

Darsham Emergency Plan

Introduction

In response to a major incident (defined as a situation or incident likely to endanger life or property) ,help may not be immediately available from the emergency services or local authorities.It is therefore sensible to have a community emergency plan in place with the Parish Council and a team of local volunteers to initially manage the situation .

In some circumstances a request may be made by the emergency services themselves or the Local Authority(LA)

The emergency officer will activate the plan after consultation with other members of the Parish Council Emergency Team (PCET). Keeping the Emergency Services and LA informed of the situation is vital and a log of communication is required.

Severe weather conditions, snow resulting in deep drifts,vehicular accidents or pedestrian accidents,high winds, loss of power supplies, serious accidents on the A12 or level crossing are probably the most likely incidents.

Standard government advice is ‘ Go in,stay in,Tune in’

Types of Risks

Risks Likelihood Impact on Community Action

Power Cut	High		Depends on the duration. Phone UK Power network on 105.Evacuation to a place of shelter may be necessary if prolonged.
Storms /High Winds	High	Fallen Trees and damaged power lines,possible structural damage to buildings,Rd blockages, disruption to travel	East Suffolk Council (ESC) Highways are responsible for removal of debris from the roads. Evacuation to a place of shelter may be necessary
Heavy Snowfall	Moderate	Disruption to travel, accidents, vehicular or pedestrian,low temperatures dangerous to vulnerable residents	ESC may conduct snow ploughing on major roads and are responsible for precautionary gritting of main roads. Grit bins are located Low Rd facing Fox Lane,? near Swallow Organics on the road to Westleton.
Fire	medium	Not likely to impact	Fire services

		on the whole community, unless a crop fire where smoke obscures highways.	responsibility. Advice will be taken from emergency services. A place of shelter may be needed.
Loss of water supply Or contaminated water	medium	Loss of drinking water, cooking facilities. Disruption to businesses. Dehydration could be dangerous to vulnerable residents.	Essex & Suffolk Water aim to restore water supplies within 12 hours possibly longer if a major burst pipe.
Road Accident/Level Crossing Incident	High	Seriously injured people Road traffic delays or closures Possible damage to buildings	Telephone Emergency Services, administer first -aid if qualified to do so. Stop and re -direct traffic if safe to do so. Evacuate walking wounded under direction from Emergency Services to a rest centre.
Sizewell Power Station	Low	Release of radioactive material	Residents adhere to national advice delivered by TV and Radio.
Sewerage	High	Release of contaminated materials into highways. Risk of infection	Sewers & Drains 24?7 helpline 03457 145 145

Self-Help Kit

Anything you may feel will assist you in an emergency

First-aid kit and any essential medication
 Torch and spare batteries or a wind up torch
 Candles and matches or camping lanterns
 Blankets and waterproof warm clothing
 Mobile phone with charger and with useful emergency telephone numbers
 Camping stove and gas.
 Wellington boots
 Bottled water and non perishable foods

Baby food and baby care items if applicable and /or pet food and leads Bottled water and non-perishable foods

If time permits key personal documents and possibly home insurance documents.

If you have to be evacuated and there is sufficient time, turn off gas, electricity and water at the mains, lock all doors/windows and bring essential items from your emergency kit.

Likewise if a severe storm is anticipated, limit potential damage and injury by securing items that may be blown into windows or across gardens and roads

Check-in on neighbours and vulnerable residents.

Local Resources

If the need to evacuate residents for a length of time, the Village Hall has been assessed and identified as an official Rest Centre by the LA

In addition this means that the Darsham Emergency Team may be called on to assist Emergency Services and Local Authority with incidents in our locality not necessarily involving local residents.

All Saints Church is a stand-by place of shelter.

Additional Resources

These are places that may be able to offer provisions, sustenance, shelter on a commercial level depending on their power supply.

The Fox Inn Fox Lane Darsham tel 01728 668436.

Emmerdale Farm Shop Westleton Road Darsham tel 01728 668648.

Budgens store A12 Darsham tel 01728 668228

The Two Magpies bakery/Cafe on the A12 01986784370.

Communication

Communication is a vital aspect of emergency response, a cascade system has been drawn up to speed communication and facilitate word of mouth contact. This is based on a number of villagers resident in the various parts of the village who will contact their neighbours to ascertain need and pass on knowledge.

In addition the village WhatsApp could be used but we need to be mindful not all residents use this service.

The Emergency Officer (EO) or a designated person will set the communication tree in progress. The Emergency services and LA need to be kept informed of the situation with the Emergency team documenting actions and results as a record of events.

Name	Parish Role	Response Role	Landline	mobile	email
Diane Taylor Sunnyside The Street Darsham	Emergency Planning Officer	Activate Emergency plan	01728 668025	07812 604512	rochemere@hotmail.co.uk
Ian Fergusson 6 Millfield Darsham	Volunteer	Communication Millfield area		07834 571862	ianfergussion@ukgateway.net
Max Edwards Garden	volunteer	Communication Low Rd Brussels Green	01728 668867	07561 893010	jill.edwards55@sky.com

Cottage Darsham					
Clive Beaumont 6 Greenside Darsham	volunteer	Communication Greenside area		07775 582310	clive@clivew beaumont.co.uk
Chris Fox Avocet The Street Darsham	volunteer	Communication The Street		07546 997971	cjfox@hotmail.co.uk
Sheila Hemingway Waratah Darsham	Volunteer	Medical Support		07557 304442	shemingway2715@gmail.com
John Millward Mallets. The Street Darsham	Volunteer	Church representative stand-by Place of shelter		07739 227296	john.millward@btinternet.com
Alan Davidson	Volunteer	Communication Cheyney Green		07789 918991	alandavidson@hotmail.co.uk

On activation of this plan, the group will contact East Suffolk Council to inform the Emergency Planning Officer(EPO) of the activation .The group will continue to liaise with the LA for the duration of, and recovery period of the emergency ensuring the caller gives the Community Emergency planning Groups name,callers name and contact details

Office hours 0139 4444453/01502 523321.

Out of hours East Suffolk Central Control (Norse) 0800 440 2516

Emergency Control Centre(ECC) when activated:015102 523630

The Community Emergency Planning Group(CEPG) and volunteers will be covered by East Suffolk Councils insurance under the following circumstances;

- East Suffolk Council has requested you activate your plan and volunteer group.
- The CEPG volunteers are registered with the CEPG.
- The CEPG and volunteers are under the direction of a local authority member of staff (this can be remotely), and the local authority receives regular updates of the task,progress/issues arising.
- They only carry out activities/actions that they have been authorised to do or agreed by the LA.
- A record of the activities undertaken and volunteers employed in those tasks is maintained by CEPG..
- Activities that have been asked to undertake must be commensurate with their skills and competency.

- Appropriate risk assessments have been carried out.
- The use of cars is not covered by the local authority's insurance and it is the responsibility of the individual.

Useful Contacts

Police	Emergency Only- 999 Non- Emergency 101
Fire & Rescue	Emergency only 999
Electricity	UK power Networks-105 or 0800 31 63 105 24 hrs 7 days a week.
Water	If no water 0345 782 0999 .Extra Care 0800 526 337 to report a leak or flood.
Sewerage	Anglian Water Emergency or sewerage issues 03457 145 145
Ambulance	Emergency Only 999 Non Emergency 111.
Leiston Surgery	01728 830526
Cutlers Hill Minor Injuries unit Halesworth	01986874618
Saxmundham Health Services	01728 602022
Environment Agency	24 hour incident hotline-0800 80 70 60. Floodline 0345 602 6340
BBC Radio Suffolk	95.5 FM and 104.6 FM
Social Services	0808 800 4005
Adult mental Health	Call 999 Emergency only or 111.
The Met office	Severe weather warnings metoffice.gov.uk
Suffolk County Council Highways	Call to report a highway problem that poses an immediate danger to the public. 0345 606 6171
Vets	Fromus Veterinary Group Fromus House, Street Farm Rd, Saxmundham 01728 602 599 Wangford Veterinary Clinic Pound Corner, Wangford NR34 8RS 01502 578999

