

Milland Parish Winter Resilience Plan 2023-24

Introduction

This plan is designed to provide a basic co-ordinated approach to ensure access, emergency response and the safety of those residents who are at risk in the event of Milland Valley being directly or indirectly affected by bad weather. This plan has been put together in conjunction with West Sussex Highways.

Key Risks and local hazards

Milland Valley is bounded on all sides by the foothills of the downs. The Valley sides are heavily wooded with the valley floor given over to mixed agriculture. The population is centred primarily on the Village of Milland and the hamlets of Wardley and Borden.

The Valley is crossed north to south by Milland Lane and the Iping Road and from East to West by the Fernhurst Rake roads. These roads are narrow and at the edges of the valley are extremely steep. The valley is also crossed by major power lines.

In times of extreme weather conditions, the disruption and risks to the inhabitants are from:

- Hazardous road conditions and restricted access as a result of:
 - Snow bound, icy roads (all roads)
 - Steep icy hills (Iping, Hollycombe, Milland and Borden Wood Hills and the Combe)
 - Icy conditions in Village Hall Car Park and pavements
 - Fallen trees (all roads)
 - Fallen power cables
- Power failures as a result of:
 - High winds
 - Snow damage
 - Fallen Trees
- Telecoms disruption (Land line & cellular)
 - Fallen trees
 - Lightning strikes
- Risk to the frail and elderly as a result of any of the above and/or persistent cold conditions

Local Resources

Being a rural community with many local agricultural, forestry and contractor skills, machinery and equipment Milland is well placed to deal with environmentally related emergencies.

Emergency Response:

Snow and Ice

The West Sussex, Hampshire and Surrey County Councils priority is to keep the main arterial routes around the Milland Valley open and to this end they will salt the road and snow plough the A286, A272 and B2070. They also salt the Rake to Rogate and the Liphook, Hollycombe route through to Fernhurst and south to Woolbeding. As a result of the snow events of winter 2009/10, the main East to West route through Milland from Elmers Marsh to Rake will now also be salted.

In the event of a heavy snowfall there may be a need for Milland Parish to supplement the salting done by West Sussex County Council with locally conducted snow ploughing to keep the East to West route from Elmers Marsh through the central cross roads in Milland along the Rake Road through to the Combe junction with the Liss / Rogate Road open. Keeping this road open avoids the use of the other more dangerous hill routes out of the village and gives local traffic the ability to reach more major routes and necessary facilities. Other secondary routes including the North South route down Milland Hill through the centre of the Village and down the Iping Road towards Queens Corner and Cooks Pond Road will also be cleared as a second priority as indicated below.

Milland Hill is a hazard in heavy snow and freezing conditions and has been the site of serious accidents. In the event of such conditions the emergency committee will contact W. Sussex Police and Highways to discuss closing the road. If agreed appropriate signs will be placed at each end of Milland Lane (one near the Junction with the B2070 and the other by Carters Farm) and other roads as necessary and salt from the bin located at the top of the hill used as necessary.

Salt is provided in bins located at strategic points are accessible by all:

1. The Milland Village Hall Car Park in Iping road
2. Top of Milland Hill
3. Cartersland crossroads (Rake/Fernhurst/Iping/Milland Lane)

In the event of heavy snow bound roads, clearance and ploughing will be conducted by those listed below as formally contracted by West Sussex highways dept. (see map appendix 1):

1. In the South/East half of the valley by Edd Jenner (Route 1)
 - a. From North End junction around Elmer's Marsh in Linch CP (to be agreed)
 - b. Fernhurst Road to Milland crossroads
 - c. Milland Lane - from crossroads up Milland Hill to B2070
 - d. Hollycombe School Lane
 - e. Wardley Lane
 - f. Lambourne lane Junction to Hollycombe Hill (Past Home Farm)
2. In the North of the valley by Rob Findlay (Route 2)
 - a. Iping Road from the Milland crossroads to Stubbs Hill
 - b. Titty Hill Road
 - c. Clear the Village Hall & Shop Car Park
 - d. Along Cooks Pond road and up Borden Wood Hill
 - e. Rake Road out through the Coombe to Bull Hill crossroads in the Coombe

Fallen Trees

Milland Valley is heavily wooded. In freak wind or heavy snow conditions trees are frequently brought down causing blockages to roads and on occasions pulling down overhead power and telecom lines. A contact line is displayed on the Milland website so that the emergency committee can be contacted.

Once notified of a fallen tree an appropriately qualified and experienced person will be contacted to assess the hazards and to clear the obstruction as necessary.

In the event of a fallen tree being complicated with power or telecom lines the appropriate supplier will be contacted to ensure any risk is managed before the tree is cleared. Where the tree is blocking

the road or is on a highway's verge the West Sussex Highways dept. will be contacted.

Risk to the Vulnerable

Milland has a significant population of elderly people who often live both within the village centre and beyond in the more remote hamlets. This groups will be particularly sensitive and at risk during prolonged or extreme weather conditions.

The closeness of the local community and neighbours is relied on to ensure these people are supported during extreme weather conditions. This will continue with the added support of communication, contact details and reminders through the Milland Website, Facebook page and the Milland News. In addition, a "vulnerable person list" will be developed to ensure proactive support can be put in place in case of extreme weather conditions or power failures.

The addition of the Community Shop to the facilities enable us to get supplies to people should they be needed. It also acts as a focal point for sharing information about the conditions and available support.

Defibrillator

The Defibrillator is in the restored BT telephone box in the middle of the village at the front of the Rising Sun pub. This is accessible to all and can be used without any training. Ambulance services can take 20 mins plus to reach the village so this is an essential piece of apparatus should any of the residents suffer a heart attack.

Contact Details:

Emergency Committee:

- Rob Findlay robertrobfindlay@gmail.com M: 01428 741473
- Edd Jenner hello@hollycombehomfarm.com M: 07870 666713

Local Websites and social media

Milland Parish Council:

- www.milland-wsx-pc.gov.uk
- Facebook - @millandcommunity
- Instagram – Milland Community

Milland Community Shop:

- www.millandstore.co.uk

Utility Suppliers

- Southern Water www.southernwater.co.uk 0330 303 0368
- Southern Electric www.southern-electric.co.uk 0800 111 999
- BT www.bt.com/faults From a landline: 0800 800 151 From a mobile: 0330 123 4151

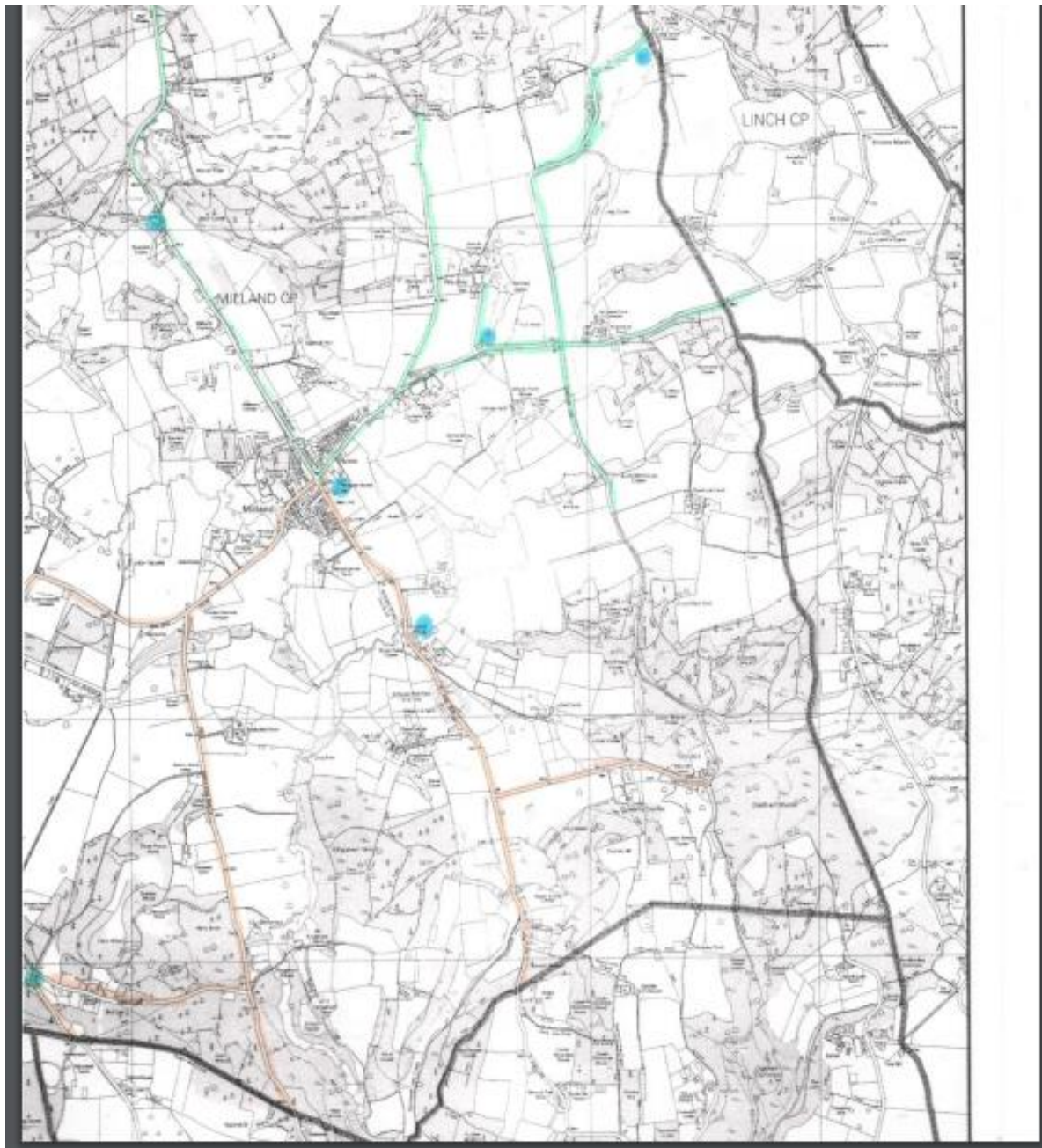
Highways Dept.

- 01243 642105
- highways.southern@westsussex.gov.uk
- www.westsussex.gov.uk

West Sussex Police

- 101 from a landline or mobile
- In an emergency call 999 from any phone or 112 from a mobile

Appendix 1 – Map of road salt hippo bag drops and local snow ploughing priorities



● Salt Locations

— Route 1
— Route 2