

In these exceptional times, Rowington Parish Council (“RPC”) is updating its Emergency Plan to supplement the District and County wide versions. We need to hold up to date information about the Parish and the people who live here.

The April edition of Ferncumbe News, together with this document, is being distributed by volunteers acting on behalf of RPC. It is unclear when it may be possible to distribute the next edition of Ferncumbe News and we suggest you keep both documents for reference in the future.

Please also consider joining [www.nextdoor.co.uk](http://www.nextdoor.co.uk) which is a messaging app used by 64% of residents in Rowington and used to share urgent messages.

Most major emergencies will be managed by the emergency services, but there are other serious issues that would benefit from better local knowledge. Examples include persistent flooding, extended water and power outages, accidents or road closures, and the risks to health that we are all experiencing.

The information you provide to us will be recorded at property level and there is no need to register any personal data. Information provided will be stored securely, used only in an emergency, and will only be made available to the Emergency Services, Parish Councillors and the Parish Clerk. You can request, at any time, a copy of the records held for your property from the Parish Clerk.

The key areas the Emergency Plan focuses on are:

### **Vulnerability**

In an emergency, we will want to ensure that we as a community are supporting vulnerable residents. We are creating a confidential list of vulnerable residents to be included in the Emergency Plan. Vulnerability could be for various reasons, including age (young or old), medical conditions, disabilities, and may be permanent or temporary.

Please use the attached form to let us know of anyone at your home who is especially vulnerable and may need support in an emergency.

Please note: Local utility companies provide a priority user system where vulnerable residents can register. Further details are on the RPC website.

### **Facilities independent of mains electricity**

During an extended power outage, it will be useful to know the location of buildings with heating, lighting and cooking facilities that are independent of

mains electricity. Examples could include log burners, open fires, gas fuelled ovens, and homes with back-up generators.

## Transport and equipment

Having list of people who are willing to volunteer their time and vehicles in an emergency will be invaluable. Residents with 4X4 vehicles, tractors, trailers, chain saws, water pumps and other heavy-duty machinery are of particular interest.

## Local volunteers and people with key skills

We may be cut-off and need to operate using only local resources. We need to know the location of volunteers and those with key skills such as: medical training, farmers, plumbers, electricians, mechanics, chain saw operators etc.

## Accuracy of information

For completeness, we need to know who has received this document, so please complete the attached form and send to the Parish Clerk. Please also let us know of any changes to the information you provide to us.

## How to send us this information

Please choose one of these methods:

1. Send us the information requested by email to: [clerk@rowingtonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@rowingtonpc.org.uk)
2. Send the attached form, once completed, to us by post.

Please reply by 6 April so that we can co-ordinate our Emergency Plan with those being updated at District and County level.

We will, however, also process replies received after this date.

The Parish Emergency Co-ordinator is the Parish Clerk, Nicola Overall.

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1. House Number/Name and Post Code

2. Contact phone number(s)

3. How many vulnerable individuals live at this location?

*Old/young/disabled/infirm/special needs/isolated*

4. What heating or cooking facilities you could provide to support the Community in an Emergency?

5. Please indicate the type, size and scale?

6. Are you willing to volunteer and offer your vehicles, equipment or services in an emergency?

7. Please indicate what form of transport, equipment, skills or services may be available?

8. Is there anything else you could do or provide to help the Community in an Emergency?

9. We are particularly interested in the following skills: Medical Training, Farmers, Plumbers, Electricians, Builders, Mechanics, Carpenters, Chain Saw operators etc.

Do you know of anyone locally who could be of assistance in an Emergency?

Please provide your email details if you are happy for the Parish Council to use this to contact you in future about this information, including to keep it up to date:

Email:

Date information provided:

Thank you for your co-operation, help and support

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