

## Why an Overton Community Emergency Plan is needed

The Overton Community Emergency Plan (copies available on request) will be implemented in extreme circumstances that may prevent emergency services from reaching Overton. In such cases the initial response is likely to rely entirely on Overton residents. The plan describes how such an initial response will be co-ordinated.

It is a “hands on” working document.

The plan itself calls for Overton to have a minimum of five residents as emergency co-ordinators. Having that number should mean that Overton has at least one emergency co-ordinator in, or close to, the village at any one time.

The emergency co-ordinators will operate the plan.

There is also an emergency plan secretary, who will administer the plan.

There are village groups and volunteers who will also support the plan.

Village residents who would like to assist, are all welcome as team members.

It is recognised that in an emergency or difficult situation that the village working together has the best chance of a positive outcome.

The plan itself is supported by resources, training and other documentation (available on request), the plan describes how such any initial response could be coordinated.

The main point of contact / information regarding the plan is the emergency plan secretary, whose contact details are [mctague.michael@gmail.com](mailto:mctague.michael@gmail.com) or 07917 181060.

*If vulnerable members of the community or members of the community with particular needs would like their address to be held as high priority and in confidence (this information would only be available in the confidential version of the plan) they should contact the Emergency Plan Secretary.*

Any major emergencies will be dealt with by the emergency services, local authorities, utilities and voluntary agencies in a combined response. This Emergency Plan is not intended to be a substitute for these services and if an emergency situation arises, the first action should always be to contact the emergency services by dialling 999.

If required, an emergency base will be set up, supported by power generation and physical resources, it will be run by coordinators and volunteers.

The plan also covers less onerous circumstances such as flooding, extreme weather, loss of services such as electricity, water, gas or telephone, where the emergency services are not immediately required.