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All, thank you for the comments received.

The issue of farmers ploughs will be reviewed during the summer, with the following expected outcomes.

During the summer a number of Buckscc front line ploughs will be replaced. These ploughs will then be refurbished, and supplied to farmers that have signed up to the agreement that is currently in place, on a first come first served basis. Please bear in mind that out of 14 farmers/contractors that expressed an interest in carrying out this part of the service across the Chilterns and north of the county, only 9 have so far signed up to an agreement with Buckscc. There will be more promotional work carried out as we approach the new season once we have an idea on the number of available ploughs,(expected to be up to 10No), a few of which are already allocated. Any farmer/contractor employed by Buckscc will be given a set route to plough that fits in with our primary and precautionary salting routes, and will not be used until the snowfall exceeds 50mm, and when our own resources cannot cope with the prevailing weather conditions.

A significant number of schools are on primary salting routes so I do not believe that any direct correlation can be made between school closures and farmers snow ploughs. Other factors such as weather conditions, staff and pupil travel distances etc also had an impact. There are meetings arranged to look at operational issues during the early part of May, and I will be bringing this issue forward.

Regards

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