

Resilience Group Update March 2016

The dale is being divided up in to six designated flood areas. We hope to appoint two or more flood wardens to look after each area

The wardens will help set up and maintain systems for their specific area including:

Buddy system to look after vulnerable people

Cascade communication system to more easily disseminate information

Inspection regimes on water courses and paths to help monitor conditions, spot problems early, and recognise danger signs that can act as triggers (eg: beck height)

Action plans to follow in the event of a trigger point being reached

Helping organise and maintain equipment and locate strategically positioned storage for it

We are compiling a definitive inventory of emergency equipment that we'd like located in each flood area all-year-round

Communications resilience is being looked at by Graeme Connacher and Martin Butcher with the intention of setting up satellite links at key strategic locations. These will need generator back up and if anybody already has and maintains a generator and is willing to have satellite comms then please contact Graeme

We are compiling a list of emergency contacts, and looking in to how our flood plan can work alongside and actually help the police, EA, LDNPA, PMRA, HA etc

We are also compiling a list of contractors and key local people that can help in an emergency

We are looking in to the potential for a 'Press Officer' role to organise liaisons with the media better and make sure that the correct messages are sent out to maximise benefit and minimise impact on the dale

We are liaising with the Health Centre to see if we can help monitor, look after and distribute medicines to vulnerable people in the event of any emergency

We are liaising with businesses to see whether they are happy to be kept in our communication loop but to essentially 'look after themselves' and not need community support for any emergency preparations in a flood situation