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EMERGENCY & RESILIENCE PLAN

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Deddington Emergency Plan 2024–25

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 types 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 Co-ordinator in Deddington is [Clive Snashall](mailto:clivesnashall.dpc@gmail.com) (07761 828066, clivesnashall.dpc@gmail.com)

Emergency 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
- 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 co-ordination 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 (*see also* OCC's Joint Oxfordshire Resilience Team pdf on this website).
- **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 and clearing blocked road channels, street cleaning. 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 co-ordinator and establish a parish emergency team.

- **Other agencies:** the Environment Agency, the utility companies (gas, water and electricity) and voluntary agencies will be called in as necessary by the emergency co-ordinators to cope with flooding, blockages in rivers and other waterways, sewage overflows, pollution, power cuts.
- **Specific responsibilities:** The PC will direct any enquiries to the right agency: Thames Water is responsible for foul water flooding; OCC is responsible for road and other surface flooding. Known vulnerable points in the parish are: Earls Lane, west side of the A4260 north of the traffic lights, and Main Street, Clifton.
- The local Clinical Commissioning Group will provide medical support and access to medical and 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 [Clive Snashall](mailto:clivesnashall.dpc@gmail.com) (07761 828066, clivesnashall.dpc@gmail.com).

The other members of the emergency team are:

- *In Deddington:* Maureen Cox (07742 079239, maureencox.dpc@gmail.com), Helen Oldfield (07732 660004, helenoldfield.dpc@gmail.com) and Mary Robinson (07841 938439, maryrobinson.dpc@gmail.com),
- *In Clifton:* Mark Swadling (07795 265342, markswadling.dpc@gmail.com)
- *In Hempton:* Jonathan Watts (07818 697752, jonathanwatts.dpc@gmail.com) and Andrew Crawley (07511 699749, sa_crawley@btinternet.com)
- The Parish Office at the Windmill Centre, Hempton Road: 01869 337447, deddingtonparishcouncil@googlemail.com)

The Parish Emergency Co-ordinator 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 reception centre will be set up at the Windmill Centre with access to communications including telephone and wi-fi. Cooking, washing and toilet facilities are available there. The Windmill has an emergency generator connector and will hire a generator or call on other authorities for services, as appropriate.

NB: Volunteers working under the control of the Parish Council, including snow wardens, are covered under the Parish Council's insurance policy. However, this does not extend to damage done to tools used by volunteers.

Defibrillators are available 24/7 throughout the parish. These are located:

In Deddington:

- Co-op, Market Place
- Library
- Primary School
- Fire Station
- Health Centre (during opening hours)
- Windmill Centre

In Clifton: at The Duke at Clifton
In Hempton: at the Old School Room

Our three Community First Responders will respond to anyone suffering sudden cardiac arrest. Ring 999 and the Ambulance Service will decide if they send a First Responder who can get there before an ambulance/paramedic.

Residents' responsibilities

Responding organisations have limited resources so may not be able to provide assistance in all circumstances. Residents should be aware they should make their own arrangements to protect their property from risk, especially flooding, and this includes the provision of sandbags. 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.

See also the accompanying contact list giving emergency phone numbers and websites.

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