

SLINDON PARISH RESILIENCE & EMERGENCY PLAN

Background

Community Resilience enables communities to plan for emergency situations as and when they occur so they are best placed to deal with them.

As the first tier of local government, Slindon Parish Council is encouraged to play its part by preparing a resilience plan which will describe what we will do as a community during emergencies.

It identifies potential risks and their possible impacts although it cannot cover all eventualities.

It includes details of the responses we can expect from others such as the emergency services, utilities or County Council as well as those responses we can provide from within the Parish itself.

What you need to know

This plan is designed to prepare the Parish Council and the community it serves to manage and mitigate the effects of an emergency.

More information about the emergency planning support can be found here:

Arun District Council

<https://www.arun.gov.uk/emergency-planning-service>

West Sussex County Council

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/preparing-for-emergencies/>

Sussex Police

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/media/downloads/sussex/about-us/sussex-resilience-forum/srf-community-information-on-risks-in-sussex.pdf>

Objectives

- To consider the emergency risks
- To detail the agreed response to an emergency
- To identify Key contacts during an emergency
- Encourage personal planning

What You Can Do

Familiarise yourself with the local government and police websites and prepare a personal emergency plan.

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/9340/household_emergency_plan.pdf

Local Risk Analysis

HAZARD	LOCATION	WHO'S AFFECTED	IMPACTS	MITIGATIONS	POTENTIAL RESPONSE
Burst water main/flooding	Within Parish	Vehicular Access plus access to properties	Flooding of properties and potential to restrict access to School/properties	PC and residents to report potential problems to Water Authority in a timely manner	Evacuate to appropriate reception centre to provide shelter.
Utility issue	Within Parish	People living in the immediate vicinity	Risk of explosion, power cut, loss of drinking water.	PC and residents to report potential problems to Authority in a timely manner	Evacuate to appropriate reception centre to provide shelter.
Heavy snow	Affects entire area	Affects entire area	Isolation, restricts movement around community; residents are house bound; getting food and essentials from shops	PC to ensure sufficient grit supplies at National Trust (supply from WSCC), 24 hour access maintained and appropriate distribution. Ensure personal resilience plans / spare food / grit / snow shovel...	Coordinate visits to identified vulnerable people; organise food delivery; liaise with voluntary group; keep community informed...
Fire, explosion	In the parish, other properties affected	People living in the immediate vicinity	Evacuation to safe place	Identify and relocate to community buildings outside of cordon	Follow advice from services Fire and rescue service will identify cordon and Police will co-ordinate the response
Gales / Storms	Affects entire parish	Affects entire area	Death or injury Power cuts	Ensure have personal resilience plans / spare food	Follow advice from services, stay indoors When safe to do so possibly activate machinery owners to clear fallen trees.
Heat wave	Affects entire area	Affects entire area	Important to keep cool and safe indoors and follow advice.	Ensure have personal resilience plans / spare food/ cooling fans/areas to keep cool Check on neighbours	Follow advice from services, government and NHS
Illness (e.g. COVID, Flu)	National	National	Follow Government guidance	Vaccinations	Follow advice from services, government and NHS

Those who may be vulnerable

It is important to ensure that isolated or vulnerable people are contacted to see if they need assistance during an emergency.

Emergencies can make anyone vulnerable and they make life even more difficult for those people who are already vulnerable. Being vulnerable means different things to different people and vulnerabilities can vary in their duration. Social vulnerability risks may include people who have recently had an operation, people without access to transport or people with limited mobility.

Slindon is a community village and people automatically help their family, friends and neighbours during times of need. In the unlikely event that the Emergency Procedure Plan is called into force, it is anticipated that people would volunteer and use what skills, tools, resources, vehicles or machinery they have available and are capable of using. It is important that any vehicles are licensed and insured to use in an emergency.

The Priority Services Register is a free support service to help people in vulnerable situations. Energy suppliers and network operators offer it.

Each keeps their own register and you need to contact your energy supplier or network operator to get on it.

Priority Services Register services might include:

- Advance notice of planned power cuts for customers who depend on their energy supply for medical reasons
- Priority in an emergency (this could include providing alternative heating and cooking facilities in the event of supply disconnection)
- Alternative water sources in an emergency

<https://www.turn2us.org.uk/Benefit-guides/Energy-schemes/Priority-Services-Registers-for-your-energy-compan#guide-content>

Dial 999 IMMEDIATELY where there is a risk to life

An emergency is something that needs to be attended to quickly because it is a danger to health or safety.

Gas, Water and Electrical emergencies

Gas

Contact the Gas Emergency Service on 0800 111 999 if you smell gas.

Water

Two water companies serve the Arun district:

- Southern Water – Tel: 0330 303 0368
- Portsmouth Water – Tel: 023 9247 7999

To check your supplier go to:

<https://www.water.org.uk/advice-for-customers/find-your-supplier/>

Contact your supplier if you and your neighbours are experiencing a loss of supply. They also are responsible for water main bursts, overflowing/blocked drains and shared drains whether council or private.

Electricity

Two electricity distribution operators serve the Arun District:

- Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks – Tel: 0800 072 7282 or 105
- UK Power Networks – Tel: 0800 316 3105 or 105

To check your supplier go to:

<https://www.energynetworks.org/operating-the-networks/whos-my-network-operator>

Contact your electricity distribution operator if you have been affected by a power cut.

Flooding

- Environment Agency - [Environment Agency - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)
- The Environmental Agency's Flood Line can help with further information regarding the Arun area. Tel: 0345 9881 188.
- Association of British Insurers for insurance for flooding advice
<https://www.abi.org.uk/products-and-issues/topics-and-issues/flooding/>