

KNOWSTONE EMERGENCY PLAN UPGRADE 2017

Objectives:

The object of having an Emergency Plan is to be prepared for any serious or major problems which may affect our Parishioners. This does not only include problems caused by inclement weather (snow, ice, storms, flooding), but also any emergency which would cause Parishioners to have to leave their home or become isolated, e.g. loss of utilities, fire or outbreak of disease (either in humans or animals). Unlikely, but possible, would be a major plane crash, leakage of hazardous materials from a road vehicle or terrorism.

The aim is to provide a framework to cope with emergencies when outside agencies (emergency services, local authorities, utilities or the Highways Department) are delayed, busy elsewhere or unavailable.

The Plan:

Each hamlet will have at least one Emergency Coordinator who can report to the Emergency Planning Officer (EPO), who in turn will be able to collate information to pass on to outside agencies as necessary. Emergency Coordinators are members of the Parish Council (because of insurance implications). In the event of the EPO's absence, the Deputy EPO will be on standby. All Emergency Coordinators will hold relevant contact details for all the emergency services departments.

Lists will be kept of all Parishioners' telephone numbers and those who have any equipment which may be of use in an emergency, e.g., tractors with buckets (snow clearance), chain saws (fallen trees across roads), 4-wheel-drive vehicles, etc. Also a skills list will be compiled to determine who might be called upon for specific emergency needs.

If necessary, the Parish Hall will be made available as an emergency shelter, with the Committee Room used as an emergency first-aid post (key holders are Ken Dykes, 01398 341570; Reg Howe, 01398 341508; Phil Dey, 01398 341949.)

Located on the outside of the Parish Hall is a defibrillator.

St Peter's Church could be used as an overspill, with permission.

If, for any reason, the Parish Hall cannot be reached, outlying farms and barns may have to be co-opted as shelters.

Each Emergency Coordinator will hold a copy of the basic Plan which can be reviewed/added to, as and when necessary.

The EPO should be notified of any new residents moving into the Parish, so that a copy of the Questionnaire can be given to them to complete.

EPO: Timothy Browse (01398 341977 / 07940951566)

Emergency Coordinators:

Knowstone (including properties to the west, Wadham, Luckett and Owlaborough)

Cllr. Mike Smith (01398 341776 / 07881806232)

East Knowstone

Cllr. Tony Moore (01398 341889 / 07837899101) (**Deputy EPO**)

Cllr. John Stanbury (01398 341546)

Roachill

Cllr. Jeremy Filmer-Bennett (01398 341924 / 07704329390)

Cllr. Ed Costerton (01398 341785 / 07973624618)

All outlying areas (including Knowstone Mill, East and West Crosside and all properties along the A361)

Cllr. Reg Howe (01398 341508 / 07708494018)