

about localised emergencies can be received, direct to a mobile phone by SMS text messaging. The system is known as CATS (City Alert Texting Service).

Information on emergencies will normally include a telephone information help line for members of the public.

USEFUL NUMBERS.....

Sussex Police	101
St Richards Hospital	01243 788122
Portsmouth Water	02392 477999
Southern Water	0845 2780845
Gas Emergency	0800 111999
Electricity Emergency	0845 7700890
West Sussex County Council	01243 777100
Chichester District Council	01243 785166
North Mundham Primary School	01243 785502
Sunbeams Nursery School	01243 778996
Chichester College	01243 786321
Age Concern	01243 528346
Samaritans	0845 7909090
Victim Support	01243 829089
Childline	0800 1111

Space for your own useful numbers

If you require an additional copy of this leaflet please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Clerk contact details are listed below:

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NORTH MUNDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Working for the whole community

Advice for Emergency Situations

North Mundham Parish Council has a Plan to deal with Emergency Situations. However, there may be occasions when it will be sensible for everyone to make some preparations before hand. The notes which follow are based on guidance from Chichester District Council.

General Advice

Prepare an emergency self-help kit. It can contain anything you feel will assist you in an emergency:
Consider:

- Torch and spare batteries
- Radio—battery powered or wind up
- Candles and matches, or oil lamps
- Bottle water
- List of emergency and other useful numbers
- First Aid Kit with any necessary medication
- Waterproof clothing, hat scarf and gloves
- Wellington boots
- Blankets
- Key personal documents

Know how to turn off your utilities at the main supply—gas (including bottled gas), water and electricity.

If safe to do so, undertake temporary repairs to your property to stop things getting

worse, and keep all receipts for insurance claims .

Plan how you would contact relatives especially children if an emergency develops .

Identify a reunion location to use if you are unable to return home.

Flooding

Protect doorways, low-level air vents and windows with sandbags or black bin liners filled with soil. Move as many belongings and furniture, as possible, upstairs or onto to a higher level surface.

Turn off gas and electricity if safe to do so. If water has already reached the electrical circuits do not touch it.

Check on your neighbours, particularly the elderly, infirm or disabled.

For information and warnings call floodline 0845 9881188 or www.environment-agency.gov.uk/floodwarning

Evacuations

If there is a major incident, it is possible the police will order an evacuation of an area.

If the police tell you to evacuate,

gather any necessary medication and warm clothes.

Where possible turn off gas, water and electricity and put out any fires.

Leave the house, lock it and go to where you have been instructed.

If you are sick, elderly or disabled ensure the police or council are made aware so special arrangements can be made.

Where possible transport will be arranged to take evacuees to a rest centre.

The rest centre will be run by Chichester District Council, possibly with local assistance. If you go to stay with friends or relatives, or if you book into a hotel or similar until you are allowed to return to your own home, then ensure the Police or the Council are made aware.

The rest centre will provide temporary accommodation and food and drink where appropriate—it may be the village hall. Council staff will try to provide as much information as possible and will make arrangements to return you to your house as soon as possible. The situation at the rest centre will be difficult and all persons there should exercise restraint, patience and good humour.

Snow

If snow is extensive remain indoors, keep warm and listen to local radio. Only venture outside if absolutely necessary.

Local radio will give information about road and school closures.

If possible check on your neighbours, particularly those who are elderly, infirm or disabled.

Severe Storms

Move objects that could be blown down indoors, or secure them.

Take pets indoors.

Close windows and remain indoor; listen to local radio for information.

Have ready torches, candles and matches in case of power failure. If the power fails ensure equipment is turned off to prevent unexpected activation when power resumes. Beware of fire risk when particularly when using candles etc.

If water or electricity fails, where possible, notify the appropriate services.

Warning Systems

Information from the County and District Councils will be broadcast on local radio, television, websites and other media outlets.

Chichester District Council has a warning system where information