

### End of project impact report

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supporting Hollicarrs, Kelfield and  
Riccall**

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#### Project Details

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**RICCALL AND DISTRICT RESILIENCE PLAN**

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**Q1 In no more than 500 words please outline the key outcomes of your project.**

Our aim to liaise with and work alongside emergency responders to support those at risk and vulnerable has been confirmed by the guest speakers at our meetings and training we have taken part in with multi-agency expertise. The local knowledge we can offer has been acknowledged as a useful resource to the emergency services. We are now aware of the procedures for contact with partners like the Environment Agency, Local Authorities and local community groups and the emergency services.

Our meetings and training with NYCC and emergency response organisations has created links, made them aware of what we can offer and we have been able to engage with and make valuable contacts with them to build on further. Our group seems to be unique in the area and NYCC were keen to take away information as well as offer advice.

Our aim to identify vulnerable residents in our communities for whom an incident such as power failure, water supply failure or extreme weather conditions may be their emergency, is more challenging. We have to rely on such residents approaching us to register and this is understandably quite difficult, but the discussions we have had with the local authority with links we have made with them have been beneficial. Now they are aware of our group and our contact details, they would be able to approach us if help was needed with vulnerable residents that they are aware of through different agencies.

The funding has been a great boost to the group achieving its aims in a practical sense. During the floods experienced in Dec 2015, we identified the need for having equipment which was not available from emergency services at that event due to the wide extent of flooding. We now have a secure cabinet of equipment in Kelfield, where it is on hand as a first response. In addition, equipment has been purchased for the groups use, including PPE, floodlights, head lights, first aid kit and a generator. All this equipment will be maintained and tested by the group and used for training with volunteers to make sure the use and operation is known by members.

Annual Insurance for the equipment is a required and on-going costs for this, a mobile phone, printing of leaflets, membership of the community bus scheme and event costs are taken into consideration.



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Going forward, once all of the equipment is purchased, there will be more scope for training sessions and to engage volunteers and build on what has so far been achieved. The group is in its infancy and all effort so far has been to set up the group, organise and attend training to increase knowledge and make connections with relevant authorities. There has been no role model to follow and it is evident from the authority's resilience plans and training that this is a growing and important part of our society to be prepared for man-made or natural events which affect our communities.

**Q2 In no more than 500 words please demonstrate how the project has met the Community Development Plan objectives that were identified in the original application for funding.**

**Highlight and act upon local issues –** The three settlements within the group have local issues, with Kelfield's concern being flooding, Riccall's flooding and impact from A19 incidents and Hollicarrs main concern being possibility of fire.

**Support our villages to provide a vibrant range of activities-** first aid/de-fib/fire safety and manual handling training courses have already been offered and taken place with more to follow. As the group becomes more established and experienced with the training members have attended, these will be rolled out and offered to volunteers and residents. In time, dummy runs of emergency scenarios are planned in which we hope to involve residents as well as volunteers.

**Encourage involvement and volunteering in the community-** a presentation from NYCC Resilience Team is booked in for February 2019. Each of our settlements are inviting volunteers, representatives from refuge centres identified in our plans, our



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District Councillor and representatives from other groups to attend. By sharing our resources with our neighbour's we are making new connections.

Address transport issues- the group has joined the Community Bus scheme run by Selby AVS so that in an emergency we would have the option of passenger transport if required.

Encourage information sharing between communities, activities and organisations- the group consists of three settlements, Hollicarrs, Kelfield and Riccall at present and representatives from each attend the meetings and training is offered to all.

Address issues of loneliness and isolation- we have so far been unable to achieve a register of vulnerable residents but have taken advice on approaching this from experts at SDC and NYCC and it is something we will work on.

Increase activities for young people-currently we have the support of our local Scouts who offered to help in emergencies. They will be involved with any activities in relation to the plan and will hopefully become our volunteers of the future. We had the support of several young people volunteering to help at the last flooding event providing food and drinks for volunteers.

Within the Eastern CEF area Riccall is one of the larger villages with several smaller communities surrounding us. We are not aware of any other neighbouring villages who have an active Emergency Plan in place. As a larger village we have several good community facilities willing to be refuge centres in the case of an event.

While we are well aware that the emergency services would attend any big events, we would be able to provide services such as refuge centres for affected communities. Close neighbours in the Hollicarrs and Kelfield are smaller communities with less facilities and a smaller population on which to draw volunteers but a sharing resources is an advantage. Once we're established we plan on inviting other communities to join us and would be willing to offer services to other communities in the event of an emergency.

Via CEF we could make other communities aware of this initiative. It is likely that we may find other shared resources that would link the Eastern Area CEF communities.



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**Q3 In no more than 250 words please give details of any additional benefits or objectives that the project has met that were not anticipated/ outlined in the original application for funding.**

The original name of the group was changed to be more appropriate once the three settlements had committed to joining.

Benefits have been gained by being involved with representatives from NYCC who have made us aware of resilience training sessions which members have been keen to attend. The group also agreed to a table top training event with NYCC and partners which was used as a test with information been gained by all attending and is planned to be rolled out to other communities.

Attending training with the emergency services resilience teams has had the additional benefit of meeting contacts and understanding and confirming the role we could provide and the local knowledge that would be useful to emergency services. It has also made the services aware of our group which was something we were finding difficult to achieve and believe it would be beneficial in an event.

Some of the objectives require further time and effort to achieve, but again, meeting with the authorities we are nearer achieving these aims with their advice.

Joining with our neighbours is establishing links we have not had previously, and we hope to build on these as we carry out further training for volunteers and members.

We publicise the group and upcoming events in Riccall Beacon, a PC publication distributed to all households in Riccall. We have available the Church parish magazine if required and several notice boards that we use. A Facebook page has also been created.



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**Any other comments on the project and its success:**

One of the benefits that has emerged but still in its infancy is the development of the community groups in the combined villages. Information has been sent out to various social groups asking if they would like to contribute in any training arrangements, hopefully this will prove fruitful in the coming months.

Communications has always been a challenge and at the same time a benefit. Asking for volunteers when there is not initially a clear directive as to what the work may involve, can be somewhat ambiguous. Hopefully through the use of the media showcases and presentations it will demonstrate that a variety of diverse skill sets are essential. In turn this will through promulgations and endorsements encourage others to take part.

Training was always a feature that we wanted to concentrate on. Using the professionalism and life skills of the team members has always been the first call. One pleasantly, not anticipated, offer came from the team at Harrogate Borough Council Resilience Team. They have offered to carry out an evening of training for the team and additional volunteers.

There has been a minor setback with the positioning of our storage container but planning and arrangements are still in place. A variety of equipment has now been purchased so we are happy at the prospect of training and instruction with this equipment.