

Subject:Community Emergency Plan - Tostock

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To: Parish Clerk - Tostock <clerk@tostock-pc.gov.uk>

Dear Mr Reed,

I believe you are the Parish Clerk for Tostock. If you are not, my apologies - please could you let me know who is and I will update our records?

I'm an Emergency Planning Support Officer covering Mid Suffolk District area and I'm contacting you to offer guidance and support in the development of a Community Emergency Plan (CEP), the aim of which is to help communities be more resilient in an emergency.

In an emergency, responders and emergency workers have to prioritise those in greatest need, especially where life is in danger. During this time, you may need to rely on your own or your community's resources to respond to an emergency. Having a Community Emergency Plan helps communities prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies more quickly. The plan would include information, such as:

- risks that could affect your community, e.g., loss of power/water, flooding, wildfires, major accidents, etc
- those in your community who would be willing to volunteer their time, equipment, specialist knowledge or practical skills during an emergency
- ways to coordinate communications throughout the community
- buildings/spaces that could be used as places of safety
- people and buildings that may be particularly vulnerable

Community Emergency Plans do not replace emergency services and councils' emergency response arrangements but strengthens them to support the local community. The plan doesn't have to be complex or lengthy, and it would be developed to suit your community's needs.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you wish to create a plan, or if you would simply like further information. Initially, I propose I visit you or a parish council member(s) to informally chat about what's involved, and to run through the Community Emergency Plan Guidance and Template with you. Information on setting up a Rest Centre can also be discussed at that initial meeting.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind regards

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