

Dalton-in-Furness & Newton-in-Furness – Risk Assessment Matrix (Town Council Supportive Role)

This matrix outlines local risks and appropriate Town Council SUPPORT actions only. The Town Council is NOT a Category 1 or 2 responder and does not carry out operational emergency response. All actions listed reflect the Council’s legal role: communication, coordination, local knowledge, and community support.

Dalton-in-Furness

Hazard / Risk	Likelihood	Impact / Consequence	Town Council Support Actions (Non-Operational)
Severe Weather / Flooding (Beck overflow)	High	Possible severe flooding of town centre; damage; disruption; risk to life	Share verified alerts from EA/Met Office; provide local knowledge to principal authority; support identification of vulnerable residents; maintain community volunteer list; prepare rest centre information but open ONLY if instructed; assist with communication of official evacuation/warning messages; support distribution of sandbags ONLY if supplied by district council
Transport Accidents	Medium	Road closures, injuries, local disruption	Share official information from police/highways; provide local knowledge on alternative routes;

			update residents through council channels; maintain contact list of local transport operators
Public Health Emergency	Low	Illness, community disruption	Share NHS/Public Health messages; coordinate volunteers for welfare checks (non-hazardous areas only); support community signposting to official services
Utility Failures	Medium	Loss of electricity, gas, water	Share utility provider updates; gather local information for district council; identify community buildings with backup facilities; coordinate welfare checks
Fire (residential/commercial)	Low	Damage, possible evacuation, injuries	Share official Fire Service information; support identification of suitable temporary shelter locations; communicate updates from emergency services
Environmental Incident	Low	Contamination, temporary evacuation	Provide local knowledge to Environment Agency/principal authority; share verified instructions with residents; coordinate volunteers if requested

Newton-in-Furness

Hazard / Risk	Likelihood	Impact / Consequence	Town Council Support Actions (Non-Operational)
Severe Weather / Flooding	Medium	Local flooding, property damage, access issues	Share EA/Met Office alerts; keep list of vulnerable residents; identify safe community buildings; update residents via official channels; coordinate local volunteers if requested by principal authority
Transport Accidents	Low	Road disruption, injuries	Share updates from police/highways; advise residents on alternative routes (information only); provide local knowledge to responders
Public Health Emergency	Low	Illness, impact on community activity	Support NHS messaging; coordinate welfare checks (non-hazardous); help distribute verified information from authorities
Utility Failures	Medium	Loss of electricity, gas, or water	Share utility company updates; support welfare checks; identify potential community buildings for warming/charging (opened only if authorised)
Fire (residential/commercial)	Low	Property damage, evacuation	Share official instructions; provide local building access details if requested; assist

			communication with residents
Environmental Incident	Low	Contamination, health risk	Share verified Environment Agency updates; support community communication; coordinate volunteers ONLY if directed by authorities