

PARISH OF IREBY WITH LECK AND COWAN BRIDGE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN



1. Intention.

The aim of this scheme is to provide a single source of local information to provide an effective initial response in an emergency until such time as the professional / emergency services and/or city council can assume responsibility. This Community Emergency Scheme builds on any existing individual preparations and moves these into the wider community. It identifies resources available to all and provides contact details for links to/from external assistance.

The specific emergency situations covered by the plan include

- Flooding
- Predicted severe or extreme weather
- Fire
- Significant Utility failure (Electricity/Water)
- Any other widespread incident

2. Community Emergency Planning Group Members (CEPG)

Membership of the Group is purely voluntary with no financial pay-back involved. Your Parish Councillors make up the emergency team but others may be co-opted.

Parish councillors:

Chairman - Carol Howard tel.no. 015242 71072

Leck

Colin Chick	015242 42609	Ireby
Andrew Makinson	015242 72106	Cowan Bridge
Carole Scott	015242 41454	Ireby
John Welbank	015242 41203	Ireby
Jean White	015242 72848	Leck
Clerk - Kevin Price	01539 821596	

Examples of the tasks, which would be undertaken within their ward by the committee members are:

- Collection and dissemination of information.
- Reception Centre planning
- Contact with emergency agencies

In the event of an emergency each member of the team would alert the rest ie. Carol Howard would contact Carole Scott, Andrew Makinson and Jean White
Carole Scott would contact Colin Chick and John Welbank

Each councillor must be able to access the muster point or reception centre.

FOR UP-TO-DATE PARISH INFORMATION CHECK THE PARISH WEBSITE
www.irebywithleck-pc.co.uk
OR ENTER LECK OR IREBY PARISH COUNCIL IN SEARCH BOX.

3. Key Telephone Contacts

Lancashire Constabulary – 999 or 101

Lancaster City Council – out-of-hours emergencies 01524 67099

Lancashire County Council – Highways Authority. Flooding - 0300 123 6780

Environment Agency – floodline 0345 988 1188

Lancashire Fire and Rescue – 999

Electricity North West - 105

North West Ambulance Service – 999

Westmorland Veterinary Group, Kirkby Lonsdale – 015242 71221 . An on-call answering service gives 24/7 cover.

Cave Rescue – 999 ask for Mountain or Cave Rescue

United Utilities - 0345 6723 723

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority – Not an emergency service but would help to rectify damage after the event – 0300 456 0030

4. Resources

•Fraser Hall.

The village hall would be used as an emergency muster point if required for any incident that activates this plan. Certain resources would therefore be required in addition to the use of the kitchen area, for example - first aid kit, blankets, local maps, copies of the emergency plan and appropriate stationery.

The building would also be identified for use as a community rest centre

If for any reason the building is unavailable possible alternatives are the Parish Church and Leck Primary School.

- **2 defibrillators are available for general use.** One is mounted on the wall of St Peter's Primary School, Leck. The other is mounted on the wall of Fraser Hall.

- **Tractors, Generators, Pumps, Sandbags, Chain saws etc.** These may be volunteered by parishioners/ local residents

Contents of Emergency Store located in Fraser Hall

Battery Radio.

Batteries

Torches

First Aid Kit

Water Purifying Tablets

Foil Survival Blankets
High Vis Jackets
Ordnance Survey Map
Laminated information sheets
Stationery

5. In the event of flooding:

The emergency services will lead the response but flood water can rise quickly so it is essential that residents follow the emergency guidelines. Lancashire County Council has published a series of recommendations for householders, which can be accessed at www.lancashire.gov.uk/flooding

If you are evacuated to a rest centre it might be useful to have:

- Insurance documents and other important documents
- Mobile phones and any chargers
- Children's essentials (milk, baby food, sterilised bottles and spoons, nappies, wipes, spare clothing, comfort toy)
- Emergency cash and credit cards
- Essential prescriptive medicine/repeat prescription forms
- Family and friends' telephone numbers
- Torch

Not an exhaustive list but a useful one. More general advice would include the following:

- If you are asked to evacuate your home, follow the advice of the emergency services
- Move family and pets upstairs, or to a high place with a means of escape.
- Move important items and documents upstairs or somewhere high and safe
- Turn off gas, electricity and water supplies if flood water is about to enter your home and it is safe to do so. DO NOT touch any electrical appliances or cables when standing in flood water. Isolate oil tanks.
- Check vulnerable neighbours are safe

Helpful Precautions

- Keep your drains and gutters clear of leaves to help prevent blockages and localised flooding in heavy rainfall
- Ensure that your home insurance policy is easily accessible.
- Locate your outside stop-cock and make sure you know how to quickly turn off your water and electricity mains
- Buying sandbags might help.
- Prepare a response plan with emergency contact numbers

6. In the event of severe gales.

It is possible to sign up for Met Office severe weather warnings on their website – an important source of advance information.

During a storm the following actions may be appropriate:

- Stay indoors if possible. Do not go outside to repair damage until the storm is over.
- On approach of storm ensure the security of loose objects eg. ladders, garden furniture etc.
- Keep away from the sheltered side of boundary walls and fences. If these fall they will collapse on this side.
- If chimney stacks are tall and there is any doubt about their condition move beds from areas directly below them
- Park vehicles in a garage or away from buildings, trees, walls and fences.
- Close and securely fasten windows, large doors and loft trap doors.

- Assist any vulnerable/infirm residents to carry out these tasks.

7. Fire

Residents on discovering a fire, should call the fire service on 999. They should leave the premises, with other occupants and any family pets, and not return until given the all-clear by the emergency services.

8. Power Blackout/ Water Supply Disruption

If it becomes apparent to any members of the **Community Emergency Planning Group** that the power cut or water supply problems are widespread or likely to become protracted they should meet as a group to consider what action is necessary to support the community, particularly any vulnerable members, and whether to activate the emergency plan. The City Council Duty Emergency Incident Officer (**DEIO**) should also be contacted, via the Council's Emergency Call Centre.

If it is necessary to contact the United Utilities Emergency Control Centre Manager the DEIO will do this on behalf of the community. The DEIO has the necessary information and contacts to organise alternative water supplies, for drinking and for sanitation in an emergency.