

Hello Fellow ERG colleagues.

Apologies to those of you that have been eagerly awaiting news of Keswick's flood simulation.

I'm still frantically pulling things together, but can give you a rough estimate of timings and locations for the day.

We'll begin by gathering the volunteers in Crosthwaite Parish Rooms, just between the Rawnsley Centre and the Coop, just before the mini roundabout if you're coming in from High Hill.

Don't park at Coop - they have a Parking Eye 1 hour limit. There should be ample parking at the Rawnsley Centre (the old Keswick Grammar School/Upper School Site for anyone old enough to remember!) - this is paid, we unfortunately don't have many free options. I can direct you to a couple of cheaper all-day options too - let me know and I'll happily drop a note, but this is the closest for the start and end of day briefings.

10am: Gather volunteers together, briefing of expectations for the day. Control room volunteers will then dash off to the Town Hall to set up the emergency control room, get the equipment ready, and then we'll start calling out volunteers using the texting system (we'll pretend that the parish rooms is them at home).

Volunteers will come to sign in, get equipment, be grouped and tasked and sent out I'll send a liaison to the Mountain Rescue Base, just to practise how we'd gain entry (the base was recently extended and now has a multi-agency response room where police/fire&rescue would be based in a flooding emergency, but we have our radio receiver and kit all at the town hall).

Depending on numbers of volunteers available, we'll set a few little tasks, but mainly we're practising getting kitted up, briefed, sent out, and returning safely, along with some radio comms and maybe erecting the odd flood defence for our vulnerable residents.

We'll definitely be done by 3pm, maybe sooner.

If you're game, I'd love you to join the volunteers in getting equipment (the more we can simulate a busy environment the better), but then you can decide if you would like to shadow a team erecting defences, stay in our control room, or go with the base to the mountain rescue, or a little bit of everything (please let me know in advance if you'd like to go to the MRT so I can clear it for numbers - I have my liaison for the day in copy so he knows what I'm offering out!)

I'm also happy to make myself available for any questions, if you want to come and have a nose around our stores and kit area, and of course, I would really love to hear any feedback you may have, tips and tricks for what you do differently or better. This is all about getting everyone prepared for the next emergency.

Do let me know if you, or a member of your team is going to come.

Best Regards

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