





Community Emergency Planning

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Category 1 & 2 organisations coming together in order to help co-operation between responders at the local level.

Community Risk Register

What is an emergency plan for?

Specifies procedures for handling sudden or unexpected situations.

- Prevent fatalities and injuries.
- Reduce damage to homes, buildings, stock, and equipment, livestock, property, infrastructure.
- Protect the environment and the community.
- Accelerate the recovery to normal life.

What If Emergency Services:

...cannot reach you

...are overwhelmed

...need extra resources

Community Emergency Plan

'First on the scene' / when help is not at hand

Risks

Accident / Bombs / Cyber Crime / Fire / Floods / Freezing / Gales /

Heat / Lions / Pandemic / Pollution / Road-Rail-Air incident / Snow /

Storms / Subsidence / Terrorism / Transport / Utilities failure



Why have an emergency plan?

- ▶ ‘ ‘We don’t need a plan, we just pull together, get on with it and sort it out.’ West Devon Parish Councillor
- ▶ ‘We had a plan, which was good as the effects of the storm turned out to be worse than we expected.’ East Devon Parish Councillor
- ▶ ‘It didn’t go to plan, but we knew what to do, because we had thought about it.’ Response team member commenting on a blizzard
- ▶ ‘It was bad, but it could have been far worse, the volunteers did a good job.’ Flood event incident commander
- ▶ **Failing to prepare is preparing to fail.’ Exeter Chiefs changing room**

Local Emergency Plan

Helping communities help themselves

Can be:

Town / Village / Parish / Joint Parishes / Location

Process:

- ❖ Community engagement
- ❖ Identify risks
- ❖ Seek to prevent or mitigate
- ❖ First responder
- ❖ Support emergency services
- ❖ Community recovery
- ❖ Learn and adapt



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a working partnership between



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FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE



Environment Agency



Exeter
City Council



South Hams
District Council



West Devon
Borough
Council

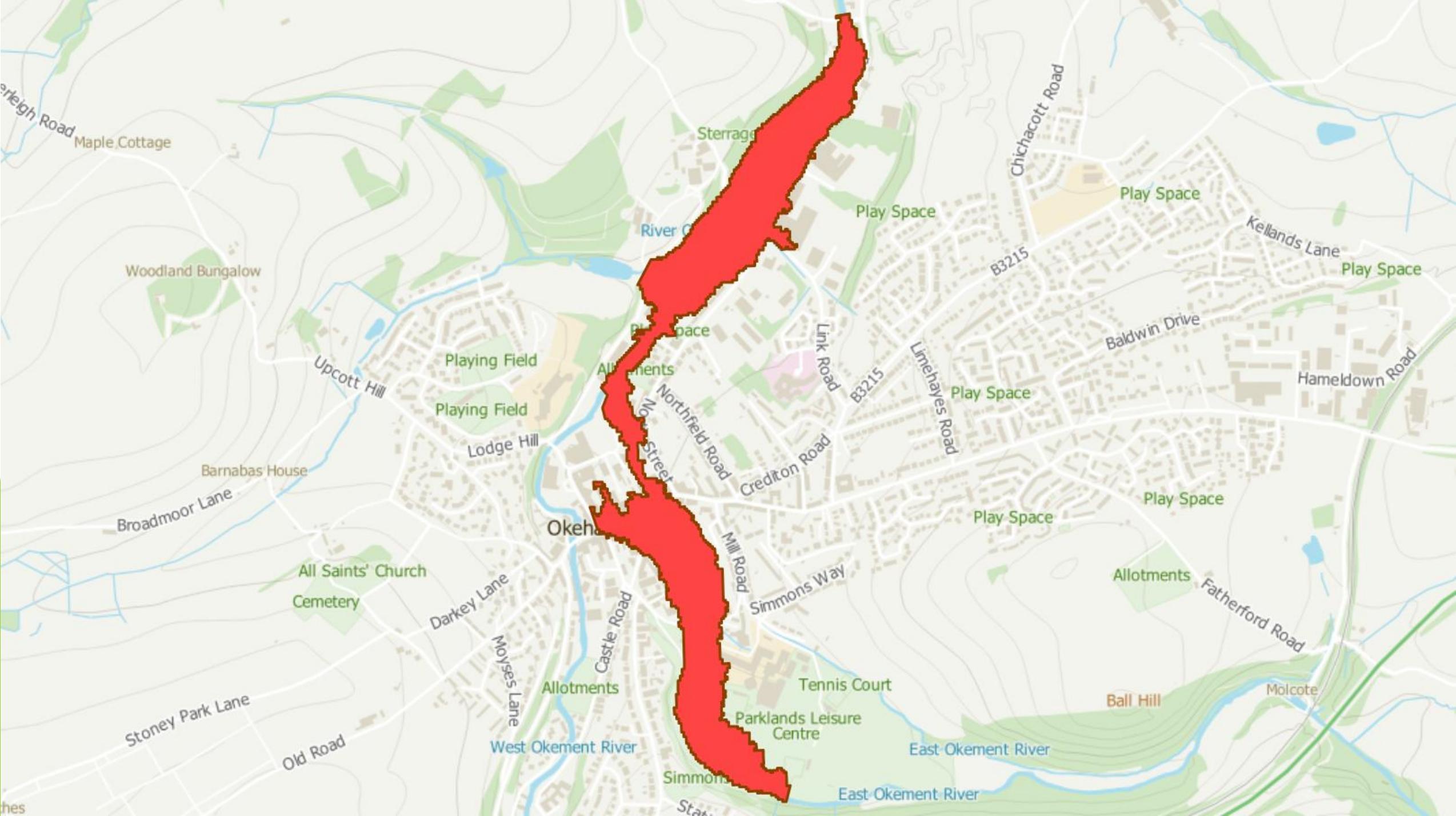




A30 closed, Motorists seek refuge in Okehampton

A Plan can be put together by those with experience and those with good local knowledge.

- **Passive:** contains information - contacts, resources
- **Active:** direct action, community engagement, equipment, training, rehearsal, analysis



What makes a plan?

- Identifying your community
- Identifying existing local relationships and getting people involved
- Community emergency groups and co-ordinators
- Identifying the most vulnerable in an emergency
- Identifying and preparing for risks
- Assessing community skills and resources
- Insurance and health & safety
- Identifying key locations
- Emergency contacts list
- A written plan, held on confidential database
- Redacted public version

Getting started:

- Workshops and coaching
- Guide & Template (see DCT web site)
- Informed help to compile a local plan
- Forum events

ResilienceDirect

UK Government - Cabinet Office

The UK's secure web platform for exercising, planning, response and recovery

What would you do in an emergency?

- ▶ If you had to leave your home due to an emergency, where would you go and what would you take with you?



Household Emergency Plan.

Preparing for a crisis and making sure you and your family are safe.

Identifying risks, setting meeting points, and listing key contacts.

Make your home safe and turn off utilities.

Preparing a "grab bag" with essentials (meds, documents, money, phone).

Establishing an out-of-area contact.

Questions

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