

**BRIDPORT TOWN COUNCIL**

**Community Emergency &  
Resilience Plan**



**Bridport Town Council  
Mountfield, Rax Lane, Bridport,  
Dorset, DT6 3JP**

**01308 456722**

**Areas: Bridport South and Bridport North**

## COMMUNITY EMERGENCY & RESILIENCE PLAN

This plan is adapted from a template provided by the Emergency Planning Service of Dorset Council.

1. **Purpose:** The purpose of the plan is to provide a self-help guide to the resources available within the community to support it in a crisis, and the particular procedures to be followed for specific crisis, especially if the emergency services or relevant local authority support is delayed due to the scope and nature of the emergency.
2. **Activation:** This community plan will be activated either locally by the community, or on the advice of the Emergency Management Team or Duty Officer of Dorset Council. Where the decision to implement the plan has been taken by the community, then the Council should be advised that the plan has been activated. Contact details for the Dorset Council Emergency Planning Officers are:

Working hours: 01305 838227 Jess Rice [jessica.rice@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:jessica.rice@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

Outside working hours: 01305 251010

Emergency: 01305 224659 [emergencyplanningteama@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:emergencyplanningteama@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

3. **Resources Available to the Community:** A list of resources potentially available within the community should be compiled by each co-ordinator.
4. **Useful Contact Numbers:** A list of other relevant contact numbers and web sites for the emergency services, local authorities and other relevant organisations is attached.
5. **Telephone Tree:** Each co-ordinator is encouraged to identify a small number of people within their area who can be called upon to help in the event of an emergency, and keep their telephone numbers readily available.
6. **Courier Service:** It would be good if each co-ordinator could be aware of the homes of the other co-ordinators close to them, and of the lead co-ordinator, in order for contact to be made if phone and internet are not available.
7. **Vulnerable People:** There are a number of groups of people who, in a crisis, should be considered as potentially vulnerable:
  - a. People with mobility limitations, both young and old.
  - b. Disabled people (including physical disability and learning disability).
  - c. Blind and partially sighted people.
  - d. Parents who are on their own with children under 12.
  - e. Anyone in charge of a group of children when the incident happens e.g. playgroup staff, Guide and Scout leaders.
  - f. Newcomers to the parish who may not know all its facilities.
  - g. Hearing impaired people. It should also be noted that people who are deaf or hard of hearing may not be aware of broadcast alerts, and may need a personal visit to ensure they know of any risks to which the community is being alerted.

There are a number of care homes in the Bridport area these are:

- Harbour House, George Street, West Bay, Bridport DT6 4EY (01308) 423277
- The Homestead, 101 West Bay Rod, Bridport, DT6 4AY (01308) 423338
- Sidney Gale, Flood Lane, Bridport, DT6 3QG (01308) 423782
- The Hyde, Walditch, Bridport, DT6 4LB (01308) 427694
- Drayton House, 50 West Allington, Bridport, DT6 5BH (01308) 422835
- Coneygar Lodge, Coneygar Park, Bridport, DT6 3BA (01308) 427365
- St James Park, Higher Street, Bradpole, Bridport, DT6 3EU (01308) 421174

It is good practice to make an offer of help to them in a crisis if enough people are available.

8. **Medical and First Aid:** Those individuals within the community with some formal training in first aid should be identified.

## COMMUNITY RESOURCE

1. **Medical and First Aid:** In the event of anyone in the community being injured or becoming ill, the normal facilities, eg Bridport Medical Centre (01308 421896) and South Western Ambulance Service (via 999), NHS (111) will initially be approached for assistance.

2. **Defibrillators:** These should be available at the following sites:

- Bridport Medical Centre (for use by staff onsite)
- Bridport Community Centre (for use by staff onsite)
- Outside the Bridport Tourist Information Centre
- Waitrose (next to the trolley bay at the side of the building)
- Bridport Leisure Centre (in reception)
- The Bridport Arms, West Bay

3. **Equipment/Transport:** The following equipment and transport may be available to support the community:

- Bridport Town Council – 7 Ground staff
- Vehicles – Vans, Tractors, and trailers
- Tools and equipment including generator, water pump etc
- Support including sandbags, barriers, cones etc

4. **Emergency Accommodation:** The following emergency accommodation may be available within the community.

- Bridport Youth Centre, Gundry Lane
- WI Hall, North Street
- Church House, South Street
- Masonic Hall, East Street
- St John Ambulance Hall
- Vestry Hall, St Swithuns Church
- Bridport Town Hall

5. **Privately-Owned Generators:** The following generators are owned by individuals within the community and, if warranted, the Emergency Management Team will approach the owners to seek their agreement to deploying the equipment to where it will be of greatest use to the community.

Business / Organisation	Contact Details
Bartletts Country Stores	Telephone: 01308 422204 Address: 3/5, St Andrews Trading Estate, Bridport, DT6 3EX Email address: <a href="mailto:info@bartlettscountrystores.co.uk">info@bartlettscountrystores.co.uk</a> Website: <a href="http://www.bartlettscountrystores.co.uk/">http://www.bartlettscountrystores.co.uk/</a>
Bradfords Building Supplies	Telephone: 01308 422324 Address: Bradfords, Sea Road South, Bridport, DT6 3DW Email address: <a href="mailto:bbs.bridport@bradfords.co.uk">bbs.bridport@bradfords.co.uk</a> Website: <a href="https://www.bradfords.co.uk/">https://www.bradfords.co.uk/</a>
Evans Plant Hire	Telephone: 01308 422446 Address: Unit 3, Westway Business Park, Bridport, DT6 5HR Email address: <a href="mailto:info@evans-planthire.co.uk">info@evans-planthire.co.uk</a> Website: <a href="https://www.evans-plant-hire.co.uk/">https://www.evans-plant-hire.co.uk/</a>

Fowlers Hire & Sales Ltd	Telephone: 01308 424269 Address: Fowlers Hire & Sales Ltd, St Andrews Trading Estate, Bridport, DT6 3EX Website: <a href="https://www.fowlertools.co.uk/">https://www.fowlertools.co.uk/</a>
Toolstation	Telephone: 0330 333 3303 Address: Toolstation, St Andrews Road, Bridport, DT6 3DJ Website: <a href="https://www.toolstation.com/branches/bridport">https://www.toolstation.com/branches/bridport</a>
Townsend Engineering	Telephone: 01308 423305 Address: Unit 1, St Andrews Industrial Estate, Bridport, DT6 3EX Email address: <a href="mailto:dhtownsendeng@aol.com">dhtownsendeng@aol.com</a> Website: <a href="https://www.townsendbridport.co.uk/">https://www.townsendbridport.co.uk/</a>
Travis Perkins	Telephone: 01308 422351 Address: Travis Perkins, St Andrews Road, Bridport, DT6 3DJ Website: <a href="https://www.travisperkins.co.uk/">https://www.travisperkins.co.uk/</a>

**6. Statutory Organisational and Agency Contacts.** Co-ordination with any or all of the following may be required in the event of an emergency:

<b>Town and Parish Councils</b>	<b>Contact Details</b>
Bridport Town Council Clerk – Will Austin	Telephone: 01308 456722 or 07972 240447 email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@bridport-tc.gov.uk">enquiries@bridport-tc.gov.uk</a> Website: <a href="https://www.bridport-tc.gov.uk/">https://www.bridport-tc.gov.uk/</a>
Dorset Council	Telephone: 01305 251010 Website: <a href="https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/home.aspx">https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/home.aspx</a>
Allington Parish Council Clerk – Amy Stephenson	Telephone: 01308 422331 Email: <a href="mailto:clerk@allingtonparishcouncil.co.uk">clerk@allingtonparishcouncil.co.uk</a> Website: <a href="http://allingtonparishcouncil.co.uk/">http://allingtonparishcouncil.co.uk/</a>
Bradpole Parish Council Clerk – Sandy Goldsmith	Telephone: 01308 422140 Email: <a href="mailto:bradpole@dorset-aptc.gov.uk">bradpole@dorset-aptc.gov.uk</a> Website: <a href="https://bradpole.org.uk/">https://bradpole.org.uk/</a>
Bothenhampton & Walditch PC Clerk – Tan Cox	Telephone: 07528 189815 Email: <a href="mailto:clerk@bothenhamptonwalditchparishcouncil.com">clerk@bothenhamptonwalditchparishcouncil.com</a> Website: <a href="https://www.bothenhamptonwalditchparishcouncil.com/">https://www.bothenhamptonwalditchparishcouncil.com/</a>
Symondsburry Parish Council Clerk – Marilyn Stone	Telephone: 07967 683897 Email: <a href="mailto:symondsburry@dorset-aptc.gov.uk">symondsburry@dorset-aptc.gov.uk</a> Website: <a href="http://www.symondsburry.org.uk/">http://www.symondsburry.org.uk/</a>

<b>Emergency Services</b>	<b>Contact Details</b>
Dorset Police	Telephone: 999 Emergency Telephone: 101 Non emergency Website: <a href="https://www.dorset.police.uk/do-it-online/">https://www.dorset.police.uk/do-it-online/</a>
Dorset Fire and Rescue Service	Telephone: 999 Emergency Non emergency: 0306 799 0019 website: <a href="https://www.dwfire.org.uk/contact-us/">https://www.dwfire.org.uk/contact-us/</a>

South Western Ambulance Service	Telephone: 999 Emergency Telephone: 101 Non emergency Website: <a href="https://www.swast.nhs.uk/welcome">https://www.swast.nhs.uk/welcome</a> Telephone: 01392 261500
HM Coastguard – West Bay Coastguard Rescue team	Telephone: 023 9255 2100 Website: <a href="http://www.mcga.gov.uk/c4mcga07-home">http://www.mcga.gov.uk/c4mcga07-home</a>

Other contacts	Contact Details
Flood line	Telephone: 0345 988 1188 Incident Hotline 24/7 telephone: 0800 807060 Report Flooding through Dorset Council: <a href="https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/emergencies-severe-weather/flooding/report-flooding.aspx">https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/emergencies-severe-weather/flooding/report-flooding.aspx</a> Website: <a href="https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/warnings?location=Dorset">https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/warnings?location=Dorset</a>
Environment Agency	South West Office telephone: 0370 850 6506 Website: <a href="http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/">http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/</a>
Electricity	National Grid telephone: 0800 6783 105 In emergency telephone: 105 Western Power telephone: 0800 096 3080 Website Western Power: <a href="https://www.westernpower.co.uk/">https://www.westernpower.co.uk/</a>
Gas- National Grid	Emergency telephone: 0800 111 999 Website: <a href="https://www.energycompanynumbers.co.uk/">https://www.energycompanynumbers.co.uk/</a>
Wessex Water	Telephone: 0345 600 4 600 Website: <a href="https://www.wessexwater.co.uk/">https://www.wessexwater.co.uk/</a>
DEFRA	Helpline telephone: 03459 335577 Website: <a href="http://www.defra.gov.uk/">http://www.defra.gov.uk/</a>

## FOR REFERENCE – CIVIL RESILIENCE ROLES AND THE DORSET COUNTY-WIDE STRUCTURE

- 1. Resilience:** The term ‘resilience’ in the context of ‘civil resilience’ means the state of civil preparedness for an emergency and the community’s ability to respond to, withstand and recover from the effects of an emergency.
- 2. Civil Contingencies Act:** Significant work has been undertaken by the central Government Civil Contingencies Secretariat, working with a wide range of Governmental and non-governmental organisations to ensure that the preparation for and the response to potential emergencies across the United Kingdom (UK) are undertaken within a common and agreed structure and to a common standard. The Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (the Act) is the legislation which covers the requirement to prepare for emergencies and places a range of duties on a number of organisations essential to effective planning and response. The Act has replaced the Civil Defence Act and related legislation.
- 3. Emergency:** An emergency is defined under the Act as an event or situation which threatens serious damage to human welfare in a place in the UK or to the environment of a place in the UK, or war or terrorism which threatens serious damage to the security of the UK.

## Roles of the Organisations Involved in an Emergency

**General:** This section describes the primary roles of the organisations collectively known as the Category One or Category Two Responders (Cat 1 or Cat 2 responders). The Voluntary Sector has no formal duties placed upon it, but Cat 1 and Cat 2 responders are expected to work closely with that Sector whose various roles contribute to the overall response to a crisis, eg Women's Royal Voluntary Service (WRVS), British Red Cross Society (BRCS), St John Ambulance, Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI), etc.

1. **Category 1 Responders:** Cat 1 responders comprise the emergency services, Dorset Council, the Environment Agency and elements of the National Health Service (NHS). They are the main organisations involved in most emergencies. They are all required to conduct risk assessments of the likely crises which could occur within their Police Force Area (ie Dorset), to produce relevant generic or specific emergency plans, to be able to warn and inform the public (without unnecessarily alarming them), to have in place plans to enable their customer focussed essential services to be delivered in a crisis, to co-operate with Cat 1, Cat 2 responders and the Voluntary Sector and to share relevant information. General responsibilities are as follows:
  - a. **Police:** Normally the Police will co-ordinate all the activities of those responding to a land-based, sudden- impact, emergency. They have a responsibility for saving and protecting life as a priority. They are also required to preserve what is a potential crime scene. They are responsible for establishing and maintaining protective cordons around an incident site. They take the lead in criminal investigation and facilitate the enquiries of other organisations (eg Health & Safety Executive). They are responsible for casualty processing the identification and removal of those who have died in an incident.
  - b. **Dorset Fire & Rescue Service (DFRS):** The primary role of the DFRS is the rescue of people trapped by fire, wreckage or debris. They will prevent further escalation of an incident by controlling or extinguishing fires, by rescuing people and by undertaking other protective measures. They deal with released chemicals or other contaminants to render safe an incident site or exclusion zone. They assist the ambulance service with casualty handling and the Police with the removal of bodies.
  - c. **South Western Ambulance Service (SWAS):** SWAS co-ordinate the on-site National Health Service (NHS) response. They endeavour to sustain life through emergency treatment at the scene, they determine the priority of release for trapped casualties and will, in conjunction with DFRS assist in decontamination of individuals affected by a Chemical, Biological, Radiological or Nuclear incident. They transport the injured to hospital on the basis of their urgency of need.
  - d. **Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA):** The MCA comprises 2 distinct branches of direct relevance to potential crises: HM Coastguard and the Maritime Pollution Control Unit (MPCU). HM Coastguard's prime responsibility is to initiate and co-ordinate civil maritime search and rescue (SAR); this role may include the response to assist people in distress from inland flooding. HM Coastguard may assist other emergency services and local authorities by request. The MPCU is responsible for dealing with pollution at sea and, in conjunction with local authorities, for the shoreline clean-up of oil spill and inert or other contaminants.
  - e. **Local Authorities:** The principle concern of the local authorities immediately following an emergency is to provide support to people in their area. They will co-operate closely with the emergency services in the response phase of an incident and will use their own resources to help mitigate the effects of a crisis on people, property and essential infrastructure. They play a key role in co-ordinating the response from the Voluntary Sector. They also aim to continue to provide their normal support and care for the wider community throughout any disruption. As a crisis moves from response to recovery, so the local authorities will take the leading role in rehabilitation and restoration.

- f. **Environment Agency (EA):** The EA has primary responsibility for environmental protection of water, land and air in England and Wales. Its key roles include maintaining flood defences, on certain rivers and coastlines; issuing warnings to those likely to be affected by flooding or environmental damage; the provision of specialist environmental advice; monitoring the effects of, and response to, an incident, to minimise the impact on the environment; and investigating the cause of an incident (if natural rather than criminal).

2. **Category 2 Responders:** In addition to the Cat 1 responders there are a number of Cat 2 responders; these are the organisations likely to be heavily involved and include the power and telephone companies (known as the utility companies), transport companies and elements of the NHS. Cat 2 responders are required to cooperate and share information with other responders.
3. **Armed Forces (Military):** The Military may provide unarmed assistance to the civil authorities when they have an urgent need for help to deal with an emergency arising from a natural disaster or a major incident. Assistance is on an 'as available' basis and there are no guarantees that assistance will be given to meet specific emergencies, thus civil plans are not to assume Military support. Any Military response may take time to generate as the Civil Contingencies Reaction Forces (CCRF) are part of the Reserve Forces and require time to mobilise. Requests for assistance will be coordinated by the Police in the response phase of an incident. This tiered method of co-operation and operation, is called 'Integrated Emergency Management' (IEM), helps ensure a co-ordinated approach to multi and single-agency emergency planning, response and crisis management across Dorset.

## ROLE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AND LOCAL COMMUNITY

Nearly all emergencies affecting communities will be dealt with routinely by the joint response of the emergency services, local authorities and the major utility companies with support from the Voluntary Sector. However, there may be occasions when circumstances (such as extensive flooding, storm damage or deep snow) delay the arrival of external assistance and the community will need to help itself until any necessary wider response can be assessed, co-ordinated and deployed. For Bridport, the arrangements are set out below:

1. **Community Response.** Bridport Town Council will activate a Community Response Group (CRG) when notified of the need for an emergency response. The following are key contacts and can act as CRG leads:

Town Clerk	01308 456722 / 07972 240447	will.austin@bridport-tc.gov.uk
Town Surveyor	01308 456722 / 07717 757084	daryl.chambers@bridport-tc.gov.uk

2. **Activation.** On notification of an emergency, the CRG Lead will contact appropriate key organisations in the area to activate the community response and for a CRG, and to establish an Emergency Meeting Place (EMP) from the following:

<b>The primary EMP will be at:</b>	Mountfield, Rax Lane, Bridport DT6 3JP
The secondary EMP will be at (use if the primary EMP is not accessible)	Bridport Tourist Information Centre and Town Hall, Bucky Doo Square, South Street, Bridport DT6 3LF
The third EMP will be at (Use if 1st/2nd EMP not available)	Salt House, West Bay DT6 4HB
The CRG Lead may call a virtual meeting if they feel this is the right response.	Remote virtual meeting online

3. **Activation Procedure:**

- CRG Lead to contact emergency services, 999, and follow any advice given. Establish communication link and provide local knowledge.
- CRG Lead to contact Dorset Council Emergency Planning Team and follow any advice given.

- Record advice and actions from the emergency services and Dorset Council – Use Incident Log sheet.
- Contact other members of the CRG and agree if the Town Emergency Plan is activated.
- Using the Skills, People and Resources in this plan decide what response can safely be actioned to support the work of the local emergency responders as per the advice given.

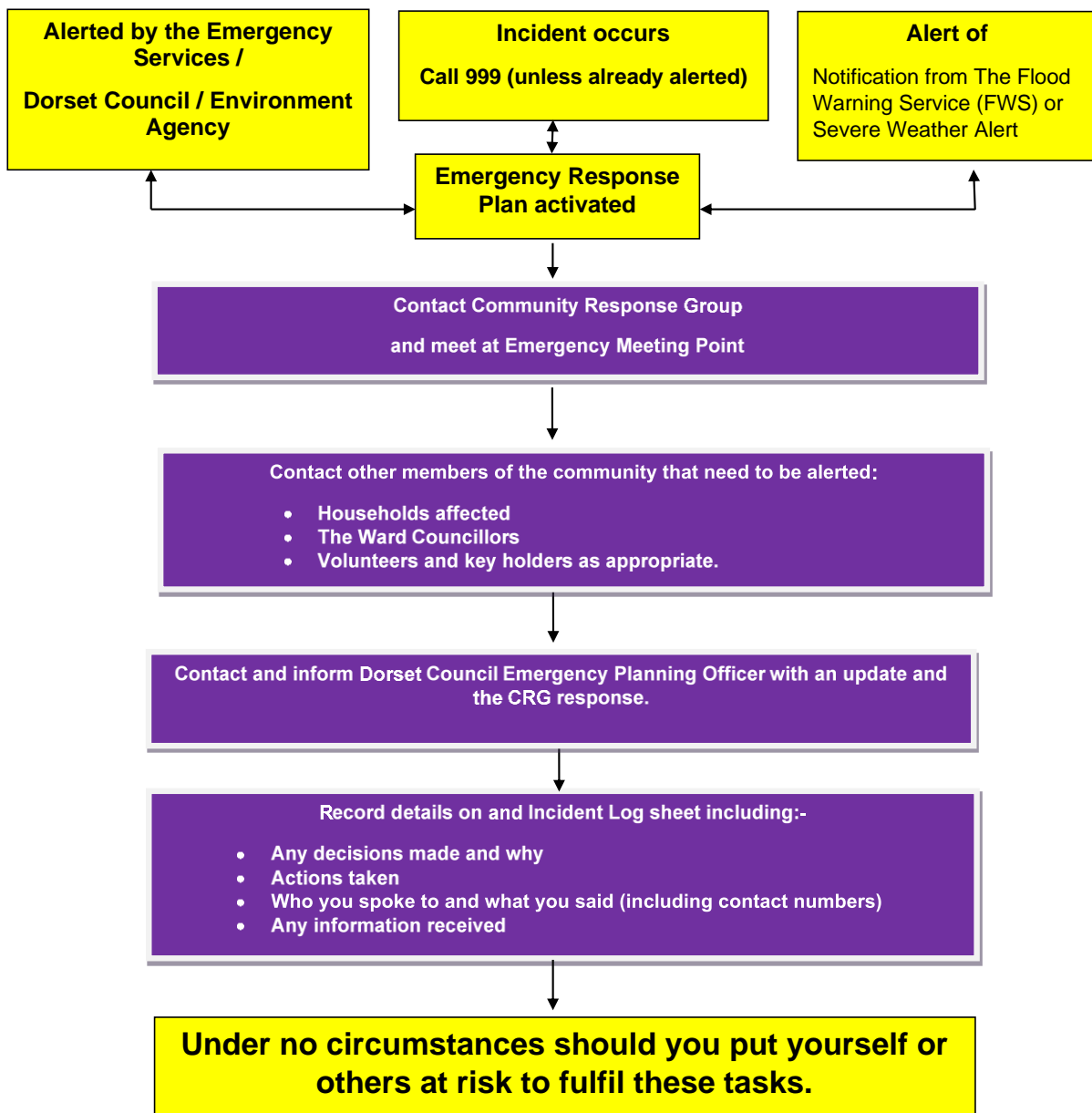
4. **Local Organisations.** The following have been identified as potential key partners in the CRG:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Contact Details</b>
REDACTED FOR DRAFT	Beacon Soup Kitchen	REDACTED FOR DRAFT
REDACTED FOR DRAFT	Bridport Churches Together	REDACTED FOR DRAFT
REDACTED FOR DRAFT	Bridport Community Support Facebook Group	REDACTED FOR DRAFT
REDACTED FOR DRAFT	Bridport Community Support Network	REDACTED FOR DRAFT
REDACTED FOR DRAFT	Bridport Citizens Advice	REDACTED FOR DRAFT
REDACTED FOR DRAFT	Bridport Community Hospital	REDACTED FOR DRAFT
REDACTED FOR DRAFT	Bridport Garden Glut	REDACTED FOR DRAFT
REDACTED FOR DRAFT	Bridport Leisure Centre	REDACTED FOR DRAFT
REDACTED FOR DRAFT	Bridport Medical Centre	REDACTED FOR DRAFT
REDACTED FOR DRAFT	Bridport Primary School	REDACTED FOR DRAFT
REDACTED FOR DRAFT	Bridport Rotary Club	REDACTED FOR DRAFT
REDACTED FOR DRAFT	Community Fridge	REDACTED FOR DRAFT
REDACTED FOR DRAFT	Cupboard Love Foodbank	REDACTED FOR DRAFT
REDACTED FOR DRAFT	Dorset Police	REDACTED FOR DRAFT
REDACTED FOR DRAFT	Extinction Rebellion	REDACTED FOR DRAFT
REDACTED FOR DRAFT	Harmony/Community Front Room	REDACTED FOR DRAFT
REDACTED FOR DRAFT	Jurassic Coast Primary Care Network	REDACTED FOR DRAFT
REDACTED FOR DRAFT	Landworkers' Alliance	REDACTED FOR DRAFT
REDACTED FOR DRAFT	Magna Housing	REDACTED FOR DRAFT
REDACTED FOR DRAFT	Red Cross	REDACTED FOR DRAFT
REDACTED FOR DRAFT	Seeding Our Future	REDACTED FOR DRAFT
REDACTED FOR DRAFT	Sir John Colfox Academy	REDACTED FOR DRAFT
REDACTED FOR DRAFT	St John Ambulance	REDACTED FOR DRAFT
REDACTED FOR DRAFT	St Mary's Primary School	REDACTED FOR DRAFT

5. **Other wellbeing and support groups** may be engaged, including but not limited to those listed at <http://bridportandwestbay.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Wellbeing-and-Support-2020.pdf>. To avoid the CRG becoming unwieldy and unmanageable, the CRG will identify lead roles to liaise with such organisations.



## Community Response Group Triggers and Activation



### POSSIBLE TYPES OF RISK

The following are the issues we are likely to have to face in Bridport which might trigger an emergency response:

1. FLOOD – When we get a flood warning from EA.
2. SNOW – When we receive alert from Dorset Council.
3. OTHER EXTREME WEATHER EVENT – When we receive an alert from Dorset Council.
4. PANDEMIC – When we receive a health warning.
5. LOSS OF UTILITIES – When electricity, gas, water is lost.
6. INTERRUPTED FOOD SUPPLY – When we receive notification of an emergency.
7. ANIMAL HEALTH – When disease is declared.
8. ISOLATION – Arising from any of the above.

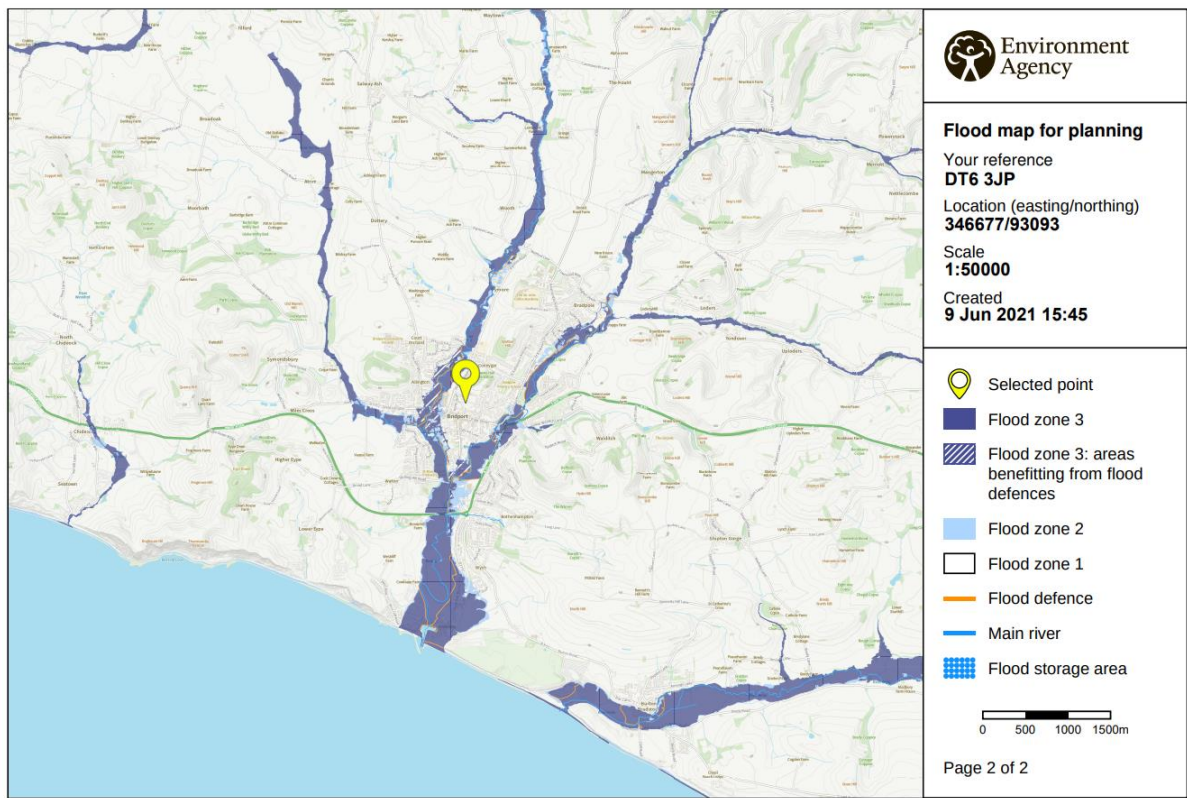
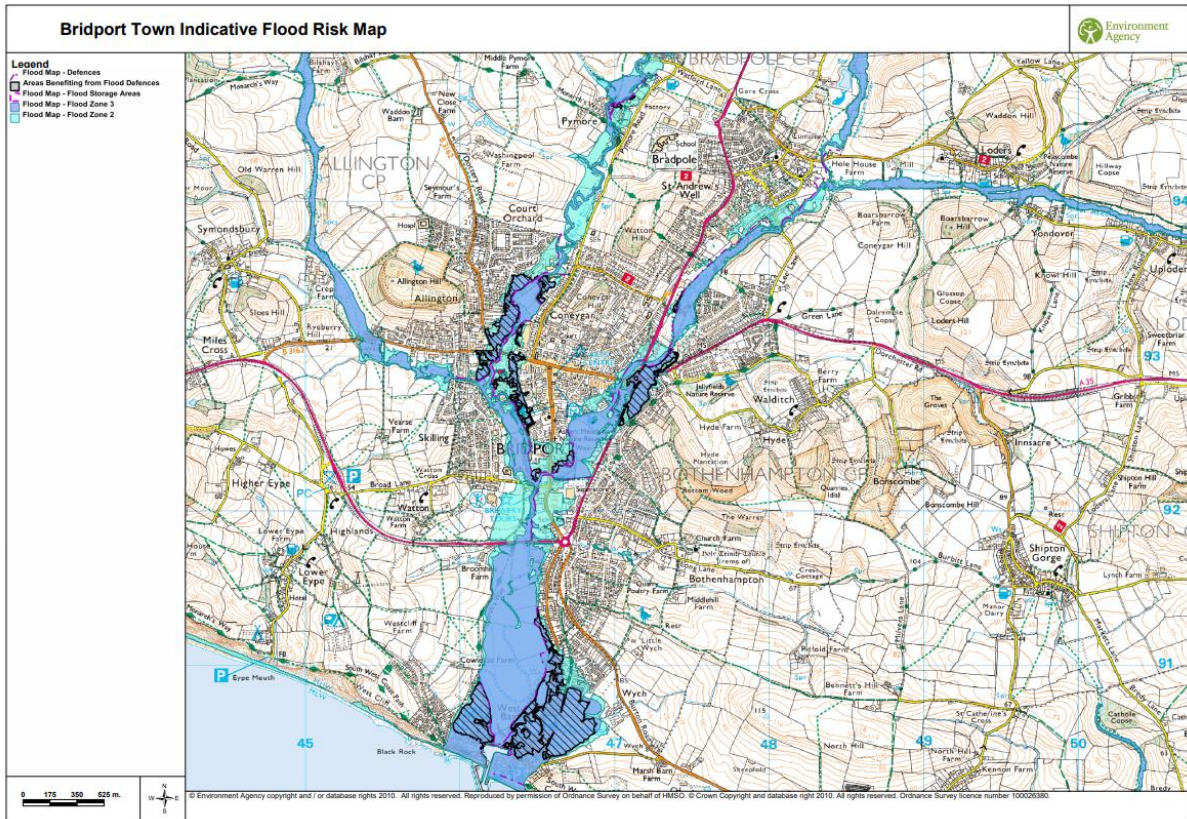
### CLIMATE CRISIS

At a time of a climate and ecological crisis, the likelihood of events such as those listed above is significantly increased.

# RESPONSE TO FLOODING

1. **General:** The risk associated with flooding in Bridport may directly affect private properties, but more concerned with restricting access if roads are flooded and impassable. So far as can be seen from the Environment Agency’s map, as below some parts of the parish could be completely cut off by flooding.

## 2. EA Flood Maps:



3. **Sandbags.** The policy for provision of sandbags and sandbagging depends on the individual district or boroughs' policies. Dorset Council will issue sandbags when an Extreme Rainfall Alert (ERA) or Flood Warning is received to protect private properties from highway and surface water flooding in an emergency. If sandbags are required for businesses, the cost of sandbags and delivery will be charged. Property flooding is defined as internal flooding including integral garages, but excludes garden sheds. For flooding incidents not caused by inclement weather, sandbags are issued at the Duty Officer's discretion. Dorset Council do not generally collect sandbags after the event, however we do offer assistance to the elderly /infirm or disabled.

Dorset Council have a store of sandbags at the Plottingham Depot, which is on the south side of West Allington, close to the roundabout, accessed through the yard that leads to the Sea Cadets Hall. If sandbags are required, contact Bridport Town Council on 01308 456722. The Town Council will assist with distribution according to available capacity.

## **RESPONSE TO SNOW**

1. Dorset Council Highways carries out emergency snow clearance. During very heavy, prolonged and county-wide snowfall it is not normally possible to keep all of the precautionary salting routes free from snow - Dorset Highways will need to focus resources on clearing and treating the priority ploughing network of key north-south and east-west routes. The need to run two vehicles on these routes, one to plough the other salting/gritting, reduces capacity to treat the entire network. The aim is to keep these priority routes clear and move on to clearing the rest of the precautionary network. Extra resources, such as ploughing contractors, will be deployed at the earliest opportunity to assist in clearing routes. Other routes will be ploughed and treated as directed by the Duty Engineer. This operation accepts that, at times, some of the precautionary network will become impassable but by concentrating on principal routes some traffic movement can be maintained. More information on the priorities for emergency clearance can be found at <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/emergencies-severe-weather/gritting/snow-clearance>
2. Within the community, Bridport Town Council will provide additional resources for snow clearance according to a priority schedule maintained by the Town Surveyor. Flexibility in this schedule may be required to respond to circumstance, and additional capacity may be identified through the CRG.

## **RESPONSE TO OTHER WEATHER EVENTS**

1. Dorset Council will lead on the response to other weather events and the community response will depend on their actions and advice. Local coordination of the response will be via the CRG.

## **RESPONSE TO PANDEMIC**

1. Bridport Town Council has a pandemic response plan developed and implemented successfully for the Covid-19 outbreak in 2020. It engages local response groups to:
  - Co-ordinate and deliver community-based non-emergency support to the vulnerable.
  - Communicate to the public what support is available and how to access it.
  - Build in resilience and safe working practices.

And provides the following support:

- Advice and guidance
  - Supply of food and groceries
  - Supply of prescriptions and other medical/clinical needs
  - Health services
  - Wellbeing including mental health support
  - Other general support (e.g. repair and maintenance)
2. This plan will be maintained and reactivated as required.

## RESPONSE TO LOSS OF UTILITIES

1. **Response:** Community response should be implemented in line with the main community plan supplemented by any actions in the specific risks to the community covered in the specific community enclosures (e.g. flooding etc).
2. **Loss of Communications – Internal Response:** The loss of normal telephone ‘land line’ or mobile telephones may be related to other, more significant, crises. The loss of the telephone system in itself may not represent a significant immediate threat other than to those classed as vulnerable within the community. If telephones are affected and road traffic is not moving freely, communications within the community may have to be undertaken through couriers carrying written or verbal messages.
3. **Loss of Communications – External Response:** Communications outside the community will be maintained by physical contact and by the use of any amateur radios within the community supplemented by any Dorset RAYNET facilities which may be available within or outside the community.
4. **Internet:** Home computers generally have access to the internet as a source of information and communication via email or internet telephone facilities. Some computers may also be radio wave-enabled and be able to access the authorities and emergency services without reliance on the normal telephone service providers. Provided that mains or battery power is available these facilities should be used to establish and maintain communications links. Home computer users are too numerous to list here, but a list of computers with specific, useful facilities will be compiled at the start of a relevant crisis.
5. **Radio and Television:** It may be necessary to have national and local radio and television stations monitored. In the event of mains power loss, reliance will be on battery-powered sets. Residents with battery powered radios are too numerous to list here, but a list will be compiled at the start of a relevant crisis and a ‘listening roster’ compiled. Car radios provide another means of contact outside the community.
6. **Loss of Other Mains Services** The loss of electricity can have a knock-on effect on all other mains services ranging from heating circuits through cooking facilities to water pumping services. The situation will be assessed by the Community Emergency Management Team at the time and a suitable response made using the resources contained in the community plan and enclosures.
7. **Telephones Not Affected:** If the telephones are not affected, and road traffic is moving freely, contact should be made with the service supplier(s) to:
  - (1). Report the loss of service.
  - (2). Obtain an estimate of service recommencement.

If reconnection is likely to be delayed, the supplier(s) should be asked to institute emergency measures, commencing with those assessed as vulnerable, to help the community until the resumption of normal services. Dorset Council should be informed of the situation.

Consideration should be given to employing the privately owned generators to provide power where it is most needed.

## RESPONSE TO INTERRUPTED FOOD SUPPLY

1. Interruption to food supplies may be a consequence of another emergency (flood, other weather event, pandemic, etc.), or may emerge more gradually as a consequence of the climate crisis. The former requires an emergency response to safeguard the vulnerable. The latter requires local resilience in order to protect the community.

2. The Government and Dorset Council will establish lines of support in the event of an emergency. The emergency response provided through the activation of the CRG will be to:
  - Co-ordinate requests for support, and of responses to such requests, for all food and grocery matters.
  - Liaise with and between organisations involved in providing support
  - Build in resilience, safety and safeguarding arrangements for this emergency function, particularly if the support is required for an extended period.
3. The primary function of this is to set out the response to an immediate emergency. Longer term resilience is however an important factor in limiting the requirements for this emergency response and is discussed later in the document.

## RESPONSE TO ANIMAL HEALTH EMERGENCY

1. Dorset Council is the statutory lead for animal health emergencies and will co-ordinate the response. If required, the CRG will be activated to provide local support, for example by liaising with farmers, vets, local animal/wildlife groups and other appropriate community support organisations.

## RESPONSE TO ISOLATION

1. **Risk of Isolation:** Isolation may be caused by severe weather, flooding, road/bridge failure, specific local or regional restrictions, etc. Flooding is covered specifically above.
2. **Effects of Isolation:** The immediate effects of isolation will be that the community is cut off from outside assistance for a period of time and that movement within the community may be difficult. There may be the loss of a number of mains services (utilities).
3. **Response:** Community response will be implemented through the CRG together with any actions required for the specific risks to the community covered in the specific community enclosures (e.g. flooding etc).
4. **Movement within the Community:** The ability to move about the community is essential if assistance is to be given to vulnerable persons and others in need. Clearing pathways and local roads will be a high priority as will access to isolated or vulnerable parts of the community. The Town Council and the CRG will co-ordinate equipment and transport which may be available to support the community.

## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

1. Community volunteers significantly enhance the capacity to respond to local emergency requirements. Established community organisations are a key part of this capacity, and the Bridport Community Support Network, created in response to the Covid-19 crisis in 2020, provides a managed 'pool' of volunteers. This organisation will always be called upon when the CRG is activated.

## RESILIENCE

1. **General Resilience.** Bridport Town Council will work to develop resilience in its response to immediate emergencies, through:
  - Funding and other support to community groups that may be involved in the response.
  - Ongoing engagement with those groups outside emergency situations.
  - Specific committee responsibilities:
    - Environment & Social Wellbeing:

- Health
- Mental Health
- Advice to the community
- Developing volunteer support
- Climate Action Sub Committee
  - Climate and Ecological Crisis (see below)
- Finance & General Purposes Committee
  - Town Council funding and organisational capacity
- Planning Committee
  - Influencing development to mitigate the risk of emergency events

2. **Climate & Ecological Crisis.** If we are to make Bridport resilient to the inevitable effects of Climate Change there needs to be a rapid transition to net zero carbon. The Town Council should take a leadership role and actively support delivery of the Climate Emergency Action Plan approved November 2019. The Plan sets out how the Council can support and enable our community to take action to reduce carbon emissions and lobby government and others to make changes.

3. **Climate resilience** refers to the ability of cities, as ecological, social, and economic systems, to resist, recover from, and continue to develop despite climate-related shocks. The concept has recently superseded climate adaptation in cutting-edge planning research and policy because it better reflects the need to think of cities in holistic terms, as interconnected and dynamic systems. When considered alongside climate change risk, this means that policy makers need to consider how social and economic factors which make their communities vulnerable to a wide range of different climatic hazards, as well as the probability of particular phenomena occurring over time, all intersect. Sometimes, the most effective way of increasing a community or place’s resilience to the impacts of climate change can be focusing on these social factors (for example, developing support networks, information availability, or overall levels of wealth), rather than ‘hard’ technical interventions, such as building flood barriers. Specific actions the Town Council can take to build climate resilience – alongside those identified in its Climate Emergency Action Plan – are:

Risk	Response
FLOOD	Bridport Area Tree Plan sets out areas favourable for tree planting and specifically those areas that would alleviate flood risk.  Supporting voluntary groups, such as Bridport Tree Group to plant trees will help with long term carbon sequestration and addressing flood risk.
OTHER EXTREME WEATHER EVENT	Bridport Area Tree Plan sets out areas favourable for tree planting and specifically those areas that would alleviate flood risk.
INTERRUPTED FOOD SUPPLY	Bridport Local Food Groups should be supported now to help build future viability of local food growers and local food markets.
LOSS OF UTILITIES	Supporting community volunteers and their networks to understand climate implications for utilities and setting up community support networks such as Local Energy Champions.  Support Energy Local Bridport.
ISOLATION	Supporting community volunteers and their networks to understand the climate and ecological crisis and engage in practical action; growing food, planting trees etc.

## **PUBLIC RISK REGISTER**

Under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004, the Dorset Local Resilience Forum is required to ensure that events or situations which threaten serious damage to the people of Dorset, or our environment, are identified, and where possible, controlled or mitigated against. The Dorset Public Risk Register is produced to assist in this process.

The Dorset Public Risk Register shows which risks have been identified to affect Dorset including the assessment of each risks impact and likelihood. The risks are presented in a matrix that allocates a risk rating according to government guidelines, it is a living document as the Dorset Local Resilience Forum members review and update the risks in accordance with the National Risk Assessments (document is not publicly available) produced biennially by the government. <https://www.dorsetprepared.org.uk/types-of-risk/>.

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