

Sedbergh Community Resilience Plan

Sedbergh Parish Council

1. PURPOSE

To increase resilience within the local community before, during and after emergencies, and to link into Westmorland and Furness Council (WFC), and emergency services' emergency response structures. This Plan details ways in which the community of Sedbergh would respond in an emergency while awaiting the assistance of statutory authorities/emergency services, or in support of them.

It is not the role of the community to take on the responsibilities of these agencies e.g. to save life, to take any risks to themselves or to cope for long hours without agencies' help and support.

The principal objective of the Plan is to identify the risks to the community and the actions that may be taken in response. The Plan also seeks to identify vulnerable people/groups in the community and to provide information and contact details on available resources that could assist during an emergency.

An electronic copy of the plan will be made accessible to local authorities and emergency services via the Joint Emergency Planning and Resilience Team at WFC.

2. POSSIBLE EMERGENCIES AND RISK ASSESSMENT

The table below identifies the types of emergencies that would have an impact on Sedbergh and how local emergency planning could help. (Note – it is not intended to detail precise actions as this will vary according to circumstances and must be determined at the time.)

Type of emergency	Potential risks	Actions to address those risks
Localised flooding following heavy rain	Damage to property and possessions, potential risk to health, or life in extreme cases Shallow water can sweep people off their feet if moving quickly - risk of drowning Manhole covers may be open but hidden. Cold water immersion can bring about hyperthermia.	Ensure up to date advice is available, where possible, to residents on areas at risk of flooding and precautionary measures that might be taken to minimise risk. Encourage residents with internet/data access to sign up to relevant social media accounts/inc. utilities and WFC website to give access to up-to-date information. Assist residents, if needed, in preparing a personal flood plan by signposting. Identify key installations at risk of flooding (e.g. electricity substations) Check on identified vulnerable residents, by volunteers, (where known or if asked by local authorities). Volunteers to visit known areas of high flood risk to ascertain severity of flooding and ensure residents are aware of availability of sandbags/plastic sheeting and persons to contact having specialist equipment (e.g. generators, pumps etc (Section 3.) Open Place of Safety (Section 4) for hot refreshments and information point.

Significant health risk, such as Covid 19 or;	<i>Potential significant health implications, risk of death and serious illness</i>	<i>Adhere to national and local guidance/instruction. Implement local health and safety as appropriate – such as closure of facilities.</i>
Environmental, such as chemical or similar	<i>Do not use volunteers – only the agencies can respond. If already on site, withdraw and give up to date public safety advice</i>	<i>Safety advice will be presented as appropriate. Do not take risks.</i>
<i>Mains electricity power failure during cold weather conditions.</i>	<i>Residents with no access to power for a prolonged period of time. Most vulnerable are those with only electric power, heat, and cooking facilities. Also older residents, the sick, and very young are most at risk in cold conditions.</i>	<i>Identify residents most at risk. Encourage/assist vulnerable residents to register on Electricity North West's (ENW) database (whereby assistance can be offered in the event of power loss) Open appropriate Place of Safety (Section 4) for hot refreshments and information point. Assistance with transport, if possible. Coordinate hot refreshments in partnership with ENW, as required.</i>
<i>Major utilities failure (gas explosion, contamination of water supply)</i>	<i>Risk to health, or life in extreme cases</i>	<i>Open appropriate Place of Safety (Section 4) for refreshments and information point. Assistance with transport to safe area</i>
<i>Snow/ice incident</i>	<i>Inability of vulnerable residents to shop, collect prescriptions/attend surgery appointments, receive home help etc. Risk of falling. Stranded motorists. Vehicles inhibiting use of arterial roads.</i>	<i>Seek WFC advice, volunteers to assist with spreading salt/grit. Volunteers to assist with essential shopping/collection of prescriptions/transport to appointments. Open Place of Safety (Section 4) for refreshments and information sharing point.</i>
<i>Storm damage, particularly fallen trees closing roads</i>	<i>Disruption to essential travel, prevention of access for emergency services</i>	<i>Contact persons with appropriate equipment/tools such as chainsaws (Section 3) request assistance via local social media Erection of warning signs, if available</i>
<i>Landslip</i>	<i>Disruption to essential travel, prevention of access for emergency services</i>	<i>Contact persons with earth-moving equipment. Erection of warning signs</i>
<i>Fire</i>	<i>Danger to health (smoke inhalation), particularly vulnerable persons with respiratory illness)</i>	<i>Identify residents most at risk and arrange for visits if necessary. Assistance with transport to safe area</i>

3. COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Members of the Parish Council can offer general advice on community resources available and provide contact details.

In addition, the following persons/organisations may be able to carry out specific tasks or provide resources in emergency situations (provided they are available and not otherwise required at the time):

Name	Contact details	Offer of help / resources available
Parish Council	Janey Hassam (Clerk to the Council) 07966 134554 Simon Arnold (Chairman) 07816292351 Steve Longlands (ViceChair) 07890 986606	Local information Contact details for volunteers etc.
Sedbergh Primary School Settlebeck School	Headteacher	Access to school facilities, depending on school term/availability.
	John Capstick Parish Councillor	Tractor/towing vehicle
	Kevin Lancaster Parish Councillor	Tractor/towing vehicle
	Roger Sedgwick Parish Councillor	Diesel (for emergency generators at place of safety) Tractor/towing vehicle
Western Dales Bus*	Operations Manager 07541 644524	Emergency transport
Sedbergh School	Operations Manager	Fallen tree removal (chainsaw) Emergency transport (mini-buses) Access to facilities, depending on availability.
Local Business	Director	Portable (diesel) generator (with capacity to power temporary place of safety) High-capacity water pump
JMP Foodservice Spar Shop Powells Shop Main Street	015396 20296 015396 22522 015396 20304	Provision of food and drink (if necessary, costs to be reimbursed by Sedbergh Parish Council)
Parish Council	Ian Hutt	Generator

<i>Radio Cumbria</i>	<i>0800 111 4950</i>	<i>Provision of information to residents and others</i>
<i>Lake District Radio</i>	<i>07773 035842</i>	<i>Provision of information to residents and others</i>
<i>Settlebeck School</i>	<i>015396 20383</i>	<i>Access to school facilities, depending on school term/availability</i>

(* an up-to-date register of local persons licensed to drive the bus will be maintained)

4. TEMPORARY PLACES OF SAFETY

Westmorland and Furness Council is responsible for setting up a central rest centre during an emergency. However, it may be necessary to set up a temporary place of safety within the community e.g. for visitors or for people evacuated from their homes, stranded motorists. In our community, the first place of safety is **The People's Hall**.

Name	Tel.	Email
<i>Steve Longlands (Chair)</i>	<i>015396 20885</i>	
<i>Ian Hutt (Vice Chair)</i>		
<i>Chris Wood</i>		
<i>(Caretaker)</i>		
<i>Parish Clerk - Parish Council Office 72 A Main Street</i>	<i>07966 134554</i>	<i>clerk@sedberghparishcouncil.org.uk</i>

(A limited amount of emergency equipment is stored at the People's Hall)

The reserve places of safety are **Queen's Hall at Sedbergh School, Settlebeck School and Sedbergh Primary School** * (see attached plan). Contact details as follows:

Name	Tel.	Email
Queen's Hall <i>Operations Manager</i>	<i>Via Clerk</i>	
Settlebeck Sedbergh Primary <i>(Site Manager)</i> <i>Local key holder - tbc</i>	<i>Via Clerk</i>	

* It is understood that Settlebeck School is also designated as an 'Emergency Support Centre' by Westmorland and Furness Council

5. LOCATIONS OF VULNERABLE PERSONS IN THE COMMUNITY

Location	Contact details
<i>Gladstone House (Sheltered housing)</i>	<i>South Lakes Housing 0300 303 8540 (24-hour)</i>
<i>The Paddock (Sheltered housing)</i>	<i>Two Castles Housing Association 0800 085 1171 or 0300 123 1747</i>
<i>Sedbergh Primary School</i> <i>Settlebeck School</i>	<i>015396 20510</i> <i>015396 20383</i>
<i>Sedbergh Playgroup and Speckled Hen</i>	<i>Sedbergh Playgroup 07785 743837 Nursery speckledhen@leadingandlearning.co.uk</i>

(Note - Sedbergh School has its own Major Contingency Plan)

6. IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN

Members of a Community Response Group will assume responsibility for initiating actions.

The Community Response Group comprises:

Name	Tel.	Email
<i>Simon Arnold (Chairman)</i>		
<i>Resident</i>		
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<i>Janey Hassam (Clerk)</i>	<i>07966 134554</i>	clerk@sedberghparishcouncil.org.uk
<i>Steve Longlands (Vice Chair)</i>		
<i>Kevin Lancaster (Councillor)</i>		
<i>TBC</i>		

Should an emergency occur, as many members of the Group who are available will convene at the People's Hall and initiate appropriate actions depending on the nature of the emergency.

The Group will be responsible for enacting the Plan and liaising with the emergency services, WFC, Sedbergh Medical Centre and local organisations.

Practical actions that might be taken could include assembling volunteers, contacting persons with necessary equipment, arranging for visits to vulnerable areas, preparing the temporary place of shelter, enlisting help to collect and distribute supplies, sandbags, erecting road signs, communicating with social media/local radio stations etc.

The Parish Council has two-way radios available for use in the event of complete failure of landline/mobile phone communications (stored with minimal emergency equipment at the People's Hall). The People's Hall also has an external socket for generator connection.

7. COMMUNICATION AND CONTACTS

Contact details for statutory authorities, agencies, emergency services etc.:

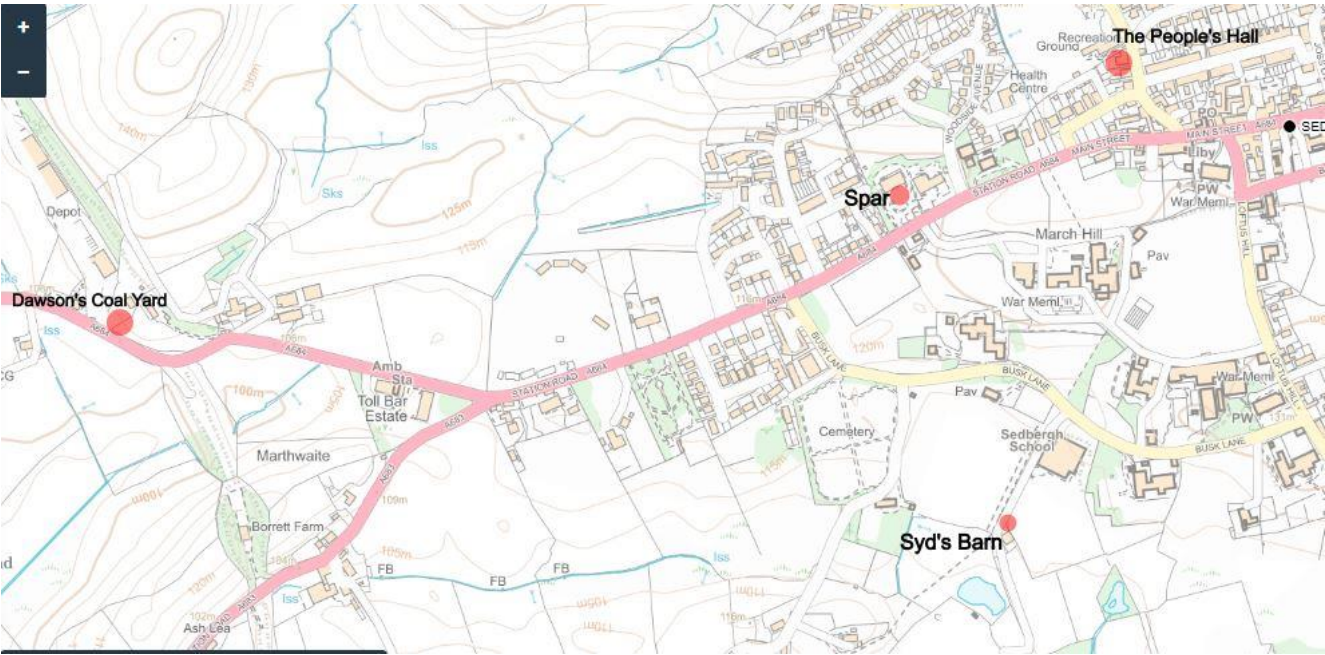
Organisation	Tel:	Website / Email:
Emergency Services	999 (101 for non life- threatening emergencies)	101Emails@cumbria.police.uk
Westmorland and Furness Council		
Daytime	0300 373330	
Out of hours (if different)	01229 833311	
Westmorland and Furness Council: (in case of concern for vulnerable adults or children)		
Daytime	01228 606060	
Out of hours	01228 526690 (Adults) 0333 240 1727 (Children)	

Highways Hotline:	0300 3733736	
NHS:	111 (NHS non-emergency)	www.nhs.uk
Environment Agency:		
General Enquiries	03708 506 506	enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk
Floodline (24 hr)	0345 988 1188	www.gov.uk/flood
United Utilities: (24 hr - water)	0345 672 3723	www.unitedutilities.com
Electricity North West:	0800 195 4141 National emergency number 105	www.enwl.co.uk
National Gas Emergency Service: (24hr - gas leak / emergency)	0800 111 999	www2.nationalgrid.com/UK/Safety/Gas-emergency
Sedbergh Medical Centre:		
Daytime	01539 718191	cuccq.a82608@nhs.net
Out of hours	111 (NHS non-emergency)	
H & S Executive	0345 3009923	www.hse.gov.uk
Sedbergh & District Community First Responders (contacted in emergency only through ambulance service)		

8. PLAN REVIEW AND UPDATE

To keep this plan up to date, contact lists will be revised as needed, and the plan reviewed every 5 years (or as required). The plan will be appraised annually and the Joint Emergency Planning and Resilience Team at WFC will be responsible for organising this and implementing revisions, as necessary.

Sedbergh Community Resilience Plan – key locations (1)



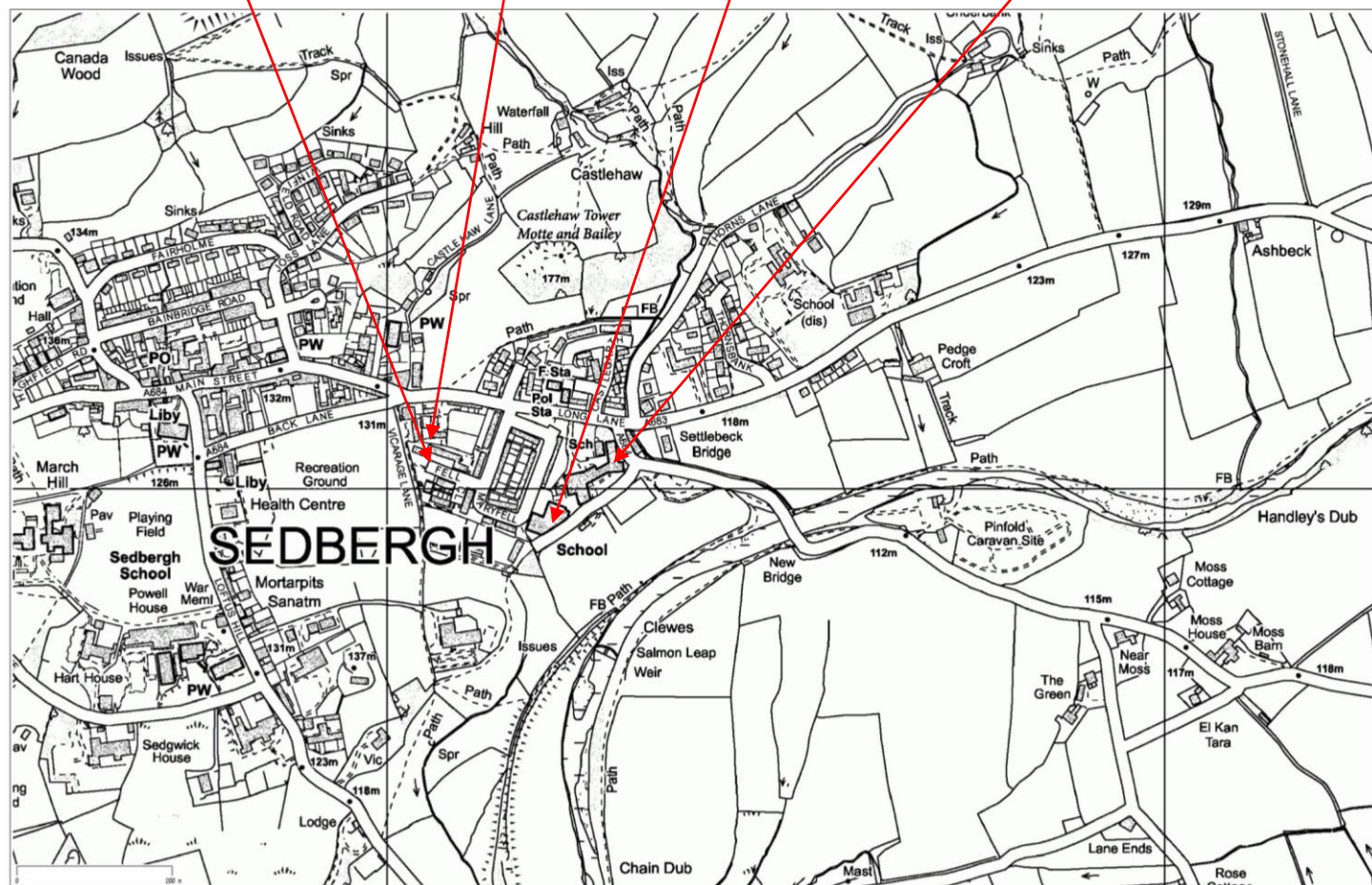
Sedbergh Community Resilience Plan – key locations (2)

Gladstone House

The Paddock

Sedbergh Primary School

Settlebeck School



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