

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

OPERATIONAL COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY OF WIMBORNE MINSTER

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1. Introduction

The first point of call in any emergency situation should always be the relevant emergency service(s). Nothing in this plan should interfere with or hinder the timely notification of an emergency situation. If in doubt always call 999.

Resilience is important

Communities that spend time planning and preparing are best placed to respond to and recover more quickly from local or wider emergencies - local knowledge and expertise can be used to identify and prioritise risks and put in place plans to mobilise local skills and resources. By becoming more resilient, our community can complement the work of local emergency responders and reduce the impact of an emergency on our community both in the short and long term

Definition of an emergency

An emergency / major incident is any event or circumstance (happening with or without warning) that causes or threatens death or injury, disruption to the community, or damage to property or to the environment on such a scale that the effect cannot be dealt with by the emergency services, local authorities and other organisations as part of their normal day-to day activities.

Why develop a Community Emergency Plan?

The aim of this Plan is to increase resilience within our local community before, during and after emergencies and to link into the emergency response structures already established by the Emergency Services and Dorset Council.

This Plan documents how the parish of Wimborne Minster would respond in an emergency situation to support residents and/or while awaiting the assistance of statutory authorities/emergency services, or in support of them in terms of:

- identify the risks to the community and relevant response actions
- identify vulnerable people / groups in the community
- identify resources available in the community to assist during an emergency.
- provide contact details for the Community Response Team, key community resources, Emergency Services and Dorset Council.

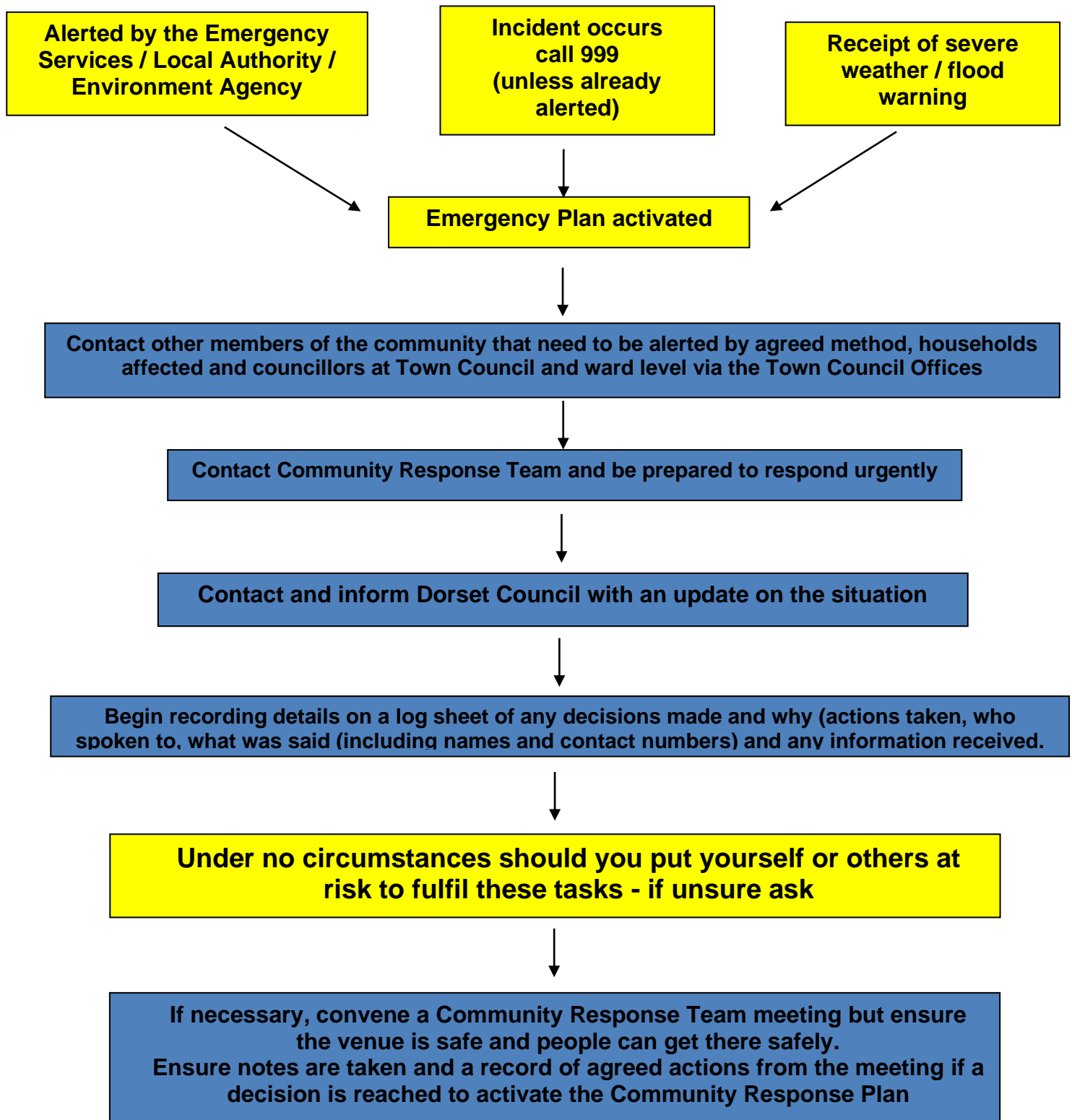
It is not the role of the community to take on the responsibilities of these agencies (i.e. to save life, to take any risks to themselves; or to cope for hours without agencies' help and support).

This plan will be activated when an emergency has occurred, if warnings are received prior to an anticipated event, when emergency services need support or are not able to attend immediately. The Community Response Team will assess the situation, ring Emergency Services, consult with Dorset Council and put all or part of the Plan into effect as appropriate.

The Town Council's responsibilities are covered by the Health and Safety At Work Act 1974, section 17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998, Occupiers Liability Act 1957 and section 26 Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015.

This Plan will be tested annually.

2. Community Response Team triggers and activation procedure



3. Activation of the Plan

This plan will be activated when an emergency has occurred or if warnings are received, prior to an anticipated event. It will also be activated when emergency services need support or are not able to attend immediately e.g. in severe weather.

The Town Council will work and support the work led by local category 1 responders (emergency services and Dorset Council) for the safety and benefit of the residents of Wimborne Minster via an evacuation process and open the designated centers so that those facilities are available to the emergency services if required. The Town Council will also assist in the compilation and distribution of agreed information to the local community and if required assisting in the provision of local labour volunteers to help with tasks identified by the police and other appropriate agencies.

The Community Response Team will assess the situation and liaise with Emergency Services and consult with Dorset Council. The Community Response Team will then put all or part of the Plan into effect as appropriate. During an emergency, the Community Response Team Co-Ordinator will keep a record of actions taken via a log, so that actions can be evaluated, and the plan altered if necessary. Information can be entered at the time, or directly after the emergency make sure that everyone is safe and working in a coordinated way.

Dorset Council is responsible for setting up a central rest centre during an emergency. However, it may be necessary to set up a temporary place of safety and meeting point within the community e.g. for visitors or for people evacuated from their homes. In our community, the control point and place of safety will be the three locations below.

Incident Co-ordination

- primary point - **The Town Hall, 37 West Borough, Wimborne Minster BH21 1AS**
(01202 881655, out of hours 07851 523008, capacity 60, central location)
- secondary point - **Allenvie Centre, Hanham Rd, Wimborne Minster, BH21 1AS**
(01202 887246, out of hours 07850 825645 capacity 500, central location)
- third point - **St Johns Church, 71 Leigh Rd, Wimborne BH21 1AE**
(01202 886551, capacity 450, south east location)

Upon arrival of the emergency services, who may locate at a different emergency meeting point, the Community Response Co-Ordinator for the community of Wimborne Minster (the Town Council Clerk) will make herself known to the category 1 responder and a copy of this Plan will be available to provide local information and knowledge to assist with the emergency response.

4. Role of the Community Response Team Coordinator and Response Team

A Community Response Team (CRT) has been established to assist and co-ordinate the community's response to an incident. They are also responsible for periodically reviewing this plan for accuracy.

EVACUATION – during an emergency it may be necessary for some members of the community to be evacuated from their homes to a safe place (see **above** for identified evacuation locations). Volunteers may be able to assist with door knocking and the delivery of emergency messages or the running of a designated rest centre (as per the Town Council's Volunteer Policy).

The Town Council will work with Dorset Council on the evacuation process including the adult social care team.

COMMUNICATIONS –it is important to ensure that any messages delivered to the community are consistent with those issued by local or national authorities therefore the Town Council will be directed by the category 1 responders and issue communication were directed including social media sites or door to door knocking if deemed appropriate. The Community Response Team will liaise via mobile phones and the Town Centre Police radios if available.

The role of the Community Response Team Co Ordinator (the Town Clerk) is to:

- Pull together the Community Response Plan.
- Ensure that the plan is regularly reviewed and updated.
- Report annually to the community, detailing if the plan has been activated and highlighting any changes to the Community Response Team members.
- Act as the main contact point for your local community area and the emergency services, to ensure that two-way communication is continually maintained.
- Ensure that the appropriate authorities and individuals are notified.
- Speak on behalf of the community as required.
- Communicate important messages to the community (*signage/local radio, etc.*). *Please note press enquiries should be directed to the emergency services, Dorset Council and the Town Council.*
- Delegate specific roles to other members of the Community Response Team.
- Activate resources as required.

Tasks will be delegated to team members as appropriate. The coordinator will ensure that all team Do you members are engaged in the planning and response processes.

All members of the Community Response Team should:

- Reside in the community
- Have good local knowledge
- Be able to activate the support of the community volunteers
- Speak on behalf of the community at incident meetings during and after an emergency
- Ensure that the vulnerable are provided with additional assurance during an emergency
- Ensure that communications are maintained within the community and Dorset Council
- Ensure that confidentiality is maintained where necessary
- Maintain his/her own action log in the event of an emergency

- Create a 'grab bag' containing the plan and any appropriate clothing/equipment that may be required
- Have sufficient knowledge of the plan to act as designated coordinator in their absence if required.
- The Deputy Town Clerk and other team members should support the coordinator in carrying out their role.

5. Community Response Team contact information

Initial response team:

To initiate this emergency plan, contact the **emergency response coordinator**

The Town Clerk, Louise Harrison, on 01202 881655 or 07841 523008

If not available contact members of the initial response team:

tbc	Town Mayor	tbc
tbc	Deputy Town Mayor	tbc
Kevin Brooks	Deputy Town Clerk	07825 704851
Glen Holdsworth	Grounds Manager	tbc

The initial response team once contacted by the Town Clerk or Chairman will coordinate the response team by contacting staff and councillors of the Town Council:

Councillors		Staff	
Shane Bartlett	tbc	Gary Mason	tbc
Jeff Hart	tbc	Rebecca Hoyland	07434 256392
John Morgan	tbc	Craig Hilton	tbc
Bill Richmond	tbc	Matt Pritchard	tbc
Will Chakawhata	tbc	Jam Wright	tbc
Ann Roberts	tbc	Callum Linton	
Allendale Centre – name and contact number tbc			
St John's Church – name and contact number tbc			

6. Key agencies contact information (statutory authorities and emergency services)

Emergency Services	999 (24 hours)
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Dorset Police	101 (non-emergency, 24 hours) www.dorset.police.uk
Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service - Fire Control	0306 799 0019 (non- emergency operational matter or out of hours) www.dwfire.org.uk
Dorset Council (general)	01305 221000 (office hours) www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk
Dorset Council (Highways emergencies)	01305 221020 (office hours) 0845 0678999 (out of hours)
Report sewage flooding	0345 8505959
Report property flooding (GeoWessex)	swim.geowessex.com/dorset (on-line)
Report road flooding (Dorset Council)	dorset-self.achieveservice.com (on-line)
Environment Agency	0800 807060 (24 hours)
Flood line	0345 9881188 (24 hours) www.gov.uk/flood
General enquiries	03708 506506
Met Office - general enquiries	0370 900 0100 (24 hours) www.metoffice.gov.uk
Power outage – national	105 (24 hours)
Scottish and Southern Energy Power distribution	0800 072 7282 (24 hours)
Western Power distribution	0845 651651 (24 hours)
British Gas	0800 111999 (24 hours)
Southern Gas Networks NECC emergency contact	0800 111999 (24 hours) 01929 818020 (office hours)
NHS	111 (24 hours) www.nhs.uk
St John's Ambulance	08700 104950 www.sja.org.uk
RSPCA	0300 1234555 www.rspca.org.uk
Dorset RAYNET (voluntary communications service)	07788 651181 www.raynet-uk.net

7. Risk assessment

Hazard	Impact on community	What can we do to prepare
<p>Flooding of roads, homes etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homes flooded. • Rescue Services may be required. • Need to secure place of refuge. • Need to support other services • Knock-on effect of disruption to the power supply / communication / transport infrastructure • Blocked access to care homes • School buses cannot access locations • Damage to property on rising tide way • Cars travelling too quickly cause waves into properties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign up to receive Met Office weather warnings email alerts from www.metoffice.gov.uk/about-us/guide-to-emails for rain for your area. • Sign up to EA Flood alerts www.environment-agency.gov.uk/ • Encourage residents to improve home flood defenses • Identify and train flood wardens • Notify DC Highways in autumn of gulleys that are blocked www.dorsetforyou.com/drainage • Apply sand from Dorset Council, noting the policy for your areas www.dorsetcouncil.com/flooding/protection
<p>Incident in River Stour / Allen</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for rescue from river • Search for missing person 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call Emergency Services

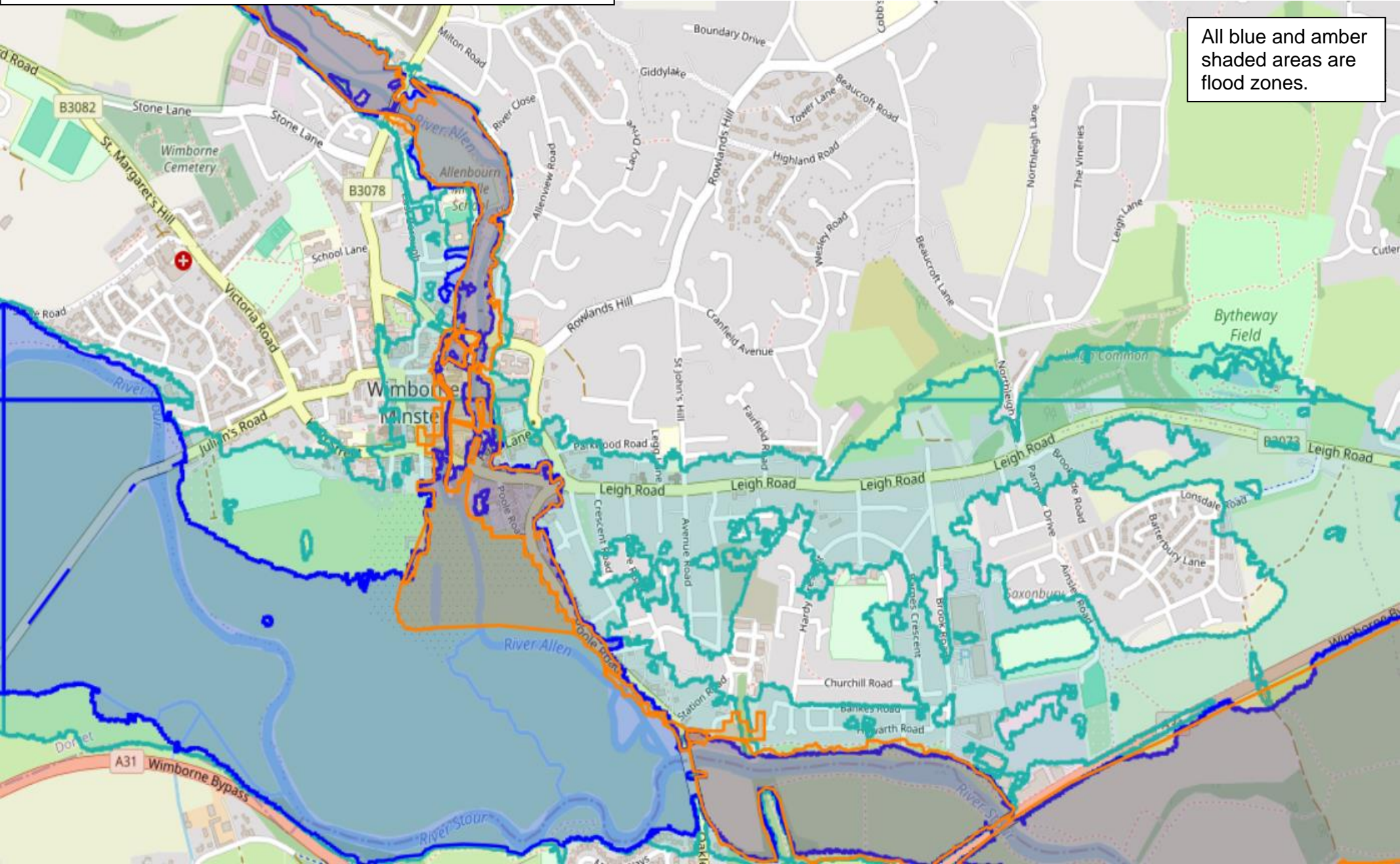
<p>Disruption to transport infrastructure due to adverse weather conditions (heavy snow / storm, icy conditions and / or road closures)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads impassable due to snow/fallen trees etc. • Access to areas in the town limited • Residents unable to access emergency and other services, e.g. carers, doctors, hospitals, pharmacies. • Residents run out of food and other necessities. • Injuries due to ice. • Non-residents /trapped stranded in the town 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign up to receive Met Office weather warnings email alerts from www.metoffice.gov.uk/about-us/guide-to-emails for snow for your area • Agree places where gritting is required (e.g. steep hill or tight bend) • Access to be maintained to local shops • Write to Dorset Council in October requesting grit bins refilled / salt scheme • Check safety of vulnerable people • Ensure grit bins are stocked • Request support to clear roads • Facilitate finding refuge and / or evacuation
<p>Adverse weather (storms, gales or periods of prolonged very cold or very hot weather)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant damage to property causing hazard • Debris hazard • Travel disruption • People in need of refuge • Health problems associated with extreme heat/cold • Knock-on effect of disruption to power supply/communication infrastructure (see above) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign up to receive Met Office weather warnings email alerts from www.metoffice.gov.uk • Provide weather warnings and advice to the community via websites, social media and news channels • Secure public buildings and street furnishings • Check safety of vulnerable people • Arrange delivery of sandbags if flooding occurs
<p>Miscellaneous emergencies</p> <p>Drought / wildfire Emission of smoke / radioactive substance / pollution / chemical / gas emission (e.g. volcanic emergency overseas) Infectious disease (humans and animals) / legionella Food chain contamination Disrupted fuel supply</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire damage / hazard • Danger to health • Access to medication • Access to food supplies • Mental health isolation issues • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flu Buddies Scheme - identify volunteers who can collect and deliver medicines for people who are vulnerable / live alone • Publish on websites and local radio stations information and advice • Support emergency services • Maintain clear access to sites • Notify local residents and groups to ensure windows and doors are kept closed • Open evacuation centres • Keep local residents informed using social media, local radio and television stations •

<p>Disruption to communications infrastructure, damage to telecommunication / internet services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phones and / or broadband lost • Mobile phone reception very poor so few forms of communication available • Power outages knock on effect to telephones • Difficult to contact emergency services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform community groups, deliver information • Display information boards on access roads • Leaflet distribution during prolonged incident • Consider door to door communication • Investigate nearest places unaffected by interruption
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<p>Loss or contamination of water supply</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disruption to households including sanitation, cooking and cleaning. • Health concerns, dehydration and mental health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help and guidance from bournemouthwater.co.uk • Inform community by delivering notification cards to affected households/business within the direction of the water company • Distribution of bottled water to vulnerable communities under the supervision of the water company • Standpipes to be activated by authorities
<p>Terrorist incident</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gunfire • Explosion • Traffic incident 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow advice issued by the National Counter Terrorism Security Office (Nactso) to advocate a 'run, hide and tell' strategy • Contact Emergency Services.
<p>Accidents or incidents in travel network</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency situation arising from crash incident • Aviation accident (Bournemouth Airport) • Traffic incident (A31) • Support of emergency services dealing with incident 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow Emergency Services advice • Support emergency services (shelter, refreshments) • Facilitate finding refuge and/or evacuation.

<p>Disruption to mains power services (gas or electricity failure), failure of whole or part of GB's national transmission network, damage to gas pipeline</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents with no access to power for a prolonged period of time. Most vulnerable are those with only electric power. • Residents can't get heat, light or hot water • Residents unable to cook • Defrosting fridges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist in the identification of residents most at risk • Provide advice on where to locate local utilities team • Open place of safety (as nominated) for hot refreshments and information point • Coordinate hot refreshments delivery to housebound residents • Promote registration with suppliers as vulnerable customers • Assist electricity company community advisors in the field • Ask volunteers to door knock to provide assistance and information, handing out light sticks, foil blankets, hand warmers etc. • Ensure everyone complies with the gas safety advice until the emergency services arrive
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8. Areas prone to flooding - Wimborne Minster flood zones



All blue and amber shaded areas are flood zones.

9. Safety Advice

Gas Safety

If you smell gas or believe there has been damage to gas infrastructure, **DO NOT USE** any electrical equipment (including light switches or doorbells). If you are indoors, move outside before using your mobile phone to dial the national gas emergency number on 0800 111 999.

If you are outside and smell gas, move at least 20 meters away before using your mobile phone. **DO NOT** smoke, light a match or any other naked flame.

If feeling unwell, go to your nearest Accident and Emergency Department or the local GP as soon as possible and alert the health professionals to the potential exposure to gas or carbon monoxide.

Water Safety

DO NOT ENTER FLOOD WATER even if it looks clean and advise bystanders similarly.

If you do come into contact with flood water, assume it is contaminated and wash with warm water and soap before eating or drinking.

Town Council Flood Wardens: Bill Richmond and Ann Roberts (see page 8 for contact information).

Fire in the countryside

If you see a fire in the countryside, report it immediately.

Do not tackle a fire yourself unless it can be put out with a bucket of water.

Please call the fire service and leave the area as soon as possible.

Ensure that you know your location or a landmark so you can direct Secure loose objects such as ladders, garden furniture or anything else that could be blown into windows and other glazing and break them.

Before a storm

Close and securely fasten doors and windows, particularly those on the windward side of the house and especially large doors such as those in garages.

Park vehicles in a garage, otherwise keep them clear of buildings, trees, walls, and fences.

Close and secure loft trapdoors with bolts, particularly if roof pitch is less than 30°.

If the house is fitted with storm shutters over the windows, then ensure that these are closed and fastened. If chimney stacks are tall / poor condition, move beds away from areas directly below them.

During the storm

Stay indoors as much as possible. If you do go out, try not to walk, or shelter close to buildings and trees. Keep away from the sheltered side of boundary walls and fences - if these structures fail, they will collapse on this side. Do not go outside to repair damage while the storm is in progress.

If possible, enter and leave your house through doors on the sheltered side, closing them behind you. Open internal doors only as needed and close them behind you.

Take care when driving on exposed routes such as bridges, or high open roads, delay your journey or find alternative routes if possible. Slow down and be aware of side winds, particular care should be taken if you are towing or are a high sided vehicle. Do not drive unless your journey is necessary.

Sandbag storage

The Town Council old air raid / store at Pye Corner, Old Rd, Wimborne, BH21 1EP.

10. Vulnerable groups in the community

Name/Organisation	Telephone Number	Address
Queen Elizabeth's School	01202 885233	600 Blandford Rd, BH21 4DT
Allenbourn Middle School	01202 886738	East Borough, BH21 1PL
Wimborne First School and Nursery	01202 882532	Campanula Way, BH21 4FW
St John's CE VC First School	01202 883675	St Johns Hill, BH21 1BX
Wimborne Kindergarten	07778 597709	School Lane, BH21 1HQ
Beacroft Foundation School	01202 886083	School Lane, BH21 2SS
Streets Meadow	01202 884620	Hanham Road, BH21 1AS
Stoneleigh Rest Home	01202 884908	2 Rowlands Hill, BH21 1AN
Fleur-de-Lis Renaissance Housing Care	01202 618052	East Borough, BH21 1PL
Wimborne Bungalows Retirement Living Plus (McCarthy Stone)	08003 100394	Riverside Park, Station Road, BH21 1QU
Tapper Court Housing Care	0333 400 8222	24 Barnes Crescent, BH21 2AZ
Harleston House	01202 882067	Harleston Villas, St John's Hill, BH21 1DB
Bournemouth Churches Housing Association (BCHA)	01202 849597	Waverley House, 1 New Borough Road, BH21 1RA

When appropriate and guided by the category 1 responder, using local knowledge the team will make contact with vulnerable individuals in the town (i.e. disabled, elderly, housebound, parents with young children).

During the emergency anyone involved in coordinating a response will keep a log of contact of all requests for assistance and action taken.

11. Agency responsibilities

The Police assume the management and overall co-ordination of all the activities of those responding at and around the scene.

The Fire Service's first concern is to rescue people and to prevent further escalation of the incident. They also assist the ambulance service with casualty handling and decontamination issues and assist the police with the recovery of bodies.

The Ambulance Service is responsible for coordinating effective emergency treatment at the scene and transporting the injured, in order of priority, to nominated hospitals.

Health Services ensure an effective medical response including requests from the ambulance service to accept casualties and provide trained staff to act as mobile medical teams.

Local Authorities (Dorset Council) provide support for the emergency services, and care for the local

and wider community. When the emphasis of the incident switches to recovery, the local authority will lead the co-ordination of response in rehabilitating the local community and restoring the environment.

Utility companies, including industrial and commercial organisations, may provide support and professional expertise to assist the overall emergency response to the incident. Voluntary sector groups can provide support to the emergency and local authorities. They will assist local authorities operate reception centres and can help to provide social and psychological care (organisations include WRVS, St. John Ambulance, British Red Cross, Radio Amateurs Emergency Network, Salvation Army, The Samaritans, and the clergy).

For insurance, health and safety purposes, those named in this plan and other volunteers from the community are not trained, equipped, empowered or resourced to carry out the functions of an emergency service.

Volunteers and Response Team Members provide support at their own discretion and in a voluntary (not compulsory) capacity. No one is expected to carry out duties they do not feel able to undertake.

This plan covers the town of Wimborne Minster.

12. Community Sandbag Store

In the event of there being persons (including casualties) requiring temporary shelter, one or more of the following buildings will be made available:

Building	Address	Keyholder
The Town Hall,	37 West Borough, BH21 1LT	Town Clerk
Allendale Centre	Allenvie Centre, Hanham Road, BH21 1AS	Brain Harries
St Johns Church	71 Leigh Road, BH21 1AE	Paula Jones

13. Dorset community risk register

The most current Dorset Community Risk Register can be found by clicking here

<https://www.dorsetprepared.org.uk/media/68804/dorset-local-resilience-forum-community-risk-register-april-2022.pdf>

Dorset Local Resilience Forum Community Risk Register (April 2022)

For more details see our website [dorsetprepared.org.uk/types-of-risk/](https://www.dorsetprepared.org.uk/types-of-risk/)



Risk Reference	Risk Name	Impact	Likelihood	Risk Rating
R95	Influenza-type pandemic	4-Significant	4-Medium High	Very High
R76	Failure of the national electricity transmission system	4-Significant	3-Medium Low	Very High
R91	Low temperatures and heavy snow	3-Moderate	3-Medium	High
R81	Coastal flooding	3-Moderate	4-Medium High	High
R82	Fluvial flooding	3-Moderate	3-Medium	High
R83	Surface water flooding	3-Moderate	3-Medium	High
R97	Emerging infectious disease	3-Moderate	4-Medium High	High
R85	Poor air quality	3-Moderate	4-Medium high	High
R64	Large toxic chemical release			High
HL108	Localised flooding caused by groundwater emergence/spring activity	3-Moderate	4-Medium High	High
R56	Fire or explosion at gas terminal or storage site	2-Minor	2-Medium Low	Medium
R66	Radiation release from overseas nuclear accident	3-Moderate	2-Medium Low	Medium
R69	Food supply contamination	2-Minor	4-Medium High	Medium
R71	Aviation crash	3-Moderate	1-Low	Medium
R93	Storms	2-Minor	4-Medium	Medium
R98	Major outbreak of animal disease	2-Minor	3-Medium	Medium
R102	Widespread industrial action (fuel supply)	2-Minor	3-Medium	Medium
R103	Insolvency affecting fuel supply	2-Minor	4-Medium High	Medium
R75	Water infrastructure failure or loss of drinking water	2-Minor	2-Medium Low	Medium
R55	Fire or explosion at a fuel distribution site	2-Minor	2-Medium Low	Medium
R74	Reservoir / dam collapse	3-Moderate	2-Medium Low	Medium
R63	Biological substance release	2-Minor	3-Medium	Medium
R90	Heat Wave	2-Minor	2-Medium Low	Medium
R84	Drought	2-Minor	2-Medium Low	Medium
R92	Severe Space weather	2-Minor	4-Medium High	Medium
R104	Public Disorder	2-Minor	4-Medium High	Medium
R54	Major fire	2-Minor	2-Medium Low	Medium
R80	Financial/Banking system infrastructure failure	2-Minor	3-Medium	Medium
R68	Accident involving high consequence dangerous goods	4-Significant	1-Low	Medium
HL104	Radioactive release during the visit of a nuclear powered vessel (NPV) to Portland Port	3-Moderate	1-Low	Medium
HL4	Major pollution of controlled waters	1-Limited	4-Medium High	Low
R62	Accidental release of biological pathogen	2-Minor	1-Low	Low
R67	Maritime pollution	2-Minor	1-Low	Low
R100	Widespread industrial action (prison officers)	1-Minor	4-Medium High	Low
R101	Widespread industrial action (public transport)	2-Minor	1-Low	Low
R105	Influx of British Nationals	1-Limited	4-Medium high	Low
R78	Disruption or loss of Telecommunications systems	1-Limited	3-Medium	Low
R61	Fire or explosion at an onshore fuel pipeline			Low
R87	Volcanic eruption	1-Limited	4-Medium High	Low

Community Response Team Meeting Agenda

Date:

Time:

Location:

Attendees:

What is the current situation:

Location of emergency:

School

Are there vulnerable people involved:

Elderly

Families with children

What local skills and resources do we need

Food

Blankets

Shelter

Establish contact with the emergency services:

How can we support the emergency services:

What actions can safely be taken:

Who is going to take the lead for the agreed actions:

Any other issues:

15. Document details

Document title	Wimborne Minster Town Council Community Emergency Response Plan
Version	Version 1
Date version published	30 April 2024
Review process	<p>A full review of the plan should be carried out annually to ensure that the information contained in the plan is up to date.</p> <p>Remember to document any amendments or additions and send updated copies of your plan to those on your distribution list.</p> <p>The next routine review date is on or before 30 April 2025</p>
Circulation list	Once completed, this plan will be shared with the Emergency Planning Officer from your Local Authority, the local emergency responders, and the Dorset Civil Contingencies Unit so that, in the event of an emergency they will know who to contact and what assistance we can provide.
Document ownership	Dorset Community Emergency Response Group
Acknowledgments	Town Clerk – Wimborne Minster Town Council.

16. Examples of risks that could be encountered

The range of incidents which could be encountered by the community of Wimborne Minster and which could see the activation of this Plan are wide and varied in nature and as such it is not the intention of this document to seek to be prescriptive in the nature and extent of any response to a call for assistance, rather this document seeks to pre-identify available and deployable resources so that they can be called upon easily in times of demand.

Given the location of Wimborne Minster, it is possible that a natural event, major incident, disruption or malicious attack could occur:

- mains power services (gas and / or electric)
- severe weather events (snow, storms, gales)
- industrial accident (fire, contamination, power outage / technical failure)
- human and animal diseases (pandemic, foot and mouth, avian influenzas, rabies)
- flooding
- fire (gorse, neighboring heathland, verges)
- major transport accident (road, aircraft)
- infrastructure (bridges)
- missing child / vulnerable adult
- terrorist attack (crowded place, critical infrastructure, electronics, transport)

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