



Update for Rye Town Meeting

March 2020

The Rye Emergency Action Community Team (REACT) continues to review risks on the National and Sussex Risk Registers¹ (extract is below) and considers action on those likely to impact locally.

Updates are posted in the REACT Facebook page. Regular contact is maintained with the local professional organisations including the East Sussex Council Flood Management Officer, the Environment Agency, Rother Council and Romney Marsh Internal Drainage Board.

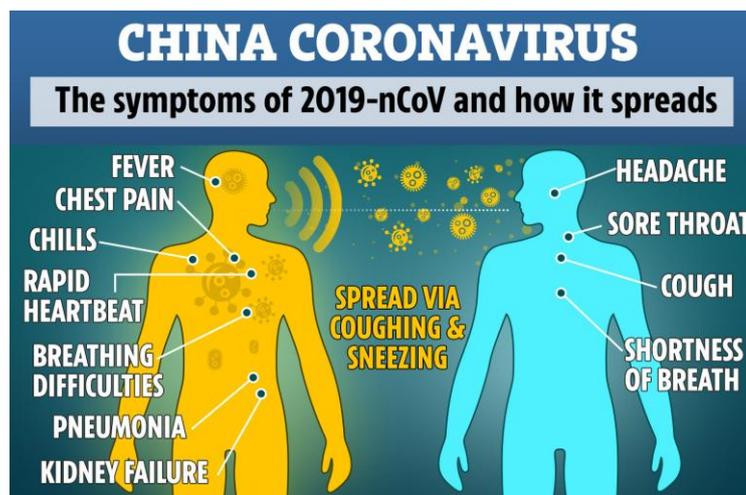
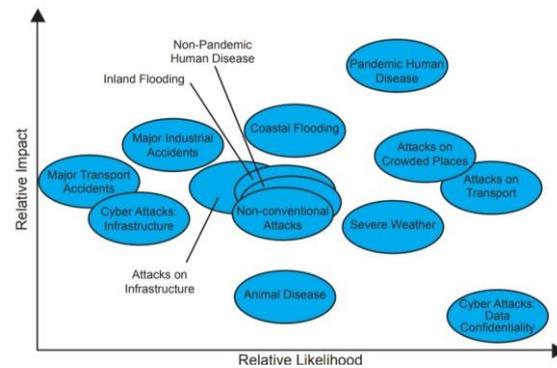
REACT Leader, Colonel Anthony Kimber is a member of the multi agency Southern Region Flood and Coastal Committee, which sets priorities for DEFRA for flood risk mitigation across the South.

REACT considers all civil contingencies and risks and while the focus remains localised flooding, Coronavirus is now of local concern:

Flood Risk: REACT keeps alert for flood risk incidents in and around Rye to ensure that the professional organisations tackle them effectively. It monitors flood events elsewhere to see what lessons are identified and to consider any impacts locally. With surface water flooding an issue, it continues to press Southern Water and Highways to find long term solutions for localised flooding in the Grove, the north end of the Strand, Tilling Green (primarily Mason Road) and Military Road. It remains engaged with the Environment Agency team planning the Eastern Rother Tidal River scheme (work restarts this year) and monitors related risks such as landslip where there is a history of issues.

Coronavirus: With cases now in Sussex, REACT encourages awareness of the symptoms:

AN ILLUSTRATION OF THE HIGH CONSEQUENCE RISKS FACING THE UNITED KINGDOM
SOURCE: NATIONAL RISK REGISTER (2010)



Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a strain of coronavirus first identified in Wuhan City, China. Based on current evidence (Mar 2020), COVID-19 presents with flu-like symptoms including a fever, a cough, or difficulty breathing. Experts are still working out some aspects of the risk but data indicates that those who have died from the virus have pre-existing health conditions. There are facts and advice on the World Health Organisation website.

REACT Generic Plan is HERE: <http://www.ryetowncouncil.gov.uk/>

REACT Facebook: @ryeact

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¹ <https://sussex.police.uk/media/1035/srf-community-risk-register-2018.pdf>

If you live in a high risk flood location (see below) then ***Prepare a Simple Flood Kit***



- Waterproof clothing
- Portable radio (and batteries) to monitor local news and weather broadcasts
- First aid kit and any medicines/prescriptions
- Bottled water
- Torch and batteries
- Important documents including passport and insurance certificates
- Mobile phone
- Tinned and non-perishable food, and a tin opener
- Blankets
- Keys

Would you need support during a flood?

- ✓ *Know where your home services can be turned OFF: water; gas and electric*
- ✓ *Consider who you might ask for assistance before, during and after a flood.*
- ✓ *Contacts are below*

Important Telephone Numbers and Websites	
Rye Town Council and REACT	01797 223902
Floodline	0345 988 1188
Find out if you are risk	https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/long-term-flood-risk
Flood warning website	https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/warnings