href="https://www.greenham.com/Contractors-Equipment/Traffic-Management/Cold-Weather-Equipment/6-Cu-Ft-Stackable-Grit-Salt-Bins~p~702000">https://www.greenham.com/Contractors-Equipment/Traffic-Management/Cold-Weather-Equipment/6-Cu-Ft-Stackable-Grit-Salt-Bins~p~702000</a>	£148.31 per unit Total Cost £593.24
Concept Products Limited	Grit Bin Yellow 250Kg ref JTM2001 <a href="https://conceptproductsltd.co.uk/product/grit-bin-yellow-250kg/">https://conceptproductsltd.co.uk/product/grit-bin-yellow-250kg/</a>	£84.54 per unit Total Cost £338.16
GritBins.net	3.5 Cu Recycled Grit Bin (Black) 100Kg/100Ltr capacity Code No. OAKGB100LGBSR <a href="https://www.gritbins.net/grit-bins/grit-bins-medium/3.5-cu-ft-recycled-grit-bin-100-litre-100-kg-capacity">https://www.gritbins.net/grit-bins/grit-bins-medium/3.5-cu-ft-recycled-grit-bin-100-litre-100-kg-capacity</a>	£52.79 per unit Total Cost £211.16

Other providers are available but costs appear to be similar to those listed above.

It is proposed that the Gritbin.net offering is pursued as it is nearest to meeting the requirement on colour and on value for money.

Should the proposal be accepted, the suggested locations for the bins are as follows;

1. Church Hill - next to the current waste/dog bin site by the St Georges church gate.
2. Frome Road – on the wide pavement above Stubbs Lane entrance.
3. Bath Road - on the wide pavement below Mill Lane Junction.
4. Rudge – Fulll Moon or nearby (tbc)

These locations will need to be notified and agreed with the Somerset Highways Area Superintendent (Graham Gibson) in order for them to be provisioned with Road Grit.



Nestor 90 Grit Bin (Deep Green)



Oaklnd Plastics 6 Cu Ft Stackable



Grit Bin Yellow 250Kg



3.5 Cu Recycled Grit Bin (Black)

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8 Cu Ft Victoriana Heavy Duty Glass Fibre Composite  
Grit Bin - 224 Litre / 224 kg Capacity - **£224.99** ex. VAT



12 Cu Ft Victoriana Heavy Duty Glass Fibre  
Composite Grit Bin - 336 Litre / 336 kg Capacity - **£299.99** ex. VAT