
SOMERSET

Your Community Resilience Action Calendar

2026 to 2027

What you can do, and what we can do together, to adapt to a changing climate and prepare for emergencies.

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FOR INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES

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One thing to do per entry, most under ten minutes. Start with the Now section, and let's make a difference together.

At a glance (full details below this table)

Now to summer 2027.

When	What	Your action
Now	Disposable barbecues. New statutory guidelines, 14 August. Not to be sold	Alert any local retailer still selling them.
Now	Community Risk Register 2026, newly published	Share the link, details below
Now	Home Emergency Plan. Now available as a PDF	Share with households
Now	Rural Active Travel Toolkit. New guide for community-led walking, wheeling and cycling routes	Share with parishes. Details and free training in the Now section
Quarterly	Somerset Prepared small grant. Quarterly deadline. Up to £5,000	Alert parishes and flood groups
All October	Somerset Flood Awareness Month. County library programme	Promote your local library
Thu 1 Oct	Act to Adapt workshop. Frome Town Hall, 1pm to 3.30pm	Attend if you can
Tue 6 Oct	Flood Awareness Month session, Frome Library	Publicise locally
Tue 6 Oct	People's Emergency Briefing Film. St Paul's Junior School, Shepton Mallet, 7pm	Share with Shepton area parishes
Sat 10 Oct	Wilder Together. Taunton Conference Centre, 10.30am to 3.30pm. Booking essential	Share with community groups
Tue 13 Oct	Flood Awareness Month session, Wincanton Library	Publicise locally
Thu 15 Oct	Flooding Symposium. Sarah Dyke MP. Keinton Mandeville, 6pm to 9pm. Booking essential	Share with Glastonbury and Somerton parishes
Thu 15 Oct	People's Emergency Briefing Film. The Angel, Langport, 7pm	Share with Langport area parishes

When	What	Your action
Mon 19 Oct	People's Emergency Briefing Film. The Pilton Stage, 7.30pm, with local discussion	Attend, or send a message to be read out
Wed 21 Oct	Community Resilience Day. Millfield School, Street. Free	Book on. Send a parish rep
Wed 21 Oct	Act to Adapt Langport. Langport Town Hall, 7pm to 9.30pm	Share. Free, but please register
Mon 26 Oct	Taunton Library family workshop, half term	Publicise to families
Wed 28 Oct	Porlock Library family workshop, half term	Publicise to families
Fri 30 Oct	Priorswood Library family workshop, Taunton	Publicise to families
By end Oct	Winter weather readiness	Are your parishes ready?
Tue 24 Nov	Community Flood Action Fund. Next deadline, then 23 Feb 2027	Get it on an autumn agenda
Spring 2027	Cool spaces and heatwave planning	Forward look, not yet live
July 2027	"Love Your River" month	In development. More to follow

Now!

Survey, barbecues, emergency plans, funding, active travel

PARISH PREPAREDNESS SURVEY

Has your parish completed it?

The survey asks each council to score thirteen hazards, then covers people, plans, equipment and communications. It is a paper form, so it needs emailing out to clerks.

Without it, emergency planning cannot tell whether a parish has a plan, a co-ordinator, a Place of Safety or a phone signal. No response is not the same as no risk.

YOUR ACTION

1. Check whether your parishes have already completed the Parish Preparedness Survey. Ask the clerk.
2. If not, request the survey from contactclairesully@gmail.com.
3. Email it to the clerk and ask for it to go on the agenda of their next meeting.

Disposable barbecues

Since 14 August, Government statutory guidelines say disposable barbecues should not be sold, in store or online, while the fire risk remains. Trading Standards can enforce this, and the guidelines will be withdrawn once the weather reduces the risk.

YOUR ACTION

If a shop, garage or campsite in your division is still selling them, politely point them to the GOV.UK guidelines.

Statutory guidelines on disposable barbecues: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/statutory-guidelines-on-disposable-bbqs>

Community Risk Register 2026

Reissued in July by the Avon and Somerset Local Resilience Forum. It covers eight risks: flooding, extreme weather, animal disease, infectious disease, transport incidents, industrial accidents, utility failure, and malicious threats including cyber crime. Short, plain and readable.

YOUR ACTION

Share the link. Ask parishes to spend ten minutes on it at a meeting and answer one question: which two of these eight apply most to us?

Community Risk Register 2026: <https://www.somersetprepared.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/BD17061-Community-Risk-Register-JULY2026.pdf>

Home Emergency Plan, now as a PDF

Somerset Prepared's Home Emergency Plan is now available as a PDF, following requests. It is a simple written plan to help a household prepare for, respond to and recover from severe weather, flooding or a power cut. It covers important phone numbers, where to turn off gas, water and electricity, anyone in the home who needs extra help, and where to meet if you have to leave.

YOUR ACTION

Share the link in parish newsletters and on noticeboards. It pairs well with the winter readiness push in November.

Home Emergency Plan (PDF): <https://www.somersetprepared.org.uk/home-emergency-plan-in-pdf-format/>

Community Flood Action Fund

The Somerset Rivers Authority runs a small grants fund for works that reduce flooding in Somerset. Grants of between £3,000 and £20,000 may be awarded, and a total of £520,000 has been approved by the SRA Board since its launch in November 2024.

Deadlines run on a rolling three-monthly basis, four times a year, so the next one is Tuesday 24 November 2026, followed by Tuesday 23 February 2027. The Somerset Prepared small grant scheme is a separate fund on separate quarterly dates, set out below.

Pre-application advice is available from the SRA team. Email sra@somerset.gov.uk or telephone 01823 355111, For attention of: Caroline Dunn.

Appendix A lists the schemes approved by the fund so far, so you can check which projects have been successful and show a parish what a fundable scheme looks like.

YOUR ACTION

Tell any parish with a known flooding problem about the fund this week. The next deadline is Tuesday 24 November, which means getting it onto an October agenda rather than a November one.

Appendix A lists the schemes already approved, which is the quickest way to show a parish the sort of work that gets funded.

SRA Community Flood Action Fund grants: <https://www.somersetiversauthority.org.uk/grants/>

Somerset Prepared small grant scheme

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to town and parish councils and to flood groups, for equipment and training that improves resilience to emergencies. Applications are considered

Quarterly. The fund can cover: signage, sandbag stores, radios, generators, defibrillator cabinets, first aid or flood warden training.

YOUR ACTION

Tell your parishes and any flood group in your area. Equipment and training bids need a decision at a Parish meeting. Somerset Prepared funding support:

<https://www.somersetprepared.org.uk/get-support/funding-support/>

Somerset Rural Active Travel Toolkit

New from Somerset Council. A step-by-step guide for parish and town councils, community groups and landowners who want safer local routes for walking, wheeling, cycling and horse riding. It covers shaping an idea, building evidence, funding, route design, consents, and delivery and maintenance. Free training sessions on each section are available.

YOUR ACTION

Share it with any parish that has talked about a footpath, a safer route to school or a link to the next village. Contact the transport policy team early if a scheme would affect the highway or a public right of way: transportpolicy@somerset.gov.uk.

Rural Active Travel Toolkit: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/somerset-rural-active-travel-toolkit/>

October

Somerset Flood Awareness Month

Somerset's own campaign month, running across the county library network. The intention is to build it year on year, so engagement this year sets the baseline.

Act to Adapt walkshop, Frome, Thursday 1 October

A walking discussion led by community members around the sites in Frome's Climate Adaptation Plan: tree planting, green spaces and natural flood management. Councillors and officers are invited to say what looks feasible and what looks difficult. Meet at Frome Town Hall, 1pm to around 3.30pm. A separate Minehead walkshop is to follow.

YOUR ACTION

Attend if you can, and forward the invitation to anyone key who may have been missed.

Wilder Together, Taunton, Saturday 10 October

Somerset Wildlife Trust's annual day for community groups working on nature and climate, at Taunton Conference Centre, 10.30am to 3.30pm. Talks include Minehead and Wells on their

climate adaptation plans, plus a 'climate summit' workshop for communities with or planning an adaptation plan. Advance booking essential; tickets are pay what you can, lunch included.

YOUR ACTION

Share with parishes and community groups, especially any working on a climate adaptation plan.

Book: <https://www.somersetwildlife.org/events/2026-10-10-wilder-together-2026>

Community Resilience Day, Wednesday 21 October

Free, for parish, town and city council and community group representatives. Workshops, networking and equipment demonstrations. Organised by the Somerset Prepared Partnership and funded by Somerset Rivers Authority.

This is the best date in the calendar for a parish starting from scratch. Free, on a weekday so clerks can arrange cover, and Street is reachable from most of the county.

YOUR ACTION

Book your own place, then ask one representative from each of your parishes to book. Pair this with the survey chase: councils that have not yet completed the survey are the ones who should be in that room.

Book free tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/somerset-prepared-community-resilience-day-2026-tickets-1990766160175>

All month in libraries

Children's flood awareness treasure hunts, flood-themed book collections to borrow, story time sessions, and displays in 10 to 12 libraries. Extra activity at: Chard, Crewkerne and Ilminster (displays and drop-ins); Burnham and Bridgwater (displays, rhyme times, Lego club); North Petherton and Nether Stowey (displays); Minehead and Williton (displays).

The three sessions on 26, 28 and 30 October are family workshops, and they fall in half term.

YOUR ACTION:

Promote your nearest library, framed at families for the half-term dates. If a library in your division is not listed and wants to join in, say so. There is still scope to add.

People's Emergency Briefing Film, Shepton Mallet, Tuesday 6 October

A screening of the People's Emergency Briefing film at St Paul's Junior School, Shepton Mallet, 7pm to 9.15pm. 16+ guideline. Tickets through Ticket Tailor.

YOUR ACTION

Share with Shepton Mallet and the surrounding parishes, and book a place if you can go.

Tickets: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/juliaoconnor/2352882>

Flooding Symposium, Keinton Mandeville, Thursday 15 October

Sarah Dyke MP is hosting a Flooding Symposium for residents of the Glastonbury and Somerton constituency, 6pm to 9pm in Keinton Mandeville. It brings together residents, farmers, landowners, Somerset Council, Internal Drainage Boards and flood experts to discuss practical, long-term solutions to future flooding.

Anyone whose home, business or land is affected by flooding can come to hear from experts and community-led projects and share their own experience. Places are limited and, under parliamentary protocol, booking is essential. Venue details go to those who have booked, closer to the event.

YOUR ACTION

Share with parishes in the Glastonbury and Somerton constituency, especially those with farmers, landowners or flood groups who should be in the room.

Book by email: sarah.dyke.mp@parliament.uk

People's Emergency Briefing Film, Langport, Thursday 15 October

Transition Film Langport are screening the People's Emergency Briefing Film at 7pm at The Angel, Bow Street, Langport.

It falls the week before the Act to Adapt session in Langport, which is deliberate. The film gives people the context; the workshop turns it into a plan.

YOUR ACTION

Share the date with Langport and the surrounding parishes. Pair it with the Act to Adapt session on 21 October in anything you send, so people see the two as one offer rather than two evenings out.

People's Emergency Briefing Film, Pilton, Monday 19 October

A screening at The Pilton Stage, 7.30pm. The 50-minute non-partisan film, drawn from last November's National Emergency Briefing, is followed by a 45-minute local discussion on preparedness, resilience and long-term planning. Elected members are specifically invited.

YOUR ACTION

Attend if you can, whether to contribute or just listen. If you cannot, the organisers welcome a short written message to be read out. Share with Pilton and neighbouring parishes.

Act to Adapt Langport, Wednesday 21 October

A free evening event run by Somerset Wildlife Trust in the Parrett Room, Langport Town Hall, 7pm to 9.30pm. Teas, coffees and refreshments provided. Funded by Somerset Rivers Authority.

The session sets out Somerset's climate projections, discusses how Langport is affected, and starts work on a Climate Adaptation Plan for the town. Attendance is free, but registering in advance helps the organisers plan numbers.

YOUR ACTION

Share with Langport and the surrounding parishes, alongside the film on 15 October. Details on the Somerset Wildlife Trust Act to Adapt page.

Act to Adapt, Somerset Wildlife Trust: <https://www.somersetwildlife.org/act-to-adapt>

November

Winter preparedness

Getting households ready before the weather arrives, not during it. Tinned food and bottled water, a working torch, a wind-up or battery radio, blankets, an alternative means of heating, and a plan for pets.

Priority Services Register. Utility companies must offer priority support to people of pensionable age, with a disability, or in long-term ill health. You have to opt in personally. It is not automatic.

Questions to put to a parish directly:

- Where is your place of safety in a power cut? Has the village hall got a generator?
- Who is vulnerable, and who would check on them?
- Where would the council meet, and what are your first three actions?

YOUR ACTION

Put winter preparedness on parish agendas in November, not December. Push the Priority Services Register.

Review the Key Winter Preparedness Recommendations on the Somerset Prepared website, then share the link with parishes and households.

Somerset Prepared, winter weather advice: <https://www.somersetprepared.org.uk/hazard-advice/severe-weather/winter-weather/>

Spring 2027

Forward look

“Love Your River” month, July 2027.

This revives something DEFRA ran some years ago. The idea is simply to improve people’s awareness, appreciation and care of their local watercourses, which will help with flooding and resilience conversations further down the line.

In development at the moment: family-friendly resources for being by the river, a poetry, prose and art competition, and activities aimed particularly at Year 6 students, who always need their time filled once SATs have finished.

More information to follow.

Appendix A

Schemes approved by the Community Flood Action Fund, taken from the Somerset Rivers Authority grant status record. Twenty-one schemes are listed, ranging from ditch and culvert clearance to desilting, pumps and river maintenance.

Members can check here which projects have been successful. If a parish is unsure whether its problem is fundable, the nearest match on this list is usually the answer.

Applicant	Scheme	Works dates
Cotford St Luke PC	Desilting and vegetation clearance of the attenuation pond, tree maintenance adjacent to the ponds	Completed
Creech St Michael PC	Diesel pump	Completed
Long Sutton PC	Install drainage pipe (Parrett: Yeo Isle)	Completed
Stoke St Mary PC	Ditch and culvert maintenance and widening of existing drainage channels	Completed
West Buckland PC	Desilting, vegetation clearance and maintenance in the watercourses off and adjacent to Asham Lane	Completed
West Camel PC	River maintenance work at Higher Mill	May to Oct 2026
West Monkton PC	Vegetation clearance and ditch maintenance, including gully clearance at Blundells Lane	Completed
Ruishton and Thornfalcon PC	Ditch clearance	Completed
Baltonsborough PC	Weed clearing and flailing in Coxbridge Brook	Completed
Croscombe PC	New access chamber on a culvert in Long Street	Oct 2026
Godney PC	Partial desilt along the Decoy Rhyne (north bank only) and a section of the St James Weir River	Completed
Norton Fitzwarren PC	Programme of maintenance works in Norton Brook and Halse Water	Aug to Sep 2026
Carhampton PC	Desilting of two culverts, Eastbury Hill and the A39	Sep 2026
Isle Abbotts PC	Desilting and restoration of 90m of ditch	Sep 2026
Ruishton and Thornfalcon PC	Desilting of pond	Completed

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Aller PC	Tree maintenance and ditch clearance	Completed
Shepton Beauchamp PC	Jetting of drains feeding into culvert	Oct 2026
West Buckland PC	Desilting, vegetation clearance and maintenance in the watercourses off and adjacent to Asham Lane	Aug 2026
Ilminster TC	Clearance of blocked culvert	Sep 2026
Queen Camel PC	Culvert clearance and removal of silt, Henshallbrook along Sutton Montis Lane	Sep 2026
Yeo Rivers Community Trust	Vegetation clearance, Upper River Cam	Sep 2026

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