

Leicestershire & Rutland SLCC Community Resilience 13 June 2024 Naheem Tarmohamed & Zoe Heath







Objectives

To provide an

- outline of Local Authority responsibilities with regards to emergency response and recovery,
- awareness and understanding of resilience structure and resources,
- advice on generating community resilience



Civil Contingencies Act (CCA) 2004

- Sets out obligations of organisations to undertake emergency planning, response and recovery for incidents
- Category 1 Responders (Defined obligations) Emergency Services, Local Authorities, NHS, Environment Agency
- Category 2 Responders (Obligation to cooperate) Met Office Utility Companies, Transport Authorities, HSE, Coal Authority
- Other Responders Voluntary, Military, Industry, Faith, Provider Agencies
- Organised by Local Resilience Forums (LRF)



Civil Contingencies Act

The CCA places seven **additional** duties on Category 1 responders, including to:

- assess the risk of emergencies occurring and use this to inform contingency planning
- put in place emergency plans
- put in place business continuity management arrangements
- put in place arrangements to make information available to the public about civil protection matters and maintain arrangements to warn, inform and advise the public in the event of an emergency
- share information with other local responders to enhance coordination
- co-operate with other local responders to enhance co-ordination and efficiency
- provide advice and assistance to businesses and voluntary organisations about business continuity management (local authorities only)

Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) Local Resilience Forum (LRF)

Resilience Partnership





Resilience Partnership

- Supports Local Authorities in meeting their responsibilities under the CCA 2004 and National Resilience Standards by:
 - writing, reviewing and embedding incident plans
 - supporting local incident management groups
 - acting as local link between Local Authorities and partner organisations
 - identifying Emergency Centres
 - providing training and exercising
- Provides access to specialist knowledge, including Mass Fatalities, Animal Disease, COMAH (regulations for Chemical Sites) etc
- Provides a 24/7 Duty Officer support on a rota basis
- Community Resilience coordinator Zoe Heath



LLR Incidents



2017 – Birstall Gas Explosion



2018 – Hinckley Rd, Leicester Arson



2021 Extreme Weather







Annually – Avian Influenza



2024 - Flooding



LLR Multiagency Plans

Framework Plans

- Major Incident Response Framework Plan
- Information Sharing Agreement
- Move to CRITICAL (refers to National Security Level)
- Cyber Incident
- Warning and Informing the Public
- Evacuation and Shelter

- Mass Fatalities
- Humanitarian Assistance
- Flooding
- Animal Diseases
- Loss of Communications
- Fuel Disruption
- Severe Weather
- Widespread Power Outage
- Recovery
- Site Specific Plans



Community Resilience Development

- National Resilience Standard #5 Community Resilience Development
- LRF *People and Communities* standing group
- Government 'Prepare' Campaign -<u>https://prepare.campaign.gov.uk</u>
- Community Resilience Coordinator Zoe Heath

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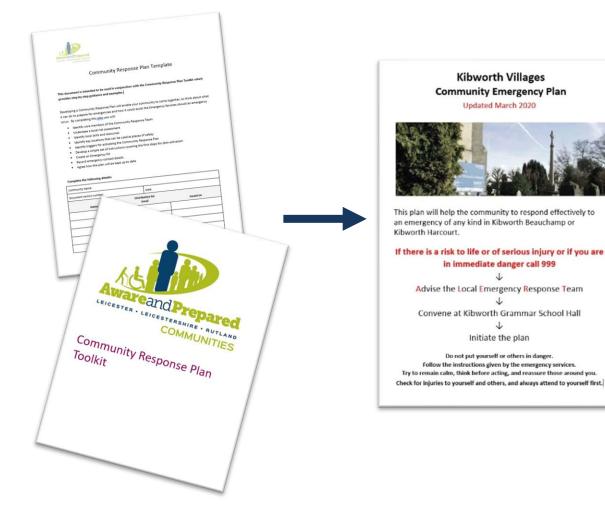
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Community Resilience

- Preparation
 - Identify vulnerable residents
 - Identify internal capabilities
 - Equipment
 - Plan response structure
- Context of Local Resilience Forum response
- Emergency Centre Community Hubs
- Liaison with responding agencies
- Warning and Informing community

Community Response Plans



Flood Wardens



Community Flood Warden schemes are completely voluntary and can consist of a single person or several people acting as volunteers to help raise awareness of any flood risks in their community, help pass on flood warnings when they are issued, help prepare for flooding and to help vulnerable people both during and after flooding has occurred. It is recommended to have 2 – 3 Flood Wardens in all communities, not just those impacted directly by a watercourse.

Sandbags



Local Authorities do not have a statutory duty to provide residents with sandbags and maintain only limited stocks for the following reasons:

- Sandbags provide only limited protection against flooding and are relatively ineffective when compared with purpose-designed flood protection products
- Transportation and the correct positioning of sandbags on a timely basis (before flooding has occurred) often prove difficult, particularly in the event of widespread disruption
- Sandbags have a limited shelf life

Local Authorities will make any stock available in line with the following priorities:

- To protect life, critical infrastructure and buildings, e.g hospitals and substations
- To protect elderly, disabled and vulnerable residents
- To support the emergency services

In all other circumstances please buy sandbags from DIY stores or building merchants. Visit the <u>Independent Flood Directory</u> for flood protection products and services

For further information please visit your local authority website

Recommendations / Apps

British Red Cross Emergency App

• set up emergency alerts for your area. This includes severe weather warnings



- add the location of family and friends. You'll be able to let them know if a warning is issued for their area or when an emergency strikes, and check they're safe
- check the current UK terrorism threat level.
 *Also recommend the First Aid Apps Available

What 3 Words

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- Divided the world into 3m squares and given each square a unique combination of three words
 - what3words addresses are easy to say and share, and as accurate as GPS coordinates

Met Office

- Quick switch between daily and hourly forecasts for your favourite locations
- Interactive rainfall map and text forecast for the next 24 hours
- Real time UK National Severe Weather Warnings with the interactive warnings map for your UK saved locations
- · Watch the latest video weather forecasts



Recommendations / Apps

Independent Flood Directory



- AKA the blue pages <u>https://bluepages.org.uk/</u>
- directory of property flood products and services to advise and inform you of what's available to help reduce the risk of flooding to your home or business

Flood Alerts & Flood Warnings

- You can check for flooding here: <u>https://check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk/</u>
- Map which shows currently active flood alerts and warnings: map
- Sign up for flood alerts & warnings: <u>https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings</u>
- Some areas do no have warnings but your can check your long term flood risk here: <u>https://www.gov.uk/check-long-term-flood-risk</u>



LLR Prepared

- Community Response Plan Toolkit & Template: <u>https://www.llrprepared.org.uk/prepared-communities/</u>
- Flood Warden information: <u>https://www.llrprepared.org.uk/prepared-communities/flood-warden/</u>





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