

**It** seems pretty definite that extreme weather events can now be expected more regularly. That could mean disruptive flooding (Axmouth has been hit in recent years), storm damage and extended periods of snow and ice. Emergency services would respond to any of the above but, in future, if they are delayed or even overwhelmed by demand, your Parish Council feels it would be wise to have a special Emergencies Plan. This Plan would enable us to co-ordinate with each other and with the emergency services and not to be caught 'flat-footed' in a major event. More details are provided on following pages but, first and foremost, for emergencies large and small, the official services should be contacted. Here is a full list.

## **EMERGENCY 'PHONE NUMBERS**

**Police, Fire & Ambulance 999**

**Police non-emergency 101**

**NHS non-emergency 111**

**Devon & Som. Fire & Rescue: 01392-872200**

**South West Water: 0344 346 2020**

**Western Power Distribution: 0800-6783-105**

**FLOODING** – There are various types of flooding incidents and emergencies. The local authorities rely on information reported to them to inform any investigations and prioritisation of action. If it is an **emergency** and there is danger to life as a result of flooding you should not hesitate to call **999**.

**To report flooding of the highway and blocked drains** contact Devon County Council's Highway Customer Service Centre on **0345 155 1004** or visit [www.devon.gov.uk/drainage](http://www.devon.gov.uk/drainage). Office hours are Monday to Friday 8am – 8pm and Saturdays 9am – 1pm. For emergencies outside of these hours call **01392 383329**

**To report flooding from sewers and water pipes** contact South West Water on

**0344 346 2020** (24 hour service)

**For enquiries about flood warnings** contact the Environment Agency's Floodline on

**0345 988 1188** (24 hour service)

**Website** <https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/warnings>

**For general enquiries about Main River or flooding from the sea** contact the Environment Agency on **03708 506 506**

**For all other flooding enquiries** contact the Devon County Council Flood Risk Management Team on **0345 155 1015** or email [floodrisk@devon.gov.uk](mailto:floodrisk@devon.gov.uk)

## **THE AXMOUTH EMERGENCIES PLAN**

**Here are examples of some of the events where the Axmouth Emergencies Plan could augment and help the official emergency services.**

<b>Flooding</b>	<b>Extended</b>
<b>duration of snow &amp; ice</b>	<b>Extended duration of</b>
<b>power cuts</b>	<b>Fallen trees</b>
<b>Heart attack and use of the village defibrillator</b>	

**Your council cannot predict what sort of emergency may occur but, if the emergency services do not arrive within a reasonable time to deal with it, the Plan will be activated. Villagers have volunteered to be wardens for this scheme and their contact details follow.**

**How villagers should contact wardens to ask for help or to offer help...**

**First, make contact with any warden on the list in your area. If all are unavailable, try the wardens in any other area. Initial contacts by landline, please, then, as the situation develops and wardens are out and about, contacts by mobiles will be necessary.**

**Once wardens and villagers get involved in an emergency, calls to communicate should be kept as brief as possible.**

**If the Plan is not activated but villagers feel that wardens could provide help that emergency services cannot provide, wardens may be able to assist as a community service.**

## **WARDENS AND THEIR AREAS**

### **CHURCH STREET**

Cllr Ken Steven, Tel. 22747 Mob. 07807-735946

Cllr Graham Mather, Tel. 625700 Mob. 07802-624228

Sarah Hill, Tel. 21838 Mob. 07931-992848

### **CHAPEL STREET**

Cllr Ian Hunt, Tel. 22058 Mob. 07976-513007

Sam Miller, Tel. 625630 Mob. 07951-346364

Nick Ostler, Tel. 22533 Mob. 07484-315708

Paul Britten, Tel. 23408 Mob. 07791-738878

### **GLENWATER CLOSE**

Brian Davis, Tel. 24774 Mob. 07814-475834

David Dumbleton, Tel. 625843 Mob. 07531-485235

### **KEMPS LANE, HIGHER LANE, POUND HILL, HIGHER LANE CLOSE, HAWKSDOWN CLOSE**

Cllr Alan J Harrison, tel. 22569 , Mob.07547-554840

Chris Wakely, Tel. 22585 Mob. 07540-811162

Richard Gush, Tel. 22340 Mob. 07784-348573

### **SOUTHCOMBE TERRACE**

Andrew Spiller, Tel. 24771 Mob. 07966-693714

Mike Calvert, Tel. 22749 Mob. 07855-029560

### **COOMBE TERRACE**

Vince Trivett, Tel. 625480 Mob. 07796-618561

### **COOMBE ORCHARD**

Penny Sweetland, Tel. 625208 Mob. 07974-812368

Robert Sweetland, Tel. 625208 Mob. 07920-143474

## **HIGHER AXMOUTH**

Cllr Nigel Daniel, Tel. 24070 Mob. 07582-613705

Phil Cox, Tel. 22235 Mob. 07783-022655

## **STEPPS LANE**

Cllr. Glenn Hyde, Tel. 23378 Mob. 07850-674561

Ian Dolan, Tel. 24162 Mob. 07923-388942

Jan Stansfield, Tel. 24162 Mob. 07923-388942

Ben Mullane, Tel. 624392 Mob. 07376-283949

Should outlying areas of the parish such as **AXMOUTH HARBOUR, DOWLANDS, BOSHILL AND STEDCOMBE** need emergency assistance– just call any warden on the list.

Within the circumstances of the Plan ONLY, the Parish Council would like to know of the availability of any equipment in the village (i.e. chain saws, ladders, tractors) and volunteers to use them.

To minimise danger and confusion in an emergency, villagers may be asked by wardens to stay within their property unless asked by a warden to assist.

In the event of accident and/or inadvertent damage, area wardens and anyone assisting will be covered by the Council's insurance.

The Plan tries to be forward-thinking but should not be expected to cover all events and unforeseen circumstances. It will be reviewed every year.

Have you thought about taking precautions against flood in your house? Maybe 1 ft. or 2 ft. high, tight-fitting boards on your exterior doors?

## **USEFUL ITEMS TO HAVE AVAILABLE**

Mobile phone – kept well-charged.

Non-cordless phone (will work in power cut)

Battery or wind-up radio.

Warm/wet weather gear. Camping gas stove.

Torches and lanterns. 'Pusher' snow shovel