

IDEN COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN

Introduction

Under the Civil Contingencies Act (2004) every part of the United Kingdom is required to establish a resilience forum which is a partnership of organisations to prepare for and to respond to any major emergency.

Overlooking the Rother River and marshland, 2 miles north of Rye and 100 feet above sea level, Iden central is accessible from the A268 via the B 2082. This rural community within Eastern Rother lies at the eastern boundary of East Sussex. It contains a population of around 400 people and covers an area of about 4 square miles, including marsh. The risk level for residents is deemed to be low, the biggest risk being severe weather. Most residences are located within 0.5 miles of the village centre.

Iden has a simple flexible plan to enable the community to initiate a response within its borders while awaiting support and leadership from District and County Council emergency services. Normally, response by the emergency services should be achieved within 45 minutes; however, circumstances may arise when such services become overloaded or delayed by severe weather.

Elected representatives of the Parish Council (PC) will provide oversight, support and guidance to the Iden Community Emergency Forum (ICE) in promoting a culture of resilience to unpredictable events that may cause harm within the community. The PC will provide public liability insurance for all members of ICE whilst they are acting as registered committee members of ICE.

Rother District Council (RDC) will provide any public relations support required by the media and will act as registered data controllers under Data Protection Legislation.

Aim of ICE

To form a core contact list and a cascade of supporting volunteers to provide assistance to the community and to Category One responders if required.

Cascading Alert

Initial points of contact within the village for alerting the community of potential hazard or concern are: Iden Stores, the Parish Clerk, and the members of the Parish Council. Contact numbers are listed in the Directory of Contacts.

Structure of ICE

ICE maintains an Emergency Asset Register detailing:

- Names of volunteers who have expressed a willingness to be available to respond with individual skills (e.g.: nursing)
- Local clubs and organisations that already have useful networks of helpers at hand (e.g., Women's Institute, Village Hall Committee)
- Privately owned equipment that has been offered for use by trained emergency handlers (e.g., citizen band radios, emergency telephone, computers, generators, pumps, chain saws)
- Places of shelter (e.g. The Village Hall and Old Hall)
- Sources of food and water (e.g. The Bell, Iden Stores and local farms)

Committee meetings will

- Maintain, review and amend the plan
- Consider the likely top risks to the community
- Brainstorm scenarios of top risks to the community (e.g. severe weather, road traffic accident, flooding)

Operational Tasks

- ✓ Liaise routinely with emergency planners of neighbouring parishes & town/district councils;
- ✓ Identify and report perceived threats and real events to Sussex Police Headquarters asap;
- ✓ Establish a sustainable communication link contact between residents, neighbouring parishes and emergency services;
- ✓ Alert local volunteers who may be able to assist and mobilise village assets that may be needed;
- ✓ Identify vulnerable residents;
- ✓ Liaise with County emergency services to identify supporting tasks and equipment to be generated locally during the emergency;
- ✓ Provide first aid, shelter and sustenance for those in need;
- ✓ Create and maintain a confidential card index system of village assets as disclosed by residents

In the event of a Big Emergency

(Plane, helicopter crash on a part of the village, chemical fall out, gas explosion, countrywide virus).

- Emergency services will be contacted. Other officials and agencies will play their part.
- ICE will have no official role, apart from being on hand with local knowledge and knowledge of resources.

- ICE will gather information and YELLOW notices will be put up around the village for information.

Community Resiliency Plan - Contacts

Playden: David Stone 01797280032

Peasmarsh D Pankhurst 01424 752698

Rye Colonel Anthony Kimber 01797 223902

Rye Foreign D Dengate 01797227253

East Guldeford: Kate Lamb eastguldeford@aol.com

Wittersham Jeremy Smith 01797 270433

Other Useful Contacts

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| Chairman of the Parish Council: Michael Miller 01797 280 304 idenparish@outlook.com |
| Parish Clerk: 01797 270790 (Mary Philo) |
| The Bell at Iden: 01797 280242 |
| Public Phone near The Bell: 01797 222633 |
| Iden Stores/Post Office: 01797 280201 (fax: 01797 280527) |
| Iden Village Hall: Nick Padgham 01797 280500 |
| Local Police Non Emergency Contact: 101, 0845 6070999 |
| NHS Direct 0845 4647 |
| Fire & Rescue Service: 01243 786211; Rye Manager Shaun Rodgers 0303 999 1000 |
| South East Coast Ambulance Service 01737 3533333 |
| Electricity (EDF) 0800 072 72 82; UK Power Networks 0800 1699970 UK Power Networks for Emergency & Power Cuts 0800 0280247 |
| Water Supply (South East Water) 033 000 0247 Water Drainage (Southern Water) 087 1 964 0025 |
| Road Flooding: www.eastsussex.gov.uk/contactus/report a problem |

Directory of Contacts

Rother District Council Emergency Planning: 01424 787861

Emergency Services – 999 (Local Responders: e.g. cardiac arrest)

Town Hall switchboard 01424 787000 (local authority services)

RDC Out of Hours Duty Officer 01424 787868

ICE is an informal team of community volunteers and 1 Parish Councillor, currently comprising the following persons:

Name and Contact

Lead Person

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Lead person Deputy

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Committee

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Jim Wood Parish Council Iden Parish Council jwood@oxenbridge.com

Bet Edwards Iden Parish Council

Claire Carle Iden Church -07873 390428 clairecarle@yahoo.co.uk

Nick Padgham Iden Village Hall 01797 280500
nickpadgham@btinternet.com

Overview of Assets offered by Iden Residents to ICE Forum

| | Total Numbers | Remarks |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Respondees | 31 | |
| Vulnerable Neighbours | 16 | Listed on data base as reported by neighbours |
| Volunteers to Support Planning | 17 | |
| Volunteers to Respond | 30 | |
| Off Road Vehicles | 5 | |
| Emergency Shelter | 13 | Inc. Church & Old Church Hall |
| Emergency Heating | 12 | |
| Emergency Cooking | 21 | |
| Chain Saws | 11 | |
| Water Pumps | 5 | |
| Emergency Radio Equipment | 3 | |
| Emergency Power Generators | 6 | |
| Emergency Lighting | 4 | |
| Natural Water Supplies | 4 | |
| First Aid Equipment | 9 | |
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