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Community Emergency Volunteer Project Overview and Update

The Community Emergency Volunteer project has been created in response to local emergency situations and in collaboration with the Community Resilience team at South Norfolk District Council.

We are looking to form a pool of local people who are willing to offer some assistance to the community during times of need.

Over recent years it has become apparent that our community needs a better response to emergency situations to help residents and businesses – changes in weather patterns, the floods of December 2020, the cost-of-living crisis, the Ukrainian Families appeals and most recently the fire at the Ice House Precinct.

The project is still in its early stages – firstly looking to see if we would have any volunteers, and then developing links with local community groups and businesses, as well as working with South Norfolk District Council (who manage all emergency responses for Long Stratton) to develop a comprehensive plan.

We have put some posters out on social media (Facebook), on our website and in the Sextons Wheel asking for volunteers who may wish to sign up. So far, we have had 9 people respond and provide contact details, which is really encouraging.

A Community Emergency Plan is being designed with support from SNDC to outline the processes and procedures to deploy the volunteers when the time comes, as well as listing out all resources available to us to call upon including Tree Surgeons, 4x4 drivers, ex-military and sandbag providers for example.

The next few weeks will be dedicated to completing and refining the Plan, followed by a check with South Norfolk to ensure that we are correct in what we are doing. The Plan will then be given to Full Council for review and discussions.

A meeting will be set to meet the Volunteers in person and explain in more detail what would be expected from them in the future if needed once the Plan is completed and agreed with by the Council.

The aim is to have the Community Emergency Plan signed off ready for the winter in preparedness for bad weather situations.

Community Emergency Volunteer

Would you like to help your **Community**
during time of need?

Long Stratton Town Council are creating a

Community Emergency Volunteer Team

that can be called upon during times where volunteers are needed to support the community. This could include times of flooding, power outages, heavy snowfall etc.

Volunteer roles may include checking on neighbours, distributing food, water or blankets, shovelling snow, delivering sandbags etc

No experience is needed just a willingness to help

Community Emergency
Volunteers 

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