**Washington Parish Council**

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN 2025/26**

**PROLONGED LOSS OF POWER/SIGNIFCANT FLOODING**

In the event of prolonged loss of power or significant flooding, the **Washington Village Hall** can be made available as a **central meeting place** or refuge for residents of the parish.

Address: School Lane, Washington, West Sussex, RH20 4AP. Contact details for the Village Hall: 0774 786 0592 – Email: helentwine@wasahall.co.uk

**FLOODING**

In the event that extreme weather is forecast, volunteers and members of the public should monitor weather reports and warnings by the Environment Agency to assess the likelihood of flooding.

**EXTREME SNOW**

In the event that extreme weather is forecast, volunteers and members of the public should monitor weather reports and warnings. West Sussex County Council are responsible for keeping roads and highways clear. Grit is provided for use by members of the public on pavements, but should not be used for private paths and driveways. Please look out for and/or call upon elderly and vulnerable neighbours to ensure that they are warm and well. When shovelling snow, please have regard for your own safety and the safety of others.

**LOSS OF POWER AND/OR FALLEN TREES**

Care should be taken to ensure personal safety at all times. Fallen power cables should not be approached. Only those qualified to use a chain saw should work to remove fallen trees and restore access routes.

**ACCIDENT / CASUALITIES**

In the event of an emergency dial 999 in the first instance. A First Responder may be the first to arrive and will bring emergency equipment with them.

A **DEFIBRILLATOR** is available for use by the public. One is positioned on the outside of **WASHINGTON VILLAGE HALL** RH20 4AP and another at **PIXIE’S CORNER, HAMPERS LANE** RH20 3HY**.**  The defibrillator pack contains instructions for its use.

**Care should be taken to ensure personal safety at all times. Be aware of hazards i.e.. traffic, risk of electrocution, danger of broken glass, leaking fluids, gas etc.**

**Emergency Contacts:**

**Contact during office hours/Parish Council**

Mon-Thurs 9am-1pm & 2-5pm (except public holidays)

Clerk to Washington Parish Council

Tel: 0777 6771921

Email: clerk@washingtonparish.org.uk

**Local Contact for Washington Parish Council**

Chair of the Council Cllr Tony Lisher, Dera Doon, Georges Lane, Storrington, West Sussex RH20 3JH.

Tel: 07710 600187

Email: tonylisher@washingtonparish.org.uk

**UK Power Networks** – **Call 0800 3163 105** or **105** if you are in danger, notice any damage to their equipment, or are unable to use their online services.

Website and latest updates: <http://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/internet/en/contact-us/power-cuts-and-emergencies.html>

**Southern Water – 0330 303 0368**

Website: <https://www.southernwater.co.uk/help-and-support/>

**Environment Agency incident hotline: 0800 80 70 60**

Website: <https://www.gov.uk/report-an-environmental-incident>

**Floodline helpline: 0345 988 1188 (7 days a week/24 hours a day)**

Website: <https://check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk/>

**National Gas Emergency Service – 0800 111 999** or textphone (minicom) on **0800 371 787**

Website: <https://www.nationalgas.com/emergency-contacts>

**Red Cross (Kent and Sussex)** Provides central mobile catering facilities for communities without power.

National Helpline (General enquiries): 0344 871 11 11.

Support at Home: Tel: **0800 028 0831**

Website: <https://www.escis.org.uk/get-online/british-red-cross-kent-and-sussex-brcs/>

Red Cross: [Prepare for emergencies | British Red Cross](https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-help/prepare-for-emergencies)

**National emergencies** - <https://www.gov.uk/terrorism-national-emergency/national-emergencies>