

## **The first 48 hours of an emergency matter!**

**They are crucial in supporting both members of our own community and the  
Emergency Services!**

### **Does Arkengarthdale need a Community Emergency Plan?**

In 2019 we experienced devastating floods.

In 2020 there was the Coronavirus Pandemic.

In 2021 Storm Arwen brought down power lines during heavy snow.

The resourcefulness, resilience and community spirit of Arkengarthdale residents has been demonstrated each time there has been an emergency.

An Arkengarthdale Community Emergency Plan would ensure that we can continue to support our community through an emergency, assist with incident management for the emergency services and other organisations and promote a swift recovery for the dale every time.

The plan would aim to ensure we are able to get in touch with the emergency services **as quickly as possible**, with the necessary information to help them to help us. Doing this effectively is particularly challenging as we are a wide-spread community with limited mobile phone service and few access routes into the dale.

It would aim to support the most vulnerable in a given situation and offer resources to deal swiftly with incidents, promoting recovery and a return to normality.

If you would like to know more about how this could work, and/or you would like to be involved or help make it work, please come along to

**St Mary's Church on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023, at 7pm**

Refreshments will be served

**All welcome!**

This meeting has been organised by Arkengarthdale Parish Council to gauge the level of interest from Arkengarthdale residents in a Community Emergency Plan.