

[it should be noted that these details are held by the Resilient Community Co-ordinator, and will not be freely available], the basic skills or assistance that the volunteer could bring during an event or emergency, for example, 4X4 vehicle, shovels, catering, to name but a few. Once completed the details will be held by the Resilient Community Co-ordinator and will be used by them to call upon assistance from the community. It will be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure that it is up to date and accurate.

READY IN YOUR COMMUNITY

At the time of printing, Resilient Community Teams have already been set up in the majority of the Community Council areas'

The benefits for a Resilient Community:

- Access to training opportunities
- Early warning of severe weather or other information
- Single point of contact for co-ordinators
- Communities are more able to recover and restore normality

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RESILIENT COMMUNITIES CONTACT

For further information please contact:

Address	Telephone

Completed questionnaires should be returned to:

Address

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Ready in your community



COMMUNITY COUNCIL WHAT IS A RESILIENT COMMUNITY?

Resilient Communities is an initiative supported by Local, Scottish, and the UK Governments, the principles of which are, communities and individuals developing local response and expertise to help themselves during an emergency, in a way that complements the response of the emergency responders. Emergencies happen, and these can be severe weather, floods, fires, or major incidents involving transport etc. Preparing your community and your family for these types of events will make it easier to recover following the impact of an emergency.

Being aware of the risks that you as a community or family may encounter, and who within your community might be able to assist you, could make your community better prepared to cope with an emergency.

Local emergency responders will always have to prioritise those in greatest need during an emergency, especially where life is in danger. During these times you as a community need to know how to help yourself and those around you until assistance arrives.

Each resilient community within the Scottish Borders has their own Resilient Community Plan, which assists them when responding to emergencies.

It is important to note that the Resilient Community Plan is not in any way a method by which a local authority or an emergency service may reduce its response or service to the community, the plan is intended to support and enhance the response.

AIMS OF A RESILIENT COMMUNITY GROUP

The aims of the Resilient Community Group are to:

- Raise awareness and understanding of the local risk and emergency response capability in order to motivate and support self resilience.
- Increase individual, family and community resilience against all threats and hazards.
- Support and encourage effective discussion between the community and the partners supporting them.
- Each resilient community within the Scottish Borders has their own Resilient Community Plan, which assists them when responding to emergencies to ensure communities are given appropriate warnings of severe weather etc.

BENEFITS OF RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

Volunteering and helping one another does not need to be organised centrally by government or by the local authority.

Local community councils and individuals who are prepared and able to respond effectively, can deal with local issues, such as:

- Clearing of snow from pathways of people who are unable to clear them themselves.
- Clearing of snow from school and nursery access routes.
- Placing of sandbags in risk areas to prevent flooding, placing domestic flood gates into position.
- Delivery of supplies during severe weather, ie. hot meals, water etc.
- Providing hot meals and assistance within community centres and village halls.
- Checking on neighbours to ensure their safety and well being during severe weather.

RESILIENT COMMUNITIES VOLUNTEERS

Your help and skills in supporting and assisting your community to prepare and recover following an event or incident are vital. There is an opportunity for all within the community to volunteer, from clearing snow from pathways to making hot drinks in the community/village hall.

Each volunteer is asked to complete a questionnaire which asks for basic personal contact information. This information is entered into the Resilient Community Plan