

Ickleton PC: Emergency Plan

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1. Purpose of the Plan

This Emergency Plan sets out how **Ickleton Parish Council** will respond to emergencies affecting the local community.

The plan aims to:

- Support emergency services and the local authority
- Coordinate local volunteers and community resources
- Provide assistance to residents during emergencies
- Help reduce risk to people, property and the environment

The Parish Council **does not replace emergency services**, but may assist with local coordination and support.

In an emergency always call 999 if there is a risk to life.

2. Types of Emergencies Covered

This plan considers the following potential risks:

Natural Events

- Flooding
- Severe storms and high winds
- Snow and ice
- Heatwaves or extreme temperatures

Infrastructure Failures

- Blocked ditches or drainage failures
- Bridge collapse
- Building collapse
- Road closures
- Sustained electricity, water or gas failure

Fires and Explosions

- Major building fires
- Wildfires or field fires
- Gas leaks
- Explosions including petrol storage incidents

Hazardous Material Incidents

- Hazardous vapour release
- Chemical spill
- Incidents involving nearby industrial premises or waste disposal sites

Transport Incidents

- Major road accidents
- Railway incidents
- Aircraft or airfield incidents

Public Health / Animal Health

- Human disease epidemic or pandemic
- Animal disease affecting farms or livestock

3. Plan Activation

The Emergency Plan may be activated when:

- Emergency services request local support
- The local authority issues an alert
- A major incident occurs within the parish
- Severe weather is expected to impact the community

Initial Actions

1. Call emergency services if necessary.
2. Inform Parish Councillors and the Parish Clerk.
3. Assess the situation and community needs.
4. Activate community volunteers if required.

4. Emergency Contact List

Parish Emergency Team

Role	Name	Phone	Email
Chair	Steven Heaney	07703 726918	s.heaney@ickleton-pc.org.uk
Vice Chair	Simon Cheney	07918 083057	s.cheney@ickleton-pc.org.uk
Parish Clerk	Barbara Benn	07522 502481	clerk@ickleton-pc.org.uk

Key External Contacts

Organisation	Telephone
Emergency Services	999
Police (non-emergency)	101
Gas Emergency	0800 111 999
Electricity Emergency	105
Anglian Water	03457 145 145
Local Authority Emergency Planning	01954 713070
Environment Agency Incident Line	0800 807060
NHS Non-Emergency	111

5. Local Risk Locations

Risk areas within the parish:

Location	Risk	Notes
River / Stream	Flooding	
Low-lying roads	Surface water flooding	
Railway line	Transport incidents	

6. Vulnerable Residents

During emergencies the Parish Council may assist vulnerable residents where possible.

Examples include:

- Elderly residents living alone
- Residents with disabilities
- Residents dependent on medical equipment
- Isolated rural households

Any records will be maintained in accordance with data protection legislation.

7. Community Resources

Emergency Rest Centres

Location	Facilities	Contact
Village Hall	Kitchen, toilets, heating and water	Hugh Molloy
Ickleton Lion Public House	Kitchen, toilets, heating, food and water	Manager
St Mary's Church	Heating, seating	Jenny Duke
Ickleton Social Club	Toilets, heating, seating, and water	Pat Facer

Equipment Available

Equipment	Location
Defibrillator	Village Hall
Grit bin	Stackyards
Sandbags	Abbey Farm

Local Skills and Resources

The Clerk and Councillors have access to a Community Emergency Resources Register with contact information.

8. Communication

Communication during emergencies may include:

- Parish website
- Social media pages
- Community noticeboards
- Door-to-door checks
- Local radio announcements

The Chair or Vice chair will coordinate public information.

9. Incident Response Guidance

Flooding

- Monitor flood alerts and warnings
- Inform residents in affected areas
- Deploy sandbags or flood barriers if available
- Support evacuation if required

Severe Weather

- Snow: coordinate volunteer checks on vulnerable residents
- High winds: report fallen trees or blocked roads
- Heatwaves: check vulnerable residents and promote hydration

Infrastructure Failure

- Report blocked drains or collapsed structures
- Coordinate local assistance where safe

Fire, Explosion, Gas Leak

- Contact emergency services immediately
- Prevent access to affected areas
- Share local information with responders

Hazardous Vapour Release

- Follow advice from emergency services
- Support evacuation or shelter-in-place instructions

Transport Incidents

- Keep access routes clear for emergency vehicles
- Provide local knowledge if requested

Utilities Failure

- Identify residents dependent on electricity for medical equipment
- Open a community building if safe and practical

Disease Outbreak

- Follow guidance from health authorities
- Support communication with residents and farms
- Assist vulnerable residents if services are disrupted

10. Volunteer Management

Volunteers may assist with:

- Welfare checks on residents
- Delivering food, water or supplies
- Transport assistance
- Clearing minor debris
- Staffing community support centres

Volunteers should:

- Work in pairs where possible
- Follow safety guidance
- Report to the Volunteer Coordinator

11. Recovery Phase

Following an emergency the Parish Council may assist with:

- Community welfare checks
- Supporting residents accessing assistance
- Coordinating local clean-up activities
- Liaising with the local authority

12. Plan Maintenance

This Emergency Plan will be:

- Reviewed annually
- Updated after significant incidents

Responsible Officer: Parish Clerk

Distribution List

Organisation / Person	Role	Contact
Parish Council	Councillors	clerk@ickleton-pc.org.uk
Parish Clerk	Plan Owner	clerk@ickleton-pc.org.uk
District / Borough Council	Emergency Planning	duty.communities@scambs.gov.uk
Community Resource contacts	Volunteers	by email

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Appendix A – Parish Map



Appendix B – Parish Flood Risk Map

