



# BRIDESTOWE'S EMERGENCY PLAN

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## INTRODUCTION

Past experience has shown that the people of Bridestowe are very supportive of each other in the event of a crisis. However, the Civil Contingencies Act 2005 suggests that parish councils prepare a contingency plan for self-help in case of an emergency.

Nearly all emergencies affecting our community will normally be dealt with by the emergency blue light services, local authorities and major utility companies. However, there may be rare occasions when the community will have to help itself, for example heavy snowfall that might prevent the emergency services from reaching the scene immediately. In such cases the initial response may rely entirely on Bridestowe residents; this plan describes how such an initial response will be coordinated and includes some general information and useful numbers.

## Initial Actions

If anyone is aware of serious incident happening or threatening, then inform the Emergency Services via 999 providing this information:

Your name

Your contact number

Full details of the incident

Exact location of the incident

Emergency Service requested

Estimated casualties

Hazards and road blockages

**Then** contact the Parish Council Emergency Management Team

1. Contact the Emergency Co-ordinator:

Caroline Mott(Parish Council Chair) 861212

She will contact the Initial Response Team:

Brian Coward 861203

Alison Young 861157

Bill Thirtle 861256

John Leonard 861230

Rob Bickle 861241

If the Emergency Co-ordinator is not available, contact **any** of the Initial Response Team.

## Primary Assembly Point

All volunteers who are willing to help in the emergency will be informed where to meet. If appropriate this could be

EITHER the Methodist Church Hall, bringing mobile phones with them.

Key holder/main contact Brian Maddaford 861402

OR the Bridestowe Village Hall which has cooking, washing and toilet facilities. There is a telephone.

Main contact: Rachel Dewsbury 07876 134124

## Incident logging

During the emergency, anyone involved in coordinating a response should keep a log of all requests for assistance and action taken. This will done by a member of the response team.

## **POSSIBLE EMERGENCIES:**

### **1. Snow and Ice:**

This could result in fallen trees, supply disruption of power and other utilities, blocked roads and failure of public transport.

- Contact should be made with the service supplier/s, to:
  - Report the loss of service;
  - Obtain an estimate of time when the service would be restored. (If reconnection is likely to be delayed, the supplier/s should be asked to institute emergency measures to assist the community in dealing with the situation until normal service is resumed).



The Parish Council has established a volunteer Snow Warden Scheme. This will deal primarily with salting secondary roads and known black spots and pedestrian routes, which are not covered by Devon County Council. Rob Bickle is the designated snow warden.

### **2. High Winds and Loss of Power and Communications:**

Much of the local medium-voltage power and telecommunications networks, both outside and within certain areas of the town/parish rely on overhead cabling. Localised outages are therefore to be anticipated during exceptionally windy weather. Mobile phone coverage in the parish is patchy, and will not always therefore be able to provide backup in the event of wired network failures.

Contact should be made with the service suppliers - (see Contact list)

Extreme high winds may also cause disruption - including blocked roads - due to fallen trees and other minor structural damage to building.

### **3. Road Traffic Accidents or Aircraft Crash:**

This would probably be only a short-term problem before the Emergency Services would take over, but hot drinks etc., could be available in all areas, provided by local household volunteers.

### **4. Major Pollution or Contamination Incident:**

Management of such an incident is technically specialised, and appropriate response by the Parish community would thus be confined to communication and observance of any measures recommended by the Environment Agency, Police and other Emergency Services.

## 5. Water Supply Outages:

Management is a specialised technical function of the utility supplier (South West Water), but effectiveness of health warning will be assisted by good communications within the local community.

## 6. Flooding:

Widespread or sustained flooding in the village centre is unlikely, however, flooding may develop from exceptionally intense storm events ("flash flooding") and/or blocked culverts and drains. Although flash flood events are - by their nature - impossible to anticipate, damage due to other types of flood may be mitigated by sand-bagging to property entrances, etc. A supply of sand and sandbags is available through the Parish Council for this purpose; they are located at New Standon Farm and it is recommended that households at risk of flooding collect the necessary sacks and sand so that they are at hand. Contact Dean James (861313) if you wish to collect some.

**In any emergency it would be useful for all households to know how to turn off water, gas and electricity supply to their home.**



## EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION AND RESOURCES:

There are 2 halls plus churches within the community which could provide a place of safety and shelter, and be able to supply hot drinks and biscuits.

**Spare accommodation can be provided at** Hunters Moon, The Royal Oak, Glebe Park, Knole Farm

### Village Resources

The team will assess if resources such as four-wheel drive vehicle, lifting equipment or chainsaws may be required and they will contact the appropriate providers

### Village Skills

The team will assess if skills such as those of doctors, nurses and firstaiders may be required and contact the appropriate providers.

### Vulnerable Groups

If appropriate (for example, if the emergency occurs during the day in term time) contact the primary school, Treetops. There may be vulnerable individuals whose welfare may need to be considered, for example disabled, elderly, housebound and parents with young children. (A log of vulnerable individuals will be kept by the Emergency Co-ordinator and will be regularly updated).



"I've made our family emergency disaster plan. In the event your family visits, I evacuate!"

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# YOUR EMERGENCY GRAB BAG

An emergency bag should hold information and items that may be useful in an emergency. The bag should be small enough to carry and be stored in a safe and secure place where family members can find it.

Some items can be kept ready in your bag e.g. first aid kit, torch, list of useful numbers, others you will just have to grab on the way out!



- Mobile phone
- Wallet
- Medications and details of regular prescription items for your family.
- Special items (e.g. essential keys, glasses, contact lenses)
- Paper copy of useful numbers (e.g.family, friends, insurance company, utilities)
- Basic first aid kit
- Torch
- Your family NHS numbers - your GP's receptionist can tell you these
- Toiletries
- Bottled water/drink

## General guidance in case of an emergency

In an emergency dial 999. Do not put yourself or others at risk. Follow the advice of the emergency services.

If the danger is outside - STAY IN: Go in, Stay In, Tune In  
Listen to local radio and TV news

If the danger is inside - STAY OUT Go out, Stay out  
(or you are told to evacuate)

If it is safe and you have time

- Take the items you need (including your emergency bag)
- Switch off power and lock doors and windows
- Go to a safe place
- Move pets to a safe place with plenty of food and water.
- Stay out of flood water: Whether in the car or on foot, you don't know what's beneath the surface

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A copy of this plan is available via the Bridestowe website

This plan is next due for review on 1/02/2019

## **LOCAL DIRECTORY**

Gas	0800 111 999
Western Power South West	0800365 900
South West Water	08000169 1144
Environmental agency	0870 850 6508
Incident hotline	0800 80 70 60
Floodline	0845 988 1188
West Devon Borough Council	01822 813600
Devon County Council:	
General Enquiries	01392 383444; 0845 155 1015
NHS helpline	111
Okehampton Medical Centre	52233
BBC Radio Devon:	01752 260323
Travel Desk:	0845 300 2829
BT General Enquires:	01525 290647