



## **Community Emergency Plan for Aspatria**

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To review July 2022

### **1. PURPOSE**

#### **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.

#### **Aim of the Community Emergency Plan:**

To increase resilience within the local community before, during and after emergencies, and to link into the county and district councils', and emergency services' emergency response structures. This Plan documents how Aspatria Town Council would respond in an emergency situation e.g. 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.**

#### **Objectives:**

- Identify the risks to the community and relevant response actions
- Identify vulnerable people / groups in the community
- Identify resources in the community available to assist during an emergency
- Provide contact details for the Community Response Group(CRG), key community resources, the Emergency Services, and County and District Councils.
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### **2. COMMUNITY RESPONSE GROUP (CRG)**

Copies of this Emergency Plan are restricted, and will be held by the CRG members. The Plan will also be accessible to local authorities and emergency services via the Cumbria Community Messaging System (CCMS).

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### 3. POSSIBLE EMERGENCIES AND RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk assessment of the types of emergencies that would have an impact on our community and how local emergency planning could help.

Type of emergency	Potential risks	Actions to address those risks
Mains electricity power failure during cold weather conditions.	Residents with no access to power for a prolonged period of time. Most vulnerable are those with only electric power, heat, and cooking facilities. Also older residents, the sick, and very young are most at risk in cold conditions.	Identify residents most at risk. Activate 'telephone tree' to check on residents. Open up Place of Safety (Village Hall) for hot refreshments and information point. Coordinate hot refreshments delivery to housebound residents.

Type of emergency	Potential risks	Actions to address those risks
Flooding	Residents properties flooding causing severe damage to fixtures and fixings, possible evacuation into reception centre. The elderly and young are the most vulnerable	Identify residents most at risk. During storm Desmond and Eva these were residents on Lawson Street, Paddock Close and Sprinkell. Residents are aware of the potential to flooding and some have applied flood resilience measures to their properties. Flood sacks are stored at the Dairy for future use. Major flood resilience works have been carried out on Paddock Close with further works planned for September 2017.
Cold weather	Older residents, the sick and very young are most at risk in cold conditions.	Where possible identify people at risk and offer assistance during inclement weather conditions.

	The most vulnerable people may be in fuel poverty and unable to effectively heat their homes.	
Pandemic flu	Older residents, the sick and very young are most at risk with any type of outbreak from pandemic flu. People living on their own and living in poverty are more at risk.	Where possible identify people at risk and offer assistance during any type of pandemic flu outbreak. Work with community volunteers and the NHS to identify vulnerable people and offer assistance.
Large volume traffic accident	This could affect any resident or visitor within Aspatria. There are two schools within Aspatria which gives rise to additional footfall at start and close of school days. Aspatria could be partially cut off if a serious accident occurred on the main A596.	Report any type of road issues through the Town Council to Cumbria County Councils and Highways agencies. Have a traffic control operative working outside Richmond Hill School. Report any issues of speeding to the Police.
Large volume rail incident	This could affect residents living in close proximity to the railway line and commuters using the rail services.	Aspatria town Council and its volunteers will work with any agency in delivering emergency response to any type of rail incident.
Air traffic incident	Depending on the incident could affect many residents within Aspatria. Many main flight paths are above Aspatria.	Aspatria town Council and its volunteers will work with any agency in delivering emergency response to any type of air traffic incident.
Mains failure of the gas networks	Residents with no access to gas for a prolonged period of time. Most vulnerable are those with only gas heating, and cooking facilities. Also older residents, the sick and very young are most at risk in cold conditions.	Identify residents most at risk. Activate 'telephone tree' to check on residents. Open up Place of Safety (Community Hall) for hot refreshments and information point. Coordinate hot refreshments delivery to housebound residents.
Park Lodge care home	Any type of emergency, power loss, gas failure or pandemic flu could severely affect residents within Park Lodge care home.	Aspatria community will work in conjunction with Cumbria County Council in delivering assistance to the home as and when required.
Beacon Hill School	Any type of emergency, power loss, gas failure or pandemic flu could severely affect the operation of the school.	Aspatria community will work in conjunction with Cumbria County Council in delivering assistance to the school as and when required.
Richmond Hill School	Any type of emergency, power loss, gas failure or pandemic flu could severely affect the operation of the school	Aspatria community will work in conjunction with Cumbria County Council in delivering assistance to the school as and when required.

#### 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.

If this is the case, the CRG will assess the situation, ring Emergency Services if necessary, and consult with the District Council (see contact below). The CRG will then put all or part of the Plan into effect as appropriate.

**Please note the lead person for emergency response from Aspatria is Alan Maxwell, retired former Senior Development Engineer at Innovia Films, Wigton and Town Mayor.**

## 5. 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
Alan Maxwell	4 Bellgate Steading, Aspatria, CA7 3HL 01697508105	Aspatria's mayor will assist during any type of emergency and give any type of assistance as and when required.
Alan Reay	54 Brayton Park Aspatria CA7 3DG 016973 20837	Will deputise as the emergency planning coordinator for Aspatria and lead on all requirements as required.
All Aspatria Town Councillors	As above	Aspatria Town Councillors will assist during any type of emergency and give any type of assistance as and when required.

**The information in this list is restricted to the Community Response Group. It is not for general distribution.** Unrestricted copies of the Plan may be made available by deleting this contact list before distribution.

An **electronic** copy of the **unrestricted emergency plan** will also be made accessible to local authorities and emergency services via the secure Cumbria Community Messaging System (CCMS) - contact ACTion with Communities in Cumbria for details of how to do this.

### Place of Safety:

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 place of safety will be **Aspatria community Centre**. The CRG will contact the key holder and other volunteers as necessary. **For accessing the key holder please contact – Brenda Gear on 016973 21935.**

**Please note the emergency evacuation centre for Aspatria is Beacon Hill School. Allerdale Borough Council is responsible for activation and operation of the school as an emergency evacuation shelter.**

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.

## 6. COMMUNICATION AND CONTACTS

Contact details for statutory authorities, emergency services can be found below.

Organisation	Tel:	Website / Email:
<b>Emergency Services</b>	<b>999</b>	
<b>District Council: Allerdale Borough Council</b>		
Daytime	0303 123 1702	
Out of hours (if different)	0303 123 1702	
<b>Cumbria County Council:</b> (in case of concern for vulnerable adults or children)		
Daytime	01228 606060	<a href="http://www.cumbria.gov.uk">www.cumbria.gov.uk</a>
Out of hours (if different)		
<b>Highways Hotline:</b>	0300 303 2992	
<b>NHS:</b>		<a href="http://www.nhs.uk">www.nhs.uk</a>
<b>Environment Agency:</b>		
General Enquiries	03708 506 506	<a href="mailto:enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk">enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk</a>
Floodline (24 hr)	0345 988 1188	<a href="http://www.gov.uk/flood">www.gov.uk/flood</a>
<b>United Utilities:</b> (24 hr - water)	0345 672 3723	<a href="http://www.unitedutilities.com">www.unitedutilities.com</a>
<b>Electricity North West:</b>	0800 195 4141	<a href="http://www.enwl.co.uk">www.enwl.co.uk</a>
<b>National Gas Emergency Service:</b> (24hr - gas leak / emergency)	0800 111 999	<a href="http://www2.nationalgrid.com/UK/Safety/Gas-emergency">www2.nationalgrid.com/UK/Safety/Gas-emergency</a>
<b>Aspatia Town Clerk: Clare McCormick</b>		<b><a href="mailto:clerk.aspatiatc@yahoo.co.uk">clerk.aspatiatc@yahoo.co.uk</a></b>
Daytime <b>07909894925</b>		
Out of hours (if different)		
<b>Local Place of Safety key holder: Beacon Hill School and Aspatia Community Centre</b>		
Daytime		
Out of hours (if different)		

## 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 or due to a change in circumstances or personnel, by **Balan Maxwell and Aspatia Town Council**.

**Alan Maxwell**  
**Aspatia Town Councillor and Mayor**  
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