

## **Scruton Parish Council Community Resilience Plan**

### **“Helping North Yorkshire Council to Help Us”**

In the event of a massive and prolonged power cut to Scruton, the Village Hall will become the warm/safe space. An external connection point will be fitted to the Hall to allow a generator (from either Northern Power Grid or NYC) to provide electricity to run the Hall's heating and cooking systems.

We hope to encourage neighbour hubs whereby residents will look out for their vulnerable neighbours in the first instance, in particular those with alternative heating/cooking facilities and who perhaps can help with hot drinks and food. We have a number of volunteers who will visit vulnerable and single occupancy residents to help as necessary.

In addition we would encourage all single occupants to have a fail-safe plan whereby they contact a relative or neighbour at least twice a day to let them know they are ok. In the event of not hearing the neighbour/relative can gain access to the premises to see if all is well or if medical assistance is needed, thus cutting down the time left unattended.

If a major accident were to happen within, or near to the village, we do not expect that it would close off all access routes or phone signals or prevent the arrival of emergency services. The Village Hall and the Cricket Pavilion would provide covered temporary casualty handling and evacuation locations.

In the event of the routes in and out of the village being closed by fallen trees or massive snow fall etc. the official SPC Emergency Resilience Group (set up by Janet Crampton), Network Scruton and the village WhatsApp groups will put out a call to arms for those volunteers with suitable vehicles, equipment such as chain saws and shovels to help clear the routes so that the emergency services can get in and out.

The football pitch area of the Playing Field has been identified as the Helicopter Landing Zone for the Air Ambulance with the Cricket pitch as an alternative, subject to a dynamic risk assessment of the Helicopter Pilot at the time.

Only those who have specifically contacted SPC to offer assistance will be included on the official call out group. These contact details will be kept secure by SPC & NYC. If you wish to be included let the Parish Council know.

This plan caters for the risks identified in our risk assessment process, if other risks are identified at a later date they can be incorporated into the plan.

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