

COLD ASH PARISH COUNCIL

GUIDANCE FOR DEALING WITH EMERGENCIES

1. Introduction

This document has been developed by the joint Cold Ash Parish Council (CAPC) / Cold Ash Community Partnership (CACP) Working Party. It is designed to enable Cold Ash parishioners to be prepared for the perceived emergencies that might effect them.

Emergencies know no boundaries and therefore could affect the whole of the Parish, our neighbouring Parishes or a small area within the Parish. They also might occur at anytime, or there may be some warning e.g weather forecasts.

2. Emergencies

A risk assessment of probable emergencies that might effect parishioners has been undertaken. The conclusions identified that the effects of the weather (snow: storms; flooding: temperature) on individuals (cold: heat: damage to property: isolation) and the loss of utilities were the perceived emergencies.

All other emergencies would be handled by the local statutory agencies.

Preparations made by individuals before any emergency can greatly reduce its impact.

3. Purpose of the Document

The purpose of this document is to provide timely guidance to individuals to prepare for an emergency.

This document will be under constant review and will be updated as necessary as guidance/information changes or if it is deemed appropriate to do so.

4. Objective of the Document

The objective of this document is to identify the hazards to individuals and issue specific and timely guidance.

5. Hazards

Types of hazards that could affect individuals include:

- **Utilities Failure**

Electricity / Gas / Water

- **Weather**

Storms & Property Damage
Flooding
Snow & Extreme Cold
Extreme Heat

- **Isolation**

Guidance Notes in relation to preparedness and the hazards identified above are shown at the Annexes A to G below.

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6. Issuance of Guidance Notes

The Cold Ash Parish Council will publish the appropriate Guidance Notes throughout the year, as appropriate, via the current communication systems used to inform parishioners, namely:

- Parish web site www.coldash.org.uk
- Community Bulletin Contact editor at :- cabulletin@gmail.com
- St Mark's Parish News Monthly magazine produced by St Mark's Church.
Contact editor at: - roberthogwood@hotmail.co.uk
- All CAPC notice boards

Additionally, Guidance Notes can be downloaded from the Parish web site or printed (free) copies can be obtained from the CAPC Office, Hermitage Road, Cold Ash.

Chairman R Marsh
Cold Ash Parish Council

Date 28th July 2015

Date for Review July 2016

GUIDANCE NOTES Annexes A to G

- A. Be Prepared & Emergency Contact List**
- B. Utilities Failure**
- C. Storms & Property Damage**
- D. Flooding**
- E. Snow & Extreme Cold**
- F. Extreme Heat**
- G. Isolation**

Distribution:-

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