

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.

As such, Iden needs 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 and The Bell Inn during their normal opening hours, the Parish Clerk, and the members of the Parish Council. Thereafter members of ICE would be contacted and those available would go to The Bell to assess what support is needed. Contact numbers are listed in the Directory of Contacts.

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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 telephony, 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)
- Headquarters/Control Room (e.g. The Bell)

Forums will take place routinely and no more frequently than quarterly intervals, normally inside the Bell at Iden to:

- 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

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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

Chairman of the Parish Council: Ray Griffin 01797 280311 Parish Council Chairman
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

Anne Bauling 01797280869 anne.baulinv@gmail.com

Lead person Deputy

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Michael Miller Parish Council 01797 280304 idenparish@outlook.com

Jim and Gill Wood Parish Council 01797 280208 jwood@oxenbridge.com

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	
General Comments	5	

