**Washington Parish Council**

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN**

**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

**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, HEATH COMMON** 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 ie. traffic, risk of electrocution, danger of broken glass, leaking fluids, gas etc.**

**Emergency Contacts:**

**Local Contact for Washington Parish Council**

Chairman of the Council Cllr Steve Buddell, 30 John Ireland Way, Washington, West Sussex RH20 4EP. Tel: 07985 771612

**Contact during office hours/Parish Council**

Mon-Thurs 9am-1pm & 2-5pm

Washington Parish Council Clerk Tel: 0777 6771921

**UK Power Networks** – **Call 105** to report power cuts and damage to the electricity network, or 0800 3163 105 from a corded phone or mobile phone if you have no power.

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

**Southern Water – 0845 278 0845** <https://www.southernwater.co.uk/emergencies>

**Environment Agency – 0800 80 70 60** <https://www.gov.uk/report-an-environmental-incident>

**Floodline – 0845 988 1188** <https://www.gov.uk/prepare-for-a-flood/find-out-if-youre-at-risk>

**National Gas Emergency Service – 0800 111 999** <http://www2.nationalgrid.com/uk/safety>

**NHS 24 – dial 111**

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

– 0800 0280831 <http://www.redcross.org.uk/Where-we-work/In-the-UK/Southern-England/Kent-and-Sussex/LocalServices/Fire-and-emergency-support>

**National emergencies** - <https://www.gov.uk/government/topics/public-safety-and-emergencies>