

Colgate PC Emergency and Resilience Plan- adopted

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The Parish Council are committed to helping residents in our parish be more resilient and prepared.

We work closely with Horsham District Council (HDC) and West Sussex County Council (WSCC) which are both part of the wider Sussex Community Resilience Partnership. Their aim is to support local community responders including your Parish Councillors to help them stay safe while providing community resilience to assist their local community in preparing and responding to emergencies. Colgate PC use the website (WWW.colgatefaygate.com) and Facebook page and find us under groups) to cascade information to the public. Make sure you are signed up to get up to date information.

Useful Information and links:

Horsham district council- Emergency/ Resilience pages

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/community/safety-and-emergencies/emergency-planning-and-extreme-weather>

Advice from leading organisations

- [Travel in severe weather advice from Met Office](#)
- [Stay safe in a storm advice from Met Office](#)
- [Met Office weather warnings](#)
- [Live power cut information from UK Power Networks](#)
- [Seasonal health advice from NHS Live Well](#)

Freezing temperatures and heavy snow

- [School closures \(West Sussex County Council\)](#)
- [Gritting routes \(West Sussex County Council\)](#)
- [Bin collections in adverse weather](#)

Flooding

- [Check your flood risk](#)
- [Sign up for flood warnings](#)
- [How to protect your property from flooding](#)
- [What to do during a flood](#)
- [Clean up after a flood](#)
- [Sandbags](#)

Utilities loss

- [Report a power cut to UK Power Networks](#)
- [Report a gas or carbon monoxide emergency to National Grid](#)
- [Southern Water: What to do in an emergency](#)

Report fallen trees

- [Report fallen trees on roads to West Sussex Highways](#)
- [Report fallen trees on motorways to Highways England](#)
- [Report fallen trees in our parks to our Trees team](#)

Hot weather

- [NHS advice for coping in a heatwave](#)
- [Help animals stay cool in the heat](#)

West Sussex CC

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/preparing-for-emergencies/community-resilience-programme-what-if/>

All of us can help ourselves and prepare for an emergency.

WSCC have details on a Grab bag which can be found on this link with other ideas and links on how to be prepared.

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/preparing-for-emergencies/what-you-can-do-to-prepare-for-an-emergency/>

Power Cuts - support from UK Power Networks

If you need extra support in a Power cut, register [here](#) for free or [email](#)

If you have a power cut call **105**

Text POWER and your postcode to 80876

Sussex Resilience Forum

Their [website](#) provides information on protecting yourself and your family including being prepared at home, creating an evacuation plan, family emergency plan and home emergency kit.

Water & Wastewater emergencies - Southern Water

[Step by step guide](#) to cope with water and wastewater emergencies

Flood Warnings - Flood line

[Sign up](#) for flood warnings online or call Flood line if you are in an area at risk.

0345 988 1188 (24 hrs)

Emergency Services

In an emergency call 999

Colgate Parish is made up of three defined areas (Colgate, Faygate and Kilnwood Vale). Volunteers will need to be identified in each area and until such time as volunteers are identified then this reference guide will be the main focus for sign posting residents to help during an emergency. If any member of the public would like to become a volunteer or find out more, then please contact the clerk on clerk@colgatefaygate.com

Can you help?

Do you have medical training, do you have a tractor/ trailer, do you have a 4x4? Are you qualified to use a chainsaw. Is there anything you would be prepared to help with in an emergency?

Colgate PC do not own land or buildings that could be offered up as a place of refuge but will work with Village halls/church and schools to identify any places of safety in an emergency.