

## KNOWSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

August 2017

Dear Parishioner,

Re: Community Emergency Planning

We were requested, some years ago, to come up with a plan for our community in case of an emergency affecting all or some of us. This could be a number of things. In our case, it would probably be weather-related; however, there is always the possibility that it could be one (or all) of several factors. The existing plan now needs updating.

The emergencies that would be high on the agenda, after weather, would be pandemics (e.g. flu) or some spread of animal disease (e.g. foot and mouth). There is also the possibility of a major accident on the Link Road (A361), possibly involving a chemical spill or even a "Lockerbie" type plane crash. Terrorism is unlikely, although water and electricity supplies could be interrupted.

Whatever the emergency, we need to be prepared with a plan for the safety of every member of our community. To do this, we need your co-operation to update the original plan and would be grateful if you could kindly complete the attached questionnaire. When completed, please return to one of the Emergency Coordinators (listed at the bottom of the questionnaire) or send to me, Cllr Timothy Browse, The Smith's House, East Knowstone EX36 4DZ.

### BE PREPARED TO HELP YOURSELF AND YOUR NEIGHBOURS!!

The emergency services may well be busy elsewhere and unable to reach us for some time.

- If you drive, and especially in inclement weather, make sure your fuel tank is full. If you need to go out, take warm clothing, a warm drink, a blanket, a shovel and any medication you may need. If on medication – keep at least one week's supply available. Be aware that the Community Nurse (01769 576352) may not be able to reach you.
- Please check on your neighbours, especially the elderly and infirmed.
- Invest in a wind-up or battery radio and torch. Keep the radio tuned to a local station who will keep updates on what is going on.
- Mobile phone should be kept charged, in the event of a power cut.
- If you need help, contact the Emergency Coordinator in your part of the Parish for advice and assistance (contact details on questionnaire).

**Your co-operation in completing the questionnaire will help us to set up this Emergency Plan across the Parish.** Please be assured that all details provided will be kept in strictest confidence, and all forms returned will be stored in Knowstone Parish Council's locked file.

Thank you.

***Timothy Browse***

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