

## Council Emergency Plan Preparation & Big Energy Saving Network Programme

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Dear Council Key Contact

Please read below two notifications from Devon Communities Together

### 1) Council Emergency Plan Preparation Support and Assistance

Devon Communities Together is working with the emergency services and major public agencies to encourage communities to prepare an emergency plan.

Events such as flooding, storms, heavy snow and other disruptions can have a significant impact on communities. Situations may arise when the emergency services may not be able to assist in the expected way. Whilst communities come together to respond to adversity, a local emergency can be better managed if there is a plan in place to cope with an event until help arrives. About a hundred of Devon's towns and parishes have a local plan that is also recorded with the emergency services and so far this year we have helped around twenty communities get their plan underway. The process often starts with a short presentation and discussion with a parish or town council and we are now taking bookings for presentations in 2020. If you would like to arrange a presentation or wish to find out more, please contact our advisor:

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Other ways you can find out more:

Come along to the Resilience Forum event in Rattery on 27<sup>th</sup> November

[Click here to book a space at the Resilience Forum](#)

To Book a place on our workshop in Broadwoodkelly Village Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> November – or to find out more and timings of the event email [info@devoncommunities.org.uk](mailto:info@devoncommunities.org.uk)

### 2) Big Energy Saving Network Programme – helping members of your community

Devon Communities Together is working in partnership with Citizens Advice to deliver this winter's Big Energy Saving Network programme.

BESN wishes to help domestic consumers get good value from their expenditure on energy, to use energy

We want to reach those who would most benefit from our help: people on low incomes or with homes that are difficult to keep warm. However, our advice and help is relevant to all those who want to reduce their energy costs and to use energy more efficiently.

We want to help those in Devon's rural communities, away from the towns where help and advice is more often available. We are offering to come to your community to talk to groups and individuals about getting the best price from your current provider, the pros and cons of looking for a cheaper supplier, our oil purchasing scheme, how to use energy effectively in the home, measures that can be taken to make homes more energy efficient and the supplier services available to vulnerable customers. We also invite people to bring along their energy bills for some confidential advice on how they might reduce their costs.

We want to meet groups and individuals in your community that we can help, this may be at a regular meeting of a local organisation, an event in your village, or at a special drop in event that we can help you organise. We are also able to offer advice via a telephone session to any individuals who may prefer this method of contact.

To find out more or to arrange a visit please contact our advisors:

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Best Wishes

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