

## Early Responders

An Early Responder is a volunteer who has the commitment, energy and skills to assist their neighbours and the Finchampstead community in a great emergency. Some people may also have equipment that could help in an emergency, but this is not a pre-requisite to becoming an Early Responder.

### Types of Emergency

The types of emergency in which volunteer Early Responders will be called upon are those generally referred to as “once in a life time” events and will in general be weather related emergencies, such as storms, snow and to a lesser extent, due to the local geography, flooding.

As an Early Responder you need to have the appropriate clothing to keep yourself as warm, dry and safe as possible, to avoid becoming a casualty yourself.

### To volunteer

If you would like to volunteer as an Early Responders please contact the Parish Council on [fer@finchampstead-pc.gov.uk](mailto:fer@finchampstead-pc.gov.uk) or 0118 908 8164. When you register, please let us know if you have equipment that you would be prepared to use during the emergency.

The types of equipment that would be useful would include:

- Snow clearing equipment: from snow shovels to snow blowers
- Off-road vehicles: from 4x4 to tractors
- Tree clearing equipment: from chain saws to winches (with cables /chains)
- Flooding: from Pumps and sandbags to boats

The above is not an exhaustive list, but hopefully gives some guidance on the type and scale of equipment that could be useful.

### Maintaining your Details

Equally as important as volunteering, is maintaining your details on the Register. You may be surprised how many Mobile numbers and Email addresses change with a 12 month period you're your details change please email us on [fer@finchampstead-pc.gov.uk](mailto:fer@finchampstead-pc.gov.uk) We will contact all Early Responders at least once a year to confirm that you still wish to be a Volunteer and to ensure the details we have are current.