

# MORAY COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLANNING

## COMMUNITY RESILIENCE IS OUR ABILITY TO WITHSTAND, ADAPT & RECOVER FROM CHALLENGES AS A COMMUNITY

Community resilience happens when the public are empowered to use local resources and expertise to help themselves and their communities to prepare, respond and recover from disruptive challenges. This doesn't mean doing the job of the emergency services, it is about making sensible preparations so that all the skills, knowledge and commitment in your community can make as much difference as possible when it is needed most.

The Joint Community Councils of Moray is helping communities to plan for resilience, supported by the Community Support Unit at the Moray Council. Together we are supporting working groups to form, as sub-groups of each local Community Council, and to prepare for emergencies in your community. By working together, we can help everyone to cope better during challenges and target support to more vulnerable residents.

### The Aims of Community Resilience Working Groups:



Work together to produce an emergency plan for our community.



Increase the overall resilience of our community.



Reduce the impact and our recovery time from an emergency event.



Identify possible risks, our assets and volunteers.

## Essential Funding Awarded to Moray Community Resilience Working Groups

We have recently supported community councils across Moray to apply to the 'SSEN Resilient Communities Fund' and have been successful in bringing over £200,000 to Moray for community-led emergency planning. Additionally, SSEN have ring-fenced £1.8m of funding for local authorities in the regions most affected by Storm Arwen to support community and personal resilience projects, focused on the vulnerable.

We have also been successful in securing some funding for the following community resilience activities:

- A Community Resilience Information event which will take place at the beginning of winter. The event will bring together communities and public and emergency services to discuss how we can help each other to make our communities more resilient.
- To support community resilience working groups throughout Moray. We promise to help any group that would like to plan for local emergencies. We can offer support to planning and meeting activities.
- To promote planning for household resilience.
- To create and share 'Moray Community Resilience Bulletins'. We will produce quarterly bulletins to share information about funding, planning and support and will distribute these throughout each of the 17 Community Councils in Moray. You can request to be on the mailing list for this via the below email.

# LET'S HELP EACH OTHER AND WORK TOGETHER



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## What Can You Do to Help Increase the Resilience of Your Community?

Here are some things you can do to help yourself and others in your community:

- Get in touch with your local community council to ask what is happening in your area and join the resilience planning group.
- If your local community council, or other organisation, is not already looking at resilience planning then you could start a new working group for your community.
- Do you have any skills or resources that could help in a community? Let your local community council know how you could help in an emergency response and register as a volunteer for when emergencies happen.
- Create an emergency plan for your home. Guided by the Scottish Government, we have developed a 'Moray Household Emergency Plan' template. Contact us for a digital copy via the below email. We can also supply a printed copy.

