

# Axmouth Emergency Plan

With predictions of changing climate, extreme weather events may be experienced more regularly. This has the potential to cause disruption in our locality. Such events as flooding, storm damage and extended periods of snow and ice (and drought) are more likely to occur. For example, Axmouth has in the past experienced localised flooding from the brook during exceptional heavy rain. Whilst certain measures were taken to mitigate the effects, future flooding cannot be ruled out.

The Emergency Services would normally respond to any of the above but, should they be delayed or perhaps overwhelmed by demand, the Parish Council (PC) has put in place the **Axmouth Emergency Plan**. The plan would enable the PC to co-ordinate with the Emergency Services in any major event.

The following provides contact details of the Emergency Services. In the event of any emergency large or small, the official services should be contacted. Here is a full list.

## EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

**Police, Fire & Ambulance 999**

**Police non-emergency 101**

**NHS non-emergency 111**

**Devon & Som. Fire & Rescue: 01392-872200.**

### Utilities

**South West Water : 0344 346 2020.**

**Western Power Distribution : 0800-6783-105**

**National Gas: 0800 111 999** *(although there is no gas supply within the village, there is in outlying areas such as the harbour)*

**FLOODING** – There are various types of flooding incidents and emergencies. The local authorities rely on information reported to them to inform any investigations and prioritisation of action. If it is an **emergency** and there is danger to life as a result of flooding you should not hesitate to call **999**.

**To report flooding of the highway and blocked drains** contact Devon County Council's Highway Customer Service Centre on **0345 155 1004** or visit [www.devon.gov.uk/drainage](http://www.devon.gov.uk/drainage). Office hours are Monday to Friday 8am – 8pm and Saturdays 9am – 1pm.

For emergencies outside of these hours call **01392 383329**.

**To report flooding from sewers and water pipes** contact South West Water on **0344 346 2020** (24 hour service).

**For enquiries about flood warnings** contact the Environment Agency's Flood-line on **0345 988 1188** (24 hour service).  
Website [https:// Check for flooding in England - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/check-for-flooding-in-england)

For general enquiries about Main River or flooding from the sea contact the Environment Agency on **03708 506 506**  
For all other flooding enquiries contact the Devon County Council Flood Risk Management Team on **0345 155 1015** or email [floodrisk@devon.gov.uk](mailto:floodrisk@devon.gov.uk)

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**Here are examples of some of the events/incidents where the Axmouth Emergency Plan could augment and help the official emergency services.**

Flooding. Extended duration of snow & ice. Extended duration of power cuts. Fallen trees. Medical emergency such as heart attack and use of the village defibrillator.

The PC cannot predict what sort of emergency may occur but, if the Emergency Services do not arrive within a reasonable time to deal with it, the Plan will be activated. We have a number of villagers who have volunteered to be **wardens** to assist in the event of an emergency (see list below).

In the first instance if you are unable to physically contact a warden, contact the **Axmouth Parish Clerk Mobile number 07973 313 376**. The Clerk has contact details for all village wardens and will raise the appropriate one for your locality.

Once wardens and villagers get involved in an emergency, calls to communicate should be kept as brief as possible. If the Plan is not activated but villagers feel that wardens could provide help which emergency services cannot provide, wardens may be able to assist as a community service.

## **WARDENS AND THEIR AREAS**

### **CHURCH STREET**

Ken Steven, Sarah Hill.

### **CHAPEL STREET**

Nick Ostler, Ian Hunt.

### **GLENWATER CLOSE**

Bryan Davis, David Dumbleton.

### **KEMPS LANE, HIGHER LANE, POUND HILL, HIGHER LANE CLOSE, HAWKSDOWN CLOSE**

Chris Wakely.

### **SOUTHCOMBE TERRACE**

Andrew Spiller, Mike Calvert.

### **COOMBE TERRACE**

Vince Trivett.

### **COOMBE ORCHARD**

Penny & Robert Sweetland.

### **HIGHER AXMOUTH**

Cllr Nigel Daniel.

### **STEPPS LANE**

Cllr James Condron, Cllr Jane Drown, Ian Dolan, Ben Mullane.

### **STEDCOMBE**

Cllr Paul Zisman, Cllr Chris McBride.

## **Outlying areas including AXMOUTH HARBOUR, DOWLANDS & BOSHILL**

Emergency Services or, if in need of assistance – call the Clerk who will contact the nearest available warden.

## **Action Plan**

To minimise danger and confusion in an emergency, villagers may be asked by wardens to stay within their property unless asked by a warden to assist. In the event of accident and/or inadvertent damage, area wardens and anyone assisting will be covered by the Council's insurance.

## **Local Emergency Resources**

The PC has a limited supply of sand & sand bags – these are kept in two bins, one located in the village hall carpark, The other at Stepps Cross.

The Plan tries to be forward-thinking but should not be expected to cover all events and unforeseen circumstances. It will be reviewed every year. Have you thought about taking precautions against flood in your house? Check EDDC's website : [Flooding advice - Be prepared for flooding - East Devon](#)

In the event of a larger scale emergency, the **Village Hall** may become the coordinating centre for use of the emergency services. It may also be used as a temporary **Evacuation Assembly Point**.

Within the circumstances of the Plan ONLY, the Parish Council may call upon the assistance of villagers with access to chain saws, ladders and tractors.

## **USEFUL ITEMS TO HAVE AVAILABLE**

Mobile phone – kept well-charged. Landline non-cordless phone (will work in power cut).  
Battery or wind-up radio (BBC Radio Devon 103.4Mhz for weather/flooding/travel alert updates).  
Warm/wet weather gear. Camping gas stove. Torches and lanterns. Pusher snow shovel.

## **Axmouth Parish Council – January 2025**