Hampshire & IOW LRF Community Resilience Group and Community Flood Planning

⮕ Resilience:

"*Ability of the community, services, area or infrastructure to detect, prevent, and, if necessary to withstand, handle and recover from disruptive challenges.*"

(Cabinet Office, 2012)

→ **Community Resilience:**

"Communities and individuals harnessing local resources and expertise to help themselves in an emergency, in a way that complements the response of the emergency services"

(Cabinet Office, 2011)

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Tewkesbury / Gloucester 2007

Sir Michael Pitt Report highlighted that………

➜ *"the Government should establish a programme to support and encourage individuals and communities to be better prepared and more self reliant during emergencies, allowing the authorities to focus on those areas and people in greatest need."   (PITT Report, 2007)*

HIOW Local Resilience Forum Community Resilience Group

Group Membership

- Hampshire County Council; Isle Of Wight Council; **Southampton City Council**; Portsmouth City Council; Eastleigh Borough Council
- Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service
- Hampshire Constabulary
- SHIP PCT Cluster
- **Environment Agency**
- South Central Ambulance Service
- Community Action Hampshire

Community Resilience Aims to….

- Increase individual, family & community resilience against all threats & hazards

- Support & enable existing community resilience – expansion & growth of successful models

- Raise awareness & understanding of risk & the local emergency response capability

- Provide a shared framework to support cross-sector activity at all levels

- Provide the tools to implement resilience within a community

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CR Group Work

➔ Initial LRF Meetings

➔ Engagement Events

➔ Implemented projects (Hants4x4 Volunteers etc.)

➔ Specific Meetings / Community Planning work

Community Resilience 2011

The first ever event bringing together the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Local Resilience Forum and members of community groups from across the county.

Community resilience is about communities and individuals harnessing local resources and expertise to help themselves in the event of a civil emergency, in a way that complements the response of the emergency services.

Ashburton Hall, Hampshire County Council offices, The Castle, Winchester, SO23 8UJ

Thurs October 6th 7pm - 9pm

➔Emergency Plans

Why do we need a Community Emergency Plan?

"*Emergencies happen. The emergency services will always have to prioritise those in greatest need during an emergency, especially where life is in danger. There will be times when you may be affected by an emergency but your life is not in immediate danger. During this time you need to know how to help yourself and those around you.*

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Why Do We Need a Plan?

Occasions when self help is useful:

a) **Before** the arrival of emergency services and **immediately following** a sudden impact event (such as a fire or explosion) particularly where people have been evacuated from properties

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b) During widespread events such as a flu pandemic, extensive flooding, storm damage, or deep snow, when outside assistance might be unavailable or delayed because of higher priority (life saving) tasks or road closures. In most instances these events will be preceded by warnings from relevant authorities (Met office, Environment Agency, NHS).

c) Following the loss of basic utilities (electricity, gas, water) for an extended period. The probability of this happening is much greater when combined with a period of extreme weather

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Possible Community Plan Components

BEFORE:
Risk Assessment

➲ Potential Risks

Risks	Impact on community	What can the Community Emergency Group do to prepare?
Example: River through village can flood	• Flooding of local streets • Blocked access to town hall • Damage to property	• Encourage residents to improve home flood defences • Work with local emergency responders to see if they can help with distribution of flood warnings and any evacuation and rest centre establishment required • Find out what flood defences exist or are planned in the area

➲ Specific Risk Areas / Locations

1A – Locations at risk of flooding: Flood warnings

From the information you have available. make a list of areas liable to flood and the level of warning which would affect them.

Area number	Location of risk	Trigger level	Actions
Area 1			
Area 2			
Area 3			
Area 4			
Area 5			

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Possible Community Plan Components

(Predetermined) **ACTIONS for DURING**:
(Ensure Safety) then Warning & Informing

- Consider ways of communicating info to those affected:

→ **Emergency Contacts List** – Phone/Address (emergency responders, community members)

→ **Places of Safety** - Rest Centres / places of shelter

→ **Vulnerable persons / properties** (local knowledge can be key)

→ **Communications options** (by phone, in person (if possible), via social media etc.)

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Possible Community Plan Components

(Predetermined) **ACTIONS for DURING**:

→ Available Resources and Contact Details

2D – Actions to be taken during a flood: Available resources
Identify available resources.

Organisation	Resource	Number	Location	Notes

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ACTIONS for AFTER:

- → Recovery Aims
- → Group Strategy
- → Affected Properties
- → Reputable Contractors

Keep it simple and focused to your needs!

Case Study

→ Wallington village

→ 45 properties flooded internally on 5/6 November 2000

→ The Wallington village community association created a Flood Emergency Plan following the flooding.

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Case Study

➔ Received funding to purchase community flood resistance measures.

➔ Flood gates are now installed upon receipt of a flood warning – as stated in their flood plan.

➔ Residents will check on 'vulnerable' neighbours

Wallington Village Community Association
Registered Charity No. 1030479

Flood Emergency Plan

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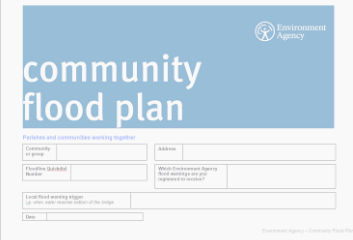
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Templates Available:

→ http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/floods/38329.aspx

→ http://www3.hants.gov.uk/localresilienceforum/your-community.htm

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What can everyone do?

➔ Ensure you understand the risk of flooding in your area

➔ Sign up for free flood warnings

➔ Work together to make a plan

Thank you

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