

Community Emergency Action Plan Workshop

Wednesday 21st January
6 – 9pm
Seavington Millenium Hall

This is about Emergency Response Planning at local level and your input is valued.

Bad things happen! Storms bring flooding, damaging winds, landslides, extended power cuts, communications failures.... sometimes even several at once. So it's wise to have a local action-plan framework in place to act promptly to keep people safe, informed and to minimise damage and inconvenience. This is not intended to replace the emergency services - indeed one of the first actions might be to call for outside help - but to compliment them and assist them to deploy quickly efficiently.

The catalyst for this event is the desire to participate in the Somerset Rivers Authority river level monitor project, which provides the opportunity to have a level gauge on Lopen Brook to give early warning of rising levels. Having a framework in place to make proper use of this information is a condition of entry.

It involves all villages in the Lopen Brook Catchment (The Seavingtons, Lopen, Dinnington, Allowenshay & Kingstone) plus some other local villages interested in joining the SRA river level gauges scheme including Middle Chinnock, Kingsbury Episcopi, Haselbury Plucknett and Martock.

The event is split into 3 sections;

- 20/25 mins from EVAG, the partly Rotary/Somerset Prepared-funded volunteer group;
- 30 mins from Nicola Dawson, the Emergency Planning Team Lead from Somerset Council;
- Presentation and Interactive session run by Dr Paul Elliston of the Somerset Rivers Authority (SRA) where attendees work in small groups at tables. *Your local knowledge and experience is vital to inform the direction of future plans.*

Hot drinks, cake and biscuits will be provided. (Cake donations welcome!)

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