

Blackshaw Parish Emergency Plan



Dry Soil Blackshaw Head

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**IF YOU ARE IN IMMEDIATE
DANGER CALL 999**

BLACKSHAW PARISH COUNCIL

Community Emergency Plan Contacts

We are here to help

Please do look at the list of emergency and useful contact numbers in Appendix A, and use these in the first instance.

If you also need help from your local community in cases of flooding, house or moorland fire, power failure, severe weather or water supply failure please contact any of the following:-

In the first instance contact the Emergency Plan

Coordinator: The Parish Clerk – Catherine Bann - blackshawclerk@gmail.com, 6 Adelaide St, Todmorden, OL14 5HT, 01706 815155 / 07980 291478

If no response, please contact any of the following, obviously choosing the person who is closest to the emergency incident if relevant.

Cllr Chris Greaves – 4 Moorhouse View, Blackshawhead 07746 736512
Cllr Carol King phone 01422 842801 , Brownhill Bottom Farm, Blackshaw Head, HX7 7HZ
Cllr Grayde Bowen - Cally House, Badger Lane, Blackshaw Head, HX7 7JX 01422 843012
Cllr Keith Lomax - Field Head Farm, Blackshawhead HX7 7HR 01422 846214 / 07770 780805
Cllr Jake Dyter – Broad Dene Farm, Eastwood, Todmorden, OL14 8SU 07979 252653
Cllr Caroline Tiler-Ansell - Lower Earnshaw Water Farm, Blackshawhead, HX7 7JB 01422 842894 / 07561 532362

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What is an 'emergency'.

The formal definition is “An incident arising, with or without warning, threatening or causing death or serious disruption to significant numbers of people, property or the environment, in excess of that which can be dealt with by the public services operating under normal conditions and requiring the special mobilisation and organisation of those services and the deployment of local authority staff and resources”. Under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 an emergency is defined as ‘An event or situation which threatens serious damage to

- Human welfare
- The environment
- Security of the United Kingdom.

There are three recognised levels of emergency:

1. A major catastrophic event in the north or the UK, requiring large capacity shelters and support. We need not concern ourselves too much with this category as the Parish Council would be approached as part of a measured, coordinated scheme initiated by a higher tier authority.
 2. A major emergency at Calderdale or County level, or beyond, where the management of the event would be undertaken by CMBC. Whilst the Chapel in Blackshawhead could well be a receiving station for dispersed persons, and selected local people involved in support, this need not be of immediate concern locally, as again it would be part of a district wide effort.
 3. A local emergency within the Parish of Blackshaw which, though inevitably involving wider support, needs a high level of local involvement by local people as it is they who are most likely to know who is likely to be at risk and/or in need.
- This Plan concentrates on this third category.

WHAT SORT OF EMERGENCY?

Several types of event which could trigger a local emergency:

Flooding, severe storms

Essential services cut-off, such as water or electricity for an extended period.

Large scale evacuation due to a major event, e.g. major fire, pollution incident, or pandemic health threat.

The first two are the most likely, in particular flooding, and there is a Flood Plan appendix to the document

Activation

This Plan will be activated when the Emergency Coordinator or councillor has been notified of an incident affecting the Parish by the Emergency Services or the Local Authority.

It can also be activated in times of Community concerns by the Community. This activation will be the judgment of the Emergency Coordinator/Chair and the Emergency Committee alone will manage the situation.

COORDINATOR Catherine Bann 01706 815155 07980 291478
blackshawclerk@gmail.com, 6 Adelaide St, Todmorden, OL14 5HT
CHAIR Councillor

Be prepared

Although the Emergency Committee will do all it can to assist residents in the event of a major crisis you can do much to help your family and neighbours to weather a difficult situation by preparing now. Please see the List of Useful Contact numbers and other information in the appendix of this document

KEY LOCATIONS

Places identified with local authority for use as places of safety

Building	Location	Potential usage in an emergency	Contact details
Blackshaw Head Methodist Chapel	Old Shaw Lane, Blackshaw Head	Short term accommodation Rest place for essential service personnel and volunteers	Grayde Bowen Roger Munday 01422 844214
ATC Building	Stony Lane	Short term accommodation. Rest place for essential service personnel and volunteers	Steve Shaw Flt Lt RAFAC Wing Aviation Officer S&W Yorks 01274 716132 01706 839710 07495 984770

We also have a list of individuals who have volunteered emergency accommodation for people affected by flooding in the Charlestown area. This information is held by the emergency coordinator and the parish councillors.

FIRST STEPS IN AN EMERGENCY

	Instructions
1	Call 999 if appropriate (unless already alerted)
2	Ensure you are in no immediate danger
3	If you believe the situation calls for it contact coordinator Catherine Bann, Clerk, blackshawclerk@gmail.com 6 Adelaide St, Todmorden, OL14 5HT, 01706 815155 / 07980 291478 or if not available Councillor Or any other councillor, contacts page 2
4	Check on any neighbours who you think may need help and contact the co-ordinator if further assistance is required

ACTIONS AGREED WITH LOCAL AUTHORITY IN THE EVENT OF AN EVACUATION

Evacuation of properties can occur for a number of reasons and depending on the cause the length of time will vary from a few hours, overnight or even longer.

If an evacuation is to take place on the recommendation of the emergency services, the Emergency Committee will contact the Councils emergency planning team and advise them of the situation. The Emergency Committee will assist the residents with the evacuation process and make available the premises identified as a place of safety in the community. If this identified premise is unsuitable eg in the place of danger the Local Authority will provide a place of safety away from the area. Depending on the incident the Emergency Planning Team will endeavour to attend the scene.

ACTIONS AGREED WITH LOCAL AUTHORITY IN THE EVENT OF ACCESS ROUTES TO THE PARISH BEING BLOCKED

During severe weather incidents the roads to the Parish may become impassable which means the needs of the community cannot be addressed by the Authority. If this was to be the case The Emergency Committee would endeavour to assist the community in looking after itself and the required needs until such times as assistance becomes available. This may include;

- Assisting the vulnerable in clearing pathways in winter conditions
- Providing food, refreshment and heating for those whose supplies had run out.
- Having a system in place for checking on the needs of the vulnerable in the community.
- The Emergency Plan coordinator and Parish Councillors have a list of useful resources including people with tractors / 4-wheel drives etc

IN CASE OF FLOODING – SEE APPENDIX B

IN CASE OF WATER DISCONNECTION

If there is a widespread and lengthy water disconnection the Emergency Committee will liaise with Yorkshire Water to designate bottled water collection points one of which will be Blackshaw Head Methodist Church. Several members of our community have access to Spring Water, and the Emergency Coordinator and Parish Councillors have details of these.

ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR STAYING IN CONTACT IF USUAL COMMUNICATIONS HAVE BEEN DISRUPTED

If land lines are not operating try using the mobile phone contacts given. If telecommunications services are down the Emergency Committee will endeavour to establish an information point at the Blackshaw Head Methodist Church, and at the ATC building in Charlestown.

USEFUL RESOURCES AND SKILLS

The emergency plan coordinator and parish councillors have a list of people offering skills such as first aid, and/or resources such as tractors, access to spring water, generators and so on.

APPENDIX A

List of useful contact numbers (see also 'Blackshaw Flood Plan' - Appendix B)
In case of life being threatened call 999

101 for **non-urgent police** calls such as highway closures

Floodline (24 hour) 0845 988 1188 or 0345 9881188

Environment Agency re river flooding or reservoir breach *0800 807 060 (incident reporting number) 0845 988 1188 or 0345 988 1188 Floodline*

Sewer or Water Main flooding – Yorkshire Water on 0800 573553 – leaks, 0845 1242424

Canal flooding Canal & River Trust – 0303 0404040

Gas leak reporting number - 0800 111 999

Electricity disconnections Northern Powergrid - 0800 375 675 and also new number, 105, which is a national number which connects to your local electricity network supplier.

Fire Service non-emergency number 01274 682311

Yorkshire Ambulance Service non-emergency contact number 08451241241

National Grid (hazard: **electricity lines**) 0800 404090

Pennine Housing – 0300 555 5557

Colden School contact number - 01422 842 438

Ward Councillor Contacts:

Josh Fenton Glynn 01706 815292 / 01422 393071

Sarah Courtney

Calderdale contacts

Upper Valley Neighbourhood Co-ordinator Calder Ward - 01422 264622

Highways (Also Flooding of highways and Streams) – 0845 245 7000 or 0845 1111 137 out of hours, highwaysandengineering@calderdale.gov.uk

Calderdale Council Emergency contact 01422 288002 or 01422 288000 out of hours
<http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/council/emergencies/index> for a variety of other useful links

APPENDIX B

BLACKSHAW PARISH FLOOD PLAN

1. **Be prepared** – make a personal emergency flood plan – see <https://www.gov.uk/prepare-for-flooding/future-flooding> for details.
2. **Avert flooding** - if you spot a potential risk of flooding, identify the cause and report it to the appropriate authority, and/or to the Clerk of the Parish Council

Blocked road gully: Calderdale Council

- Online - <https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/siteinfo/online-services/forms/index.jsp?formid=32>
Telephone
- 01422 288002 Out of hours 01422 288000.

The Council **does not** service unadopted roads. To find out a road's status, check [Road adoption](#).

Blocked watercourse

Watercourses are normally the responsibility of the owner of the land through which they flow. Calderdale Council has powers to require owners to clear blocked or defective watercourses and can do the work itself and re-charge the costs.

- Email highwaysandengineering@calderdale.gov.uk
 - Telephone 01422 288002
 - Out of hours 01422 288000.
-

Burst water main: Yorkshire Water

- Telephone 0345 124 2424.
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Reservoir breach: Environment Agency

- Telephone
 - 0800 807 060 (incident reporting number)
0845 988 1188 or 0345 988 1188 Floodline.
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River overflow: Environment Agency

- Telephone 0800 807 060 (incident reporting number)
0845 988 1188 or 0345 988 1188 Floodline.
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Sewer flooding: Yorkshire Water

- Telephone
- 0345 124 2424.

3. You can check for flood alerts and flood warnings and register for text warnings at <http://apps.environment-agency.gov.uk/flood/> or at <http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/environment/flooding/>

IN CASE OF FLOODING (see useful contact numbers also)

1. If in immediate danger contact 999

2. Alert the relevant services -

Floodline (24 hour) 0845 988 1188 or 0345 9881188

Environment Agency re river flooding or reservoir breach *0800 807 060 (incident reporting number) 0845 988 1188 or 0345 988 1188 Floodline .*

Their Flood Resilience Officer is Shanna Pindair – 07824 868793
shanna.pindair@environment-agency.gov.uk

Sewer or Water Main flooding – Yorkshire Water on 0800 573553 – leaks, 0845 1242424

Canal flooding Canal & River Trust – 0303 0404040

4. Check for updates

www.eyeoncalderdale.com is a useful onestop website with a map that you can help to update with roads, flooding, snow and ice information, as well as other useful links to some of the websites below and more.

5. Know where to get help and support

The Calder Valley community support group have a facebook page, which members of the public can share information about flooding, ask for or offer help -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/cvcsq/>

FLOOD STORE Containers with useful equipment are positioned at

- * To the rear of the Picture House in Hebden Bridge
- * At the ATC building on Stony Lane
- * At the New Delight.

The codes for these are known by all parish councillors and the Clerk.

Flood Wardens have been appointed: Hebden Bridge area: Andrew Entwistle –

suboandy@outlook.com, 07816 444989

Charlestown / Callis area – unofficial volunteer – David Parr 07412 076962

roughhead@outlook.com

Hebden Bridge Town Hall (contact Graham) and Todmorden Town Hall (contact Catherine Bann 07759 119347) will be information and emergency points.

Don't forget to alert the Parish Emergency Plan coordinator (Catherine Bann – 07980 291478 / 01706 815155) or any Parish Councillor, see list on page 2)

If you need emergency accommodation, and/or cannot reach either of the above mentioned emergency points, contact the Parish Emergency Coordinator or any Councillor who keep a list of people who have offered temporary emergency accommodation locally, and also a list of resources of people with useful equipment or skills.

SECTION 2

What to do in case of Emergency.

If you are contacted by a member of the public about an emergency in Blackshaw Parish, please take the following steps:

1. Make a note of the person's name and contact number and where they are phoning from
2. Double-check that neither the caller nor anyone around them is in immediate danger, and if so, tell them to call 999
3. Ask whether the caller has notified any of the other emergency contact numbers, such as floodline, or Calderdale MBC
4. Tell the caller that you will notify the Emergency Coordinator, and will be back in touch. Alternatively, if you can be of immediate assistance in any other way, do so, using the resources list in appendix C
5. Begin a log of calls and actions taken.
6. Call the Clerk, and if no answer, the Chair, and then if still no answer, any /all of the other local councillors.
7. If the Clerk or Chair is available, they will make a decision about launching the Emergency Plan and forming an Emergency Committee. If you have only spoken to another local councillor, you can between you decide whether to launch the Emergency Plan, or contact Calderdale's Emergency Number for advice. **Calderdale Council Emergency contact** 01422 288002 or 01422 288000 out of hours <http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/council/emergencies/index> for a variety of other useful links. **Contact the CMBC Emergency Plan coordinator.**
8. If you are unable to contact the Chair or Clerk, and someone is in need of help, such as temporary accommodation, bottled water, a tractor, or so on, check the Useful Resources list on the next page, and if appropriate, contact the relevant person and link them up with the person in need of help.

If the Emergency Plan is Launched:

1. Begin a log of calls and actions taken.
2. Inform CMBC that you are launching the plan, and make sure you pass on relevant contact details of the Emergency Committee.
3. Inform all councillors
4. A decision will need to be taken about whether there is a need for an emergency meeting point / refuge to be opened, and if so, use the numbers given for the Methodists Church and ATC in order to enable this to happen. An Emergency Committee can meet here.
5. Identify vulnerable residents who may require assistance (see appendix E and use local knowledge)
6. Identify volunteers with specialist knowledge from resource lists Appendix C
7. Consider other actions as appropriate including temporary accommodation and alternative communication methods if landline/mobiles not working

APPENDIX C

Code for the Flood Containers – 2615 (boxing day 2015 to aid memory!)

Check with Yorkshire Water about bottle drops where?

Calder Valley Search & Rescue – in an emergency 999 and ask for the police and then mountain rescue. *Be ready to give the following details:*

- Casualty location (6-figure grid reference is ideal – let us know if this is from a GPS device)
- Number of casualties
- Possible injuries
- Contact telephone number

We will need to contact you at the casualty site so please keep your telephone available to receive calls.

01422 893762 - answerphone

Maurice & Sian Ahern
9 Ingle Dene
HX7 6PQ
TEL 01422 842576
MOB 07793 083 285

Dr Linda J Patterson/Chris Green (Spring Water)
Knott Hall, Charlestown, Hebden Bridge, HX7 6PE
01422 845390
07808 364539 Linda Patterson
07941 597584 Chris Green

Paul and Clare Knights.

We could put up neighbours (two comfortably, a small family of three at a squeeze), in the immediate flooding scenario.

Our address is Oakcrest, Oakville Road, HX7 6NP. My phone number is 07855 630551, my wife's is 07828 126287. Please add our details to your Emergency Plan.

Dorothy Sutcliffe has spring Water. Four Winds, oppostie Chapel

LIST OF USEFUL RESOURCES

Public Access Defibrillators: Located at the New Delight Pub at Jack Bridge, and at Blackshawhead Methodist Church, Shaw Lane side.

Tractors -
4-Wheel Drive

Spring water - Dr Linda J Patterson/Chris Green Knott Hall, Charlestown, Hebden Bridge, HX7 6PE, 01422 845390, 07808 364539 Linda Patterson, 07941 597584 Chris Green

LIST OF PEOPLE OFFERING USEFUL SKILLS

APPENDIX C

LIST OF KNOWN VULNERABLE PERSONS IN BLACKSHAW PARISH as of Dec

Ged Haley	Hippins Farm, Blackshawhead, HX7 7JG	Can leave in porch	Down Davey Lane, Last turning on left before you go over Hippins Clough
Mary Hughes	Lane Top Farm, Blackshawhead HX7 7JF		Think this one is the lane up to farm on right off long Causeway heading north, bit after Davey Lane junction
Mrs Gill Ansty	Erringden View, Blackshaw,		2 nd house round the back of what used to be the pub
Dorothy Sutcliffe	Four Winds, Blackshawhead, HX7 7JQ		
John Warriner	3 Sandbed Villas, Charlestown HX7 6PU		
Mr & Mrs Moss	Moss Hall Farm, Long Causeway blackshawhead HX7 7JB		Long Causeway towards Burnley, far out of village past pioneer travel, on left, white farmhouse.
Mr & Mrs Norman	Bullion Farm, Blackshaw HX7 7JG (see below for another one at Bullion Farm)		On left going down Davey Lane
Enid Coles	Lacey House, Charlestown		Underbank
Jim Hartley	Bullion Farm Cottage, HX7 7JG		
Geoff Walton	Avoca, Kebs Rd, Todmorden		
Dan Crabtree	Staups Lee Rd, Todmorden		
Norman Sunderland	Moorland Hall		
Mr and Mrs Coneron	10 Turret Royd Rd		