

## BagItUp Appeal

There have been several complaints and enquiries from residents across Oxfordshire, regarding the delivery of textile recycling bags from the Air Ambulance Service. The funds raised through these textile recycling banks will not go to the Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance, the local Air Ambulance for Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire, but will instead go to the Air Ambulance charities represented by Air Ambulance Services which serve Warwickshire, Northamptonshire,

Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland. The Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance has never operated a doorstep collection service.

We ask that should residents across Berks, Oxon and Bucks receive one of these textile recycling bags in the future please contact us on: 0300 999 0135 and continue to support our own textile recycling scheme, by donating your unwanted textiles to one of our BagItUp bins. Your nearest banks can be found by visiting [www.bagitup.org.uk](http://www.bagitup.org.uk)

## Sandbins and Ice

During the recent icy spell the question arose as to why the sand in the bins at the village hall, provided for flood protection, was not being used to grit pavements and roads. This sand is not appropriate for snow and ice as it is just that - sand - as opposed to the salt/grit mix which is used for the roads and paths. This mix works to turn the ice and snow into slush which then goes into the drainage system; the sand would not disperse in the same way. We have provided additional salt/grit containers around the village for use on the local roads but this must be used on a self-help basis by residents' groups.

Regrettably, this supply will not be replenished by OCC until next winter. Our limited supply should be used to clear road surfaces where vehicles may experience difficulty such as at junctions and slopes. For information, OCC Highways will only clear designated routes, leaving village roads to local effort. Such roads as Meadow Lane in Shipton which leads to the surgery were cleared through local help organised by the Surgery itself.

**Neil Jagger**  
**Chairman, Shipton Parish Council**

## Bealicious Bakery Presents Cakes for Charity

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**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**  
**10am to 12 noon**  
**3pm to 4 pm**

All proceeds to Helen and Douglas House  
If you wish to donate a cake please ring  
Bea Bates on: 01993 832857