

# Slyne and Hest Bank Community Emergency Plan Version 2.1

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**If you are in immediate danger call 999**

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# Plan distribution list

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# Plan amendment list

Date of amendment	Date for next revision	Details of changes made	Changed by
16/11/23	16/11/24	Version 2.0 of Plan issued due to full review of plan and change of committee members. Changes to text highlighted in yellow. Removal of telephone tree and establishment of WhatsApp group. Removed section on Hest Bank Flood Action Group.	Joanne Leeman
12/11/24	11/11/25	Version 2.1 of Plan issued. Updates to: Contact details of a volunteer Addition of PC website address Addition of Our Future Coast project details Addition of new defibrillator location at The Crossing Minor alterations to contents of Emergency store list Additional step 10 to First Steps in an Emergency list	Joanne Leeman

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# Community Profile

**Slyne-with-Hest** is a civil parish in the City of Lancaster in Lancashire, England. The parish is north of Lancaster and consists of two merged villages: Slyne and Hest Bank. It has a population of 3,126 as recorded in the 2011 census. The parish has a greater proportion of residents aged 60 years when compared with Lancaster District. A large section of the western boundary is the coast of Morecambe Bay. The eastern and southern parts are farmland, which is bisected by the Bay Gateway, a dual carriageway linking Heysham to the M6 motorway. The Parish is traversed by the A6 north from Lancaster, by the west coast mainline railway and by the Preston to Kendal canal. The M6 motorway is in the far east of the parish.

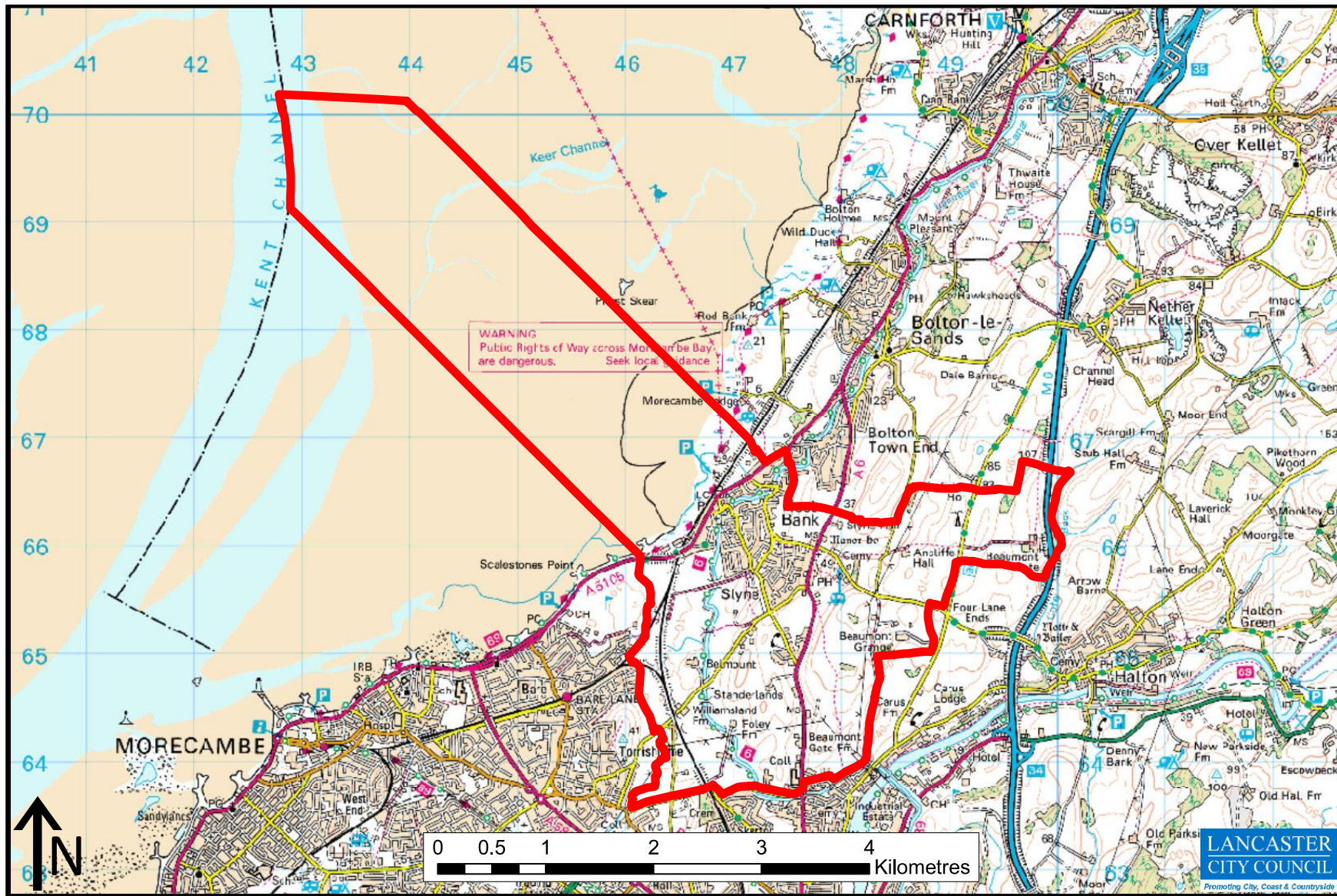
The parish consists of a residential housing, a primary school, a shop, chemist, post office, three public houses, other shops, businesses, recreational facilities and three churches. There are several residential homes for the elderly and a further education college for young people with disabilities at Beaumont in the south of the Parish.

Inland the area has been subject to incidents of surface water flooding following heavy rainfall, most notably in December 2015 which closed a section of the A6 and flooded at least 20 houses along the A6, at the bottom of Hest Bank Lane and Bottomdale Road. The Parish and wider area experienced a prolonged power cut for five days when a sub-station in Lancaster was flooded by the rapidly rising River Lune in Storm Desmond. The Morecambe Bay cockling disaster occurred off the beach in Hest Bank in February 2004 when 21 Chinese migrant labourers were drowned by an incoming tide. There was a high-speed rail derailment in May 1965 at Hest Bank Station, there were no deaths, the station was closed shortly afterwards.

The land at Hest Bank experiences coastal erosion and recently sections of the salt marsh have been washed away during high tides and storms. This follows an historic movement of the bay channels moving back and forth in the bay. There are potential flooding implications for Parish Council land, houses, and businesses along the shore and potentially the West Coast railway line. In 2021 DEFRA allocated £150 million to 25 projects across the country under the Flood and Coastal Resilience Innovation Fund (FCRIP). One of those projects was Our Future Coast, led by Wyre Council, which encompasses 14 sites along the Northwest Coast. Hest Bank is one of these sites, which is being managed by Lancaster City Council, with assistance from Morecambe Bay Partnership. This is a 5–6-year project ending in 2027 to develop and test new approaches to resilience with the community and researchers. [More information can be found here.](#)



# Ordnance Survey Map of Slyne with Hest Parish Boundary



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# Local risk assessment

Risks	Impact on community	What can the Community Emergency Group do to prepare?
Surface water flooding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flooding of major roads e.g. A6 leading to closure</li> <li>• Flooding and road safety issue of minor roads esp. Bottomdale Road near Football Club</li> <li>• Flooding of roads and properties               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hest Bank Lane</li> <li>▪ Bottomdale Road</li> <li>▪ Sea View Drive</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Damage to residential property</li> <li>• Damage to business property</li> <li>• Potential flooding of electrical sub-station on Sea View Drive</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage residents to improve home flood defences</li> <li>• Contact local fire services to obtain early intervention</li> <li>• Contact Hest Bank Lane Flood Group (see note below)</li> <li>• WhatsApp group to help with distribution of flood warnings and any evacuation</li> <li>• Keep up to date with the flood defences that are planned in the area</li> <li>• Set up rest centre in Village Hall &amp; Church Halls, if required</li> </ul>
Electrical power cut	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential risk to elderly and vulnerable adults in private homes and residential homes due to lack of cooking and heating facilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage vulnerable adults to sign up to Priority Services</li> <li>• WhatsApp group to coordinate response and liaise with council and relevant organisations</li> <li>• Establish links to local and county radio stations to advertise any provision of help within the village.</li> <li>• Contact residential homes to understand their plans/needs</li> <li>• Open up centers which can use mains or bottled</li> </ul>

		gas to provide hot water, flask filling facilities and hot food/beverages for those without the means to do so
Wind/storm damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Injury to person and property from debris and fallen trees</li> <li>• Closure of local roads</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish rest center if needed</li> <li>• Contact local tree surgeon/farmer/others, if necessary, to assist with clearing debris and/or trees</li> </ul>
Rail derailment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Injury or loss of life</li> <li>• Closure of local roads</li> <li>• Failure of rail crossing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish rest center if required by emergency service</li> </ul>
Major accident on Bay Gateway or M6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Injury or loss of life</li> <li>• Effect on local roads</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish rest center if required by emergency services</li> </ul>
Flooding from sea due to adverse weather	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flooding risk to homes and businesses adjacent to sea</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage residents to sign up to Flood Alert System and improve home flood defenses</li> <li>• Establish rest center if required by emergency services</li> </ul>
Prolonged period of hot weather	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dehydration in elderly people and/or young babies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take guidance from emergency services and LCC regarding vulnerable residents on Priority Services database</li> <li>• Contact local pharmacist and churches to identify vulnerable people in parish</li> <li>• Distribute hot weather advice</li> </ul>



## Local skills and resources assessment

Skill/Resource	Who?	Contact details	Location	Notes
Water/food supplies. Communication	Londis shop	[REDACTED]	13 Manor Road, Slyne	Has an electronic screen for notices
Rapid Relief Team	Plymouth Brethren	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Can provide outside catering van to serve emergency food
Electricity Information & Reporting	N/A	Call 105	National Telephone Number, who will put through to local operator	
Emergency Call Centre	Lancaster City Council	01524 67099		24-hour call centre
Flood Hub	Cross agency	<a href="https://thefloodhub.co.uk">https://thefloodhub.co.uk</a>	Online and quarterly newsletter	A one stop shop for flood information and resources for people across the North West
Pharmacist	Faisal Hassanjee Pharmacist	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Slyne Pharmacy 2 Manor Road, Slyne	Knowledge of local elderly and vulnerable  Or use Priority Service database

				information from LCC.
A partnership of agencies who work together in an emergency	Lancashire Resilience Forum	<a href="https://www.lancashireprepared.org.uk">https://www.lancashireprepared.org.uk</a>	online	Advice and information. Download an emergency pack for home or business. Sign up for alerts "Stay In The Know"
Floodline	Environment Agency	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings">https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings</a> Tel: 0345 988 1188	Online and telephone	Sign up for flood warnings

Known Location of Defibrillators in the Parish – [call 999 for access](#)

1. On wall outside Memorial Hall, Hanging Green Lane, Hest Bank.
2. Inside St Luke's Primary School, Shady Lane, Hest Bank. *Available in school hours only*
3. Outside Spar Shop, 160 Coastal Road, Bolton le Sands.
4. Inside Tennis Club on Hest Bank Recreation Ground. *Available only when club is open*
5. On wall at Hest Bank railway level crossing, outside 'The Crossing' Micropub.

## Key locations identified with emergency services for use as places of safety

Building	Location	Potential use in an emergency	Contact details of key holder
Slyne with Hest Memorial Hall	Hanging Green Lane, Hest Bank	Rest Centre (Electric cooking facilities, no landline, Internet access)	Cllr Antony Obertelli PC Clerk Louise Ash Both have keys to the Memorial Hall
Slyne with Hest Church Hall	Shady Lane, Slyne	Rest Centre (Electric cooking facilities, no landline, Internet access)	Andrew Worgan [REDACTED] Or Val Gill [REDACTED]
Christadelphian Hall	Main Road, Slyne	Storage for Emergency Supplies Rest Centre (has kitchen and landline)	John Moss [REDACTED] (Key for Emergency Store also held by Joanne Leeman)

# Emergency Contacts List

<b>Main contact</b>	<b>Name:</b> Tony Obertelli
	<b>Title:</b> Community Emergency Coordinator
	[REDACTED]
	[REDACTED]
	[REDACTED]
<b>Secondary Contact</b> (To be used if main contact not available)	<b>Name:</b> Andrew Worgan
	<b>Title:</b> Emergency Plan Volunteer
	[REDACTED]
	[REDACTED]
	[REDACTED]
<b>Secondary Contact</b> (To be used if main contact not available)	<b>Name:</b> Joanne Leeman
	<b>Title:</b> Emergency Plan Volunteer
	[REDACTED]
	[REDACTED] <a href="mailto:joleeman98@gmail.com">joleeman98@gmail.com</a>
	[REDACTED]

# Communication with Emergency Contacts

1. The Community Emergency Coordinator\*\* (or Secondary Contacts\* if they are unavailable) will receive the request for assistance from Emergency Services and/or Lancaster City Council.
2. The coordinator (Primary or Secondary) will alert the other members of the group via WhatsApp group if deemed necessary or to discuss action/next steps.

Name	Phone numbers
Cllr. Antony Obertelli**	██████████
Mrs. Joanne Leeman*	██████████████████
Mr. Andrew Worgan*	██████████
Louise Ash	██████████████████
Mr. John Moss	██████████████████
Mrs. Val Gill	██████████████████
Mr. Ben Eagle	██████████████████
Cllr. Alan Connor	██████████
Sarah Faithfull	██████████

## Organisations that may be able to help identify vulnerable people in an emergency

Organisation	Name and role of contact	Phone number
Lancaster City Council & other Key Agencies	Staff will have a database of people/households listed on the Priorities Services Register.	
United Reformed Church	Val Gill	[REDACTED]
St Luke's C of E Church, Slyne With Hest	Andrew Worgan. Church member, nearest key holder	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Slyne with Hest Parish Council	Louise Ash, Parish Council Clerk	[REDACTED]

## Community Emergency Activation Triggers

1. When a Severe Flood Warning is issued by the Environment Agency for the village.
2. When Police, Lancashire County Council, Lancaster City Council, Fire Service or Environment Agency contacts the coordinator to set up a Rest Centre.
3. If there is a significant utilities failure (electricity, water, gas etc) across the village affecting a significant number of properties for an extended period, dependent on time of day and temperature.
4. When a Severe Weather Warning has been issued for forecast conditions likely to affect the SwH community. The group members to discuss the situation and decide whether or not there is a need to act further.
5. When an extended period of hot weather could put vulnerable residents at risk. The group members to discuss the situation and decide whether or not there is a need to act further.



# First steps in an emergency

	Instructions	Tick
1	Call 999 (unless already alerted)	
2	Ensure you are in no immediate danger	
3	Contact the Community Emergency Group via WhatsApp and meet to discuss the situation	
4	Establish Rest Centre in either Memorial Hall or St Luke's Church Hall if needed by Emergency Services	
5	Access Emergency Supplies located in Emergency Store behind the Christadelphian Hall, if required	
6	Contact local media (radio) to advertise services available	
7	Appoint one person to liaise with Emergency Services and Council	
8	Issue badges and high vis jackets to volunteers for door knocking	
9	Check that volunteers have charged phones and sufficient fuel in vehicles	
10	Consider use of social media and Parish Council website to provide updates and advice to residents	

# Community Emergency Group Suggested Meeting Agenda

Date:            Time:            Location:            Attendees:

## **1. What is the current situation?**

### **Location of the emergency. Is it near:**

- A school?
- A vulnerable area?
- A main access route?
- Type of emergency:
- Is there a threat to life?
- Has electricity, gas or water been affected?

### **Are there any vulnerable people involved? Children and adults at risk?**

- Elderly
- Families with children
- Adults at risk
- People with disabilities

### **What resources do we need?**

- Food and drinking water?
- Off-road vehicles?
- Blankets?
- Shelter?
- Battery lanterns, torches etc.?

## **2. Establishing contact with the emergency services**

## **3. How can we support the emergency services?**

## **4. What actions can safely be taken?**

## **5. Who is going to take the lead for the agreed actions?**

## **6. Any other issues?**

# Actions agreed with emergency responders in the event of an evacuation

1. Help police/local authority with door knocking
2. Tell emergency services who might need extra help to leave their home. Seek assistance from local churches and pharmacist, if necessary.
3. Establish rest center if needed and access emergency supplies from store room at rear of Christadelphian Hall, Main Road, Slyne. Key Holder; Joanne Leeman and chairman of the Parish Council.

## Contents of Emergency Store

The Emergency Store is located behind Christadelphian Hall, Main Road, Slyne

- Burco Gas Catering Urn
- 7 High Vis Jackets
- 1 First Aid Kit & sundries
- 100 Water Purification Tablets
- 50 Heavy Duty Bin Liners
- 6 Wind-up Torches
- 4 Super Bright Torches
- 2 Camping Lanterns
- 3 Wind Up Radios
- 3 Stainless Steel Flasks
- 2 Camping Stoves
- 2 Camping Gas Cartridges
- 1 Megaphone
- 24 AA Batteries
- 4 C Batteries
- 2 Snow Shovels
- Plastic Name Badges for Volunteers
- 'Kiddiecare' pack
- Pens
- First Aid Kit
- 200 Hessian Sandbags\*

Date of last check: 15<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2024

*\*Sandbags are not recommended to reduce or prevent flooding. Lancashire County Council and Lancaster City Council **do not** provide sand to community groups or residents.*