

STAMFORDHAM COMMUNITY PLAN

Planning for Emergency Situations

2022

Introduction

What do we mean by Emergency?

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 months caused significant disruption to major services due to severe winds across the local villages. This has highlighted the need for an emergency plan and given the remote aspect of Stamfordham and neighbouring villages, 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 and Objectives of the Plan

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 via local resources, contacts, knowledge and assistance to other agencies responding to the emergency

Objectives:

- Identify resources and key contacts in the community
- Identify vulnerable elements of the community
- Identify hazards and possible mitigation measures

Resources Available

Primarily the local resources available are:

Communications Centre: Sports Pavilion

- Stamfordham Village Hall
- Local Churches – St Mary the Virgin Stamfordham, Church on the Green Stamfordham and Holy Trinity, Matfen

Additionally: Swinburne Arms pub which may be needed to assist if necessary.

The Village Hall in Stamfordham would appear to be the most logical place to 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.

Residents will be given contact numbers to alert people that they are in need of assistance in the immediate future until longer term arrangements can be made.

Additionally, a list will be compiled of those residents who are willing and able to accommodate other residents who are unable to access their homes as a result of any emergency.

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

Rev. Rachel Scheffer – 07916 681128 or r.scheffer@newcastle.anglican.org
Cllr Linda Boylan (Chair) 07718 062481/ 01661 886612/ lindaparishcouncil@gmail.com

Cllr Tanya Merridew 07510 541646 / tanyamerridew@me.com
Cllr Duncan Hutt 07802 544726 / 01661 886442 / dhutt.stamfordhampc@gmail.com
Cllr Simon Parker 07471 576008 / 01661 855266 / simonparker1@mac.com
Cllr Caroline Reynolds 07894 732228 / 01661 886855 / caroline.reynolds101@gmail.com
Cllr Pip Forsyth 07921 843732 / 01661 886431 / pip@theforsyths.plus.com

Cllr Veronica Jones, NCC – 07850 705339

Northern Powergrid – cus.service@northernpowergrid.com

- Emergency telephone number 105

Northumbria Water – Water emergency number 0800 393084

Northumberland County Council contact numbers

Northumberland Communities Together (for anyone struggling with food supplies or other essentials) Mon-Fri 9am - 6pm: 01670 620015.

Northumberland County Council out-of-hours service: 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, e.g. Northern Powergrid in the event of electricity outage, to be given an estimate of how long the emergency is likely to last.

Dependent on this response the following will apply:

1. Contact local PC representative to discuss your immediate situation, response from the relevant authority and personal needs
2. If relevant, PC representative to arrange key issue for the Village Hall
3. PC representative to circulate information to other relevant contacts and social media

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.

At Risk/ Vulnerable Residents

A list will be gathered of those in the locality considered themselves to be at risk or vulnerable for whatever reason, and residents will be encouraged to look out for their neighbours and alert the relevant people if there are any concerns.

The data collected for this list will be under the strict guidance and adherence to GDPR and will not be distributed to other agencies unless in the interest of the individual.

Contact Details Form For Use In An Emergency -

Your privacy is important to us, and we want to communicate with local people in a way which has their consent, and which is in line with UK law on data protection. As a result of a change in UK law, we now need your consent to how we contact you. Please fill in the contact details you want us to use to communicate with you:

Name _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Additional Contact Number (e.g. next of kin/neighbour):

By signing this form you are confirming that you are consenting to the Parish Council, Village Hall and Sports Pavilion and St Mary's Church, Stamfordham to holding and processing your personal data for the following purposes (please tick the boxes where you grant consent):-

I consent to the group contacting me by post phone or email.

To keep me informed about news, events, activities and services within Stamfordham Parish and the Ecclesiastical parish (*note you can unsubscribe at any time*);

To including my details in the 'Register of Local People' to be contacted if there is an emergency or difficult local situation;

To mark my data as 'at risk/vulnerable resident' (these people will be contacted first)

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

You can grant consent to all the purposes, one of the purposes, or none of the purposes.

Where you do not grant consent we will not be able to use your personal data except in certain limited situations, such as where required to do so by law or to protect members of the public from serious harm.

You can withdraw or change your consent at any time by contacting the Parish Council Clerk, at clairemillerparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk or Linda Boylan (Chair) on 01661 886612 / 07718 062481 / lindaparishcouncil@gmail.com

Please note that all processing of your personal data will cease once you have withdrawn consent, other than where this is required by law, but this will not affect any personal data that has already been processed prior to this point.