

WEST ALLEN VALLEYS PARISH COUNCIL EMERGENCY PLAN

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*Indicates those with a copy of the WAVPC Emergency Plan

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Set up by residents for residents, our main aim is to encourage and support people in our communities by warning and informing them to be as prepared as possible for emergency events (flooding, snow, storms/lack of power, drought, wildfire etc.). *

The plan is a result of an initial consultation with local residents and with Northumberland County Council in 2019, with on-going reviews since then.

It aims to help all residents who may be affected by an emergency, particularly those who are vulnerable or less able to cope by themselves, to understand where local help and assistance can be found if needed.

The plan assumes that our communities embrace the very important informal arrangements such as simply acting as a “good neighbour” or “buddy” in assisting the less capable/well-equipped in the event of an emergency.

Resilience Centres have been established at Ninebanks and Carrshield and are equipped to provide a place for meeting essential needs (warmth, water, food etc.).

We encourage residents to sign up to our email distribution group and Ninebanks Neighbours WhatsApp group, and registering as vulnerable with utilities companies where relevant.

The intention is to update our emergency plan at our meetings in March and September each year or as and when required.

Date of next review: March 2027

* We have no legal responsibility for the action anyone takes.

In the case of an emergency, as informed by Northumberland County Council and/or, where appropriate, another formal weather warning/incident briefing (Met Office etc. **which are deemed relevant to our Parish**), the Parish Council will:

1. Alert (Yellow)

- Stay vigilant: consider making early preparations for a potential emergency by keeping an eye on the weather forecast, rain/snow/wind data, etc.
- If necessary, and there are specific local issues, contact Northumberland County Council

2. Warning (Amber)

Before power is lost:

- The Parish Council uses its WhatsApp group to check who is available
- The Parish Clerk will use our email distribution group to alert our local community (if residents are not in the area, they can then contact their neighbours/buddies).
- Take immediate action to advise others to protect their property and livestock
- As a close community, residents will check that their vulnerable neighbours have everything they need.
- Encourage residents to follow their individual household plans for removing things out of harm's way and prepare grab bags etc. [See Appendix 2]
- Check the nominated resilience hubs are prepared, equipped and staffed to open (if necessary) so that residents can relocate there if required.

3. Severe Warning (Red)

- Listen to the advice of the emergency services.
- Help police/local authority with door knocking (use WhatsApp/buddy system)
- Inform emergency services who might need extra help to leave their home (as above with those self-identifying as vulnerable and/or registered with utility providers as such)

In General

- Call 999 if in immediate danger (assuming power and signal)
- If not in immediate danger: contact WAVPC members via WhatsApps/phone/email
- If no communications, **and it is safe to do so**, attempt to get to Ninebanks Hall/Carrshield Hall when you can no longer manage at home
- The assumption is that most households will be prepared to deal with all but the most severe of power outages
- If usual communications are disrupted, our notice boards will be used, located: in Ninebanks village, Ninebanks Hall, Youth Hostel in Mohope, and Carrshield village
- All households are encouraged to have their own emergency plan [Appendix 1], specific to their needs
- All households are encouraged to have a neighbour/buddy to support them before, during and after an emergency situation

West Allen Valleys Community Contact Cascade

ACTION REQUIRED

**Northumberland County Council
Civil Contingencies Team
Lead or Officer**

Responsible for:
Advising communities of
imminent threat and to put
emergency plans in place

FOR INFORMATION

West Allen Parish Council

Responsible for:
Informing community via:
Email/WhatsApp
(Ninebanks Neighbours)



**Local indicators:
specific issues not
visible to NCC Civil
Contingencies Team**



**West Allen Parish Council
(Chair or nominated deputy)**

- Responsible for:**
- Receipt and action
 - Agree with NCC action to be taken by PC and NCC
 - Sharing information
 - Activation of Local Plan

Individual residents

Responsible for:
Taking action as required
according to their household
plan

Key locations identified with authorities/ emergency services for use as places of safety

Building	Location	Potential Use in an Emergency	Contact Details of Keyholder
Ninebanks Church and Community Hall	Ninebanks NE47 8DB NY 782524 (What3Words) – www/// Pickup.options.palettes	•Rest Centre •Safe place •Warmth •Cooking facilities •Water tap Distribution point Defibrillator	Ninebanks PCC to provide key number to key personnel: Helen Manson 07748 857450 David Manson 07769 877716 Rob Robinson 07738 811413 Fi Fidler 07582 687732
Carrshield Village Hall	Carrshield NE47 8AF NY 803467 (What3Words) – www/// Trumped.wanting.bypassed	•Rest Centre •Safe place •Warmth •Cooking facilities •Water tap Defibrillator	Susie Stafford 07714727077 or 01434345157 Chaz Lincoln 07944 761122

LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Household Emergency Plan Template (attached)

Appendix 2: WAVPC Risk Assessment

Appendix 3: Emergency Assessment Template

WAVPC EMERGENCY PLAN [APPENDIX 1]: HOUSEHOLD EMERGENCY PLAN [TWO PAGES]

To be used by you/your buddy in an emergency

This is what you/others would follow in an emergency. There may be very little warning or time to prepare for an emergency.

Your thinking might be scrambled under stress, so it's good to have everything thought through, prioritised and written down in advance for you/others to refer to.

It is suggested that you keep a copy near the main door for easy access to you/others.

CHECKLIST

(suggestions – make this relevant to your own circumstances)

Vulnerable People	Have you signed up with your utility providers?	
Northern Powergrid	Dial 105 or 0800 66 88 77 (lines open: 24/7)	
Electricity Supplier		
Met Office Warnings	Have you signed up to receive them? https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/about-us/guide-to-emails	
Flood Warnings	Have you signed up to receive them? www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings or call: 0345 988 1188	
Prepare a grab bag	Know what it needs to contain*	
Important documents	Know where they are: keep them in a safe place	
Home insurance	Check what your home insurance covers re: emergencies	
Buddy	Have you informed your buddy/buddies that you may need help/may have to leave your property etc?	

*GRAB BAG CONTENTS (suggestions)

- Warm and waterproof clothing
- Medications and first aid kit
- Bottled drinking water and snack food
- Purse/wallets (cash and cards)
- Insurance and other important documents
- Mobile phone and charger
- Torch and extra batteries
- Camera (to take photos of any damage)
- Toys for children
- Pet toys and pet food
- Rubber gloves and wellingtons
- Keys

Met Office Yellow warning

- Stay vigilant and make early preparations for a potential emergency by keeping an eye on the weather forecast, rain/snow/wind data, etc.
- Check that you have adequate stocks of food, water and fuel
- Monitor the situation. Check weather forecast. Listen to local radio.
- Locate emergency kit (camping stoves, torches, wind-up radio, supply of wood/coal etc) and check it is complete and ready if needed.

Storm	• Check surface water drains and contact Northumberland County Council if there are any issues • Check that as much as possible is tied down/made secure • Get livestock under cover if possible
Snow	• Check that outdoor clothing/wellies/spades etc are in the property
Drought	• Check on supplies of bottled water
Flood	• Check surface water drains and contact Northumberland County Council if there are any issues
Wildfire	• Check wind direction and plan escape route

Met Office Amber Warning

- Immediate action may be required to protect yourself and your property
- Continue to monitor the situation
- Carry out actions detailed in your home emergency plan
- Move valuables, important documents etc to a secure location
- Ensure family, neighbours and vulnerable people are alerted and pets/livestock removed to safety (where possible)

Met Office Red Warning

- There is a significant risk to life and property. Prepare to evacuate and co-operate with emergency services/local authorities
- Check on vulnerable family, friends and neighbours
- If safe to do so, turn off utility supplies
- Continue to monitor the situation using local radio etc
- Evacuation is likely. Gather your grab bag and co-operate with the emergency services
- Ring 999 if you are in immediate danger

KEY LOCATIONS

Service cut-off	Description of location
Electricity	Eg, behind inner kitchen door
Water	Eg, immediately inside front door to LHS
Gas	