

# COMMUNITY EMERGENCY

SLUICE GATE MANAGEMENT PLAN

FLOOD TOOLKIT

# Introduction

- Finchingfield has experienced floods over the last few years. Floods affect most of the country and due to widespread nature of the of the emergency and duration, it is difficult for the Emergency Services, Local authorities, Voluntary Agencies and the utilities to respond rapidly to each affected community. It is with this in mind Finchingfield will benefit from having their own Community Emergency Sluice Gate Plan.
- This document contains guidance on how to prepare in the event of potential floods and the opening and closing of the Sluice gates by those authorised to do so.

# Aims and Objectives of the Plan

## **Aim –**

To increase the resilience of the community to an emergency by the identification of community procedures

## **Objectives**

Identify the risks to the community and relevant response actions

Identify resources in the community available to assist during an emergency

Provide key contact details.

## **Activation of the Plan**

This plan should be activated when an emergency affects the community or an emergency has occurred outside the community and support can be given. It should complement any response the emergency services and the local authority offer.

**ALWAYS FOLLOW THE ADVICE OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICES FIRST**

# ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

## Flooding

Find out if your community is at risk of flooding by calling the Environment Agency's Floodline on 0345 988 1188 or visit [www.gov.uk/check-flood-risk](http://www.gov.uk/check-flood-risk)

For river flooding warnings sign up for Floodline Warnings Direct [www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings](http://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings).

## Health & Safety

Emergency situations by their very nature can be dangerous. People will take greater risks to help each other than they might in normal circumstances. Emergencies can be exciting, leading some people to lose all their common sense – which can quickly turn a responder into a casualty

## **DO NOT ENTER FLOODWATER.**

Moving floodwater can be extremely powerful and dangerous- 15 cm of fast flowing floodwater can knock you off your feet and 30 cm can move a family car. There are often unseen hazards such as dislodged inspection covers. Floodwater will probably contain raw sewage.

**YOU ARE NOT EXPECTED TO CARRY OUT THE ROLE OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICES**

# Community Response Group

Name	Position	Key Holder	24hr contact Number	
<b>Bob/Ally Stanger</b> <b>Claire Collins</b> <b>David Coverdale</b>	Main Response 1 <sup>st</sup> response 2nd response	Sluice gate key Sluice gate key Sluice gate key	<b>01371 810756</b> <b>07951 972746</b> <b>07780 844859</b>	

# Activation Chart

## When the gate does need opening:

**Alerted by a community member**

**Alerted by first responder**

**Alert by emergency services**

**Activate The Sluice Gate Emergency Plan**

**First notify authorised sluice gate managers Bob/Ally Stanger or Claire Collin**

**Contact people with the skills and equipment to open the gates**

**Decide on actions**

# Sluice gate management Plan

- Check websites to see if there is risk of flooding
- Monitor social media
- Contact relevant responders – volunteers and key holders as appropriate
- Decide on action
- Inform community that action has been taken