

BLIZZARD HITS THE VALE

The blizzard which hit the Vale of Glamorgan on Monday night quickly brought chaos on the main Cardiff-Swansea Road.

For two hours utter confusion reigned on the stretch of road between Cardiff and Bridgend, with every steep hill quickly littered with heavy lorries unable to climb them.

Morning Star Hill between Cowbridge and Pentre Meyrick was an example, with vehicles of all sizes from small family cars to heavy goods lorries bogged down on a surface made treacherous by snow. The hill was impassable to all vehicles except Land Rovers and tractors.

The Cowbridge by-pass, experiencing its first fall of snow since it was opened, was very dangerous, and many people now feel that it was a penny-pinching policy not to have included some form of surface heating on the fly-over, similar to that installed at Leckwith Bridge on the Cardiff-Penarth Road.