



Crediton Emergency Plan Meeting

**Points from the meeting held on Tuesday, 18th July 2017 at 9.00 am,
in the Council Chamber, Market Street, Crediton**

Present:

Lisa Crocker	Devon & Cornwall Police	Vicki Howard	South West Ambulance Service (SWAS)
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In attendance: **Mrs Emma Anderson, Assistant Clerk**

Crediton specific major incident plans

POLICE

Major Incident Room has action plans in place for emergencies. These are not specific to Crediton, they are generic action plans in the event of an emergency. Details of these action plans will be emailed to the Assistant Clerk.

SWAS

Major incident plans are in place, however these are generic plans not specific to Crediton. It is unlikely that these plans would be disclosed to the Emergency Plan group, however Vicki would be happy to discuss specific elements of the plans.

Crediton cut-off by flooding during an emergency

POLICE

Work with Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue and Dartmoor Rescue Group.

SWAS

- 4X4 Capability - We have a number of 4x4 vehicles in the area, some of which have a stretcher in the back so we could utilise these where possible to move through flood water where normal vehicles would be unable to pass. This obviously does depend on the depth and flow of the water but the vehicles that we have are extremely capable in lower levels of flooding and where our normal ambulances would be unable to pass.
- Air Ambulance Capability - We have 2 air ambulances that cover the Devon area which depending on the flooding and available landing sites may be utilised for time critical seriously injured or unwell patients.

- Hazardous Area Response Team - We have a Hazardous Area Response Team based in Exeter, this is a team of Paramedics with specialist training which includes Swift Water Rescue Training. This team will comprise of 6 paramedics and is available for incidents 24/7, they would be able to utilise their training and specialist equipment to move through the majority of flood water, exceptions to this include where flood water is too deep or fast flowing whereby they would rely on the support of the Fire Service and their rescue boats to reach and convey casualties.

How can the community help?

POLICE & SWAS

Producing a list of vulnerable individuals within Crediton would be a huge help. It would even be helpful to encourage neighbours to support each other in the event of an emergency or evacuation.

Very positive reaction to the idea of sending a leaflet to all properties, requesting for it be completed and returned, indicating whether any vulnerable individuals live in the property. Once a list has been devised, it would be recommended for those listed as vulnerable to be assisted in creating a home emergency plan.

Providing a list of resources available (e.g. people, sandbags etc.), how they can be accessed, where they are held and who would can access them.

It is important for the group to ensure that any help provided is a 'co-ordinated response' with a structure in place. A central point needs to be set with tasks being delegated from that point.

Vicki advised the Assistant Clerk to look on the Community Risk Forum which outlines what are considered the top risks for the Devon area.