Sedgwick Parish Community Emergency Plan RESTRICTED VERSION
Sedgwick Parish Council July 2025

1. PURPOSE

The aim of the Community Emergency Plan is to increase resilience within our local community before, during and after emergencies and to link into the emergency response structures already established by the Emergency Services, Cumbria County Council and South Lakeland District Council. This Plan documents how Sedgwick would respond in an emergency situation to support residents and/or while awaiting the assistance of statutory authorities/emergency services, or in support of them.

It is not the role of the community to take on the responsibilities of these agencies e.g. to save life, to take any risks to themselves or to cope for long hours without agencies' help and support.

2. COMMUNITY RESPONSE GROUP (CRG)

The CRG will be made up of;

Name	Tel:	Email:	Postal address
Co-ordinator Gerry Stoker	07368366411	gerry.dstoker@gmail.com	4 Wakefield Meadow Sedgwick LA80JD
Boyan Holmes	01539561644 07876231251	boyan.holmes@gmail.com	The Oaks Sedgwick LA80JJ
Bernie Tanham	015395 60179	bernietanhamspc@gmail.com	The Wharf

The village has been sub-divided into 3 zones, each with its own CRG member appointed as zone co-ordinator.

3. EMERGENCIES and RISK ASSESSMENT

Definition of an emergency:

An emergency / major incident is any event or circumstance (happening with or without warning) that causes or threatens death or injury, disruption to the community, or damage to property or to the environment on such a scale that the effect cannot be dealt with by the emergency services, local authorities and other organisations as part of their normal day-to day activities.

Possible Emergencies and corresponding risk assessment and management include;

Type of emergency	Potential risks	Actions
Significant disruption to mains power services (Gas or Electricity failure.) Failure of whole or part of GB's National transmission network Damage to Gas pipeline	Residents with no access to power for a prolonged period of time. Residents reliant on electricity or gas for heating and cooking will require support. Cold is a threat to vulnerable people. Knock on effect to communication systems (see below)	Ensure all residents are given help to prepare themselves in advance. (ENW vulnerable person register/Household Emergency Plan) If necessary, contact emergency services* and initiate Community Emergency Plan If required, open Emergency Control Point • Hold initial meeting to assess problems and seek solutions • Access additional resources • Identify residents most at risk • Zone Co-ordinators check on residents, prioritising those most at risk
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Significant disruption to communications infrastructure Damage to telecommunication/internet Services	Phones and/or broadband lost Mobile phone reception very poor so few forms of communication available. Power outages knock on effect to telephones Difficult to contact emergency services.	Ensure all residents are given help to prepare themselves in advance. (Household Emergency Plan and acquisition of non-electrical phones) If necessary, contact emergency services* (e.g. inform Police of the situation) and initiate Community Emergency Plan If required, open Emergency Control Point • Hold initial meeting to assess problems and seek solutions • Access additional resources including megaphone and walkie-talkies • Identify any immediate and longer term communication needs and residents most at risk • Investigate nearest places unaffected by interruption.
Significant disruption to transport infrastructure Adverse weather conditions (Heavy snow/storm, icy conditions and/or road closures)	Roads impassable due to snow/fallen trees etc Access to village limited. Residents unable to access emergency and other services, e.g. carers, doctors, hospitals, pharmacies. Residents run out of food and other necessities. Injuries due to ice. Non-residents /trapped stranded in village	Ensure all residents are given help to prepare themselves in advance. (Household Emergency Plan) Subscribe to local gritting services Ensure grit bins are stocked If necessary, contact emergency services* and initiate Community Emergency Plan If required, open Emergency Control Point • Hold initial meeting to assess problems and seek solutions • Access additional resources (local gritting team/SLDC/volunteer gritting near village grit bins • Identify residents most at risk • Zone Co-ordinators check on residents, prioritising those most at risk • Request support to clear roads • Facilitate finding refuge and/or evacuation
Flooding of homes and/or roads etc	Homes flooded. Rescue Services may be required. Need to secure place of refuge. Need to support other services Knock-on effect of disruption to the power supply/communication/ transport infrastructure– see above	Ensure all residents are given help to prepare themselves in advance. (Household Emergency/Flood Plan) If necessary, contact emergency services* and initiate Community Emergency Plan If required, open Emergency Control Point • Hold initial meeting to assess problems and seek solutions • Access additional resources • Identify residents most at risk • Zone Co-ordinators check on residents, prioritising those most at risk • Support emergency services e.g. refreshment, shelter • Facilitate finding refuge and/or evacuation
Type of emergency	**Potential risks**	**Actions**

Incident in River Kent	Need for rescue from river Search for missing person	Call Emergency Services* and if required, open Emergency Control Point to support them.
Adverse weather E.g. storms/prolonged periods of very cold or hot weather	Significant damage to property causing hazard People in need of refuge Health problems associated with extreme heat/cold Knock-on effect of disruption to power supply/communication infrastructure– (see above)	Ensure all residents are given help to prepare themselves in advance. (Household Emergency Plan) If necessary, contact emergency services* and initiate Community Emergency Plan If required, open Emergency Control Point - Hold initial meeting to assess problems and seek solutions - Access additional resources - Assist in identifying hazards - Identify residents most at risk - Zone Co-ordinators check on residents, prioritising those most at risk
Loss or contamination of water supply	Residents have no drinking/ washing water. Toilets cannot be used	Remind residents in advance of need to keep supply of drinking water in the house. If necessary, contact emergency services* and initiate CEP and if required, open ECP Hold initial meeting to assess problems, seek solutions and access additional resources
Terrorist Incident	Gunfire Explosion Traffic incident	Follow advice issued by the National Counter Terrorism Security Office (Nactso) to advocate a 'run, hide and tell' strategy Contact emergency services* and initiate CEP If required, open ECP Hold initial meeting to assess problems, seek solutions and access additional resources
Accidents or incidents in Travel network	Emergency situation arising from incidents eg Train crash (including freight) , Aviation accident Traffic incident (e.g. A591) Support of emergency services dealing with incident	Alert Emergency Services* If necessary, initiate CEP and If required, open ECP - Hold initial meeting to assess problems, seek solutions and access additional resources - Support emergency services* e.g. refreshment, shelter - Facilitate finding refuge and/or evacuation
Miscellaneous emergencies Fire incl Drought/wildfire Emission of smoke/ Radioactive substance/ pollution/chemical/gas emission (eg volcanic emergency overseas) Infectious disease (humans and animals)/ legionella Food chain contamination Disrupted fuel supply	Fire damage/hazard Danger to health Eg Industrial action	As above Our plan is designed to be flexible and versatile and will be adapted by the CRG to respond to individual situations.

* When contacting Emergency Services remember some emergency vehicles CANNOT pass under Aqueduct

4. ACTIVATION OF THE PLAN

This plan will be activated when an emergency has occurred or if warnings are received, prior to an anticipated event. It will also be activated when emergency services need support or are not able to attend immediately e.g. in severe weather. The CRG will assess the situation, liaise with Emergency Services if necessary, and consult with the District Council. The CRG will then put all or part of the Plan into effect as appropriate. During an emergency, volunteers will keep a record of actions taken. These will be entered in to a central log, kept by the CRG, so that they can be evaluated, and the plan altered if necessary. Information can be entered at the time, or directly after the emergency.

Posters explaining how residents can trigger the plan will be displayed in the village and in newsletters and on the Parish Council Website. (APPENDIX 2)

5. CONTROL/REFUGE POINT
District councils are responsible for setting up a central rest centre during an emergency. However, it may be necessary to set up a temporary place of safety within the community e.g. for visitors or for people evacuated from their homes. In our community, the control point and place of safety will be Sedgwick Village Hall. The CRG will access the Hall using the designated Key Safe. A secondary centre is available at Raines Hall Farm.

6. COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Volunteers have indicated what tasks they may be prepared to carry out if an emergency occurs and what resources they can offer

Name	Contact	Offer of help / resources
CRG	See P2	Grab Bag with resources located in Village Hall
CRG support	Bob Cartwright	Assist CRG
CRG Support	Anne Alwright	Assist CRG (recording actions)
WI	Sue Tetlow	Refreshments from Control Point
W&F	See below	Sandbags
Village Hall key holders	John Goodland	Heating/cooking equipment, torches and lanterns.
Secondary Control Point	Graham Wadsworth	Raines Hall Farm to provide service if Village Hall is not usable

6. COMMUNICATION AND CONTACTS

Contact details for statutory authorities, emergency services can be found in APPENDIX 1.

7. DISTRIBUTION

The information in this emergency plan is restricted to the CRG and local authorities and emergency services via the secure Cumbria Community Messaging System (CCMS).
Unrestricted copies of the Plan (with personal contact details removed) will be available for wider distribution.

8. PLAN REVIEW AND UPDATE
In order to keep this plan up to date, contact lists will be revised as needed, and the plan reviewed annually, by Sedgwick Parish Community Emergency Plan Co-ordinators.

APPENDIX 1   COMMUNICATION AND CONTACTS

Sedgwick Parish Council Community Response Group			
Parish Clerk – *Sylvia Roberts*	**015395 60080**	www.parish-council.com/sedgwickparishcouncil Email; sedgwick.parish@gmail.com	
CRG **Gerry Stoker (Coordinator)** **01539560939/07368366411**	Boyan Holmes 01539561644/07876231251 Bernie Tanham **015395** 60179		
Organisation	**Tel:**	**Website / Email:**	**X**
Emergency Services*	**999 emergency*** **101 non-emergency**		@Kendalpolice @Cumbriafire
Westmorland & Furness Council			
Daytime	01539 733333	www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk	@WandFCouncil
Out of hours	08704 286905/6		
Environment Agency:			
General Enquiries	03708 506 506	www.environment-agency.gov.uk enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk	@EAgency
Floodline	0345 988 1188		
Incident Hotline (reporting flooding, blocked culverts, etc)	0800 807060 (24 hrs)		
United Utilities: Water	0345 672 3723	www.unitedutilities.com	
Electricity North West:	0800 195 4141 105 (power cut)	www.enwl.co.uk	@ElectricityNW
National Gas Emergency Service:	0800 111 999 (24hrs emergency)	www2.nationalgrid.com/UK/Safety/Gas-emergency	@nationalgriduk
BBC Radio Cumbria	0345 3051122	radiocumbria@bbc.co.uk	@BBC_Cumbria

For more information please contact ACTion with Communities in Cumbria on Tel: 01228 817225 or visit our website: www.cumbriaaction.org.uk

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APPENDIX 2   POSTER

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