

Community Emergency Plan

Background

The report to the April meeting, noted that the Parish Council has a Community Emergency Plan but it needs updating and sharing with the Emergency Planning and Resilience Team.

It was resolved that Cllr Kirkby would review the Community Emergency Plan and bring a draft update to a subsequent meeting.

A draft was issued to Cllrs and feedback was used to update the draft again to its current version.

Purpose of the Plan

This Plan is to help our community to:

- Prepare for
- Respond to
- Recover from

emergencies in our area.

Template and Draft Plan

A template created by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Resilience Forum supports communities of all shapes and sizes to prepare for emergencies.

The attached draft Plan for Oliver's Battery is based on this template and adapted to make it relevant for our community. The relevant guidance in the template is retained in the draft Plan.

Once agreed, the Plan should be shared with the Local Resilience Forum. They will use this information while planning for emergencies, and may get in touch with our team during an incident to coordinate support for our local area.

How to prepare for an emergency?

One of the most important things we can do is get members of our community to consider their own resilience (ie how prepared they are) before an emergency.

There are a number of ways members of our community can make themselves more prepared including:

- Create Household Emergency Plans - [Prepare your family | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/emergencyplanning/prepareyourfamily)¹
- If you consider yourself vulnerable, join the priority services register to receive additional support in a utility outage [Get help from your supplier - Priority Services Register | Ofgem](https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/information-consumers/energy-advice-households/getting-extra-help-priority-services-register)²
- Preparing 'Grab Bags' – the Red Cross offer guidance here: [Your emergency kit | British Red Cross](https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-help/prepare-for-emergencies/prepare-an-emergency-kit)³

¹ <https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/emergencyplanning/prepareyourfamily>

² <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/information-consumers/energy-advice-households/getting-extra-help-priority-services-register>

³ <https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-help/prepare-for-emergencies/prepare-an-emergency-kit>

- Store non-perishable supplies such as food, water and medication in their homes (enough to last three days)
- Look into your flood risk, and consider buying flood protection equipment such as sand bags, floodgates and airbrick covers: [Check the long term flood risk for an area in England - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/check-long-term-flood-risk)⁴
- Sign up for Environment Agency Flood Warnings: [Sign up for flood warnings - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings)⁵
- Sign up for Met Office Alerts: [Guide to email alert service - Met Office](https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/about-us/guide-to-emails)⁶
- Review guidance produced by the Cabinet Office about preparing for emergencies: [Preparing for emergencies - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-emergencies/preparing-for-emergencies)⁷

Recommendations

- The Council agrees the draft Community Emergency Plan.
- Share draft with Rev Marianne Foster and Ali Cochrane (Badger Farm Community Centre Manager) to ensure that they are happy or, if not, adapt as necessary (Cllr Kirkby).
- Once agreed, share the new Community Emergency Plan with the Local Resilience Forum and seeks feedback (Cllr Kirkby).
- Also once agreed, publicise the Community Emergency Plan, including on the website (Clerk), on Facebook and Instagram (Cllr Ironside).
- Also, publicise in the next Newsletter (Cllr Kirkby), including encouraging local residents to consider their own resilience before an emergency (see list above).

⁴ <https://www.gov.uk/check-long-term-flood-risk>

⁵ <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>

⁶ <https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/about-us/guide-to-emails>

⁷ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-emergencies/preparing-for-emergencies>