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1 Aim and Objectives & Local Hazards and Risk

Producing a parish Emergency Plan is one of the actions set out in the Kingston St Mary Community Climate Change Action Plan, as a means of building community resilience to the impact of the climate emergency. The Somerset Council Civil Contingencies Unit recommends a Community Emergency Plan for the same reason.

1.1 Aim and Objectives

The aim of this Community Emergency Plan is to prepare the community of Kingston St Mary to respond to emergencies in support of local government and public sector agencies. The plan objectives are to ensure the safety of residents and minimise disruption through community co-operation, using local resources, skills and knowledge. For this purpose, we have distinguished a number of types of emergencies and their respective recommended action (table 1.1).

Table 1.1 Types of emergencies and recommended action

emergency event	action
1. Surface water flooding, including flash flooding as KSM designated a Flood Rapid Response Catchment (See table 1.2.1 for specific location risk)	▪ Transport people to safety/shelter ▪ Support with sandbags, clearance of mud and debris. If property is at risk, help to move furniture and possessions to dry storage ▪ Offer emotional support
2. Field or woodland fire (i.e., large areas of miscanthus poses fire risk)	▪ Transport people to safety/shelter ▪ Use communication channels to advise affected residents to stay in, shut doors and windows ▪ Without risk to self, aid in firefighting and/or protection of property
3. Pandemic	▪ Implement existing Good Neighbour system to support vulnerable residents with prescriptions, shopping, pastoral support, etc.
4. Extended period of power outage	▪ Use GN scheme to identify need and prioritise ▪ Set up locations for communal cooking, warmth, head torches ▪ Provide emergency blankets if needed ▪ Use generator if available at safe space
5. Extreme heat	▪ Use GN scheme to identify vulnerable residents and set up support ▪ Disseminate guidance on keeping cool ▪ Move vulnerable residents in very hot houses to cooler locations
6. Significant and prolonged road closure due to accident or extreme weather	▪ Use GN scheme to identify need and prioritise ▪ Mobilise 2 wheel or 4 wheel drive transport or other options for emergency use, supplies, etc. ▪ Communicate routes and time scale through social media and GN volunteers

1.2 Local Hazards and Risk

The main emergency events and risks for our community have been identified. In the following tables, impacts of each hazard are considered in detail and recommended points of action or mitigation are described.

Table 1.2.1 Flooding – impact and mitigation		
location	**impact on community**	**what can be done to be prepared**
Park Lane and Nailsbourne	▪ Risk to properties of flooding where water comes down Park Lane and Nailsbourne Road ▪ Mud ingress on road and in houses ▪ Disruption to travel	▪ Clear grid on private lane to Nailsbourne Farm ▪ Ensure properties are equipped ahead with sandbags to keep water going down the road rather than onto driveways. ▪ Regular visual inspections of waterways running through village and clear where necessary
Kingston Road at the bottom of Buncombe Hill from the Swan Inn to Church Lane	▪ Potential for properties to flood ▪ Mud ingress on road and in houses ▪ Blocked route to Quantocks and beyond	▪ Keep drains clear in Lodes Lane ▪ Church Lane and ensure jetting takes place ▪ Flood boards across gates on some properties may help residents to acquire these before a flood event ▪ Sandbags may help keep water flooding down the road but less effective outside properties
Pickney Lane in Pickney	▪ Floods often during sustained wet weather ▪ Risk that it could become impassable	▪ Flood boards across gates on some properties may help residents to acquire these before a flood event ▪ Sandbags may help keep water flooding down the road but less effective outside properties
Yarford and Fulford	▪ Mud on road, ice hazard in freezing weather	▪ Culvert at Stream Corner needs regular maintenance

Table 1.2.2 Wild fires, building fires and other fires – impact and mitigation		
type	**impact on community**	**what can be done to be prepared**
A number of miscanthus fires occurred during harvesting in the wet spring of 2024. Fortunately no damage to life or property but now a known risk. Both the Spinney and Moorland fires on the Quantocks could also pose a risk. Stored hay bale fires in barns	▪ Risk of smoke inhalation ▪ Risk to property and crops/ livestock, environmental damage ▪ At worst, a risk to life	▪ Be alert to weather conditions (heat, drought and high winds) and advise residents to be fire aware ▪ Quick response to local support and fire brigade is crucial

Table 1.2.2 (continued) Wild fires, building fires and other fires – impact and mitigation		
type	**impact on community**	**what can be done to be prepared**
Building fire (properties, pub, barns, etc.)	▪ Risk to life and building damage ▪ Possible release of asbestos particles to roads, properties and gardens, veg plots/orchards, water courses and nature	▪ Be alert to weather conditions (heat, drought and high winds) and advise residents to be fire aware ▪ Quick response to local support and fire brigade is crucial
Fuel truck fire	▪ Risk to life and building damage	▪ Quick response to local support and fire brigade is crucial

Table 1.2.3 Pandemic – impact and mitigation		
type	**impact on community**	**what can be done to be prepared**
Repeat of the Covid pandemic or similar, e.g., Avian influenza	▪ Risk to health and need for isolation and support systems for food, prescriptions, etc.	▪ Instigate the Good Neighbour scheme again with a very localised support system using WhatsApp for communication

Table 1.2.4 Extended power outage / communications break down – impact and mitigation		
type	**impact on community**	**what can be done to be prepared**
Extended power outage Internet and/or landline/ mobile communications breakdown	▪ Potential for risk to health and wellbeing due to failure of home heating systems, cooking, etc. ▪ Disruption to normal pattern of employment, education and services ▪ Potential for confusion and distress if residents are not informed	▪ Identify sites for cooking and heating without power ▪ Identify alternative power sources (battery, generator)

Table 1.2.5 Extreme weather – impact and mitigation		
type	**impact on community**	**what can be done to be prepared**
Extreme weather (snow, ice, storm, heat, rain)	▪ Health risk as a result of extreme temperatures, especially to the vulnerable (heat stroke, hypothermia) ▪ Storm damage to property and persons (fallen trees, roofs, etc); ▪ Interruption of services like power supply, telephone lines, water supply and sewers, and transport, including closed roads ▪ Flooding	▪ Provision of warm/cool spaces for the vulnerable ▪ Advanced warning to residents through social media and GN scheme ▪ Links with Somerset Council and civil contingencies are important ▪ Identify local people with 2 wheel or 4 wheel drive transport or other options for emergency use, supplies, etc. ▪ Communicate routes and time scale through social media and GN volunteers

2 Communication Channels

2.1 Lines of Communication

In the event of an incident, residents are advised to contact their local GNV or deputy who in turn will inform the Core CEP Group. This will set in motion a cascade of information using WhatsApp groups, Facebook Kingston Local, phone and/or door-by-door contact. The Core CEP Group has access to contact details of all GN Volunteers. For privacy reasons, not all contact details are included in the next tables. If you or your property are in immediate danger, contact the emergency servoces immediately, before taking an other action.

2.2 Contact Details Local Support and Media Sources

Table 2.1 Community Emergency Group		
contact	**telephone**	**email**
Dixie Darch (Chair)	01823 451845 / 078 9406 8443	dixie.darch@btinternet.com
Katie Gibbins	075 0088 9426	clerk@ksmpc.org.uk
Marion Nieuwenhuizen		
Anne Simpson		
David Stripp		
Paolo van der Steenhoven		
Rod Williams		

Table 2.2 Good Neighbourhood Volunteers		
contact	**telephone**	**email**
Anne Simpson	079 5099 1099	anne.simpson@ksmpc.org.uk
Purpose Good Neighbours Volunteer (GNV) scheme. This is a scheme by which the parish is divided into 11 areas (village and hamlets) and approximately 40 clusters of houses with a Lead GNV and a support GNV attached to each cluster. GNVs could access properties on foot if necessary. They are aware of vulnerable residents, properties at risk of flood and residents within their cluster who are able bodied and have access to four wheel drive vehicles, tractors, etc.		

Table 2.3 Social Media Administrators		
admins/editors	**telephone**	**email**
Facebook KSM Local Sharon Farnham Jacqui Marsh	www.facebook.com/groups/kingstonlocal	
Facebook Nailsbourne Central Dixie Darch	www.facebook.com/nailsbournecentral 078 9406 8443	dixie.darch@btinternet.com
www.kstm.uk Paolo van der Steenhoven		wm@kstm.uk

Table 2.4 KSM Parish Council		
councillors	**telephone**	**email**
Paul Townsend (Chair)	01823 451986 / 077 3864 8853	paul.townsend@ksmpc.org.uk
Kate Gibbins (Clerk)	01823 451505 /	clerk@ksmpc.org.uk
David Stripp	01823 451455 / 075 5755 0485	david.stripp@ksmpc.org.uk
Anne Simpson	01823 451414 / 079 5099 1099	anne.simpson@ksmpc.org.uk
Philip Boyce	077 3051 1171	phil.boyce@ksmpc.org.uk
Sarah Hancock	01823 451838 / 075 8218 7585	sarah.hancock@ksmpc.org.uk

Table 2.5 Somerset Council (local councillors)		
councillors	**telephone**	**email**
Nick O'Donnell	079 6992 1010	nick.o'donnell@somerset.gov.uk
Derek Perry	079 7427 9325	derek.perry@somerset.gov.uk

2.3 Other Useful Contacts and Parish Councils

Table 2.6 Other useful contacts		
contact	**telephone**	**website**
fire / police / ambulance	999	
police (non-life threatening incident) Marshall Bernhardt (PCSO)	111	
Environment Agency 24-hour incident hotline	0800 807060	www.gov.uk
Flood line 24-hours	0345 9881188	www.gov.uk/flood
Flood Map		check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk
National Flood Forum	01299 403055	www.nationalfloodforum.org.uk
water/sewerage Wessex Water	0345 600 4600	www.wessexwater.co.uk
gas leak / carbon monoxide (CO)	0800 111 999	cadentgas.com
National Grid	power cut: 105 emergency: 0800 40 40 90	www.nationalgrid.com
BT/Openreach	0800 023 2023	www.openreach.com/help-and-support/damage-health-and-safety
Airband	0190 5676 121	www.airband.co.uk
Somerset Council	0300 123 2224	www.somerset.gov.uk
KSM Church community Rev Jim Cox Benefice Office	 079 6781 7337 01823 451257	office@southquantockbenefice.org.uk
The Community Resilience in Somerset Partnership		www.somersetprepared.org.uk

Table 2.7 Neighbouring parish councils		
contact	**telephone**	**email**
West Monkton PC Chair Stuart Haskins	078 2441 0997	stuarthaskins@westmonktonparishcouncil.gov.uk
West Monkton PC Clerk Amy Shepherd	073 8091 2775	clerk@westmonktonparishcouncil.gov.uk
Cheddon Fitzpaine PC Chair Mike Batsch	01823 272376	mike.batsch@cfpc.co.uk
Cheddon Fitzpaine PC Clerk Sammie Millard-Jones	074 6540 5533	clerk@cfpc.co.uk
Broomfield PC Chair Steve Hughes		steve@broomfieldparish.com
Broomfield PC Clerk Clare Sylvester		clerk@broomfieldparish.com

3 Assembly Points and Shelter

3.1 Emergency Assembly Points

Table 3.1 Emergency Assembly Points - Kingston St Mary village		
A. St Mary's Church car park	**map reference/what3words**	**telephone key holder**
Church Lane, Kingston St Mary TA2 8HR (Church also available)	lush.heavy.bronze	No key required
Purpose and details ▪ Primary location as an emergency assembly point for Kingston St Mary village.		
B. Kingston Primary School	**map reference**	**telephone key holder**
Greenway, Kingston St Mary TA2 8JH	51.06037490373034, -3.1179754551009635 jaws.taxi.extra	School: 01823 451353 Kim Greenslade (Head)
Purpose and details ▪ Backup location as an emergency assembly point.		

3.2 Shelter Facilities

Table 3.2 Shelter facilities in Kingston St Mary village		
A. The Swan Inn Public House	**map reference**	**telephone key holder**
Kingston Road, Kingston St Mary TA2 8HW	51.061217381039015, -3.11452234409219 mash.scout.cape	01823 451383 publican
Purpose and details ▪ Comfortable indoor gathering place. ▪ Well known and centrally located, the Swan Inn has a wood burner which allows warmth and potential for cooking without relying on power from the grid.		
B. Kingston Village Hall	**map reference**	**telephone key holder**
Church Lane, Kingston St Mary TA2 8HR	51.06065771174672, -3.111303693276317 frosted.noisy.about	Marcus Anderson
Purpose and details ▪ Central location for potential HQ, though relies on electricity for light and heating. ▪ Large space where people can gather and get information. ▪ Urgent supplies could be distributed from here.		

C. Kingston Primary School	map reference	telephone key holder
Greenway, Kingston St Mary TA2 8JH	51.06037490373034, -3.1179754551009635 jaws.taxi.extra	School: 01823 451353 Kim Greenslade (Head) Sharon Wyatt (Caretaker)
Purpose and details ▪ Useful communication channel with local families and safe space for children. ▪ Backup location as an emergency assembly point.		
D. Kingston Playing Field	**map reference**	**telephone key holder**
Leachs Field, Kingston St Mary TA2 8HZ	51.059238510910966, -3.11546215056934 ants.punk.party	Paul Townsend 01823 451986
Purpose and details ▪ Large open outdoor assembly area with a pavilion. ▪ Close to Sawyers Leigh and Leachs Field. The latter houses vulnerable residents.		

3.3 Water and Food Distribution Points

Table 3.3 Water and Food Distribution Points - Kingston St Mary village		
A. Kingston Village Hall	**map reference**	**telephone key holder**
Church Lane, Kingston St Mary TA2 8HR	51.06065771174672, -3.111303693276317 frosted.noisy.about	Lois Miles 01823 451676
Purpose and details ▪ Urgent supplies could be distributed from here.		
B. The Swan Inn Public House	**map reference**	**telephone key holder**
Kingston Road, Kingston St Mary TA2 8HW	51.061217381039015, -3.11452234409219 mash.scout.cape	01823 451383 publican
Purpose and details ▪ Urgent supplies could be distributed from here.		

4 Resources and Skills

Utilising local resources and skills is vital to building community resilience and being prepared for when emergencies occur.

Table 4.1 Resources in the community		
resource	**action / details**	**contact**
4 wheel drive vehicles, tractors, chain saws, etc.	▪ GNVs are aware of residents with access to useful machinery ▪ Farms are listed on the CEP Area site	
sleeping bags, head torches, first aid kit	▪ GNVs encouraged to hold these items	
able bodied volunteers	▪ GNVs are aware of able bodied volunteers within their cluster	
sandbags	▪ Residents who are aware of risk of flooding are encouraged to maintain their own supply of sandbags	
defibrillator	▪ attached to Village Hall ▪ Mill Meadow, Parsonage Lane ▪ Smokey Farm	Organised by Anne Simpson

Table 4.2 Available skills in community		
skills	**who**	**contact**
First aid	▪ All GNV Leads were offered First Aid and defib training by Chris Richards from Emerald First Aid, Hestercombe in July 24. 17 participants completed training.	Training organised by Anne Simpson
	▪ There are a number of medically trained residents within the community. However, the onus would be on them to volunteer their skills.	
pastoral support	▪ Rev Jim Cox / Church community	Rev Jim Cox 079 6781 7337 Benefice Office, The Vicarage TA2 8HW 01823 451257

5 Supporting Map of CEP Areas

The basis for the creation of CEP areas are data from the Ordnance Survey. These data concern Unique Property Reference Numbers (UPRN). A UPRN is the unique identifier for every addressable location in the UK. We have aggregated all approximately 500 addresses (April 2023) - mostly within the boundaries of the KSM parish - to 40 areas, spatially distributed over one village and ten hamlets. Subsequently, every single CEP area has been associated with one GN volunteer and a backup volunteer, and the areas have been mapped.

The two graphics are examples of the interactive online map on www.kstm.uk/cep. The first image gives an overall impression of the CEP areas, the second represents a smaller area with more details. The online map contains CEP areas, public venues/schools, businesses and farms in the parish of Kingston St Mary. The CEP Group also hold paper copies of the map and other details of the areas in the event of digital sources cannot be accessed.



