

North Beck Emergency Flood Plan

Introduction

This plan has been developed by Northbeck Community Action Group to enable the community to respond to a flooding emergency, whilst awaiting the assistance of the Emergency Services.

Purpose

The plan has been designed to enable residents and the Flood Warden to identify the immediate actions, they should consider during an emergency. These actions may assist the community in reducing the negative impacts an emergency can have until further assistance has been received.

Aim of the Plan

To increase the short-term resilience of the community to a flooding emergency, by the identification of community procedures.

Plan Objectives

- Identify resources required to assist in a flooding emergency.
- Provide up to date contact details to local residents, Emergency Services and Local Authorities via The Parish Council Website
- Ensure premises are available in the event of homes needing to be evacuated.

Plan Ownership and Document Control

This Plan and the information within it are private and confidential and should only be released to those individuals involved in its implementation. Northbeck Community Group owns this Plan and its contents, and it is their responsibility to ensure it is accurate and up to date.

Activating the Plan

This plan should be activated when conditions are likely to cause a flooding incident that requires a co-ordinated community response.

Action Checklist (Flood warden and residents)

IN AN EMERGENCY DIAL 999. Always follow the Emergency Services advice and be aware of your own safety and the safety of those around you.

- Ensure vulnerable properties have sandbags at their disposal and deploy as necessary.
- Check on the wellbeing of vulnerable/ elderly residents.
- Ensure the road is closed with appropriate signage at both ends of Northbeck to prevent vehicles getting stuck in flood water.
- Residents who need to move their cars to drier ground can do so safely.
- Properties most at risk of flooding are if requested, provided with assistance to move furniture/ valuable items.

Action Checklist (Flood warden and residents)

- Providing some immediate shelter if people need to leave their homes. Screddington Community Centre can act as an emergency shelter, the key holder should be made aware that the facility may be needed as soon as possible: **07415 846546**.

Resources

Sandbags are available for residents. These are currently stored in the right-hand double garage near Northbeck farmhouse. Contact the Flood warden Alan Pywell for access **07904 206460**

Road closure and flood signs are also in the garage.

Activating the Plan-(Procedures)

Residents who live opposite the Beck are best placed to notify other residents and the Flood Warden of rising water levels. This should be done via the WhatsApp group and directly to the Flood warden via a text. The following should be communicated so that the necessary actions can be implemented:

- Water over the road at the Beck Bridge and rain forecasted to continue, making the road impassible to vehicles (road closure signs required at Northbeck Corner and Helpringham corner to inform motorists of floodwaters)
- Given the inconsistency of the Flood Alerts and Flood warning notifications, the first resident who receives these messages from the Environment agency should cascade to others.

Decision on the distribution of sandbags will be dependent on a forecast for continued rainfall that will see water levels rise over the footbridge and across the green (high and low tides will also be a contributing factor). Individual sandbag requests from residents should in the first instance be sent to the Flood warden.

- Residents requesting help to move sandbags into place or to move furniture PLEASE message the WhatsApp group.
- At this stage LCC Flood line to be contacted by the Flood warden requesting additional sandbags
- Flood warden will communicate with residents most at risk of flooding regarding potential need for evacuation and notify Emergency services and Village Hall Keyholder to enable access to a place of safety.

The Flood warden may not be available from time to time and will request a volunteer to take on the role during these periods.

Emergency Numbers and Website Addresses

Lincolnshire County Council Floodline: 01522 782082

Anglian Water (sewage related issues): 03457 145145

Environment Agency Floodline: 0345 988 1188

Environment Agency's incident hotline 0800 80 70 60 For urgent environmental incidents such as collapsed or badly damaged riverbanks, damage or danger to the natural environment.

Please note that all the emergency flood lines are likely to be very busy in the event of flooding.

Flooding can also be report online via FixMyStreet:

<https://fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

Sewage issues can be reported to Anglian Water

via: <https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/help-and-advice/report-an-issue/>

Fallen trees blocking a road or footpath or dangerous standing water should be reported via 101.

Power cuts or damaged power lines should be reported via 105. To find out when power should be restored: 0800 6783 105.

National Grid: <https://www.nationalgrid.co.uk/power-cut-information/how-to-report-a-power-cut>

Check for flooding: <https://www.gov.uk/check-flooding>.

Updates on the current flooding situation can be found at: <https://www.lincolnshireresilienceforum.org/>

Sign up to flood warnings: <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>

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