

Warton Emergency Plan (WEP)



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1 Plan Ownership

The plan owner is responsible for ensuring the plan remains up to date. Amendments must be made whenever changes take place to personnel, contact details or planned procedures.

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3 Record of Amendments

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5 Overview

The aim of this plan is to provide information, contact details, responsibilities and resources, that can provide local support to the Emergency Services in acting at the onset of an major emergency.

Most major incidents will be dealt with by the Emergency Services, local authorities, utilities and voluntary agencies in a combined response. This Emergency Plan is not intended to be a substitute for these services; should an emergency situation arise the first action would always be to contact the Emergency Services by **dialling 999**.

A number of volunteers from the Parish have agreed to act as an Emergency Response Group, and will undertake such tasks as disseminate important information, exercise the plan and operate the local emergency centre(s). It aims to build on any existing individual preparations, and take a wider community view.

The Warton Village Hall, on Back Lane LA5 9QW, will be used as an emergency muster point if required for any incident. If the building is unusable, then St Oswald Church Hall, Main Street, LA5 9PJ and/or Archbishop Hutton Primary school, Back Lane, LA5 9QU will be used. Contact and access details are detailed at Appendix A3.

Whilst this can be enacted for any major event, given the location and history of the area the most likely situation is flood related, and residents should keep themselves informed and be aware of weather conditions that may result in flooding or other disruption. Sources of this information include Environment Agency warnings, Met Office TV and local Radio.

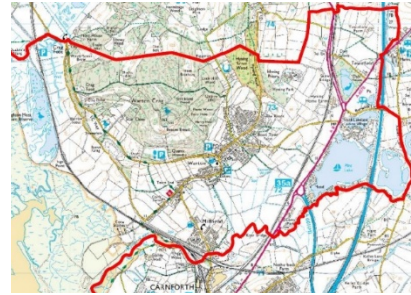
Residents are encouraged to hold emergency packs and in periods of good weather check that equipment is working correctly, batteries charged and essential supplies restocked. A good idea is to have a “grab bag” at hand, which also includes a heavy duty PVC pouch containing essential documents. Additionally, any flood defence equipment should be maintained, and if sandbags are held, checked that they are safe and dry and any drainage channels unblocked.

If vulnerable members of the community or anyone with particular needs would like their contact information to be held as high priority attention, they should contact the Emergency Plan owner. This information would only be available in confidential versions held on a limited distribution.

This plan is available for any member of the community to read and any observations on how it may be improved welcomed. The plan will be reviewed at annually or after any activation

6 Community Information

Scope. This plan covers the parish of Warton, a mainly residential village situated in northern Lancashire. Carnforth is the nearest large town and shares a boundary with the village. The M6 motorway at junction 35 is close to the village as is Carnforth train station. (OS grid reference SD 500726; Co-ordinate 54.147 North. 2.766 West).



Scale. The population at the last census in 2021 was 2323, distributed across the main village and also at Millhead.

Farms. There are two working farms in the parish:

1. Close R E, Sand Lane, Warton.
2. J. Atkinson, Borwick Lane, Warton.

Industry. There are no industrial units, but a small number of private businesses

Layout The village has no shops other than a specialist interior furnishers, there are three pubs, two churches, a village hall, a church hall, and a school. A public convenience is located on Main Street adjacent The George Washington pub.

The village layout at Warton is mainly as a strip development each side of Main Street with further housing on numerous additional side roads and a slightly separated cluster of properties at Millhead on the boundary with Carnforth. Village.

Gardner Road and the bottom of Sand Lane areas have been affected with major surface water problems and flooding. Gardner Road residence have procured an industrial water pump, which is maintained with Parish Council support, and can be used in the event of significant flooding.

Visitors: Caravan site at Scout Crag situated at the West end of the parish on Silverdale Road, LA5 9RY (Tel: 01524 734579).

A local and visitor destination used by walkers and climbers is Warton Crag. Warton Crag stands at 163m (535ft) high and is a limestone outcrop. There are no facilities in that particular area other than a main car park at the disused quarry on Crag Road with a much smaller parking area nearer the village. Warton Crag is severally managed which includes Lancashire County Council and Lancaster City Council.

The historic remains at Warton rectory are located on Main Street, LA5 9PG.

7 Method

7.1 Emergency Contacts

The Emergency Response Group volunteers are listed at **Appendix A1**, with their confidential contact details at **Appendix A2** (limited distribution).

Contact and access details for the Emergency muster points are at **Appendix A3**.

Other residents within the Village would help out at the time of an emergency

An outline of the role and contact details of key Agencies in support of an emergency, is enclosed at **Appendix B1**, and supporting Voluntary organisations at **Appendix B2**.

7.2 Activating the Plan

The Emergency Response Group may be activated by an external request such as from an Emergency Service or the local Council. Alternatively, the group could be activated through a communication from any group member who is aware of an emergency situation in the village that needs the group's support.

Group members will be alerted to gather at the Village Hall, or other emergency centre as the situation demands, and:

- Secure the Emergency premises as outlined in Appendix C
- Brief and share on the nature and severity of the emergency
- Alert other Agencies as necessary
- Put into action this Emergency Plan
- Implement procedures for registering individuals staying at the centre.

7.3 Flooding Responses

Where any Flood or Severe Weather warning is received that is expected to affect the Warton Parish, the Duty Emergency Incident Officer (DEIO) at Lancaster City Council can be contacted to discuss any assistance that may be needed.

The Environment Agency will issue Flood Alerts and Warnings for the River Keer when the tidal and/or river conditions indicate that flooding may be possible. Residents of Warton can register to receive these Flood Warning messages, which are also passed automatically to the Emergency Services and local authorities

Only limited measurement is available on minor streams and becks and the

Environment Agency cannot give further information beyond a basic Flood Watch alert. However, it is known that streams rise and fall rapidly in heavy rainfall and water run-off from open slopes can be considerable. It is important therefore that residents who can, without putting themselves in danger, monitor water courses. If water levels are rising rapidly or there is other evidence of flooding upstream (changing water colour, large trees or other objects being swept down, undercutting of any river bank) this information should be passed to the group members who will alert the Environment Agency.

Environment Agency Recommended Actions:

- Move cars, pets, food, valuables and important documents to safety.
- Turn off gas, electricity, and water supplies if safe to do so.
- Be prepared to evacuate your home or premises.
- Protect yourself, your family and help others.
- Keep clear drains
- Use sandbags or other protective measures at doors

7.4 Severe Weather Responses

The Met Office warn the public and Emergency Services of severe or hazardous weather which has the potential to cause damage, widespread disruption and/or danger to life through our National Severe Weather Warning Service. This includes warnings about rain, snow, wind fog and ice.

These warnings are given a colour depending on a combination of both the likelihood of the event happening and the impact the conditions may have.

The basic messages associated with each of the colours are:

No Severe Weather	Be Aware	Be Prepared	Take Action

What the colours mean:

Yellow: Be aware. Severe weather is possible over the next few days and could affect you. You should plan ahead thinking about possible travel delays, or the disruption of your day to day activities.

Amber: Be prepared. There is an increased likelihood of bad weather affecting you, which could potentially disrupt your plans and possibly cause travel delays, road and rail closures, interruption to power and the potential risk to life and property. Amber means you need to be prepared to change your plans and protect you, your family and community from the impacts of the severe weather based on the forecast from the Met Office

Red: Take action. Extreme weather is expected. Red means you should take action now to keep yourself and others safe from the impact of the weather. Widespread damage, travel and power disruption and risk to life is likely. You must avoid dangerous areas and follow the advice of the emergency services and local authorities.

7.5 Emergency Equipment

Emergency Equipment is kept at the Village Hall, in the upstairs store room, and includes such items as blankets, sleeping bags, gloves, heart machine socks, flood sax, corded phones, umbrellas, batteries, gas stove, kettles, pans, lights etc.

Also, an emergency generator is kept in the plastic storage box outside at the back of the Village Hall (for use at the Village Hall as it is not portable)

7.6 Emergency Defibrillators

Four Emergency Defibrillators are available within the Parish situated at:

1. St Oswald Church Hall, Main Street. LA5 9PJ
2. Bus Shelter, Junction of Mill Lane and Sand Lane. LA5 9NW
3. Methodist Church, Borwick Lane. LA5 9QJ
4. Junction of Hazelmount Drive and Mill Lane, Millhead. LA5 9UX.
(This unit is fitted within a redundant BT telephone kiosk)

The defibrillators are protected by a push button lock. The access code is only available from North West Ambulance through 999.

7.7 Utility Failures (Electricity, Water)

If it becomes apparent that a utility failure is widespread or likely to become protracted, group members may consider activating this Emergency Plan. The City Council Duty Emergency Incident Officer (DEIO) should also be contacted, via the Council's Emergency Call Centre.

7.7.1 Electricity Blackout

In the event of electricity supply failure residents should call 105. The Electricity North West (ENW) control centre will assess the nature and scale of the breakdown. If it is necessary to escalate to the ENW Emergency Control Centre Manager, DEIO will do this on behalf of the community.

In a protracted blackout ENW are likely to deploy a catering vehicle to the village at The Village Hall, Back Lane. LA5 9QX.

7.7.2 Water Supply disruption

In the event of a water supply failure residents should ring the United Utilities control centre in the normal way to report the problem. This allows the Control centre to assess the nature and scale of the supply breakdown.

If it is necessary to contact the United Utilities Emergency Control Centre Manager for further information the DEIO will do this on behalf of the community. The DEIO has the necessary information and contacts to organise alternative water supplies, for drinking and for sanitation, in an emergency. Should pallets of bottled water or bowsers be deployed to the village by United Utilities these should be sited at the Village Hall, Back Lane, LA5 9QX.

7.8 Public Information

Local radio and television will carry severe weather warnings, advice to the public and emergency telephone numbers. In the event of a power cut a wind-up, battery operated or car radio should be used to monitor broadcasts.

The radio stations also have up to date information on their websites about emergency situations

Local Radio Stations

Station	Frequency	Website
BBC Radio Lancashire	104.50 MHz FM and DAB Digital Radio	www.bbc.co.uk/lancashire
<i>In an emergency situation radio Lancashire stops its regular transmissions and moves to its public information role known as "Connecting in a Crisis"</i>		
The Bay Radio	103.20 MHz FM	www.thebay.co.uk
BBC Radio Cumbria	96.10 MHz FM	www.bbc.co.uk/cumbria

Appendix A1 – Emergency Response Group Members

Contact details are included at Appendix A2, and held on a limited distribution

Name
Alice Ormondroyd
Bea Coldwell
Carol Wolfenden
Chris Lee
Christine Shields
Gretl & Kevin Cook
Hazel Taylor
Howard Greenwood
Jill Slaughter
Joe Ashton
John Nader
Lindsey Simmonds

Appendix A2 – Confidential Contact Details

Available on a limited distribution

Appendix A3 – Contact and Access Details for Muster Areas

Location	Contact / Key Holders	Phone No.
Warton Village Hall	Carol Wolfenden	07929 283657
	Fiona Graham-Spicer	07884 465973
	Chris Lee	07970 718805
Warton Church Hall	Carol Wolfenden	07929 283657
	Chris Lee	07970 718805
Archbishop Hutton Primary School	Hayley Gillhespey	07817 792187
	Sarah Robinson	07734 871309
	Stuart Pugh	07588 008077

Appendix B1 - Key Organisations in an Emergency

Organisation	Service / Role	Tel
Emergency Services		
Police	Coordination of all other agencies at the scene of any emergency incident, and to investigate any possible criminal aspects	999 – Emergency or 101 - Non-emergency
Fire & Rescue	Responsible for firefighting and rescue. They are comprehensively equipped with search and rescue equipment, including specialist equipment for rescue from collapsed buildings. They also have access to high volume pumping equipment and may be asked to assist in flooding incidents.	999 – Emergency 01524 732701 (Carnforth)
Ambulance	Responsible for providing First Aid to casualties at the scene of any incident and transport of casualties to hospital. At any multi-agency incident, the Ambulance Service is the 'gateway' organisation to the wider NHS meaning that, in an emergency, other agencies wishing to access any Health organisation will initially do so through the Ambulance service	999 - Emergency or 111 - Non-urgent
University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Trust	Has an emergency plan for the treatment of casualties at local hospitals and further afield. This includes the deployment of a Hospital Mobile Emergency Team.	Via Ambulance Service
HM Coastguard	Primarily coordinating the response to coastal and off shore incidents, but has access to resources that can assist in inland emergencies, particularly flooding	999 - Emergency
Cave and Fell Rescue Teams (Call via Police)	Carry out land search and rescue operations on behalf of the police	999
Local Authorities		
Lancaster City Council	Supports the emergency services at an incident by the provision of a Duty Emergency Incident Officer, Evacuation Rest Centres, waste clearing operations, environmental protection advice along with engineering & building control.	01524 582000 - Switchboard 01524 67099 - 24hr
Lancashire County Council	Also has an Emergency Planning Duty Officer to support Issues relating to Education, Highways, Social services	08450 530000 - Switchboard 0300 1236722 -Emergency planning
Government Departments		
DEFRA	Governmental Department of the environment, food and rural affairs.	03459 335577
Environment Agency	Supervision to combat pollution or contamination of rivers, streams and inland waterways	0800 807060 (incident line) 0345 9881188 (floodline)
Met Office	Provide critical weather service	0370 900 0100

Utilities		
Gas (National Grid)	Make safe control of gas supplies, and rapid restoration of an interrupted gas supply.	0870 606 4750
Electricity (Electricity North West)	Recover / Maintain electricity supplies; Disconnection of cables that constitute a danger to life and property.	105 - Emergency 0800 1954141
Water (United Utilities)	Availability of emergency water supplies during an incident. Maintenance/repair of water supplies and sewage disposal arrangements	0845 746 2200
Telephones (British Telecom)	Maintenance and operation of National Telecommunications systems. Provision of facilities to meet emergency requirements.	0800 800 151
Local Medical Surgeries		
Ash Trees Surgery Park View Surgery (Both Carnforth)		01524 720000 01539 715555
Faith		
Vicar of St Oswald. Parish Church Minister of Warton Methodist Church ·	Ministers of religion are familiar with the problems of care within the community. They are experienced in leadership, organisation and counselling the sick. Through the Lancashire Resilience Forum access to a much wider faith community is available during or after an incident	01524 732946 01524 732626

Appendix B2 - Supporting Voluntary Organisations

Organisation	Service	Description
Royal Voluntary Service (RVS)	Volunteers trained in emergency service provisions such as reception centres, emergency feeding and other welfare services.	Provide staff to administer reception and/ or assist at reception centres to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare light refreshments • Assist school catering staff with preparation of full emergency feeding arrangements • Assist with the registration, care and comfort of survivors/ evacuees • Distribution of emergency clothing • Assist with distressed friends and relatives • Comfort for individual family groups
St John Ambulance	Provision of trained first aiders, ambulances and additional medical supplies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinforcement to medical teams at the scene and/ or Casualty Clearing Stations. • Welfare services at hospitals and assistance with distressed friends and relatives.
British Red Cross	Provide a range of services and skills in any major incident.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediate welfare for casualties, survivors, evacuees, friends and relatives at the scene, hospitals and/or reception centres • Provide transport and escort for the disabled • Medical loan Equipment • First aid in centres
Salvation Army	Provide a supportive role in a major incident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist at the scene including provision of spiritual assistance • Assist with the care of friends and relatives, particularly care of the bereaved. • Provide emergency services catering support • Provide overnight/ short stay shelter
Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA)	Animal Welfare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist with care of animals in the aftermath of a major incident
RAYNET – Radio Amateurs’ Network	Temporary Communications – radio and telephony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist with all aspects of Communications in the aftermath of a major incident.
The Samaritans	Long Term listening/ support service (24/7 Support)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of experienced volunteers for those who have gone through deep emotional stress.

In Lancashire the Voluntary organisations are coordinated and activated by the Lancashire County Council Emergency Planning Service. Any activation of voluntary organisations in an emergency must be via the County Council (Tel: 0300 1236722)

Appendix C - Emergency Centre Checklist

- ***Ensure the building is safe***
- ***Acquire keys and open Village Hall***
- ***Ensure power and lighting is available; if necessary arrange for emergency generator to be activated***
- ***Make available the resources/equipment cache***
- ***Organise a recording & logging procedure for entry/leaving. Using pre-printed forms***
- ***Call available members on Contacts list for status report***