

11. Emergency Cold Kits for the heatwave of July 18th & 19th, 2022

We were aware that the UK would have an unprecedented heatwave a number of days before the event. The enormity of the heat was only fully understood on the weekend of the 16th of July.

Experienced in dealing with extreme heat I formulated an idea to put together Cold Kits for the aged and vulnerable.

The kits included:

- Tall water bottles – brightly coloured to attract their eye and remind them to drink
- Long lasting cold packs – frozen. (some are still in my freezer for next time)
- Hand held battery fans – with batteries
- Table top small electric fans
- Table top medium/large electric fans
- Letter from the PC sharing government info about managing in the heat, dehydration symptoms and emergency phone numbers
- - in some cases a bag of ice was provided

Along with Councillor Susan Davis, 15 packs were delivered and short/longer visits were made to make sure our parishioners were prepared.

It was clear to both Susan and myself that people had no idea how hot it was going to get nor had they assembled any sort of emergency kit for themselves. Both Susan and I followed up with our group over the two days.

We have been overwhelmed with the gratitude shown by those who received a pack.

We recommend following this up with an insert in our Emergency Plan about going into action with future heat waves. We won't need to give some of these folk another electric fan, but they will need reminding about how to manage during a heat event.

Resolution: To pay the amount of £235.45 to Diane Bohm for the supplies listed above.

Recommendation: To maintain a budget line for Emergencies & include some action plan for future events. In this event the Chair and the Vice Chair took responsibility for the decision to spend some money to help villagers.

Diane Bohm