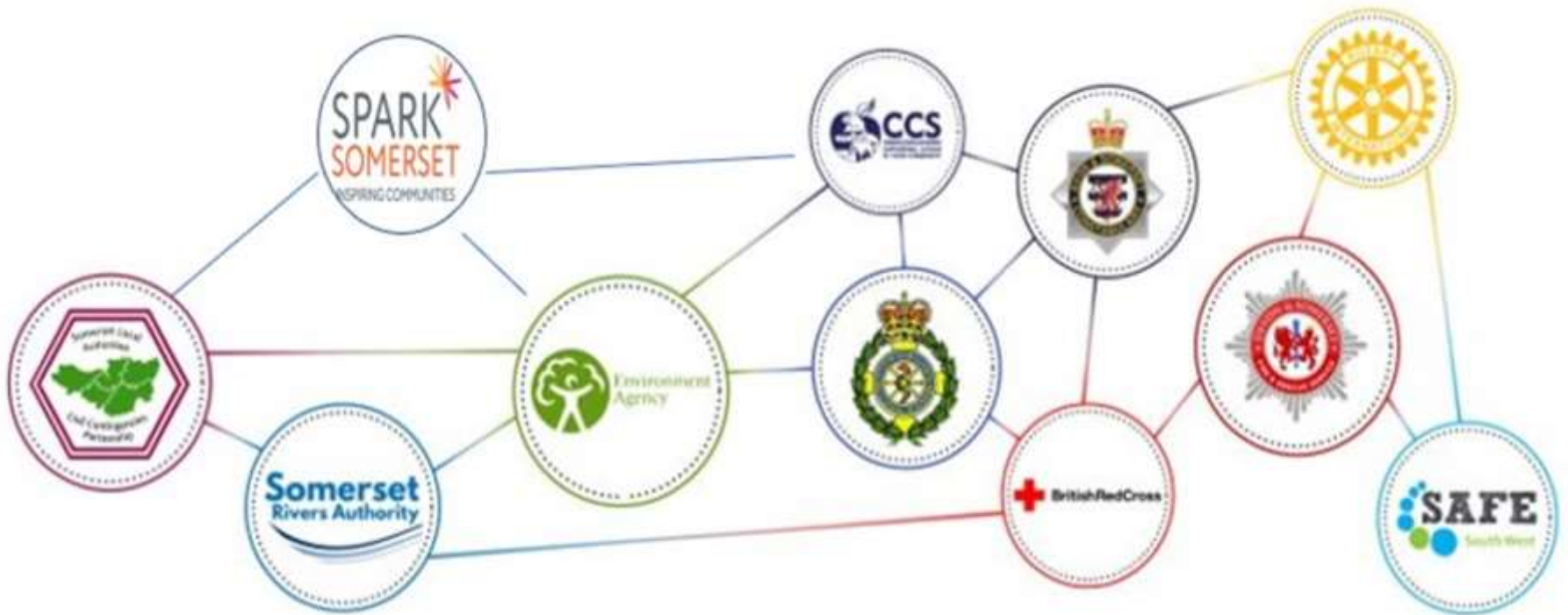


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2005 – 2023

Somerset local authorities plan, prepare, train, exercise, respond and recover together in a formal emergency preparedness partnership.



From 1st April 2023, the five Somerset local authorities combine to form the new Somerset Council. Emergency preparedness remains a statutory duty for the new unitary authority. The dedicated team of emergency planning professionals continue within the new authority.



16/3/2023: Exmoor Panel

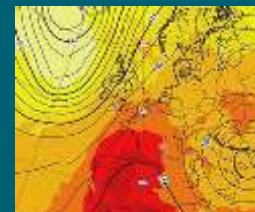
- What is community resilience?
- What can communities do to increase their resilience?
- What is Somerset Prepared and how can it help?



Highest risks in Somerset

Other risks

- Industrial accidents
- Transport accidents
- Severe weather: heat/cold/rain/snow/drought
- Utility failure
- Fires
- Computer viruses and hacking
- Malicious acts...



Community Emergency Planning



- Is asset based –focuses on the knowledge, skills and resources within each community
- Will be different in each community – one size does not fit all
- Improves communication between residents
- Supports residents and businesses during an emergency
- Supports effective sharing of information and relevant resources
- Provides a voice for the community in discussions around risks they may face.

Making Friends Before You Need Them – Building Community Resilience



“You don’t just
live in a house,
you live in a
community”

Kate –
Moorland



Somerset Rivers Authority & Somerset Film present:

Down by the River

New documentary film explores flood risk in Somerset
and celebrates local community resilience



Somerset Rivers Authority:

[Down by the River - YouTube](#)

What can you do in your community?



Raise awareness of local risks & hazards.



Identify local resources & capabilities.



Develop community emergency plan.



Sign up to council's "Places of Safety Scheme"



Sign up to council's Somerset Emergency Community Contacts scheme.



Ham Community Flood Group

Moorland, Fordgate and West Yeo Flood Group in their new PPE





Cheddar Parish Council
**FLOOD
EMERGENCY
EQUIPMENT**
In emergency call 999
www.cheddarparishcouncil.org
01934 743217
Supported by Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service
and Somerset Local Authorities' Civil Contingencies Unit

Williton Community Resilience Group





Martock Flood Group

Long Sutton Emergency Group at an exercise



26th February

Milverton Parish Council's emergency plan to help vulnerable villagers during cold snap

Phil Hill



Emergency plan to support vulnerable villagers during cold snap

AN emergency meeting is being held tonight (Monday) to ensure vulnerable villagers are protected during the cold snap.

Milverton Parish Council is activating its emergency plan in view of the extreme cold **weather** forecast for this week.

Parish clerk Gwil Wren said: "The primary purpose is to ensure that elderly and vulnerable residents are protected during the impending cold snap.

"The Parish Council Emergency Committee will be working with the vicar, the Rev Helene Stainer, to ensure that those in the community without close support are looked after and do not want for warmth or hot food.

Plans, people & capabilities

Personal flood plan

Are you signed up to receive flood warnings? If not call 0345 906 1188 or visit www.gov.uk/flood-warnings

Let us know when you've completed your flood plan by calling 0345 906 1188. This will help us learn more about how people are preparing for flooding.

Personal contact list

| Name | Contact details | Relationship |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Emergency provider | Environment Agency | Emergency services |
| Sea power | | |
| Water company | | |
| Telephone provider | | |
| Nearest GP surgery and pharmacy | | |
| Local council | | |
| Local radio station | | |
| Nearest bus stop | | |

Key locations

Be prepared for

Electricity Disconnection of location

Sea Flood

What can help/what can you help?

Neighbouring

Address Name Contact details How close?

Personal flood plan

What can I do NOW?

Put important documents out of flood risk and protect in a safe place

Check your insurance covers you for flooding

What can you do if a flood is expected in your area?

Home

- Move hot bars and electrical items to safety
- Put food in cans, tins, tins, and seal them in plastic
- Make a list of what you can move away from the car
- Take all pets, tools, toys and all together

Work

- Look at the best way of stopping floodwater entering your property
- Make a flood plan and prepare a flood kit
- Find out where you can get cash/loans
- See if you can help your neighbours
- Identify all with you if you can help
- Do anything you can to help

LANGPORT AND HUISH EPISCOPI COMMUNITY FLOOD PLAN



Communities Prepared

Template Version 1.0

Community Name: WIVELISCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL

Community Emergency Plan

First Steps Action Card available on the reverse

Activation: Emergency plan sub-committee

Ownership: Emergency plan sub-committee

Address: c/o Town Clerk, 35 Sir Gilbert Scott Court, Long Street, Williton, Somerset

Post Code: TA4 4RH

Issue Date: 01.10.21 **Borough / District:** Somerset West & Taunton

Update Due: 01.01.22 **Version:** 7

People Prepared Action Card

Cardholder: _____

In Case of Emergency:


Name: _____ Tel: _____

Name: _____ Tel: _____

Simple Plan Safer Places

Action Card

Simple Plan Template



community flood plan

Environment Agency

Parishes and communities working together

Community or group: _____

Floodline Guidance Number: _____

Address: _____

Local flood warning trigger is, when water reaches bottom of the bridge

Date: _____

Which Environment Agency flood warnings are you registered to receive? _____

Environment Agency - Community Flood Plan

Environment Agency Flood Wardens

- **Volunteers** trained to help and prepare people in local communities at risk of flooding.
- Help prepare **community flood plans**.
- **Vital link** between a local community and those responsible for responding to a flood.

Before

- Identify problem areas within your community
- Identify vulnerable people and properties
- Write a community flood plan
- Monitor watercourses within the community
- Encourage sign up to free Flood Warnings

During

- Communicate the risk of flooding within the community
- Help co-ordinate the community flood plan.
- Heed emergency services advice at all times.
- Share information from the Environment Agency and emergency services with residents.
- Encourage residents to take action.
- Collect flood event information.

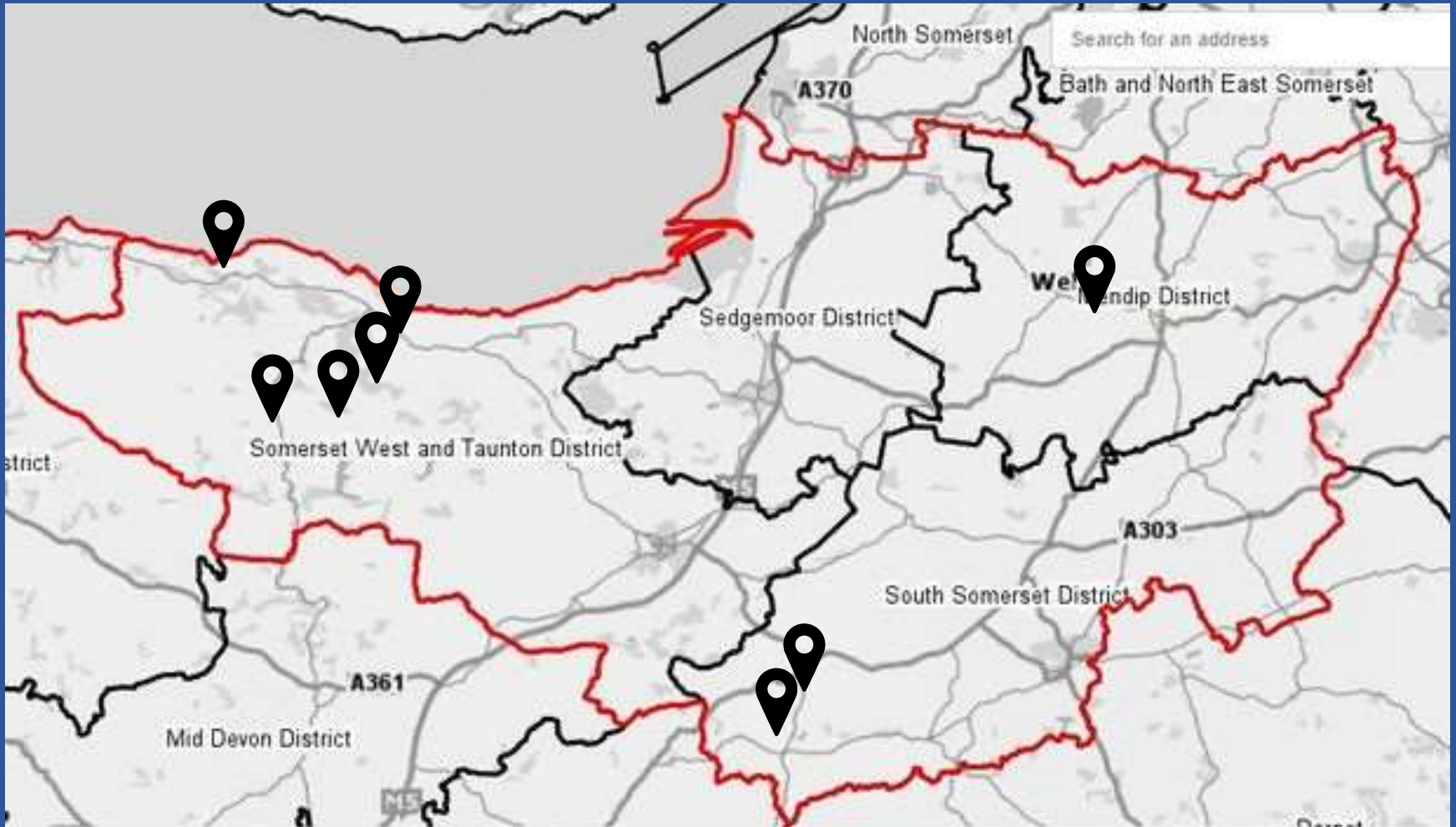


After

- Assist in the post-flood clear up if required.
- Continue to act as a communication channel.
- Collect post-flood data and photos.
- Assist in the review of the community flood plan.

Tiffany.Tapper@environment-agency.gov.uk

Showing Somerset Rivers Authority funded telemetry projects



Roadwater
Luxborough
Sampford Brett

Monksilver
Porlock

Chard
Forton & Tatworth
Crosscombe



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What is it?



- Secure environment for your community during an emergency
- Somewhere that is able to provide care and comfort at short notice





Each Place of Safety will have:

- 24-hour access
- Disabled access
- Toilets
- Heating
- Light refreshments available
- If needed, assistance from Local Authority/Voluntary Agencies

What are the benefits?

- Venues close to community
- Venues are well known locally
- Community can open venue themselves
- Evacuees are supported by people they know
- Details held by Civil Contingencies Unit

Place of Safety Venue Identification Sticker

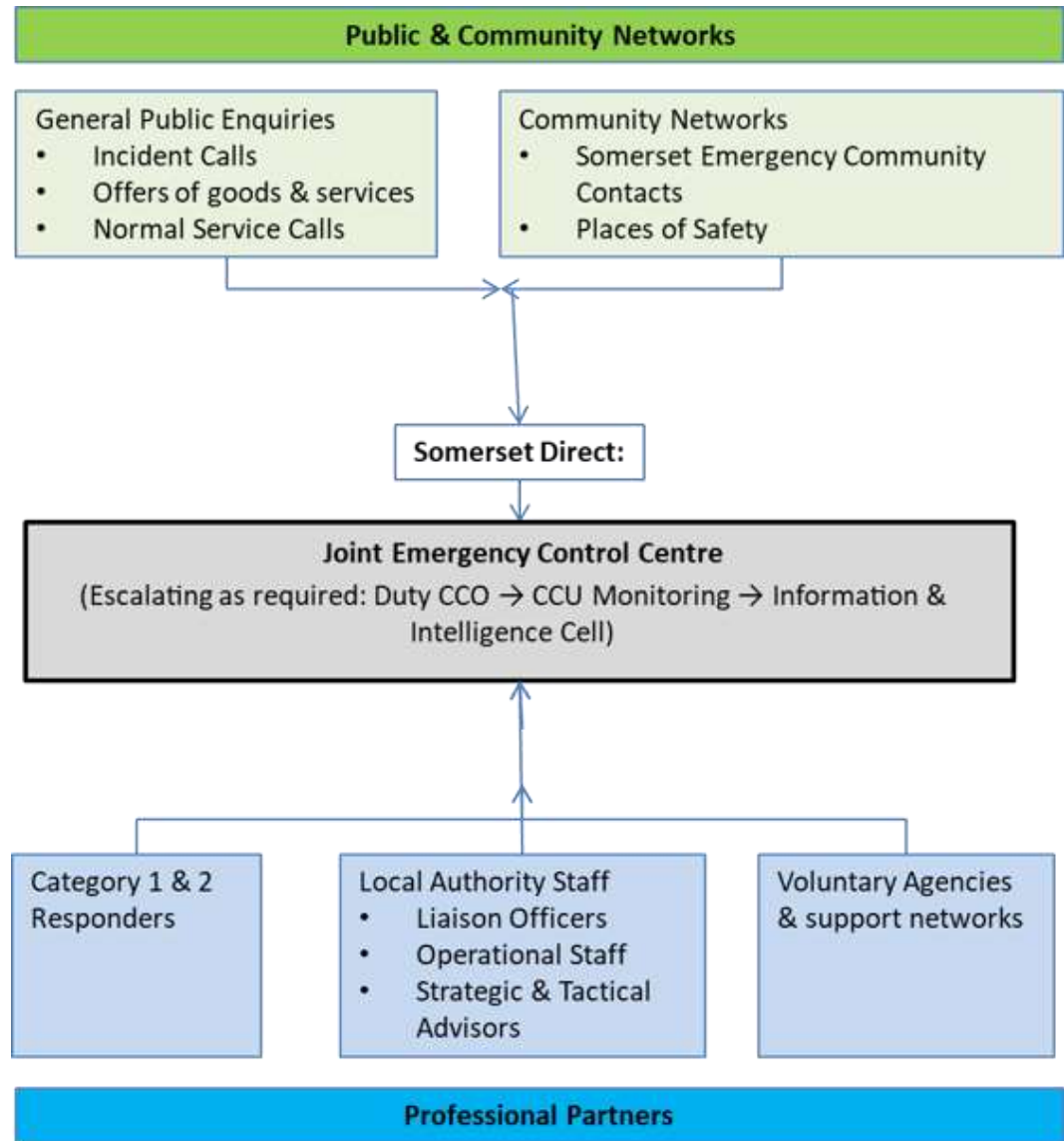


Somerset Emergency Community Contacts

- To be first point of contact during emergencies
- To be liaison point between parish / town council and the emergency responders
- To identify and pass information about vulnerable residents
- Gather, receive and share information from and to the community



Information sharing during an emergency incident



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Information & templates



Annual conference

Advice & support

Networking & sharing good ideas

Grants for equipment & training

Community Resilience Events & Awards

Once a year, the Somerset Prepared partnership comes together with local people to run workshops, presentations and equipment demos.

During the Covid pandemic, these events were held online, and the videos and resources are still available below. In 2022, the partnership is returning to a face-to-face event, where communities can come together to share knowledge, hear inspiring speakers, and participate in hands-on workshops.

This year, the new Somerset Prepared Community Champion Award has been launched, recognising individuals or groups that have gone above and beyond to help their community to be better prepared for emergencies.

See all our videos on the [Somerset Prepared YouTube Channel](#)!

2022 Somerset Prepared Community Resilience Day
West Monkton Village Hall,
13th October, 10am-4pm



2022 Somerset Prepared Community Resilience Day



Somerset Community Champion Award



Videos and Resources 2021 Event





Presentation of Community Resilience Awards October 2022



The aim of the Partnership is to support individuals, communities and businesses in Somerset to be better prepared for emergencies through:

- Clear Information & Resources
- Ensuring communities have access to the information they need to prepare effectively
- Stronger Partnerships
- Working together with communities to understand their needs
- Incident Readiness
- Ensuring communities are prepared for emergencies and better able to recover

Somerset Prepared aims will be achieved through:

- Raising awareness of local risk within Somerset amongst partners, communities and businesses;
 - Providing advice, guidance and support to locally led community resilience initiatives;
 - Providing resilience networking and information sharing platforms for community groups through meetings, events and supporting technology;
 - Supporting partner agencies in delivery of community resilience initiatives;
- and
- Sharing information and coordinating activity between member organisations

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Somerset Prepared small grant scheme

The Somerset Prepared partnership Small Grants Fund is available to assist with the cost of small capital items and associated training that directly supports activity described in a Community Emergency Plan or Community Flood Plan. Applications to the fund are open to any Parish/Town Council or formally constituted community group within the administrative county of Somerset.

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Somerset Prepared small grant scheme conditions:

- 1. Applicants must be formal or constituted community groups with a registered bank account and be able to provide evidence of each upon request.
- 2. Applicants must represent a local community and use grants in such a way that provides benefit to all its members.
- 3. The group must have emergency arrangements in place or under development, such as a community emergency plan or flood plan.
- 4. The maximum grant payable is £5,000, the average sum awarded per application is approximately £3,000.
- 5. A minimum funding contribution of 20% is required through other local fundraising measures, should you have difficulties raising this sum please get in touch.
- 6. Applications for a defibrillator must be discussed prior to submission and require a 50% contribution through local fundraising. If you are considering this please contact info@somersetprepared.org.uk.
- 7. Grants cannot be used for goods and services that are the responsibility of public bodies to provide.
- 8. On-going maintenance of purchased items is the sole responsibility of the named group awarded grant funding.
- 9. Applicants must sign to confirm they have read and understood the Small Grant Fund Advice & Guidance and Terms & Conditions.



Any Questions

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