

Ayrshire Civil Contingencies Team

For the attention of Community Councils

Good afternoon,

I recently contacted you to see if you were interested in learning more about Community Resilience or developing your own community resilience plan. I also provided some information to make you and your families more resilient during severe weather and power outages, etc. I would very much appreciate feedback if you found this useful or used it at all during the recent severe weather and I can be contacted on Lesley.jeffery@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

During the recent “Beast from the East”, our community resilience colleagues in Largs and on the Isle of Cumbrae were very active and their work was recently publicised in the Largs and Millport Weekly newspaper.

Link to Cumbrae Support Team

- http://www.largsandmillportnews.com/news/16066123.Cumbrae_Support_Team_busy_during_severe_weather/

Largs Community Resilience Team –

http://www.largsandmillportnews.com/news/16071064.Largs_mercy_mission_during_Beast_from_the_East/

Both these groups are very different and their development was very much dependent on and tailored to the needs of their community. Cumbrae, for example, approached everyone on the island and keep a list of older and more vulnerable people which, as you can see from the newspaper article above, they visited and made sure they were ok. This is partly due to the longheld view that whilst Social Services are aware of the vulnerable people that they are visiting, those elderly people who have no requirement for input from Social Services may become vulnerable after a couple of days of no electricity or not being able to leave the house due to snow – the Cumbrae Community Support Team considered this and have taken steps to address this in their own community.

Similarly in Largs, the Largs Community Resilience Team helped in clearing roads, delivering prescriptions and getting emergency personnel to their work. The newspaper link above explains how the team were instrumental in clearing a path to a very ill gentleman so that a doctor could make a visit.

I have attached some photographs of the effect of the weather in Largs which shows the Largs Community Resilience Team at work for further information.

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