

WARDEN AND FOURSTONES COMMUNITY PLAN

Planning for Emergency Situations

Introduction

The Plan has been prepared for the residents of Warden and Fourstones, to be activated in the event of an emergency occurring. An emergency can be defined as: “Any event happening that causes or threatens death or injury, damage to property or to the environment, disruption to the community which because of the scale of its effects cannot be dealt with by the emergency services and local authorities as part of their day to day activities”

Background

Events in recent years have caused significant disruption to major services due to severe winds across the local area. This has highlighted the need for an emergency plan and given the rural location of Warden and Fourstones, a local response is deemed as necessary to supplement the more formal plan which is in place via Northumberland County Council.

In any emergency situation, the need is to respond quickly so this plan is by no means a replacement of NCC Emergency Plan but a plan to account for the first 24-48 hours when residents may need assistance. Advance planning can help identify, prioritise and minimise disruption in difficult situations.

It is the responsibility of Northumberland County Council to make contingency plans for the central co-ordination of action required to meet any major emergency which poses a threat to people's lives or health or general wellbeing.

Aims

- To increase short-term community resilience
- To provide self-help to the local community in the event of an emergency
- To assist the local population in the immediate aftermath of an emergency until the responsibilities are able to be met by NCC and other emergency services
- To provide local resources, contacts, knowledge and assistance to other agencies responding to the emergency

Newbrough Town Hall will act as the central point given that there is access to heating, catering facilities and, if needed, space for residents to stay until they can return to their properties.

Relevant Contact Details

Please contact the following people if you are in need of support or are acting on behalf of someone you know who is in need of assistance:

In the case of there being a risk to life, then please call 999 immediately

Parish Council contact details		
Claire Miller - Clerk	clerk@wardenparishcouncil.org	01669 621565
Simon Robson - Chair	simonwardenpc@gmail.com	07859956839
Gillian Charlton – Vice Chair	gillwardenpc@gmail.com	07758324734
Keith Youngs - Councillor	Princeyoungs@hotmail.co.uk	07961232968
Wesley Foot - Councillor	wesley@copperfoot.co.uk	07787116812
Steve Heminsley - Councillor	stevefourstonespc@gmail.com	07887614378
Lesley Kay- Councillor	bendangus@googlemail.com	07941133622

David Liddle - Councillor	davidliddle52@gmail.com	07904518400
John Martin - Councillor	jsm.4stones4@gmail.com	07964616555
Other Contact Details		
Northern Powergrid	cus.service@northernpowergrid.com	Emergency number 105
Northumbria Water		0800 393084
Environment Agency Floodline		0345 988 1188
EA Incident Hotline		0800 80 70 60
Northumberland Communities Together (for anyone struggling with food supplies or other essentials)		Mon-Fri 9am-6pm 01670 620015
Northumberland County Council		Out-of-hours: 0345 600 6400
One Call (for concerns about vulnerable residents or safeguarding issues)		01670 536400

Process, Actions & Communications

Parishioners affected by a local emergency should contact the emergency numbers relating to the specific event. Dependent on this response the following will apply:

1. Contact local Parish Councillor to discuss your immediate situation, response from the relevant authority and personal needs
2. If relevant, Parish Chair (Vice Chair or other Parish Councillor in the absence of Chair and Vice Chair) to arrange key issue meeting at the Town Hall. In addition to Parish Councillors representatives of the local churches, Women's Institute and Town Hall Committee will be invited.
3. Parish Council to circulate information / actions via Village Email

Much of this process is dependent on access to phones, most likely mobile phones. In severe cases this access may not be available and in these circumstances it is important that as a Parish, we are able to pull together and look out for those who may be in need of help and support. Just by calling at the homes of those in your locality to check that all is well is a major part in supporting others when we experience adverse conditions.

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