

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE



WINTER PLANNING: Every year the Village Council reviews its Winter Management Plan with the aim of mitigating the impact of cold weather. Taking into account the resources available from West Sussex County Council and Mid Sussex District Council, the priority is to maintain access through the village.

ICY ROADS: There are 17 grit salt bins located around the village to be used for public pavements and roads, especially at junctions. *The grit is not for private use. Residents are encouraged to help spread grit salt in areas of need (instructions are provided on the grit bins).*

SNOW: In the event of snow, the Council relies on residents to do their bit to keep pavements clear; clearing the snow from the pavement outside your home helps to maintain safe pedestrian access. If you have a vulnerable neighbour, please help to clear snow from outside their home too. The Council can provide a snow clearing kit to anyone who can spare some time to help clear main routes around the village; please contact the Clerk on 823770 or email clerk@ashurstwood-vc.gov.uk.



EMERGENCIES can occur anywhere in the country with little or no notice. Being prepared can help to reduce the effects on you, your neighbours and others in the community. **This is not intended to replace the Emergency Services (Police, Fire, Ambulance) who would take control in a major incident.** We can all help ourselves, neighbours and the vulnerable in our community by being prepared for the unexpected such as a power cut, fallen trees or burst water mains. Below is a guide to help residents to be prepared.

Dial 999 if there is an immediate risk to life or a danger to property. **At no time or under any circumstances should you put yourself or others at risk.**

Assess the situation and IF there is no immediate danger or threat to life or property:

- **Are there people at immediate risk? If YES dial 999**
- Identify the incident and risks to the community
- Contact the relevant emergency response service (list below)
- Shut off the gas, electricity or water supplies (*only do this if safe and able to do so, otherwise leave to the relevant emergency response team*)
- Are there people at risk?
- Are there any vulnerable people in the area? Elderly, disabled, families with children? If so, take the necessary steps to help them. This will depend on the nature of the incident, and at no time should anyone put themselves at risk.
 - *get help to help move the vulnerable / or to stay with them if needed*
 - *get medical help if needed*
- Co-ordinate the area to make it safe - *this may require signage, tape*
- What resources are needed? - *safe place/shelter/water/food/blankets*
- Who else needs to be contacted?

GET HELP! Do not work alone.

Heart Attack/Cardiac Arrest

The Community Public Access Defibrillator is located in the BT phone kiosk at the junction of Maypole Road and School Lane.

ALWAYS dial 999 first.

DO NOT LEAVE THE PATIENT ALONE

If possible, send someone to get the defibrillator

Follow the instructions provided by the 999 operator

The emergency services will issue the cabinet code (or if you want to note the details in case of an emergency contact the council office).



PLANNING FOR AN EMERGENCY – What you can do in advance

Use this as a check list. Here are 10 top tips:

1. Complete an emergency plan for you and your family and keep it in a safe place. Encourage others to do the same
2. Be alert to potential hazards wherever you are
3. Agree contact arrangements with family and friends
4. If possible, identify a family member or friend outside of the area with whom you can stay with temporarily
5. Find out how to tune into your local radio stations (listed below)
6. Make sure you know how to turn off the electricity, gas and water to your home
7. **Prepare an emergency grab bag or essential items and keep it ready (e.g. torch, batteries, first aid kit, bottled water, ready to eat tinned food, blankets). Keep Mobile phones charged.**
8. Fit smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and test these regularly
9. Learn basic first aid
10. Make arrangements for your pets to go with you or to be left in a safe place

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

- 999** Emergency Service – Fire, Police, Ambulance
101 Police non-urgent (and local Police Station)
111 NHS out of hours
105 Power Cuts or fallen cables

0800 111 999 Gas Emergency Services – gas leak
0330 3030368 Southern Water – waste water or sewer flooding
0333 0000365 South East Water – burst water main or flooding
 Information on local incidents can be found on **Local Radio:** BBC Sussex 104.8 and 95.3 FM; Heart 97.5 and 96.7 FM; Meridian 107 FM.

NON EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

- 01444 458166 **Mid Sussex District Council**
 For: waste collections and recycling, planning applications and building regulations, housing, emergency planning and outdoor services.
www.midsussex.gov.uk
- 01243 777100 **West Sussex County Council**
 For: highways maintenance and drainage, traffic, education, social care, fire and safety, youth provision and trading standards.
www.westsussex.gov.uk
- www.lovestsussex.gov.uk to report highways issues