## Household Emergency Plan Proforma for Kingscote and Bagpath

Emergencies can happen in an instant with no notice, and the fire and ambulance services encourage households to be prepared. Taking a few simple steps now could help you deal quickly and effectively if an emergency were to occur.

One of the most effective steps is for each household to complete an emergency plan which collects most of the information you might need in one place, and is easily accessible by you and others in your household. A household emergency plan should include:

- Emergency contact numbers particularly useful if you can't access the numbers on your mobile.
- Where to turn off water, electricity etc it may be obvious to you but would the rest of your family know?
- Radio station frequencies this could save precious moments and frustration when trying to get an update or latest advice.

We have prepared a downloadable form (Kingscote Parish Emergency Plan Issue 1) which you can print to set out your household's plans. The proforma is derived from one prepared by the County Council but is personalised for Kingscote parish. We encourage all households to fill this in and keep it handy. If anyone would like help with this, please contact Tony Wooldridge on 01435 860697.

## What3Words Code.

One of the boxes to complete on the proforma is the What3Words Code for your house. What3Words is a system used by most of the emergency services in the UK which enables them to locate anyone quickly and accurately using just three words. The system locates anyone to a 3 metre square, so it is much more accurate than a postcode, and could help emergency services reach you more quickly. A smart phone is needed to derive the What3Words code for your property using the app: <a href="https://what3words.com">https://what3words.com</a> but you can give the three word code to emergency services without needing a mobile phone. Again, if anyone would like help with this please contact Tony Wooldridge on 01435 860697.

## Questionnaire.

If you would like to test how well you are prepared for an emergency, we have compiled a short quiz (<u>Emergency planning questionnaire – Issue 1</u>).

## Further Advice.

If you would like further advice on emergency preparedness, there is a very helpful booklet called 'Are You Ready? also available on this website. The booklet was written by Gloucestershire Local Resilience Forum.