

LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL



EMERGENCY PLAN



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INTRODUCTION

The Parish of Langley consists of two parts, Langley Upper Green and Langley Lower Green which are linked by roads and footpaths. The adult population is about 300. The village lies in Essex and adjoins Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire, both of which can be seen on the horizons, as well as other Essex parishes. There are outlying settlements at Killem's Green and Butts Green. One tributary of the River Stort rises just outside the Parish, the other within. The village is, reputedly, the highest in the County with a spot height of 134m asl.

The road network is all comprised of country lanes with limited and difficult passing, particularly for wide vehicles.

Electricity and, consequently, water supplies can be erratic during harsh weather and the mobile telephone signals are very difficult. Consequently, contact with the outside can be cut, such as in The Great Storm of '87.

The proximity with two other counties can cause confusion. It should be noted that Upper Green has a 01799 telephone code whilst Lower Green has 01279.

There is a ford in Lower Green which can be impassable, usually briefly, and the ford in Clavering can limit access.

Apart from water lying on roads following heavy rain and ice on some ungritted roads flooding is not a significant risk.

BACKGROUND

Local Emergency Planning was originally introduced to deal with the perceived threat during the Cold War and the need to involve local communities in assisting the civil authorities. The aim was to ensure that local knowledge and facilities were pooled and became available to assist the Emergency Services and also to ensure that the local people had some thought-out ability to help themselves if other help was delayed.

With the end of the Cold War that threat disappeared to be replaced by other risks, if not threats. Briefly, there are, in the writer's opinion, three potential areas where local action might be required:

- A major localised emergency, such as the air crash at Great Hallingbury, where the Emergency Services could be expected to descend on the area and take over. Here, we might provide local knowledge and perhaps assist with helping displaced local people, providing refreshments, accommodation etc.
- A wide-spread terrorist-type attack which might affect our area with others, where the Emergency Services would be hard pressed and where other areas would have higher priority. A degree of self help would be necessary, perhaps for some considerable time.

- A wide-spread natural disaster, such as The Great Storm of '87, where there was severe disruption to utilities over a wide area, repeated, to a reduced extent, in The Lesser Storm of '02 and even the Snows of '03. Here, many people were greatly inconvenienced by being cut off from facilities for some time and where only local knowledge and assistance was possible.

This Plan is being distributed to all Parish Councilors who should take on a responsibility to the Community in the event of an Emergency. They should, for example, ensure that the Emergency Services have been called (999), by even calling a second time, and be prepared to give such information as:

Exact location of incident, type of incident, how many are involved, condition of casualties, problems reaching the scene, anything else useful.

OUR NATIONAL GRID REFERENCES & POST CODES ARE:

THE GREEN, UPPER GREEN TL 447353 - CB11 4RY
THE BULL, LOWER GREEN TL 438347- CB11 4SA

Remember that people easily get lost, including Emergency Services, so be prepared to guide them in ensuring they know where Langley is.

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DEFINITION OF AN EMERGENCY

From the Civil Contingencies Act 2004, definition:

'An event or situation which threatens serious damage to human welfare in a place in the UK, the environment of a place in the UK, or war or terrorism which threatens serious damage to the security of the UK.'

PURPOSE

The purpose of a Parish/Town Emergency Plan is to assist and facilitate the work of the Professional Emergency Services.

OTHER KEY ORGANISATIONS' ROLES

Local Authorities: provide support for the emergency services, support and care for the local and wider community and the co-ordination of the response by organisations other than the emergency services. When the emphasis of the

incident switches to recovery, the local authority will lead the co-ordination of response in rehabilitating the local community and restoring the environment.

The Voluntary Sector: can provide support when the resources of the emergency and local authorities are over-stretched. They can also assist local authorities in providing social and psychological care. (Organisations include WRVS, St. John Ambulance, British Red Cross, Radio Amateurs Emergency Network, Salvation Army, The Samaritans, local WI and the clergy)

PARISH COUNCIL'S ROLE

The role of the Parish Council is to:

- Disseminate useful information to the local population
- Provide local knowledge and information to the Emergency Services
- Assist District Councils in the identification of premises suitable to be used as Rest/Reception Centres for victims of an incident
- Assist in the setting up of and facilitation of public meetings
- Attend and contribute to the incident debriefing process
- Distribute completed Plan to the District Council and ensure they are kept abreast of updates and reviews.
- Be aware of vulnerable members of the community (disabled, elderly, ill, etc)

PARISH CONTACTS

PARISH COUNCIL Aug 2017

Chairman	Carol Elkington	01799 550729
Vice Chairman	Mike North	01799 550535
Member	Andrew Clark	01279 777294
Member	Barrie Barns	01279 777321
Member *	Ken Rivett	01799 550240
Member	Phil Rouse	01799 550376
Member	Sue Gaillard	01799 550785**
Clerk	Sarah Christou	01799 500174

*Emergency Planning rep

** Awaiting formal appointment

In the first instance, try to contact the Parish rep as above or on the details on the last page or another Parish councillor or the Uttlesford Emergency Planning Officer, see below.

EMERGENCY EXTERNAL CONTACTS:

Emergency services—dial 999 and be prepared to give full details of the incident-

type, scale, numbers of casualties, exact location—ensure that this is fully understood by the operator.

For non-emergencies (police) call 101.

Uttlesford District Council Out of Hours Emergency Contact Number: 01223 257455

Uttlesford DC Emergency Planning Officer, Lisa Lipscombe, on:

T 01799 510624

M 07976 071836

F 01799 510550

E llipscombe @uttlesford.gov.uk

Environment Agency Flooding Hotline: 0800 80 70 60

Electricity--Emergency contact (fallen wires, loss of power etc): UK Power network 0800 3163 10538 or your supplier for a 'normal' power cut.

Water—serious problems: Afinity Water—0345 357 2407

Sewage—overflows etc: Thames Water 0800 316 9800

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Community Centre (village hall)—Upper Green (Village Green), heating (elec.), WCs, small kitchen, about 60 capacity, no telephone, disabled access, water, very limited hard standing

C of E Church—off Bull Lane (signed), heating (elec.), no water, no WCs, no catering, no 'phone, about 100 capacity, very limited hard standing, difficult access.

Baptist Church—Upper Green (Village Green), heating, water, WC, no 'phone, no hard standing.

PARISH RESOURCES—Facilities & Equipment

As known to exist within the village area

Contact	TEL	4 x 4	C H A I N S A W	G E N S E T	T R A C T O R	T R A I L E R	S P R A Y	P I C K - U P	P O O L / P O N D		
Rivett, K	550240	x		x							
Game, N	550435	x	x	x							
Ponting, T	550650		x								
George, G	550260	x	x		x	x	x		x		
Clark, A	777294	x			x	x	x	x			
Clarke, M	777694	x	x	x	x	x		x			
Bates, C	838244	x	x		x	x	x	x			
Barnes, B	777560										
Yeats, T	550643								x		
Gates, A	550144								x		
Murphy, P	550252								x		
Knight, D	550465		x		x						
Wilkinson, M	550105		x		x	x		x	x		
Barr, R	550612								x		
Mcaskill, J	777393	x							x		
Russell, T	777551	x	x	x	x	x					
Mitchell, J	550414	x							x		
Old wells											Several in the village area, mostly capped

Tel codes: 01799 for 550, 551 nos.
01279 for 777 nos.
01763 for 838 nos.

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Copies of this plan are held by:

District Emergency Planning Officer

Parish Clerk

All Parish Councillors

WI Representative

Community Centre Key Holder

Parish Council website www.essexinfo.net/langleygreens

APPENDIX—map. P= Pond or Pool

NB- old base map

