

NRF support to Community Resilience

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I apologise for this unsolicited email. Your details have been kindly passed to me by the Norfolk Association of Local Councils.

I am writing to you on behalf of the Norfolk Resilience Forum (NRF). The NRF is a multi-agency group that is made up of the Emergency Services, Local Authorities and other agencies. We work together to ensure that our approach to managing risks and emergencies is planned and coordinated.

In light of the 2021 [Integrated Review of Security & Defence](#), the Treasury Secretary allocated funding to each Local Resilience Forum (LRF) to assist in the task of developing national resilience. The pandemic, recent flooding and severe weather have highlighted the strength of Norfolk's community and parish level support structures. My intention is to invest some of the NRF's funding allocation in reinforcing these essential Community Resilience organisations.

So far, we have procured a cascade alert system which will enable the NRF (and specifically District Emergency Planners) the opportunity to warn and inform parishes and NRF partners of impending threats. It will enable the NRF to communicate (by SMS and email) local immediate threats (e.g. CoMAH site fires) or imminent risks (severe flooding, tidal locks etc).

We are also working with Communities Prepared, an organisation which helps to establish new community level resilience groups and develop those already in existence.

In order to intelligently allocate funding (and to scope the interest of parishes to be added to our cascade alert system) could I please request you respond to this email, appraising me of whether:

1. You have a community resilience group established as part of your parish (or wish for support in establishing one).
2. You wish to be added to our cascade alert system.

I must highlight that I am by no means attempting to replace the roles of your District Emergency Planning Officers (EPOs). I am merely attempting to bolster and add assistance to your organisations (and support your EPOs wherever possible).

If anyone wishes to discuss this, or other related matters, then please email me and I'll do my best to help (or signpost you to the most appropriate individual).

Many thanks for your support.

Best wishes

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