

EMERGENCY & RESILIENCE PLAN

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Introduction

This plan is designed to be a simple tool to enable the community to commence a response to an emergency within their parish pending support from a network of agencies that will inevitably be responding.

Aim

To form a first point of contact and a framework of contacts and activities, which will be of benefit to the community, people in distress or at threat, and responding agencies in the event of an emergency.

Operational tasks

- Identify and report the incident to Sussex Police Headquarters at the first opportunity
- establish contact with Rother District Council to ensure a communications link can be maintained
- assemble as many members of the community who may be able to assist
- identify the situation of the vulnerable members of the community
- provide a team of volunteers who are willing to undertake tasks allocated during the emergency

Roles

Emergency Response Wardens

- Identify the location and area, Nature of the incident, Number of people involved
- report to Sussex Police 999 system
- contact village hall key holder to open the village hall
- contact other wardens and decide appropriate location for a meeting
- establish a maintainable communications link to Rother District Council
- link up with first emergency response units arriving at the scene
- act as a local guide and information provider

Caution: actions that could increase the severity of the incident or risk further loss of life or injury must be avoided at all costs

Elected Representatives

- act under the guidance of agencies involved
- assist Rother District Council's Rest Centre Operations
- assist in establishing an information point for residents and distributing information to the Parish as required
- ensure all press statements comply with the Inter Agency agreements at all times

Directory of Contacts

Name of Parish Council	Brightling Parish Council
Name of District Council	Rother District Council
Name of County Council	East Sussex County Council

Emergency Response Wardens

Name	Address	Telephone
Cllr Caroline Croft (Vice-chair)	4 Riverhouses, Cackle Street, Brightling TN32 5JB	01424 838 278
Cllr Judy Petty (Chair)	Stonesdown Farmhouse, Brightling	01424 838 868

Parish Council Elected Representatives

Name	Address	Telephone
Cllr Katrina Blench	Fern Hill, Brightling Road, Brightling, TN32 5EY	07841 866824
Cllr Joanna Coleman	Darwell Wood Cottage, Battle Road, Brightling TN32 5JB	01424 838 611
Cllr Caroline Croft (Vice-chair)	4 Riverhouses, Cackle Street, Brightling TN32 5JB	01424 838 278
Cllr Philip Garbutt	Turners Oast, Battle Road, Dallington, TN21 9LF	07392 826700
Cllr Judy Petty (Chair)	Stonesdown Farmhouse, Brightling	01424 838 868
Cllr Jane Oxenford	The Old Post Office, Brightling TN32 5HH	01424 838 679
Cllr Andrew Wedmore	Hunter's Farm, Brightling, TN32 5HU	01424 838 667

Village Hall

Availability	24 hours	Telephone
Key Holder name	Jane Oxenford Judy Petty Philip Garbutt	01424 838 679 01424 838 868 07392 826700
Telephone line in village hall	No	
Broadband	Yes – available to use during power outages.	
Car Parking	5-10	

Specialist advice available in Parish

Medical / Nursing / First Aid

Name	Address	Telephone
Mrs Beverley Quinn Midwife & Registered Nurse	The Avenue Lodge, Brightling TN32 5HL	01424 838 528
Dr David Rodgers, GP (Ret'd)	Doves Barn, Oxley's Green, Brightling TN32 5HD	01424 838 599

Owners of Off-Road Vehicles including farm vehicles

Name	Address	Telephone
Mr Chris French	Glebe Farm, Brightling TN32 5HE	07768 733398
Mr Roddy Wrenn	Mud Wall, Longreach Farm, Brightling TN32 5HJ	01424 838 645
Mr Charlie Norman	Long Reach Farmhouse, Brightling, TN32 5HJ	077954 73352
Mr Daniel Lambert-Gorwyn	Prinkle View, Cackle Street, Brightling TN32 5JA	07979 328 571
Mr Henry Grissell	Turners Farm, Dallington, TN21 9LF	01424 838 207

Qualified Chain Saw Operators

Name	Address	Telephone
Mr Jamie French	Glebe Farm, Brightling TN32 5HE	07815 099 370
Mr Russell Norman	The Cottage, Longreach Farm, Brightling TN32 5HJ	01424 838 555
Mr Archie Quinn	The Avenue Lodge, Brightling TN32 5HL	07999 144 334
Mr Charlie Norman	Long Reach Farmhouse, Brightling, TN32 5HJ	077954 73352

Carpentry / Metal Work

Daniel Lambert-Gorwyn	Prinkle View, Cackle Street, Brightling TN32 5JA	01424 838 768
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Further Help

Caroline and Andrew Wedmore at Hunters Farm, Kent Lane, generate all their own electricity and are usually immune to power cuts affecting the rest of Brightling. They are happy to help anyone who is suffering during an extended power cut, by providing phone charging, warmth, internet connections and general respite from lack of power. Contact Andrew on 07850 369744.

Neighbouring Parishes

Name	Clerk	Telephone/Email
Ashburnham & Penhurst	Dr Brian Holdstock, Little Midge, Ashburnham, TN33 9PB clerk@ashburnham-penhurst.net	01323 832 082
Dallington & Mountfield	Irene Marchant, St Giles, Woods Corner, Dallington TN21 9LA irene.marchant@btinternet.com	01424 838 414
Burwash	Emma Neil parishclerk@burwashpc.org.uk	07375 809 660
Battle	Carol Harris, The Almonry, High Street, Battle TN33 0EA clerk@battletowncouncil.gov.uk	01424 772 210

Other Useful Contacts

Priest-in-Charge	The Revd Jeremy Sykes, The Vicarage, Lower Dicker, BN27 3PA	01323 441872
Parish Clerk	Sam Dugan, Mountfield Heath School, John's Cross, TN32 5FA	07738225199
Local Public House	The Swan Inn, Woods Corner, Dallington	01424 838 242
Local Shops	Village Shop, Darvel Down, Netherfield TN33 9QF	01424 838 589
	Burwash Stores, High St., Burwash TN19 7ET	01435 882 226
PCSO	Daryl Holter daryl.holter@sussex.police.uk	07912 895 254
PCSO	Emma Phillips emmalouise.phillips@sussex.police.uk	07912 804 845
Battle Police Station		0845 60 70 999
Rother District Council	Day	01424 787 000
Rother District Council	Night	01424 787 868
RDC Emergency Planning	Out of hours Duty Officer	01424 787 868
ESCC Emergency Planning	David Broadley (Day time only)	01323 747 090
Eastbourne & Wealden Lifeline (ESCC out of hours service)		01323 644 422

Preparing for power cuts

A portable power bank can keep a mobile phone charged for up to a week. They can be purchased for £20 to £40. Keep the portable power bank "on charge" permanently so that it is fully charged even for an unexpected power cut. Once the power bank is charged up it will draw only a tiny amount of power to keep itself charged up.

Also consider buying a UPS (uninterruptable power supply) in preparation for a power cut. These cost around £100. Keep the UPS permanently plugged into a wall socket and then plug vital electronic equipment into the UPS. If there is a power cut, the UPS will seamlessly continue to provide power to the equipment via its internal battery. If you plug your fibre optic terminal (if any), your internet router and phone base station into the UPS then you will continue to have Wifi and internet connection during a power cut. It also makes it possible to make outgoing mobile phone calls even when phone masts are down. It is not a good idea to plug the UPS into the wall only when you anticipate a power cut; keep it plugged in all the time. Test the UPS set-up by simulating a power cut.

A lot more detail including suggested models to buy can be found on-line at <https://brightling.community/staying-in-touch-during-power-cuts/>

Andrew Wedmore on 07850 369744 is happy to answer questions about this article.