

# Community Emergency Volunteers

## Are you calm in a crisis?

*As part of the Resilient Communities Wiltshire initiative, Laverstock & Ford Parish Council are looking to establish Community Emergency Volunteers (CEV) at three locations around the parish.*

**We are seeking volunteers from Laverstock, Ford, Bishopdown Farm, Hampton Park, Old Sarum and Longhedge to fulfill the roles of CEV Co-Ordinator's, Deputy Co-Ordinator's and volunteers with a broad range of skills that may be useful and benefit the community response to an emergency or incident.**

There is no commitment to a set number of hours or days, what counts is a willingness to be engaged with like-minded volunteers to serve your community in times of need.

### What is an Emergency?

An Emergency, which can also be referred to as an incident, is anything that affects you, your family and your community. Below we have highlighted our highest risks in Wiltshire, some of the potential consequences and how the community can help

#### Pandemic Influenza

- Increased demand on health care services
- Reduced levels of emergency services cover
- Staff shortages at many/all businesses
- Disruption on the economy

#### Flooding

- Disruption to utilities
- Potential evacuation
- School closures
- Psychological and health impacts
- Impact on local businesses and economy

#### Severe Weather

- Travel disruption
- Disruption to utilities
- Property disruption
- Emergency Service and organisational difficulties in delivery daily services

#### Utility Failure

- Disruption to essential services and activities
- Life endangerment to vulnerable individuals
- Financial impact to some businesses
- Travel disruptions

## Why have an emergency plan?



## Community Role in an Emergency

Communities have a role to play in all types of emergency and can be involved at every stage



If you are interested in becoming a Community Emergency Volunteer and you would like to put your career and life skills to good use, then please contact the Parish Council Operations Officer at [joelder@laverstock-ford.co.uk](mailto:joelder@laverstock-ford.co.uk) for an informal chat.

**We are holding an Information Session on Weds October 18, 7 – 8.30pm** at the River Bourne Community Farm where you will get an opportunity to talk to and hear from the Wiltshire & Swindon Community Resilience Team Leader and the Parish Council Operations team. Please let Joe know if this you'd like to come along and explore how you might be involved.