Community Resilience

Burton Pedwardine Parish is stronger when neighbours look out for one another. In an emergency, such as flooding, severe weather, loss of utilities, road closures or another local incident. The people who live and work in the community are likely the first to notice problems, check on those nearby and share important information before wider support arrives.

Our resilience in those first few hours or days of an emergency is significantly aided if we are prepared, both as individuals and as a community, in advance.

What emergencies?

- Flooding e.g. Coastal / Surface Water
- Fire / Explosion / Lighting
- Severe Weather e.g. Heat / Cold / Wind / Drought
- Loss of Critical Infrastructure e.g. Roads / Water Supply / Electricity / Communications
- Shortages e.g. Fuel / Food
- Disease e.g. Human / Animal
- Contamination e.g. Ground / Airborne
- Malicious Acts / Crime / Terrorism / National Threat
- Failure of Government or Council Services / Societal Breakdown

How to prepare as an Individual

Everyone can improve their personal / family resilience by taking a few simple steps to prepare for emergencies. The Government provides very useful advice here: Be ready for emergencies - Be Ready It doesn't need to cost anything, and it doesn't have to be done all at once.

How we prepare as a Community

Disasters can strike without warning, anywhere, at any time. The Burton Pedwardine Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) has been established under the umbrella of the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum. By preparing collectively in advance, we strengthen our community's resilience and can provide essential support to emergency services.

Our Community Emergency Plan (CEP) has been approved by the Lincolnshire Emergency Response Team. The plan follows a comprehensive, all-hazards strategy. It sets out how we use local knowledge, community networks and available resources safely and effectively. It explains who to contact, where to go, what support may be available and how to help without putting CERT members at risk. It also helps identify streets, households and individuals who may need extra support, while respecting their privacy and coordinating with emergency services and Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue (LFR). The plan will be activated when at least two members of the CERT determine that immediate action is necessary to respond to an incident.

Our CERT members undertake regular training to ensure that they can respond appropriately and safely in accordance with the CEP. Other individuals should not turn up at the scene of an emergency and try to help. Emergencies are unpredictable and your presence could endanger you, CERT members or the emergency services on the scene.

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