# SLINDON PARISH RESILIENCE PLAN

# Background

Community Resilience enables communities to plan for emergency situations so they are best placed to deal with them. This plan is in addition to the Parish Council's more comprehensive 'What If' Plan.

## What you need to know

This plan is designed to prepare for adverse weather conditions including significant snowfall and to manage and mitigate their effects most effectively.

## Objectives

- To identify key risks, detail the agreed response to an emergency, provide key contacts
- To address the 5 requirements listed under WSCC's basic response checklist

# **Local Risk Analysis**

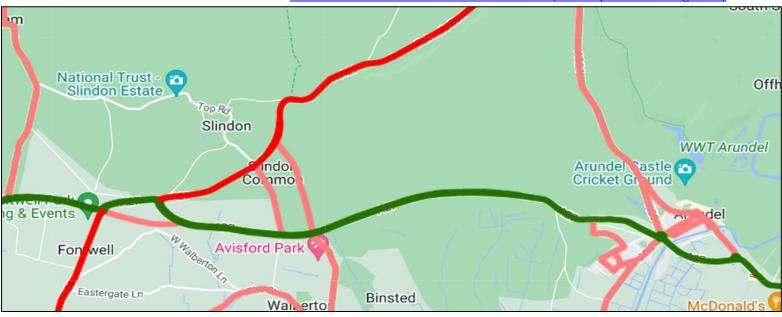
HAZARD	LOCATION	WHO'S AFFECTED	IMPACTS	MITIGATIONS	POTENTIAL RESPONSE
Heavy snow	Affects entire area	Affects entire area	Isolation, restricts movement around community; residents are house bound; getting food and essentials from shops	PC to ensure sufficient grit supplies at National Trust (supply from 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
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.
Illness (e.g. COVID, Flu)	National	National	Follow Government guidance	Vaccinations	Follow advice from services, government and NHS
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.
Fuel Poverty/Vulnerable	Within Parish	Residents of Slindon	Failure to heat or eat, impacting health	Good neighbours scheme to identify and escalate	Provide food and heating (immediate) and access to gov.uk benefits

# Winter Gritting by West Sussex County Council - <u>Incident information - West Sussex County Council (cdmf.info)</u> Snow Code - <u>Clearing your path or driveway - the snow code - Met Office</u>

Grit Bins – National Trust Yard – Audit 19.9.23 – unlocked bins, contact numbers held by Clerk/Chair for evening and weekend access.



SLINDON PARISH WINTER RESILIENCE PLAN (slindonparishcouncil.gov.uk)



Consider use of Sussex Manures. Welcome to Sussex Manures - Findon, West Sussex

#### 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

#### **Key Contacts**

National Trust – held by Clerk and Chair of PC (access arrangements evening and weekends) Gerald Sercombe, Gaston Farm – held by Clerk and Chair of PC

# 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.

# Utilities - Gas, Water and Electrical emergencies

#### Gas

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

#### Water

The Arun district is served by two water companies:

Southern Water – Tel: 0330 303 0368

Portsmouth Water – Tel: 023 9247 7999

To check your supplier go to: <a href="https://www.water.org.uk/advice-for-customers/find-your-supplier/">https://www.water.org.uk/advice-for-customers/find-your-supplier/</a>

Contact you 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

The Arun District is served by two electricity distribution operators:

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

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

#### **Flooding**

- Environment Agency <u>Environment Agency GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u>
- 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/

#### **Trees**

<u>Dangerous trees | Arun District Council</u>

<u>Reporting problems with trees and hedges - West Sussex County Council</u>

01243 642105 West Sussex Customer Service Centre – to report fallen trees of public highways damage