

FINCHINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

EMERGENCY PLAN

Distributed to all households in Finchingfield and Cornish Hall End

Please keep in a safe place

PURPOSE OF A PARISH EMERGENCY PLAN

This emergency plan is designed to help ensure there is a coordinated community response in the event of an emergency when there is either a delay in the response of the normal Emergency Services or when they have asked for our assistance.

An emergency can occur with very little warning and may be caused by natural disasters, severe weather conditions, a traffic accident, a technological failure or an act of terrorism.

When dealing with an emergency, no one should place themselves in danger or ask others to undertake any act that could place them in jeopardy.

INITIAL ACTION IN AN EMERGENCY

Telephone the Emergency Services on 999 (or 112 if using a mobile phone) asking for police, fire and/or ambulance

If <i>flooding</i> , telephone	0800 807060
If <i>power failure</i> , telephone	0800 404090
If <i>no water supply</i> , telephone	08457 145145

Braintree District Council co-ordinate the response of local authority services in an emergency. Its Emergency Planning Office is contactable on 01376 557753 (or out of hours on 01376 552525)

PARISH EMERGENCY TEAM

The names and addresses of the parish emergency team are given below.

If the village were to become temporarily isolated as a result of an emergency, or when the police (who normally have operational control at the scene of an emergency), utility companies or Braintree District Council ask the Parish Council for assistance, the emergency team will coordinate the local response.

Name	Address	Telephone number
Graham Tobbell	The Finch Inn, Church Hill	01371 810030
Kate Fox	Place Farm Cottage, Gt Bardfield	01371 810111
Alec James	Hillcrest, Wethersfield Road	01371 810550
Chris Blewett	Whitleys Farm, CHE	01799 586227

The parish council maintains a list of volunteers willing to help out in the event of an emergency arising. If you would like to add your name to this list, please contact Kate Fox, the parish clerk on 01371 810111 or by email: clerk@greatbardfield-pc.gov.uk Offers of help in the form of equipment, vehicles and relevant skills is also sought.

The parish council will use whatever means are appropriate to ensure villagers are kept informed of developments during an emergency.

In circumstances where an emergency control centre is needed, Finchingfield Village Hall will be used.

EMERGENCY CONTROL CENTRE

Finchingfield village hall is heated, has toilet and kitchen facilities and the meeting room is designated as the control room. Emergency equipment is stored in the village hall and also at Cornish Hall End and include:

Day-Glo Jackets	Hard Hats
Torches	Road Closed Signs
Road Flooding Signs	100 meters of Nylon Rope

Finchingfield village hall key holders are:

Name	Address	Telephone number
Penny Gregory	New Place, Bardfield Rd	01371 810293
Alec James	Hillcrest, Wethersfield Rd	01371 810550
Kate Fox	Parish Clerk	01371 810111

The village hall could be used for sleeping accommodation if residents have had to vacate their homes in an emergency. Public toilets are located in the playingfields car park.

CHE village hall offers shelter.

The school and churches also offer temporary shelter:

Finchingfield Primary School, Tel 01371 810423

John Collins, St John the Evangelist Church, Cornish Hall End Tel 01799 586062

Edwin Collar, St John the Baptist Church, Finchingfield Tel 01371 850267

FLOOD PROTECTION

Finchingfield has a number of low-lying areas and in an exceptional or intensive period of rainfall severe local flooding could result. The main areas susceptible to flooding have been The Green, Duck End and Bardfield Road.

The Parish Council have in place a pond sluice gate operating procedure in which the gates are raised by designated key holders in conjunction with the Environment Agency at times when heavy rain is forecast.

Nevertheless, residents have a responsibility to protect their property from the effects of flooding and can check conditions by telephoning the Environment Agency Floodline on 0845 988 1188. For flood protection advice generally refer to www.floodforum.org.uk

Modern biodegradable sandbags are recommended by Braintree District Council as more effective than traditional sandbags and can be purchased in supermarkets. Traditional sandbags are still available locally: filled sandbags can be obtained from Jim Jervis (01371 810075) and unfilled sandbags from John Richardson (01371 810472) or Chris Blewett at CHE (01799 586227)

DIRECTORY OF LOCAL SERVICES

Medical assistance: Freshwell Health Centre, Wethersfield Road Tel 01371 810328
A & E services at Broomfield Hospital, Chelmsford and Addenbrookes, Cambridge

Counselling: Rev Colin Wilson Tel 01371 810309

Grocery suppliers: Post Office and Jesmonds Garage, both in Bardfield Road

Restaurants, tea shops: Bosworths, The Green; Red Lion, Church Hill; The Fox Inn, The Green; The Three Tuns, Wethersfield Road; Zafra Pasta Bar, The Green; The Horse & Groom, CHE

Motor Fuel/Repairs Eastern Garage, Wethersfield Road Tel 01371 810238
Jesmonds, Bardfield Road Tel 01371 810295

Animal Welfare: RSPCA, Wethersfield Tel 01371 851201

Building Maintenance: Chris Parker, The Causeway Tel 01371 811951
Dave McCallion, Wethersfield Rd Tel 01371 811389
Jim Jervis, Kempe Road Tel 01371 810075