

Culgaith Parish Council

Emergency Plan

Serving the Communities of Culgaith, Blencarn, Skirwith and Kirkland.

November 2024

Surviving the First 48 hours before the Emergency Services Take Control

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Community Resources In Culgaith Parish

Blencarn Village Hall

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Toilet and kitchen facilities, shelter and storage

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Toilet and kitchen facilities, shelter and storage

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Toilet and kitchen facilities, shelter and storage

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Shelter and storage

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Shelter and storage

Black Swan Inn

Culgaith, CA10 1QW
Tel 01768 88223 info@blackswanculgaith.co.uk
Accommodation, toilet and kitchen facilities, shelter

Fellrunner Community Bus Service

Tel 01768 88232/866946 hire@fellrunnerbus.co.uk
Emergency Transport (16-seater bus)

Websites:-

Culgaith Parish Council www.culgaith.org.uk . Blencarn Village Hall www.blencarn.emyspot.com. Skirwith Village Hall - www.skirwithvillagehall.co.uk

Identification of Vulnerable Groups within the Community

Namely:- The elderly and frail, those pregnant and or with very young infants, the infirmed or those with special needs.

Action :- Parish Councillors are asked to make themselves aware of all such persons in their immediate locality and to alert the emergency services and other appropriate bodies in the event of an emergency. It shall be policy to encourage a 'Good Neighbour' attitude at all times.

Heavy Snow Fall Arrangements

In the event of Skirwith, Kirkland and Blencarn being cut off due to heavy snow for a long period, the Clerk to co-ordinate parishioners, personally ordered, on – line grocery orders, with a central delivery to the Victoria Institute, Culgaith; these orders then being taken by tractor to a central point in Kirkland (Church) and Blencarn (Village Hall) and Skirwith (Village Hall), for collection.

Revision of this Emergency Plan

This plan shall be revised and updated at the January meeting of the Parish Council each year. Culgaith Parish Council November 2025

Possible Emergencies.

Potential Hazard	Who is at Risk	Risk Rating	Action to be taken	Responsibilities
Mains electricity failure in bad weather conditions	Vulnerable Groups	M	Key vulnerable persons to be visited and checked if in need. Alert Electricity North West	Councillors along with delegated assistance.
Contamination of water supplies	All Parishioners	M	Source supplies of bottled water. Make available for collection in Village Halls. Emergency notice – CPC Website, Black Swan Inn, Notice Boards	Chair/Clerk to co-ordinate bottled water supplies with United Utilities. Open Village Halls as collection centres as required. Alert community
Extreme incidence resulting from flooding	Key areas: - Otters Halt, Culgaith Tarn	M	Assist with evacuation of people and property. Source 'Sand bag' support. Advise those of high risk to 'Grab a Bag' Alert Emergency Services	Councillors
Major road incidence	Those involved	M	Contact Emergency Services	Those first on scene
Severe storms and gales.	All Parishioners	H	Key vulnerable persons to be visited and checked if in need. Report any obvious roof damage. Alert Emergency Services of blocked roads.	Councillors along with delegated assistance
Severe Snow and Ice Road closures for long period	Parishioners Skirwith, Kirkland and Blencarn,	M	Key vulnerable persons to be visited and checked if in need and if require supplies. Co-ordinate essential supplies using tractor transport. *See below	Councillors along with delegated assistance
Major agricultural accident	Those involved	L	Contact Emergency Services	Those first on scene
Outbreak of a Notifiable disease in farm Livestock (e.g. F and M)	Local livestock producers	VL	When first suspected farmer to PHONE vet to alert of a suspected incidence. Do not call Vet out to farm. Farmer and family to stay on farm until otherwise advised. Co – ordinate supplies support.	Farmer/ Local Vets Farmer, family and employees.
Major rail incident	Those involved and properties in the vicinity.	VL	Contact Emergency Services and Network Rail. Open Victoria Institute as refuge Close road/s until emergency services take over.	Those first on scene
Major fire incident	Those involved and properties in the vicinity.	L	Contact Emergency Services Open VH if necessary Close road/s until emergency services take over.	Those first on scene
Sellafield Emergency	All Parishioners	L	Listen to and be guided by information on local radio	
Major Telecommunication failure	All Parishioners	L	Key vulnerable persons to be visited and checked if in need.	Councillors along with delegated assistance

Communications and Contacts

Organisation	Tel.	Website / E Mail
Emergency Services	999 or 101	
Westmorland and Furness Council	0300 373 3300	www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk
A 24/7 number. Directs you to emergency numbers		
Highways Hotline	0300 373 3306	
Environmental Agency	0800 80 70 60	
General Enquiries	03708 506 506	enquiries@environmental-agency.gov.uk
Floodline (24hr)	0345 988 1188	www.gov.uk/flood
United Utilities (24hrs Water)	0345 672 3723	www.unitedutilities.com
Electricity North West	0800 195 4141 Or 105	www.enwl.co.uk
Sellafield Emergency	0808 909 8090	
Network Rail (24hrs helpline)	03457 11 41 41	
National Gas Emergency Service (24hr – gas leak/emergency)	0800 111 999	
Anti – Terrorist Hotline	0800 789 321	
Doctors (Medical Practitioners)		
Birbeck Medical Group CA11 8HW	01768 214620	
Temple Sowerby Surgery CA10 1RW	017683 61232	
Hospitals		
Penrith CA11 8HX	01768 245 300	
Cumberland Infirmary CA2 7HY	01228 523 444	
Veterinary Surgeons		
Frame, Swift and Partners CA11 8TZ	01768862454	
Rowcliffe House CA11 7AB	01768 865661	
Animal and Plant Health Agency Immediately if Notifiable disease is suspected.	03000 200 301	
Parish Council		
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