
SOMERSET

Community Resilience Action Calendar

2026 to 2027

Every dated event, in order, with one thing to do about each. Written to be forwarded to your parishes and communities.

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FOR YOUR COMMUNITIES

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

At a glance (full details below this table)

Now to summer 2027.

When	What	Your action
Now	Parish Preparedness Survey. 245 of 328 councils still to return it	Email the paper survey to your parishes (Appendix A), paper survey attached
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 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
To 30 Sept	30 Days 30 Ways UK. Preparedness month	Re-share daily.
Sun 27 Sept	Act to Adapt. Shepton Mallet Sunday Market, 10am to 3pm	Share. No booking needed
Wed 30 Sept	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

When	What	Your action
Tue 13 Oct	Flood Awareness Month session, Wincanton Library	Publicise locally
Thu 15 Oct	People's Emergency Briefing Film. The Angel, Langport, 7pm	Share with Langport area parishes
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

245 of 328

City, town and parish councils have not yet returned the survey. All 245 are listed in Appendix A. 83 returned. 25 per cent. As at 22 September 2026.

This is a paper survey, so it needs emailing out. It asks each council to score thirteen hazards, then covers people, plans, equipment and communications. Where a council has not responded, we plan around it without knowing whether it has a plan, a co-ordinator, a Place of Safety or a phone signal. Non-response is not the same as no risk.

YOUR ACTION

Find your parishes in Appendix A and email the survey to their clerk. Then put it on the agenda of their next meeting.

The survey is a paper form, attached to this calendar. If it has not reached you, email claire.sully@somerset.gov.uk and I will send it over.

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.

The August deadline has now passed. 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.

This is the one item in the calendar that puts money into a parish rather than asking for its time. Most parishes with a recurring flooding problem already know what the fix is. What they usually lack is someone telling them the fund exists and the date it closes.

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

Appendix B lists the schemes approved by the fund so far, so members 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 B 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

A separate fund from the Community Flood Action Fund, and a different set of dates. 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 next quarterly deadline is Wednesday 30 September 2026.

This is the fund for the things a flood scheme grant will not cover: signage, sandbag stores, radios, generators, defibrillator cabinets, first aid or flood warden training. A parish that has been told its problem is too small for the Community Flood Action Fund should usually be pointed here instead.

YOUR ACTION

Tell your parishes and any flood group in your division now: the deadline is Wednesday 30 September. Equipment and training bids need a decision at a meeting, so a parish that cannot get one in time should aim for the next quarterly round.

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/>

September

30 Days 30 Ways UK: preparedness month

A daily preparedness campaign across social media through September, run by the Emergency Planning Society and co-ordinated at Local Resilience Forum level. Topics come from the national and local risk registers, so it maps onto the register above.

Typical prompts: have you got a grab bag? What would you do about your pets if you had to leave in a hurry? Do you know how to turn off your water, gas and electricity?

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YOUR ACTION

Follow #30days30waysUK and re-share to the end of September. Ask parish clerks to put the bingo card in newsletters and on noticeboards.

30 Days 30 Ways UK: <https://30days30waysuk.com/>

Act to Adapt, Shepton Mallet, Sunday 27 September

Somerset Wildlife Trust's Act to Adapt process helps communities write their own climate adaptation plans.

Shepton Mallet, Sunday 27 September, 10am to 3pm, Sunday Market. Act to Adapt is working with Shepton Mallet on a plan for the local area. Find the team at the market to hear the ideas that came out of the summer workshop and add your own. No booking needed.

YOUR ACTION

Share the date. The market is drop-in, so it suits a newsletter or a Facebook group. If a community in your division would like to run its own process, point them at Act to Adapt.

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

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.

Date	Event	Where
Tue 6 Oct	Session	Frome Library
Tue 13 Oct	Session	Wincanton Library
Wed 21 Oct	Community Resilience Day, 9.15am to 4pm	Millfield School, Butleigh Road, Street BA16 0YD
Mon 26 Oct	Family workshop, half term	Taunton Library
Wed 28 Oct	Family workshop, half term	Porlock Library
Fri 30 Oct	Family workshop, half term	Priorswood Library, Taunton

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: the councils in Appendix A 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>

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. Registration is through the Somerset Wildlife Trust events page.

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

November

Winter readiness

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, and most eligible people are not on it.

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 readiness on parish agendas in November, not December. Ask in October: most clerks need agenda items a week or more ahead, so a November request usually lands in December. Push the Priority Services Register: it is the highest-value thing a resident can do, and almost nobody knows it exists.

Spring 2027

Forward look

Not yet live. Please do not circulate as a confirmed programme.

Cool spaces and heatwave planning. The June 2026 heatwave prompted real interest from communities offering buildings as cool spaces, mirroring the warm spaces model.

“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

The 245 city, town and parish councils still to return the Preparedness Survey, in alphabetical order, as at 22 September 2026. Of 328 councils, 83 have returned it. Can you spot your parish?

Alford (South Somerset)	Corfe	Knowle St. Giles	Shepton Beauchamp
Ansford	Corton Denham	Lamyatt	Shepton Mallet
Ash (South Somerset)	Cossington (Sedgemoor)	Langford Budville	Shepton Montague
Ash Priors	Cotford St Luke	Leigh-on-Mendip	Skilgate
Ashill (South Somerset)	Cothelstone	Litton (Mendip)	Somerton (South Somerset)
Ashwick	Cranmore	Long Load	South Barrow
Axbridge	Crewkerne	Lovington	South Cadbury and Sutton Montis
Babcart	Cricket St. Thomas	Lullington (Mendip)	Spaxton
Barrington (South Somerset)	Croscombe	Luxborough	St Cuthbert Out
Barwick and Stoford	Crowcombe	Lydeard St. Lawrence	Staple Fitzpaine
Bathealton	Cucklington	Lymsham	Stawell
Bawdrip	Cudworth	Lyng (Sedgemoor)	Stocklinch
Beckington	Curland	Maperton	Stogumber
Beercrocombe	Curry Mallet	Mark	Stogursey
Berkley	Cutcombe	Marston Magna	Stoke St Michael
Berrow (Sedgemoor)	Ditcheat	Mells	Stoke St. Gregory
Bickenhall	Donyatt	Merriott	Stoke sub Hamdon
Bicknoller	Doultong	Milton Clevedon	Stoke Trister
Binegar	Dowlish Wake	Milverton	Ston Easton
Bishop's Hull	Downhead	Minehead Without	Stratton on the Fosse
Bradford-on-Tone	Drayton (South Somerset)	Misterton (South Somerset)	Street
Bratton Seymour	Dulverton	Monksilver	Stringston
Brean	Dunster	Montacute	Tellisford
Brent Knoll	Durleigh	Moorlinch	The Charltons
Brewham	Durston	Muchelney	Thornfalcon
Bridgwater	East Brent	Mudford	Thurloxton
Bridgwater Without	East Huntspill	Nether Stowey	Tintinhull
Broadway (South Somerset)	East Pennard	Nettlecombe	Tolland
Brompton Ralph	East Quantoxhead	North Barrow	Treborough
Broomfield (Sedgemoor)	Elworthy	North Cadbury	Trull
Bruton	Enmore	North Cheriton	Upton (Somerset West and Taunton)
Brympton	Exford	North Curry	Upton Noble
Buckland Dinham	Fiddington	North Petherton	Walton (Mendip)
Buckland St Mary	Fitzhead	Norton Fitzwarren	Wambrook
Burnham Without	Fivehead	Norton St Philip	Wanstrow
Burrowbridge	Glastonbury	Norton sub Hamdon	Watchet
Burtle	Goathurst	Nynehead	Weare
Butleigh	Godney	Oare (Somerset West and Taunton)	Wedmore
Cannington	Great Elm	Odcombe	West and Middle Chinnock
Carhampton	Greinton	Orchard Portman	West Bagborough
Castle Cary	Halse	Othery	West Bradley

Catcott	Hambridge and Westport	Otterford	West Buckland
Chapel Allerton	Hardington Mandeville	Over Stowey	West Camel
Charlton Horethorne	Haselbury Plucknett	Pawlett	West Huntspill
Charlton Musgrove	Hemington (Mendip)	Pen Selwood	West Quantoxhead
Cheddar	Henstridge	Pitcombe	Westonzoyland
Cheddon Fitzpaine	High Ham	Pitney	Whatley
Chewton Mendip	Hinton St. George	Porlock	Whitelackington
Chilcompton	Holcombe	Priddy	Whitestaunton
Chillington	Holford	Puckington	Wincanton
Chilthorne Domer	Holton (South Somerset)	Puriton	Winsham
Chilton Polden	Horsington (South Somerset)	Pyllle	Witham Friary
Chilton Trinity	Huish Champflower	Queen Camel	Withycombe
Chipstable	Ilchester	Rimpton	Withypool and Hawkridge
Chiselborough	Ilton	Ruishton	Wookey
Churchstanton	Isle Abbots	Sampford Arundel	Woolavington
Closworth	Isle Brewers	Sampford Brett	Yarlington
Coleford (Mendip)	Keinton Mandeville	Seavington St Mary	Yeovil
Combe Florey	Kilmersdon	Seavington St Michael	Yeovil Without
Combe St Nicholas	Kingsbury Episcopi	Selwood	
Compton Bishop	Kingsdon	Selworthy	
Compton Dundon	Kingweston	Sharpham	

Appendix B

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, and amendments to the ditch and culvert system to reinstate the dry ditch	Jul 2025 to Sep 2026
Creech St Michael PC	Diesel pump	May 2025 to Jun 2026
Long Sutton PC	Install drainage pipe (Parrett: Yeo Isle)	Jun 2025
Stoke St Mary PC	Ditch and culvert maintenance and widening of existing drainage channels	May 2025 to Jan 2026
West Buckland PC	Desilting, vegetation clearance and maintenance in the watercourses off and adjacent to Asham Lane	Jun to Sep 2025
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	Apr 2025 to Mar 2026
Ruishton and Thornfalcon PC	Ditch clearance	Sep 2025
Baltonsborough PC	Weed clearing and flailing in Coxbridge Brook	Oct 2025
Croscombe PC	New access chamber on a culvert in Long Street	Jun 2026
Godney PC	Partial desilt along the Decoy Rhyne (north bank only) and a section of the St James Weir River	Sep 2025
Norton Fitzwarren PC	Programme of maintenance works in Norton Brook and Halse Water	Aug to Sep 2025
Carhampton PC	Desilting of two culverts, Eastbury Hill and the A39	Sep 2026
Isle Abbots PC	Desilting and restoration of 90m of ditch	Sep 2026

Applicant	Scheme	Works dates
Ruishton and Thornfalcon PC	Desilting of pond	Nov 2025
Aller PC	Tree maintenance and ditch clearance	Dec 2025 to Mar 2026
Shepton Beauchamp PC	Jetting of drains feeding into culvert	Jun 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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