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New Romney Town Council Community Emergency Plan

New Romney Town Council has developed and adopted a 'Community Emergency Plan' to be used in the event of an emergency affecting our community.

In most cases, emergencies are dealt with by the emergency services and other key responders, such as health authorities, local authorities and utility companies, who all have well-rehearsed plans to deal with such situations. However, there may be circumstances; such as widespread flooding, heavy snow or severe storm damage, where the arrival of the emergency services and other responders could be delayed, or when essential utilities and highways access may be compromised.

In these circumstances, we are sure you will agree that it is important that our community can help itself until help arrives and it will do this more effectively with this plan in place. As part of this plan, the Town Council has set up a list of volunteers who would be willing to assist should an emergency occur. We are still particularly keen to hear from members of our community who have resources, equipment or skills (e.g. 4x4 vehicles, tractors, chain saws, are medically trained) that they would be willing to provide in an emergency, but any assistance you can offer would be gratefully received. If you would like to volunteer, please could you complete the registration form and return it to the Town Council at the above address. On receipt, if necessary, a member of the Town Council may contact you via email to confirm how best you can help.

Additionally, the Town Council has appointed a 'Community Response Team' – one of the duties of which will be to arrange whatever support it can to those members of our community who may be more vulnerable than others and who may need additional assistance in an emergency. With this in mind, we are looking to maintain a list of 'Vulnerable Persons / Groups' in our Emergency Plan. Should you wish your details to be included, please complete the relevant section of the registration form. There is no need for you to disclose any sensitive personal information and please be assured that, in accordance with the Data Protection Act (1998), the information will be handled in the strictest confidence and will only be used in an emergency situation by the Community Response Team, the emergency services or other key responders.

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