

Report to	Southern Wiltshire Area Board
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COMMUNITY SAFETY

DIRECTORY OF PREVENTATIVE RESOURCES FOR PARISH COUNCILS

Introduction

At a meeting of the Southern Wiltshire Area Board last year time constraints prevented a workshop session on how our Parish Councils might take precautions to reduce or mitigate the risks to which their communities are exposed. It was therefore decided to produce a directory of resources available to parishes which might stimulate consideration of practical precautionary measures.

The full directory will be available at the meeting on the 30th January, an index is attached at appendix 1.

Risks, accidents, disasters

Our world is full of risk - exposure to a vast range of factors which adversely impact our health, wellbeing and ability to enjoy our lives to the greatest extent allowed by our personal circumstances.

These threats range from natural disasters such as floods to increasingly sophisticated cyber attacks and scams operating on a global basis. Such events can affect us individually and/or collectively.

Prevention and risk reduction - not response

By their very nature some disasters can't be prevented so we hope that Parish Councils will have given thought to how they might respond to such events - perhaps in the form of a Disaster Recovery Plan.

But this Directory is about helping PCs to think about taking action to reduce the extent and severity of the risks to which residents are exposed - and not about how to respond to adverse events if/when they actually happen.

Taking prevention forward

We hope that PCs will use this Directory to consider the following questions:

1. Are there risk areas where they could/should take preventative measures to help safeguard their community collectively?
2. Are there preventative measures available to individual residents which the PC feels it should publicise and promote?

And having addressed these questions we hope that PCs might consider:

- appointing a Community Safety Lead - a single point of contact and coordination for the emergency services, civil authorities, Neighbourhood Watch and other 'Watch' groups. (Such a Lead need not necessarily be a parish councillor.)
- what further information and guidance it needs (eg presentations to their PC).
- whether/how to disseminate parts or all of the Directory to residents - perhaps via community groups.

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And we wish to especially acknowledge the generous help of Merv Quick, Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch Association committee member

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Appendix 1

Community Safety – directory of preventative resources for parish councils: Index of main headings

Burglary	Concealed signage or absence of signage
Rural Crime	Pot holes
Domestic Abuse	Subsidence
Neighbourhood Issues	Road conditions causing accident hazards including flooding and subsidence
Anti Social Behaviour	Vegetation overgrowth
Child Sexual Exploitation	Road Safety Education
Elder Abuse	Flooding
Cyber crime	Lightning strikes
Identity theft / fraud / rogue trading	Fire
Knife Crime and weapons assault	Snow
Criminal damage including graffiti and vandalism	Health Epidemics
Drugs	Electric, Gas, Water
Alcohol related disorder	Contamination
Terrorism	Vulnerable Adults
Modern Slavery	Loneliness and vulnerability
Vehicle crime, including speeding, parking, abandoned vehicles	Vulnerable children
Unauthorised encampments, unlicensed scrap metal dealers, unlicensed waste carriers	Health and safety
Road traffic collisions	