

# Gilcrux Parish Council Resilience Plan - DRAFT

Gilcrux Parish includes the villages of Gilcrux, Bullgill, Greengill and all properties within the parish boundary. These are currently draft proposals for consultation within the parish and we would welcome further contributions or suggestions.

This list is by no means comprehensive but will address the most likely problem scenarios.

The main risks identified are as follows:

- 1) Localised flooding (major and minor)
- 2) Major accident such as a crash involving vehicles within parish boundary
- 3) Loss of power and/or water supply
- 4) Homelessness as a result of a fire or storm damage
- 5) Major incident at Sellafield
- 6) An act of terrorism

The plan in the event of the above risks is as follows:

## 1) Localised Flooding

Recent Experience	Preparation	Response
Around three properties in Gilcrux were flooded in 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stocks of sandbags and sand</li> <li>• Shovels</li> <li>• Identification of suitable vehicles for evacuation purposes, such as tractors and trailers</li> <li>• Parishioners monitor environment agency website</li> <li>• Public knowledge of village hall key holders</li> <li>• Form a flood response group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobilise a volunteer resilience group to knock on doors</li> <li>• Volunteers help to fill sandbags and help to relocate possessions</li> <li>• Vulnerable parishioners should be moved to the village hall if required</li> </ul>

## 2) Major Accident eg crash

Recent Experience	Preparation	Response
None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of village hall keyholders and code</li> <li>• Obtain danger and/or accident signs and allocate storage for them</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call emergency services immediately</li> <li>• Obtain access to the village hall if required</li> <li>• First aiders or medical staff called to scene of the incident whilst waiting for emergency services</li> </ul>

## 3) Loss of Power and/or water supply

Recent Experience	Preparation	Response
<p>Frequency of power cuts has decreased since metal sheaths were added to power line supports</p> <p>Loss of water supply is extremely rare</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure parishioners have grab bag or household emergency resources eg torches, camping stove, electric radio, phone numbers</li> <li>• Identify potential sources of power such as generators</li> <li>• Identify those vulnerable in the event of a power cut and make plans to assist them</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resilience group and others check on and assist vulnerable persons previously identified (adults and children)</li> </ul>

## 4) Homelessness as a result of fire or storm damage

Recent Experience	Preparation	Response
None known	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of potential accommodation in parish and phone numbers</li> <li>• List of parishioner key skills to support eg insurance, care, advice and support</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offer immediate support and place of safety</li> </ul>

### 5) Major incident at Sellafield

Recent Experience	Preparation	Response
None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Familiarisation with Cumbria County Council emergency plan for nuclear incident</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow Cumbria County Council guidance/emergency plan</li> <li>Ensure vulnerable people are informed of the situation</li> </ul>

### 6) An act of terrorism

Recent Experience	Preparation	Response
None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vigilance for any unusual activity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stay indoors</li> <li>Listen to news services and follow advice</li> </ul>

### Preparation - general

Offer support to all residents of the parish to develop:

- A plan for evacuation
- A “grab bag” of recommended contents
- Key telephone numbers
- Information on how to stay informed on an event
- Information regarding what to do if in need of help or rescuing from a cut off property
- Awareness of mobile signal points

In the event of an incident, the following places of assembly have been identified:

- Village Hall which includes an equipped kitchen and toilet facilities
- The green outside the pub is the village hall is inaccessible
- St Mary’s church in the case of severe flooding due to its elevated position

Further resources for the Parish to develop include:

- Large scale maps to identify buildings eg residential plots, vulnerable people, helicopter landing space and points of mains electrics

Lists for the Parish Council to develop:

- Vulnerable persons
- Key skills list
- Village Hall key holders list
- Contacts/emergency numbers list

**Recommended “Grab Bag” contents:**

- Wind up/battery radio
- Spare batteries
- Torch(es), candles and matches
- First aid kit and manual
- Medication and prescriptions
- Tissues, toiletries and sanitary supplies
- Food and equipment for those with special needs eg babies, pets
- Spare warm clothing
- Sleeping bags/blankets
- Entertainment eg books/games
- Mobile phone, spare battery and charger
- Extra car/house keys
- Cash, credit cards, key cards
- Copies of important documents
  - Birth certificates
  - Passports
  - Licences
  - Insurance policies