

DUNS TEW COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY EMERGENCY?

A Community Emergency is any event that severely disrupts the routine existence of the Village or where life is endangered. Examples are: prolonged power failure, failure of the water supply, severe flooding, chemical spillage, traffic accident and aircraft accident. A response is likely to involve more than one element of the emergency services and may include District or County Council resources as well as those of utility providers (water and electricity).

AIM

The aim of the Community Emergency Plan is to enable the Village to provide effective immediate support to those involved in an emergency, including any who have been injured or displaced, and to assist the Emergency Services on arrival

SCOPE

Each member of the Parish Council holds a copy of the Community Emergency Plan and will initiate whatever action is required when contacted.

The Plan is deliberately simple and designed to provide a template for:

- a. Reporting an emergency.
- b. Identifying places of refuge for those displaced from their homes in the short term (hours) and how to open them. (Referred to by the Emergency Services as Survivor Reception Centres: in the case of Duns Tew, the Village Hall, the Church or the White Horse Inn).
- c. Locating vulnerable residents.
- d. Identifying those who can help in an emergency.
- e. Identifying the source of equipment that may be of use.
- f. Useful contacts numbers.

REPORTING AN EMERGENCY

Before phoning 999 (or texting 18000) it is important that you understand what has happened and that you are able to describe the incident with reasonable accuracy. If necessary write down the essentials before you speak.

When you phone 999 the emergency operator will take you through a list of options and will ask you to provide the following information before alerting the emergency services: Be prepared to provide:

- a. Your name and address.
- b. When the incident happened.
- c. What happened.
- d. Where it happened.
- e. Who is affected including most importantly, an estimate of numbers injured.
- f. Provide your telephone number as a point of contact.

Next:

- g. Phone a member of the Parish Council (contact numbers are in the Newsletter).
- h. Summon a neighbour.
- i. Remain by your phone.

Depending on the nature of the emergency, a member of the Parish Council or designated key holder will open the Village Hall as a first step, before attending the scene to assist as necessary and await the arrival of the Emergency Services, which should occur within a maximum of 30 minutes of reporting.