

# News Sheet



Emergency Planning Society  
East Midlands Branch

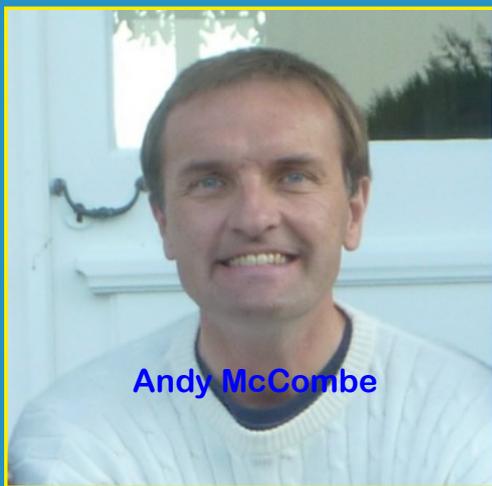
December 2015

## Annual Seminar Edition

Mansfield District Council Offices

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015 - 9.30am to 4.00pm

### Branch Chairman's Message



Andy McCombe

Welcome to the Winter 2015 East Midlands Branch Newsletter detailing key events from the past year plus a look forward to events, meetings, training and visits planned for 2016

Sharing Lessons.  
Good Practice.  
New Initiatives  
and Thinking...



### Emergency Planning Society East Midlands Branch Report

Welcome to the East Midlands Branch annual newsletter. The Committee thought that one annual summary of activities in the Branch was appropriate, in addition to occasional e mails from me updating you on events and pass on any important information.

The good news is that we were short listed for Branch of the Year at the annual EPS awards, the not so good news is that the reduced size of the Branch from 166 in 2012 to 79 today affects numbers attending local events. We need a minimum of 10 members or guests signing up to events to make them viable. Because of this one or 2 have had to be postponed or cancelled this year. Please try to join us for at least one event each year.

I have been working with the other Branch Chairs within the National Operational Committee (NOC) to agree how we can reinvigorate the Society in the face of staff and budget cuts plus fewer employers funding EPS membership. I recently proposed a 5 year plan called 'EPS 2020' to bring total membership up from about 1,400 to 2,020 by the end of 2020, by completing work under 2 linked work strands – keeping members and recruiting new members.

I hope you will see a steady reduction in membership fees over the next 5 years, simplified upgrading and a number of other key initiatives. The Board of Directors is working on the draft 2020 document now and I hope you will hear more early next year.

As for our Branch, we are going to set up our own Twitter account and the final page of the newsletter outlines our events diary for 2016. My aim is to attract more members by outlining to employers the CPD scheme, access to training, events and networking opportunities within the East Midlands and beyond. To this end I have developed a closer working relationship with the West Midlands branch so you will see more joint events in the future.

Finally, I would like to express my thanks to the branch committee for sticking with it, we need county reps for Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire on the committee, could that be you?

Merry Christmas from me, and looking forward seeing you all again in 2016.

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The East Midlands Branch area covers Lincolnshire, Rutland, Nottinghamshire, Northamptonshire, Leicestershire and Derbyshire

## Annual Seminar - Mansfield - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December

The third East Midlands Branch Annual Seminar will look at unmanned aerial vehicles, Pandemic flu risk, Met Office updates and a chance to influence EPS policy

Resilience Updates

Derbyshire Emergency Volunteers

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

The 1918 Flu Pandemic

Winter weather and early swans



See Pages 5 & 6 for full details.

Up to 3 CPD points available. Event limit 100 attendees

**Venue:** Mansfield District Council  
Civic Centre  
Chesterfield Road South  
Mansfield,  
NG19 7BH

**Timings:** Assemble from 9.30 for 10 am to 3 pm event.

**Cost:** No charge for EPS members

£25 fee for non-members, refundable by joining the EPS within 3 months.

Non-member offer only available for one event per person per year.

**Attendance** E mail your interest in attending to: [EPSEastMids@Gmail.com](mailto:EPSEastMids@Gmail.com)

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### Water Industry Mass Alternative Supplies Workshop 16<sup>th</sup> July

Twelve EPS members from both the East and West Midlands Branches attended a workshop at Severn Trent Water's Coventry Headquarters, together with seven paying non-members. The workshop, hosted jointly by Severn Trent Water and Anglian Water, gave overviews of the water industry and set out the responses to a number of supply interruption scenarios.



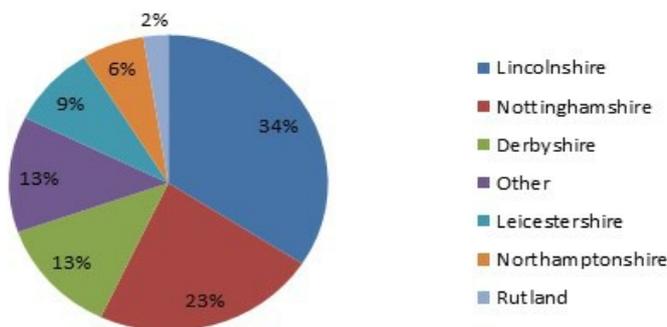
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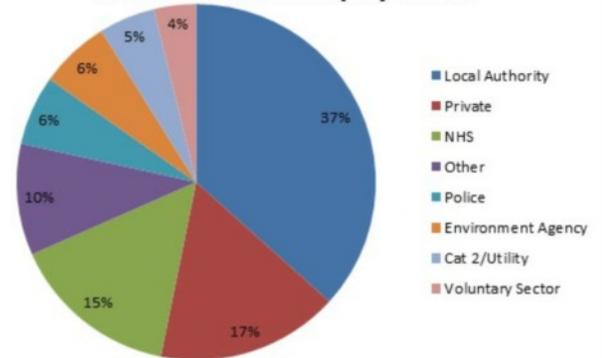
Speakers from Worcestershire County Council, British Red Cross and the Military advised how they could become involved in supporting water companies and assisting the wider community. Representatives from seven local authorities participated in this workshop. Guests were also able to tour Severn Trent's customer service and operational control centre.

### Report on Branch Membership - 2015

#### Branch Membership by County



#### Branch Membership by Sector



#### Membership Update

Branch membership has stayed steady this year at about 80, just over half are Associate members, we have 30 Full members and 4 Fellows swelling our ranks. Each new member receives a welcome letter from me, is contacted by the nearest committee member and has access to the member's handbook which outlines the benefits of membership (on the website dated 27 August 15). EPS head office intend to make available the membership database to all members to improve networking opportunities. Remember, membership renewals occur next month, please make sure you or your employer actions the request from Sue at EPS Easingwold HQ.

## Kendrew Barracks 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015

### EPS Capability Study Day

A bright and blustery day saw a dozen EPS East Midlands Branch members join staff from 7 Infantry Brigade to learn about Category 1 capability developments, the new Coastguard Search and Rescue organisation, Environment Agency flood defence and pumping as well as a very interesting insight into the Ministry of Defence's imagery analysis techniques.



7<sup>th</sup> Inf Brigade



The morning was set aside for individual briefings. After lunch at Kendrew Barracks Officers' Mess, a series of stands were visited by mixed groups.

## Highways England 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015

### Highways England Winter Weather Workshop

Ten EPS Branch members visited the Highways England Control Centre near Nottingham to view the control room, hear about the capabilities available to manage the regions' roads in winter and view one of their grit spreaders and a response vehicle.

Matt Pates from Highways England escorted us throughout event



Some interesting discussion emerged over who is now responsible for trapped motorists on motorways due to an RTC closing a carriageway or severe weather, which we think is a topic requiring clarification.



## Speakers & Content

### Annual Seminar - East Midlands Branch

Mansfield Council Civic Centre - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015

This is the third East Midlands Branch Annual Seminar looking at new risks on the National Register and provide topical updates on a wide range of issues focusing particularly upon...

Resilience Updates  
Unmanned Aerial Vehicles  
Winter weather and early swans

Derbyshire Emergency Volunteers  
The 1918 Flu Pandemic



#### 1000 - 1020

##### Welcome Address - Andy McCombe and Tony Thompson

Lt. Col. Andy McCombe, Joint Regional Liaison Officer for the East Midlands and Branch Chair.

Tony Thompson, former British Transport Police officer, Government Office and Red Cross, now consultant and new Society Chair.

#### 1020 - 1040

##### Update on DCLG RED and Government Policy

##### Rob Willis - DCLG RED Central

Rob will provide an overview of latest Government thinking regarding resilience planning plus updates on local priorities. Rob Willis works as a Resilience Adviser, part of DCLG's Resilience & Emergencies Division. Based in Nottingham he provides dedicated support to the Lincolnshire and Nottingham & Nottinghamshire LRFs and works on a number of capability strands including telecommunications, site clearance and evacuation & shelter. Rob moved over to DCLG following the closure of Government Offices in 2011 where he worked as part of the Regional Resilience Team and before that on EU funded programmes and neighbourhood renewal initiatives.

#### 1045 - 1115

##### Local, Willing and Able - a new way forward for Derbyshire

##### Paula McDonald - Senior Emergency Planner - Derbyshire

Paula has worked in Emergency Planning at Derbyshire County Council for 10 years and will talk about the Derbyshire Emergency Volunteers, a team from across Derbyshire who assist Emergency Planning during major incidents.

#### 1115 - 1140 Break

Tea & Coffee will be served in the Council Chamber

#### 1140 - 1200

##### Resilience Direct Update

##### John Perkins

John will provide an update on the developmental work that is currently being taken forward by CCS to improve the service to responders through the introduction of ResilienceDirect Hub and Maps. In addition to his day job as Business Continuity and Civil Contingencies Manager at Derbyshire Constabulary, John is a member of the ResilienceDirect National Group and currently chairs the East Midlands Regional Resilience Direct Administrators Group.



1200 - 1245

## **Unmanned Aerial Vehicles and Press and public paranoia**

**John Siddle**

John spent 30 years as an aircraft engineer in the RAF, working on Harrier, Tornado, Puma and Sentry (AWAC) aircraft, including a tour as the Airframe Trade Manager on the BBMF operating the Lancaster, Dakota, 5 Spitfires and the 2 Hurricanes on the Flight. His last 9 years have been with Lincolnshire Police. As the UAV and FPV (first person view) world has opened up, many hobbyists have emerged onto the scene pushing the boundaries, setting up companies to build or operate quite legitimately but it has also provided 'off the shelf' drones operated by people less capable or unaware of the legislation pertaining to Unmanned Aerial Vehicles. John will discuss the shortcomings of 'drones', limitations, operating hazards & knowledge base for operating safely. He will look at what can be operated at the lower end of the scale and how the legal framework fits into that. What is required for operations when the UAVs all up weight exceeds 20kg. Finally, he will offer a realistic view of the danger UAV's represent to manned civil/military aircraft.

1245 - 1330

## **Buffet Lunch & Networking in the Meden Room**



1330 - 1410

## **The 1918 Flu Pandemic**

**Major Martin Baxter**

Major Martin Baxter was born in Derbyshire and went to school just the other side of the M1, and at Welbeck College when it was near Worksop. He spent a quarter of a century in the Regular Army, firstly as a logistics (transport) officer and latterly as a helicopter pilot. Martin left the Regular Army about 10 years ago, but having failed to sell his uniform on eBay, he joined the Army Reserve (TA in old speak) and has worked part time in the world of Resilience ever since. He is happily unmarried to a police officer, lives in Wetherby, and enjoys paragliding and motorcycling. In his presentation Martin tells the story of the 'Spanish' Flu pandemic of 1918; our worst case scenario, so far... He covers how it started and spread, what it was like to live through, what lessons we might learn, and what could make a similar pandemic better or worse.

1415 - 1430

## **Update on Met Office services and 'look forward' to winter weather**

**Hazel Reeve**

Hazel has been the East Midlands Advisor for Civil Contingencies since 2012. The UK media has been whipping up a bit of a frenzy over suggestions that this winter will be particularly cold and long. Quoting changes to El Nino and Daily

Mail saying 'The swans that say we're in for a freezing winter: Arrival of Russian Bewicks from Siberia is earliest for 50 years and could herald harsh weather'. Hazel will provide updated on Met Office systems and talk about the forecast for the winter.

1430 - 1500

## **Membership and Professional Development for EPS members**

**Matt Roy**

Born and raised in Edinburgh on leaving school at 16 years Matt joined the recently amalgamated Lothian and Borders Police. His first tentative steps into the world of Emergency Planning was as a responder in 1988 at Lockerbie. Nearing the end of his Police career his professional diverse experience extends from Emergency Services, Government, Devolved Government, Local Authority, Third Sec-tor, Executive Agencies and Nuclear Industry, from the Home Counties, London, Cumbria to Scotland. Matt is honoured to be recently appointed as the EPS Membership and Development Director.

1550 - Closing Summary

**Andy McCombe** - East Midlands Branch Chair

Looking forward to 2016





Happy Christmas  
and a  
Peaceful New Year



## EPS National Events 2016

**Tuesday 28th June 2016** - Annual General Meeting, dinner and awards

**Wednesday 29th June 2016** - Annual Conference

The venue will be the SWALEC Stadium in Cardiff, home of Glamorgan Cricket Club  
Further details will be issued in due course



## East Midlands Branch 2016 Events Overview

Date	Event	Location
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Flood Management Conference	Guildhall, Northampton and Washlands
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Recycling Fire Workshop Branch AGM	Guildhall, Northampton
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Search and Rescue visit	<b>TBC</b> - Humberside Airport
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	British Geological Survey visit	<b>TBC</b> - BGS HQ near Nottingham
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Red Cross Voluntary Sector Workshop	<b>TBC</b>
December 1 <sup>st</sup>	Annual Branch Seminar	<b>TBC</b> - Mansfield District Council offices



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