



Deddington Emergency Plan 2020

This plan has been drawn up by Deddington Parish Council so that in the event of an emergency in Deddington, Hempton or Clifton parishioners should have a clear idea of whom to contact and where to go. The plan details the roles of the various emergency services and support agencies – and the self-help measures available within the community.

The type of event which could trigger a local emergency include flooding, severe storms, drought, extreme heat, a major fire, explosion, gas leak, a pollution incident, a pandemic health threat, contamination of food or water supply – any of which might necessitate a localised or large-scale evacuation. Heavy snow is perhaps the most likely possibility, hence the separate Winter Plan.

The Parish Emergency Coordinator in Deddington is David Rogers.
Contact numbers: (home) 01869 337315; (work) 01869 337065; (mobile) 07900 998555.

Emergency or Survivor Reception Centres if people need to be evacuated:

- * Windmill Centre, Hempton Road, Deddington
- * Church of St Peter and St Paul in Deddington
- * Old School Room in Hempton
- * George Fenemore's barn at Home Farm, Clifton

Who is responsible for what in an emergency?

* **Emergency services:** The police have overall responsibility for control and coordination in an emergency. Saving lives is the priority. **If there is any serious risk dial 999.** The Fire and Rescue Service is responsible for rescuing survivors as well as tackling fires and dealing with risks posed

by dangerous chemicals and gases. The Ambulance Service is responsible for treating and prioritising casualties and taking them to hospital.

* **Oxfordshire County Council** has an Emergency Planning Unit which works in partnership with the emergency services, Cherwell District Council and voluntary agencies and aims to attend the scene of an emergency anywhere within the county. The council has responsibility for maintaining safe conditions on the roads, diverting traffic, and supervising emergency centres.

* **Cherwell District Council** has responsibility for maintaining their existing services to the community, providing support to the emergency services, providing temporary accommodation for residents obliged to leave their homes in consultation with OCC's emergency planning unit, as well as public health issues in general, clearing blocked road channels and gullies, street cleaning, provision of sandbags in the event of flooding. The district council will take the lead in organising the restoration to normality.

* **The parish council's** responsibilities are: to ensure access to reception centres where parishioners can go in the event of evacuations; to appoint an emergency coordinator and establish a parish emergency team; to maintain a list of the more vulnerable in the community who might need particular help; to maintain a register of local firms and individuals who can provide emergency resources.

* **Other agencies:** the Environment Agency, the utility companies (gas, water and electricity) and voluntary agencies will be called in as necessary by the emergency coordinators to cope with flooding, blockages in rivers and other waterways, sewage overflows, pollution, power cuts.

* The local Primary Care Trust will provide medical support and access to pharmacy services.

* During and after the event, the police are responsible for collecting information about casualties, investigating the causes of the event along with other organisations, identifying those involved, restoring stability enabling a return to normality.

Self-help in Deddington

The Parish Emergency Co-Ordinator and first contact is David Rogers who lives at Karmilla, Hempton Road, Deddington. Contact: (home) 01869 337315; (work) 01869 337065; (mobile) 07900 998555.

The rest of the emergency team are:

Bryn Williams (home) 01869 361940 (mobile) 07836 271998;

Helen Oldfield (home) 01869 338872 (mobile) 07732 660004;

Jonathan Watts (home) 01869 337135 (work) 07880 042427;

Alan Collins, 07956 878124;

The Parish Office at the Windmill Centre, Hempton Road: 01869 337447

The Parish Emergency Coordinator will liaise with the emergency services and the county/district council, inform the parish council chair and clerk and convene the parish emergency team. The team's duties are to comply with requests from the emergency services, provide local knowledge, co-ordinate local volunteers, and ensure communication within the community and with outside bodies such as local radio.

If necessary, an emergency control centre will be set up at the Windmill Centre with access to communications including telephone, fax and computer links. Cooking, washing and toilet facilities are available there.

Volunteers with specialist knowledge, e.g. trained first aiders, have offered to make themselves available and others will provide information about specific localities within the parish.

Resources available in the community include builder, plumbers, electrician, mechanic, vets, and others who have access to tractors, trailers, 4X4 vehicles, lifting gear, portable pump, radio transmitter, camping equipment and other equipment useful in an emergency.

At the start of the lockdown during the 2020 pandemic, a large group of volunteers was swiftly formed under the leadership of a Deddington resident in collaboration with the Parish Emergency Coordinator, David Rogers, and the Vicar. The group collected shopping and prescriptions for residents who needed it and distributed a regular newsletter containing crucial information and contacts. The group demonstrated the very high level of self-help in the parish.

NB Volunteers working under the control of the parish council are covered under the parish council's insurance policy. However, this does not extend to damage done to tools used by volunteers.

Residents' responsibilities

Responding organisations have limited resources so may not be able to provide assistance in all circumstances. In such cases, residents should be aware they should make their own arrangements to protect their property from risk, especially flooding. Emergency services are likely to give priority to those who are vulnerable. Protection of commercial property may depend on the risk of environmental pollution from stored chemicals etc.

Emergency contact numbers

Oxfordshire Ambulance Service	01865 740100
Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service	01865 842999
Thames Valley Police HQ	01865 846000
Oxfordshire County Council's Emergency Planning Unit	01865 323765
Oxfordshire County Council	01865 792422
Cherwell District Council	01295 227001
Environment Agency (Thames Region)	0845 9881188
Thames Water	
Burst pipes or leaks	0800 714 614
Drains and Sewers	0800 316 9800
CDC Environmental Services	01295 221940
Gas leak? National Grid emergency line	0800 111 99
Electricity power cut? Emergency line	105

Medical care

Deddington Health Centre, Earls Lane	01869 338611
Horton Hospital, Oxford Road, Banbury	01295 275500
John Radcliffe Hospital, Headington	01865 741166
NHS Direct	111

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