

Shedfield Parish Emergency Plan

Introduction

The Parish of Shedfield consists of the villages of Shedfield, Waltham Chase and Shirrell Heath and is bordered by the Parishes of Bishops Waltham, Wickham, Swanmore and Curdridge. The Parish is situated 7 miles north of Fareham and is equidistant from Winchester, Southampton and Portsmouth which are about 11 miles away. The two major roads that run through the Parish are the A334 (Wickham to Curdridge) and the B2177 (Wickham to Bishops Waltham). This document sets out the plan for an emergency situation within the Parish where areas of the Parish need to be evacuated. Other scenarios are also considered.

Useful Telephone Numbers in the event of an emergency:

Emergency Services - **999**

Non- Emergency - **101**

Floodline (Environment Agency) – **0345 988 1188 (24-hours)**.

National Power Cut Line – **105 (24-hours)**

SSEN emergency number – **0800 072 7282 (24-hours)**

National Gas Helpline (gas emergency services) – **0800 111 999 (24-hours)**

National Highways Customer Contact Centre – **0300 123 5000 (24-hours)**

Police anti-terrorist hotline – **0800 789 321 (24 hours)**

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

Water

Portsmouth Water (Emergency number): **023 9247 7999 (Report a leak)0800 535 610**

Southern Water (Emergency number): **0330 303 0368**

Winchester City Council OOH emergency number (01962 865407)

Fallen Tree : **0300 555 1388 (Monday- Friday 8.30am-5pm) or 101 in emergency**

Doctors: Wickham 01329 833121

Bishops Waltham 01489 892288

NHS - 111

Report a problem:

Winchester City Council 01962840222 <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/apply>

Report a problem to Highways:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance>

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Aim

This plan is aimed at providing guidance and information in the unlikely event of an emergency situation occurring. The aim of the plan is to increase the short-term resilience of the community to an emergency, by the identification of applicable resources and actions.

Applicability

The Parish Emergency Plan is intended to be relevant if any of the following criteria is met:

- Actual or threatened injury or loss of life, particularly if the threat is increasing or extensive.
- Actual or threatened damage to property, particularly if the threat is increasing or extensive.
- The causation is spread geographically, not located at a single property.

It is expected that any commercial or industrial premises such as hotels, care homes, primary school, veterinary practices, stables etc., have considered the risks to their business and prepared their own emergency plan especially with respect to evacuating personnel and animals to a safe location.

There are no railway lines within the parish.

Risks

The main risks are emergencies requiring evacuation of people from properties, weather conditions and health pandemics.

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There are two main roads which run through the Parish but numerous minor roads such that, unless there is an extreme weather condition, the probability of the Parish becoming totally cut-off is very unlikely.

As there is no railway line running through the Parish, train incidents do not need to be considered.

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a. Extreme Weather

Due to the location of the Parish in the central south of England, the risk of extreme cold weather conditions such as heavy snow is considerably lower than other parts of the country. As the Parish is located close to major cities and towns, it is also considered unlikely that an emergency event will last more than two or three days although accessibility to some areas may be restricted for longer. Possible issues are loss of power, inability to call upon the emergency services (including medical providers) and local food shortages. However, a greater risk is an extended period of hot weather which may impact people with health issues although the number of people impacted is likely to be limited.

b. Flooding

Although there are numerous drains, ditches and brooks where water flows following heavy rain, there are no major rivers within the Parish boundaries. The nearest rivers are the Meon, which runs approximately 1 mile to the east of the Parish, and the Hamble which starts in Bishops Waltham and runs to the west of the parish. The majority of water courses flow into the Hamble at Botley. Therefore the main flood risk is a localised flood due to excessive rain (exacerbated by the clay soil), a burst water main or a sewerage problem. This is likely to impact a limited number of properties with the immediate impact being a requirement to provide emergency shelter and the potential for a limited number of roads being impassable. Two specific areas (Forest farm and land adjacent to Forest Close) have been identified in the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment.

c. Fire

There are several small industrial sites within the Parish which, should one of the units catch fire, could result in the need to evacuate the surrounding properties or possibly a number of people requiring treatment for inhalation of noxious substances or the results from an explosion. It is anticipated that the fire brigade would be able to control the fire in a relative short period of time but it may be necessary to set-up an emergency evacuation area to attend to the casualties.

Within Shedfield, there is a large area of common which is bordered by the A334 and through which the B2177 runs. In the event of a dry summer, a large area of the common could ignite resulting in a threat to nearby properties and a problem due to the smoke resulting in the closure of roads and people having to be evacuated from their homes.

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d. Health Pandemic

In the event of a health pandemic, one issue will be the localised distribution of drugs and potentially food to the population. Obviously large gatherings of people in one location will need to be avoided but a means for people to collect any drugs or food supplies will be required. As the event may last for a considerable period of time, the impact may be considerable. It will be necessary to adapt to the ongoing situation and implement the advice from the Government.

e. Loss of Power

Historically, unplanned electrical power cuts in the area have been limited to periods of less than 12 hours and typically no longer than 3 or 4 hours. However, in the case of an extended power loss (electricity or gas), especially during the winter, there would be a need to ensure all vulnerable residents are safe. It may be necessary to relocate people to a safer location where power is available (assuming one is available in the near vicinity).

Actions

a. Co-ordination Centre

In an emergency, the Parish Office will be the centre for the co-ordination of local activities. Working with the emergency services, the Parish Council will be responsible for co-ordinating the local response calling on additional personnel as required.

A temporary notice at the entrance to the Shedfield Recreation ground should be erected to direct people to the Co-ordination centre.

All names and contact details of the affected personnel should, wherever possible, be collected and retained at the co-ordination centre for the duration of the incident. This will permit people to be contacted by the emergency services or enable them to be kept up to date with the latest situation or when the incident is over.

The co-ordination centre should establish the following:

Nature of event and location

Area affected.

No. of domestic properties affected (damaged/uninhabitable)

Location of blocked roads

Areas without gas/electricity/water/sewerage/telephones

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An incident log should be created, stating time and status, which should be updated throughout the incident. This should include the resources and names of volunteers (including contact details) who are assisting with the emergency. The co-ordination centre should establish the short and medium term requirements of the affected residents. If people are evacuated, an estimate of the length of time of the evacuation should be established to enable the necessary provisions to be sourced (blankets, food, first aid requirements, medicines etc.). Local social media and the Parish Office website should be updated to reflect the situation.

b. Evacuation sites

The main action for the majority of emergencies will be to evacuate people to a suitable location, ideally within the Parish. A list of potential evacuation sites is contained within the Appendix A. Once the location is established, it is likely that the centre for the co-ordination of activities will be relocated to the evacuation site to ensure information is readily available to the impacted parties. However, the decision will depend on whether suitable communication facilities (e.g., phone line, internet access, mobile communication signal etc.) are available. A separate location may be required for domestic pets.

c. Resources

The risk of an emergency event is considered to be low. Although the Parish did consider creating a list of named resources who could be contacted in such an emergency, it is likely that the list could be out of date if it had not recently been updated. Therefore, rather than people potentially using time to contact people who may no longer be available, it was decided that requesting help at the time was more efficient and productive. There are several local groups which can be contacted to request assistance. These are listed in Appendix B. In addition, request for assistance can be made via local social media sites which have a wide following in the community. These are also listed in Appendix B.

Depending on the nature and extent of the event, local radio stations will broadcast updates to the general situation (e.g., changes to weather conditions). A list of some of the local radio stations is contained in Appendix B.

Appendix A
Evacuation Sites

Potential Evacuation Sites

Waltham Chase

- i) Village Hall, Winchester Road, SO32 2LX, Telephone 01489 895379
<https://www.walthamchasevillagehall.org.uk/index.html>
Administrator: 07940 704676
- ii) Methodist Church, Curdridge Lane, SO32 2LD
<http://www.chasemethodist.org/>
- iii) Primary School, Solomons Lane, SO32 2LY, Telephone 01329 833141
<http://stjohnthebaptistprimary.co.uk/>

Shirrell Heath

- i) Shirrell Heath Methodist Church, High Street, SO32 2JN
<https://shirrellheathmethodist.org.uk/>

Shedfield

- i) Shedfield Reading room, Church Road SO32 2TA
<https://www.shedfieldrr.org.uk/>
Main key holder: 01329 832107
Additional key holder: 01329 832319
- ii) Study Centre, Shedfield Church, Church Road, SO32 2HY, Telephone 07789 3915530
<https://www.shedfieldstudycentre.org.uk/index.html>
- iii) Shedfield Parish Office, The Pavilion, Upper Church Road SO32 2JB,
Telephone 01329 830060
Emergency contact 07918623009

Hotels

- i) New Place, High Street, Shirrell Heath SO32 2JY, Telephone 01329 853343
<http://www.newplacehotel.co.uk/>
- ii) Meon Valley Hotel, Sandy Lane, SO32 2HQ
<https://www.britanniahotels.com/hotels/meon-valley-hotel-country-club>

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Venues in adjacent Parishes

Swanmore

Swanmore Village Hall, New Road, Southampton, SO32 2PF
Tel: 07768175809 / 07768661606

Swanmore College Leisure Facility, New Road, Swanmore, SO32 2RB
Tel: 01489 897896

Paterson Centre, Church Road, Swanmore, SO32 2PA [01489 808968](tel:01489808968)

Bishops Waltham

Jubilee Hall, Little Shore Lane, Bishops Waltham SO32 1ED
Tel: 01489 892323 (Parish Office)

Priory Park Clubhouse, Elizabeth Way, SO32 1SQ
Tel: 01489 892323 (Parish Office)

St Peters Church Hall [01489 892197](tel:01489892197)

Kings Church <https://www.kingschurch.org/>

Wickham

Wickham Centre 01329833688

Appendix B Local Resource Groups

Local social media sites:

Parish Council Office

www.shedfieldparishcouncil.org.uk

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=shedfield%20parish%20council>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/541884666206638>

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=shedfield%20community%20group>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/222833232245021>

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Twitter

<https://walthamchase.2day.uk/search?link=16842499>

The following may be able to offer assistance in the event of an emergency

Shedfield Scout Group

Meon Valley Guides

Women's Institute – Shedfield

Women's Institute - Waltham Chase

Shedfield Men's Group

St John the Baptist Church, Shedfield

Shirrell Heath Methodist Church

Waltham Chase Methodist Church

Local Radio Stations

Updated news will be broadcast via local radio stations including:

BBC Radio Solent (96.1 FM, MHz)

Wave 105 (105.2 FM, MHz)

Heart (Solent) (96.7Fm, MHz)

Capital South Coast (103.2 FM, MHz)

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