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MY COMMUNITY, OUR RESOURCES

Strong communities use what's available to them to support each other in a disruption. Think about it...

You and the people in your street, neighbourhood, community (in all of Staffordshire) are able to solve local problems. You do it every day. You pool know-how, connections, and work together to help people in need through difficult times. You match community needs with local offers of help. You are resourceful and that will be so important in your next disruption.

Thinking about the resources your community has is so important for the next disruption. Communities that prepare for disruptions can better cope and recover when they happen.

Just walk and talk

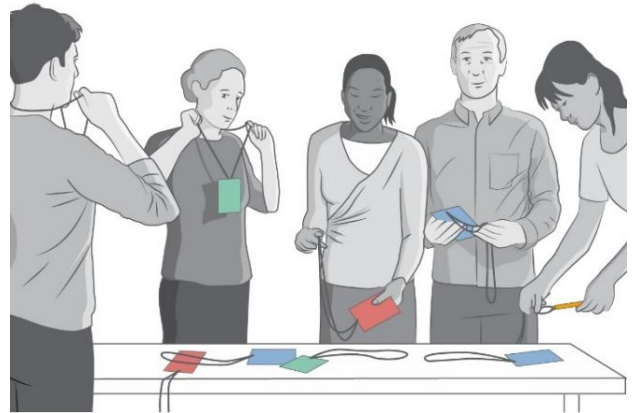
Identifying community resources does not need to be boring or lengthy. Think about it with others in your community over three relaxed walks:

- **Walk 1:** Identify resources in your community and how they might be used.
- **Walk 2:** Draw those resources on a map.
- **Walk 3:** Identify resource gaps and how to fill them (including with outside help).

Walk 1: Identify community resources

As you walk around your Staffordshire community think about the resources you pass:

- **People and skills.** Who has useful skills and experience (e.g. first aid, leadership).
- **Community groups and networks.** What local groups and networks can help people to collaborate and solve problems?



- **Buildings, infrastructure and land.** Where could you run a Community Emergency Hub to identify needs and offers and give a safe place?
- **Equipment.** What businesses, voluntary organisations, and public spaces exist? What useful equipment do they offer?
- **Place attachments.** What culture and positive stories can the community draw upon?

Walk 2: Map community resources

Print a map of your community and mark it with the resources you talked about as you walk. Identify these so that everyone can see what is available, and where. Walk the streets you haven't gone down before.

Store the annotated map in the Community Emergency Hub 'Box' so it is accessible to everyone when needed.

Walk 3: What are we missing?

As you walk around your community what resources are not available – what's missing? Talk to the community, the local council, and emergency services. Work with them to identify important gaps and how to fill them. Annotate these solutions on the map.

Update the map when new resources emerge and when existing resources are no longer available. Use the map in a disruption.

Walk 1: Identify some of these resources in your Staffordshire community e.g.:

People and skills	Community groups and networks	Buildings, infrastructure and land	Equipment
Staffordshire’s residents with useful skills and knowledge. Medical & care professionals: Doctors, nurses, first aiders, counsellors, vets. Technical operators: Machinery operators for debris removal, builders, tree surgeons, gas engineers, electricians. Specialist volunteers: Amateur radio operators (for communications), 4x4 drivers, child minders. Local knowledge experts: Long-term residents and community figures who know vulnerable neighbours.	Networks with generalist and specialist support in Staffordshire. Voluntary organisations: Local volunteer groups, national charities, resilience groups with specialised training. Faith and community groups: Religious groups, social clubs with community trust and offering "psychological first aid". Social media groups: Facebook, Instagram, X, WhatsApp to share official information. Registers: Registers of households that request help in disruptions.	Places of safety, storage, and for collaboration. Emergency shelters: Schools, community centres, village halls, and places of worship that can offer warmth, food, and rest spaces. Gathering points: Village halls, car parks, green spaces, community buildings that are safe meeting places for groups of people in Staffordshire. Supply hubs: Local shops, pubs, pharmacies that offer essential goods like food, water, medicines. Infrastructure: Libraries, public buildings, government offices with electricity generators and internet access.	Tools that help with response and recovery in Staffordshire. Machinery: Light and heavy machinery, tractors, trailers, diggers, 4x4 vehicles, farm equipment, forklifts, business equipment. Power and lighting: Portable generators, emergency lighting, fuel. Communications: Battery-powered or hand-crank radios, satellite phones. Supplies: Stockpiles of aqua-bags, sandbags, shovels, first aid kits, clean water, brushes and buckets.

Walk 2: Place those resources on a map of your Staffordshire community

