

# RYE EMERGENCY ACTION COMMUNITY TEAM (REACT)

## Notes of meeting held 23 August 2007

**Present** Richard Farhall (RF), John Holbrook, John Izod (JI),  
Anthony Kimber (AK)

**Apologies** Shaun Rogers (SR)

**Introduction** AK suggested that a parish emergency plan should:

- (a) provide assistance and communications locally
- (b) be simple
- (c) avoid interfering/conflicting with the procedures of 'paid professionals'
- (d) identify what voluntary/community groups and individuals could provide in the event of an emergency
- (e) set out a few basic local procedures
- (f) 'add value' (to existing plans)
- (g) be generic

**Background** Members reviewed briefly a number of documents considered at the last meeting (Nov 05):

- (a) Emergency Parish Plan template (supplied by RDC/HBC Emergency Planning Officer)
- (b) The Need for a Self Help Emergency Plan (produced by AK)
- (c) Draft Contingency Action Plan (produced by AK)

Between meetings GB had attended – and distributed notes on – Rye Bay Flood Emergency Planning Exercise held on 16.3.07.

**Draft Contingency Plan** Members reconsidered this document. The Plan would need to be driven by an assessment of risk – principally, flooding, animal disease, SRM and Dungeness.

It was agreed that the Rye Town Hall could provide the 'Command Centre'. It would need to be equipped with:

- (a) radios (which could link in with the 'Police-linked' Shop Watch system)
- (b) approx 20 high-visibility vests
- (c) kit box – first aid, torches etc. AK to supply a content list **AK**
- (d) emergency lights

A priority would be to identify **vulnerable people**.

For ease of organisation Rye should be divided into sectors, each having 2-3 **Contacts/Wardens** who would form the **Control Team**.

<b>SECTOR</b>	<b>Potential Contact/ Warden</b>
<b>1 Citadel</b>	Peter Vega, John Izod, Simon Pettigrew
<b>2 Cinque Ports St, Station, Rope Walk, Landgate, Ferry Rd, Bridge Place</b>	David Wright, Mary Smith
<b>3 Rock Channel, South Undercliff</b>	John Holbrook, John Royal, Charles Bronsdon
<b>4 Winchelsea Rd, New Winchelsea Rd, Harbour Rd</b>	Roger Breeds, Reg Emson Rod Harrow
<b>5 Kings Avenue, New Road</b>	John Standen, Gary Booth, Rodney Booth, Frances Catt
<b>6 Tilling Green</b>	Mandy Turner, Paul Tyler
<b>7 Udimore Road, Cadborough Cliff</b>	Granville Bantick, Paul Osborne, Sam Souster
<b>8 Rye Hill</b>	Derek Bayntum, David Russell (Mill Rd/Fairmeadow resident/s)
<b>9 Military Road, North Salts</b>	Sonia Holmes, Liz Baldwin, Margaret O'Neill

A list of **volunteers and organisations** with useful skills/resources would need to be maintained. Under the Data Protection Act, anyone on contact lists would need to give their consent.

**Insurance cover** for volunteers will need to be investigated.

**RF**

**Finance** Small grants might be available – approach Charles Sharrod. The Town Council might be amenable.

**RF**

**Co-options** There was some positive discussion on co-opting former REACT member, Paul Carey.

**Way forward** It was agreed to write to the potential Contacts/Wardens when the Plan was more developed. AK offered to do this for the next meeting. RF would draft the letter, emphasising that the role would not be onerous and asking those not interested to suggest others (or pass on spare copies of the letter). AK was happy to field enquiries. Shortly after the letter had been sent, members would follow them up with telephone calls/personal contact.

**AK/RF**

It was agreed that the Plan should not be publicised until it had been approved by the emergency services and emergency planning officers.

**Next meeting** 24 October, Town Hall, 6pm