

# CARRIS

# UTILITY SOLUTIONS

## COMPANY NEWSLETTER



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### WINTER UPDATE

This quarter has seen the main office upgraded with a brand new phone system using the latest VoIP technologies. Every employee has a brand new phone and direct dial phone number. We hope this much needed upgrade will keep things running smoothly in 2018.

The office upgrades haven't stopped there! Most employees have now moved to their new desks and our high-speed fibre optic internet connection, along with new wi-fi network, is now up and running.

At Ashford and Layhams depots we have been supporting Kent Fire Brigade by giving our unwanted pallets to them for their training. Carris is always happy to help out in our communities.

We would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and happy new year. See you in 2018.

### WHERE TO FIND US

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### FESTIVE CHEER

Of course Christmas is the time of year for giving, and one of our employees in particular has taken this to heart.

Our Project Co-ordinator, Anna-Maria Dixon, will be volunteering over the Christmas period with Crisis- a charity dedicated to ending homelessness, who put on volunteering events at Christmas to provide immediate help for homeless people at this critical time of year.

Anna's volunteering will consist of day shifts where she will help sort out donated clothes and serve warm meals to the homeless, and night shifts where she will be helping to look after and spend time with residents of homeless shelters.

She will be doing this with her partner, and her friend. When we asked her why she was taking time to volunteer this Christmas, she said that it is because she wants to give back to the community and help others because she is grateful that she has so much, when some people don't even have a place to sleep.

Well done Anna, and we all wish you luck!



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## WINTER DRIVING

Driving in the winter is very different than in other times of the year. Adverse weather and longer periods of darkness makes driving more hazardous. Here are a few tips for driving in the winter:

**Plan your journey-** In very bad conditions avoid driving completely, unless you absolutely have to make the journey and driving is the only option. Listen to weather broadcasts and travel bulletins, especially for the areas you will be driving.

**Prepare your vehicle-** It's a good idea to have your vehicle fully serviced before winter starts and have the anti-freeze tested. When extreme weather is possible, keep an emergency kit in your car, especially if you're going on a long journey.

**Adapt your journey-** As conditions can change rapidly, check them regularly and be prepared to change your plans if conditions on your route worsen.

Remember- Plan, Prepare and Adapt.

## DRIVING IN ICE OR SNOW

Reduce your speed, the chances of skidding are much greater and your stopping distance will greatly increase.

Only travel at a speed at which you can stop within the distance you can see to be clear. Speed limits are the maximum in ideal conditions; in difficult conditions they can often be too fast.

Avoid harsh braking and acceleration, or sharp steering.

Always reduce your speed smoothly and in plenty of time on slippery surfaces, slow down in plenty of time before bends and corners.

Visibility will probably be reduced, so use dipped headlights.

Braking on an icy or snow covered bend is extremely dangerous. The centrifugal force will continue to pull you outwards and the wheels will not grip very well. This could cause your vehicle to spin.

## IN MEMORIAM

Unfortunately it's not all good news this quarter as we sadly lost two members of the Carris family.

As we usher in a new year, we wanted to take a moment to remember Lawrence and Billy. They were both taken far too young and will be missed by many.



*Lawrence Pearce*

13th June 1996 - 1st December 2017



*Billy Bryant*

4th June 1976 - 7th October 2017