

BRIGHAM & BROUGHTON CROSS PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN



1. COMMUNITY RESPONSE GROUP (CRG)

[This section of the Plan is restricted and will be held by the CRG members. An electronic copy of the plan will also be accessible to the local authorities and emergency services via Resilience Direct.]

2. PURPOSE

2.1 Definition of an emergency:

An emergency / major incident is any event or circumstance (happening with or without warning) that causes or threatens death or injury, disruption to the community, or damage to property or to the environment on such a scale that the effect cannot be dealt with as part of the emergency services, local authorities and other organisations normal day-to-day activities.

2.2 Aim of the Community Emergency Plan:

To increase resilience within the local community before, during and after emergencies, and to link into the emergency services' and Cumberland Council's emergency response structures, where appropriate. This Plan documents how the community in Brigham and Broughton Cross would respond in an emergency situation, e.g. while awaiting the assistance of statutory authorities / emergency services, or in support of them.

It is not the role of the community to take on the responsibilities of these agencies, e.g. to save life, to take any risks to themselves, or to cope for long hours without agencies' help and support.

It must be accepted that, whilst the Parish Council is responsible for the production of this Plan, individual Parish Councillors have no professional experience in emergency response or emergency planning, and so cannot accept liability for any missing information; we are working to support the local authorities and emergency services in their response to any major incident.

The plan may also be used when there is no emergency, but when the group feels it would be beneficial to do so, e.g. when snow or icy conditions cause problems for some residents trying to get out to shop for food and collect prescriptions.

2.3 Objectives:

- Identify possible emergencies, impacts on the community, and relevant actions.
- Identify communications and resources in the community available to assist in an emergency
- Consider vulnerable people / groups in the community who may need additional support.
- Provide contact details for the Community Response Group (CRG), key community resources, the Emergency Services, and County and District Councils.
- Risk assess the proposed community response.

3. ACTIVATION OF THE PLAN

This plan will be activated by the Community Response Group (CRG). The group will meet in person or communicate remotely to assess the situation, contact the Emergency Services and consult with the Council officials if necessary. The CRG will then put all or part of the Plan into effect as appropriate.

The Plan may be activated when:

- An emergency has occurred locally or a Government Emergency Alert has been received (See Supplementary Section)
- Warnings are received prior to an anticipated emergency
- Emergency services request support or are not able to attend immediately.
- No emergency / warning has occurred but it is felt a community response would be of benefit, particularly for more vulnerable residents e.g. prolonged cold snap and icy conditions.

Volunteers may be put on stand-by prior to full activation of the plan, depending on the situation.

4. POSSIBLE EMERGENCIES, IMPACTS AND ACTIONS

The following table lists the possible emergencies which could affect our community, their impact and the local actions which could help.

[**NOTE:** All of the Actions to address the potential impacts require local people who are willing to assist in these situations. The list of local volunteers (available only to the CRG) shall be kept 'live' and added to as required.]

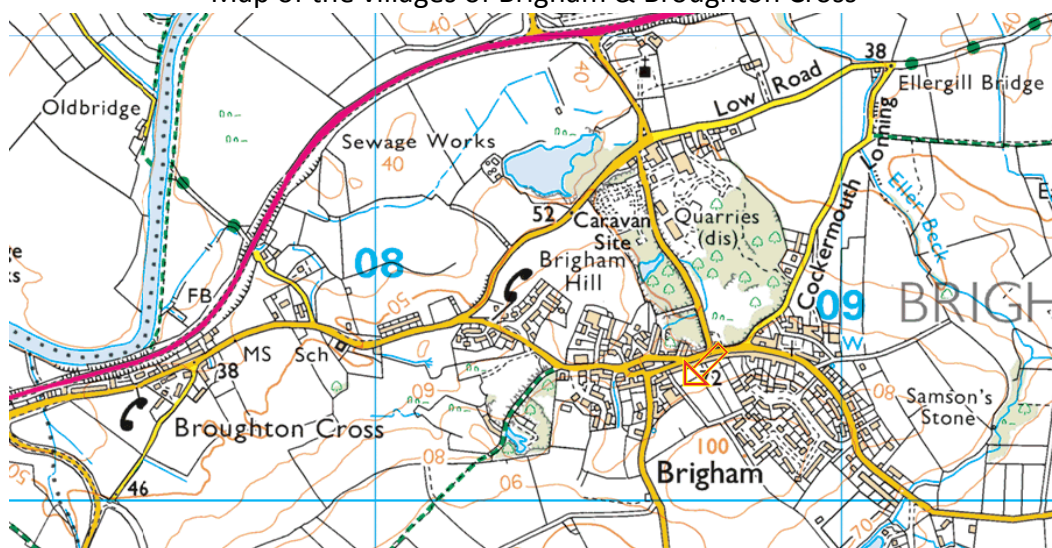
Type of Emergency	Potential impacts	Actions to address those impacts
Flooding [Although the River Derwent flows along the northern edge of the Parish, it does not cause flooding of housing within the Parish. Damage is caused to farmland however. Flooding within the Parish results from surface water flows, blocked gullies and culverts]	Damage to property Loss of access Loss of housing (homelessness) Loss of utilities, e.g. electricity (See below)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Routine inspection of gullies, grates and culverts. ● Have flood-sacks/sandbags available for collection if/when required ● Get pumps to the right area(s) ● Assist with transport ● Identify and provide shelter, with resources, if required ● Identify flood sources which require attention from Lead Flood Authority (CCC)
Snow [Considerable falls of snow and blizzard conditions over several days, accompanied with a period of prolonged cold, are not unknown in the UK, though they are rare events. In the knowledge that a couple of inches of snow can bring serious disruption, it is essential to plan for extremes of snowfall both in quantity and duration.]	Loss of access/egress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Identify residents who need to move in/out of homes; those with infants, medical conditions, and those in need of supplies of medicines, food, etc. ● Identify tractor owners/drivers and request their assistance. ● Identify 4x4 drivers/owners and request their assistance. ● Start clearance of roads and pavements.
Prolonged weather extremes, e.g. excessive cold, drought, heatwave, etc.	Cold: Difficult access/egress; frozen pipes; transport failures; minor injuries from slips and falls; hypothermia Drought: Reduced / No water supply; fire hazard Heatwave: heat exhaustion; heat stroke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Identify the place of safety and shelter (for heat), cooking facility, point of distribution for bottled water. ● Get access to food supplies. ● Assist with transport ● Identify vulnerable individuals who may be susceptible to the effect of cold or excessive heat.
Loss of Water supply (Because of or exacerbated by prolonged extremes of environmental conditions)	Health issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Identify a facility for the distribution of bottled water.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Identify location(s) for water bowsters provided by United Utilities ● Transport to fetch water into the community
Loss of Gas supply (Because of or exacerbated by prolonged extremes of environmental conditions)	Heating issues Risk of hypothermia Domestic cooking issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Identify a place of shelter (for heat) ● Identify a place for cooking and/or food supply (easy to cook food) ● Organise transport to bring in food supplies
Loss of Electricity supply (Because of or exacerbated by prolonged extremes of environmental conditions)	Heating issues Risk of hypothermia Domestic cooking issues Communications lost (Internet outage) Lighting lost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Identify a place of shelter (for heat) ● Identify a place for cooking and/or food supply (easy to cook food) ● Organise transport to bring in food supplies ● Reliance on mobile phone communication
Prolonged Medical Emergency or Pandemic	Health issues Loss of life Spread of infection Failure to follow local or national advice and guidance Social isolation Mental health issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provide the point of contact for County and District Councils and for local Emergency Resource Groups (e.g. CERG) ● Promote government guidelines through notice boards, distribution of leaflets and social media messaging (e.g. Parish Council Facebook and Website). ● Provide information on the availability of shops, services and local deliveries on Parish Council Facebook and Website ● Provide a point of contact for local residents (Parish Council email or 'phone contact number) ● Identify vulnerable individuals and ensure help is provided on request. ● Identify and communicate a location for testing and mass inoculations.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Organise support for medical personnel coming into the community. ● Use of non-contact online meetings ● Advise the authorities (e.g. Police) of serious or repeated non-compliance by individuals or groups of guidelines provided by the Government on the closure of facilities and/or social distancing during the pandemic.
Unexpected and/or unpredictable event or disaster, e.g. Aircraft crash, Earthquake, Hurricane, lone gunman, etc.	(Dependent on event...) Loss of utilities (power lines down, mains services fractured), Damage to property; Restricted access to Parish; Injury and loss of life	(Dependent on event.....) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Support for medical personnel coming in ● Support for emergency services (Police, Fire, Ambulance) ● Support to military personnel, if appropriate ● Start Parish-wide communication ● Lockdown of community until danger has passed.

The centre of Brigham village has coordinates **NY08603025**. This reference is very close to the Memorial (Village) Hall on the C2007 road running roughly east-to-west between Cockermouth and Bridgefoot. The approximate latitude and longitude are **54.658°N, 3.407°W**. The Postcode is **CA13 0TG**. What3Words /// **lend.regulator.atomic**

Map of the villages of Brigham & Broughton Cross



5. COMMUNITY CONTACTS AND RESOURCES

5.1 Volunteers

Volunteers have indicated what tasks they may be prepared to carry out if an emergency occurs and what resources they can offer.

IF YOU FEEL YOU ARE ABLE TO OFFER ANY VOLUNTARY HELP OR RESOURCES IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, AND HAVE NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY CONTACTED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL, PLEASE EMAIL THE CLERK WITH DETAILS OF YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, CONTACT NUMBER, EMAIL ADDRESS AND WHAT HELP OR RESOURCES YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO OFFER. THANK YOU.

Email: brighamparishcouncil@gmail.com

5.2 Restricted Information

The information in Section 5.1 is restricted to the Community Response Group. It is not for general distribution. On this Website, an unrestricted copy of the Plan has been made available only after Section 5.1 has been removed. An electronic copy of the unrestricted emergency plan will also be made available to local authorities and the emergency services via Resilience Direct.

6. PLACE OF SAFETY

District Councils are responsible for setting up Emergency Assistance Centres (EAC) during an emergency, which are run by council staff and may be used for a range of purposes, depending on the situation. Many schools, churches and community buildings are designated EACs.

However, it may be necessary to set up a community-run place of safety, e.g. for visitors or people evacuated from their homes. In our community, the place of safety will be **Brigham Memorial Hall** (i.e. the village hall). The CRG will contact the key-holder and other volunteers as necessary. Since 2023 the Memorial Hall has had an independent electricity supply through the installation of solar panels and batteries thanks to a grant from the Community Investment Fund of the Allerdale GDF Community Partnership. This means it can remain a place of safety even through prolonged power outages.

7. COMMUNICATION AND SERVICE CONTACTS

[Updated Contact details for emergency services and statutory authorities 2026]

Organisation	Tel:	Website / Email
Emergency Services Police, Fire, Ambulance, Mountain Rescue, Coastguard	999	
Police (Non-emergency).....	101	Email: enquiries@cumbria.police.uk Website: www.cumbria.police.uk X: @cumbriapolice
Fire (General enquiries).....	0300 303 8623	Email: enquiries.fire@cumbria.gov.uk Website: www.cumbriafire.gov.uk X: @CumbriaFire
Ambulance (General Enquiries).....	0345 112 0999	Non-urgent medical advice: NHS 111

Cockermouth Mountain Rescue Team (General enquiries).....	01900 822715 / 07841370651	Email: secretary@cockermouthmrt.org.uk Website: www.cockermouthmrt.org.uk
Coastguard (Maryport) (General enquiries).....	01900 812225	Email: maryportrescue@live.co.uk Website: www.maryportrescue.co.uk X: @maryportrescue
HM Coastguard – Whitehaven (General enquiries).....	028 9147 5300	Website: HM Coastguard on www.gov.uk X: @CoastguardTeam
Cumberland Council:		
Daytime & Out-of-hours	0300 373 3730	Website: www.cumberland.gov.uk X: @CumberlandCouncil
Parish Council		
Daytime	07787 663150	Email: brighamparishcouncil@gmail.com Website: https://brighamparishcouncil.org.uk
Out-of-hours	As above	
Highways (Hotline)	0300 303 2992	Twitter: @CumbriaHighways
NHS	111	Website: www.nhs.uk X: @NHSEngland
West Cumberland Hospital	01946 693181	
Environment Agency		
General enquiries	03708 506506	Email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk X: @EnvAgency
Floodline (24 hrs)	0345 988 1188	Website: www.check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk
Met Office (Forecast & weather warnings)		Website: www.metoffice.gov.uk X: @metoffice
United Utilities (Water – 24 hrs includes sewerage flooding)	0345 672 3723	Website: www.unitedutilities.com X: @Unitedutilities
Electricity North West Power Cut	0800 195 4141 Freephone 105	Website: www.enwl.co.uk X: @ElectricityNW
National Gas Emergency Service (24 hr gas leak / emergency)	0800 111 999	Website: www.nationalgridgas.com/safety-and-emergencies X: @BritishGas
Local place of safety: Brigham Memorial Hall, Key-holder Anne Myers	07780448338	Email: annemyers@live.co.uk
Out-of-hours	As above	
Local Social Media: Facebook		www.facebook.com/brighamparishcouncil

8. PLAN REVIEW AND UPDATE

In order to keep details up to date, this plan, plus any supplementary documents, volunteer contact lists, risk assessment etc., will be reviewed and updated as needed. The plan will be reviewed annually by the Parish Council.

Following review, an updated electronic copy of the unrestricted plan will be made available to local authorities and emergency services via Resilience Direct.

During an emergency, volunteers will keep a record of actions taken. These will be entered in to a central log, kept by the CRG, so that they can be evaluated, and the plan altered if necessary. Information can be entered at the time, or directly after the emergency.

Date Adopted: 05/05/2020
Last reviewed: January 2026
Review Due: January 2027

UK Government Emergency Alerts

Emergency Alerts is a UK government service that will warn you if there's a danger to life nearby.

In an emergency, your mobile phone or tablet will receive an alert with advice about how to stay safe.

Reasons you might get an alert

You may get alerts about:

- severe flooding
- fires
- extreme weather

Emergency alerts will only be sent by:

- the emergency services
- government departments, agencies and public bodies that deal with emergencies

What happens when you get an emergency alert

Your mobile phone or tablet may:

- make a loud siren-like sound, even if it's set on silent
- vibrate
- read out the alert

The sound and vibration will last for about 10 seconds.

An alert will include a phone number or a link to the GOV.UK website for more information.

You'll get alerts based on your current location - not where you live or work. You do not need to turn on location services to receive alerts.

What you need to do

When you get an alert, stop what you're doing and follow the instructions in the alert.

If you're driving or riding when you get an alert

Do not read or respond to an emergency alert while driving or riding. Find somewhere safe and legal to stop before reading the message.

BRIGHAM MEMORIAL HALL ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

Since 2023 the Memorial Hall has had an independent electricity supply through the installation of solar panels and storage batteries*. In the event of an emergency and related power outage, the Hall can continue to act as a place of safety as basic lighting and heating can be provided through the solar panels and batteries.

Members of the Community Response Group and Memorial Hall Committee have received instructions on how to switch the power supply in the Hall to operate entirely independent of the National Grid and return the supply to normal once the emergency has passed.

[* The installation was funded through a grant gratefully received from the Community Investment Fund of the Allerdale GDF Community Partnership]