

Somerset Prepared Community Resilience Day 2026 Programme

21 October 2026

9:00am-9:30am	Johnson Hall Registration, Refreshments, and Networking Please note that a quiet space can be found in a dedicated space off the Johnson Hall Foyer. This will be available throughout the day for attendees. Somerset Council's Public Health team will also be offering NHS Health Checks – follow the signage from the Johnson Hall Foyer.				
9:30am-9:40am 9:40am-10:05am	Johnson Hall Formal Welcome Keynote address: Working with young people on community resilience – Dr Martin Parham – Lecturer in Disaster Management at the University of Manchester				
10:05am-10:35am	Johnson Hall Community Resilience Awards Presentation – Lord Lieutenant of Somerset -				
10:45 am – 11:25am	Dining Hall and Outside Space Networking and marketplace stalls	Johnson Hall 15 min talks all day RSPCA – <i>keeping animals safe in floods</i> Somerset Beekeepers Association - <i>Know your Enemy: Facing the Yellow Legged Hornet threat head on</i>	DT Foyer Emergency run-through Emergency Planning, Response and Recovery Team - Somerset Council	Gaskell Room Young people in Response and Recovery Hampshire Young People's Emergency Response - Melvin Hartley	Sixth Form Cafe Met Office Winter Outlook Bria Grange -The Met Office
11:35am – 12:15 pm	Networking and marketplace stalls	Andel - <i>Flood Resilience for Tomorrow: Smarter Communities, Safer Futures</i> Sudsplanter – <i>reducing surface water run-off</i>	Learning from the Somerset Thunderstorm of 22 June 2026: Hazards, Preparedness and Community Resilience Dr Alec Bennett, Chartered Meteorologist	Flood groups and schools South Petherton Flood Action Group and the National Flood Forum	Home protection from flash floods EVAG – the Emergency Volunteer Action Group
12:15 pm – 1:30 pm	Restaurant Lunch, Networking, Resilience Stands				
1:30 pm – 2:10pm	Networking and marketplace stalls	Stoke St Mary – <i>Community Self-help and Flood Controls</i> Oake Community Emergency Response Volunteers – <i>Trial by Fire</i>	Wildfires & Prevention Ian Donovan Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service	How can you work with Young People on Societal Resilience? Dr Martin Parham – Lecturer in Disaster Management at the University of Manchester	Land Management and Natural Flood Management Opportunities Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group South West & Reimagining the Levels

2:20pm – 3:00pm	Networking and marketplace stalls	Flood Control International – <i>Building resilience with specialised products</i> Somerset Road Safety Team - <i>What we can all do to reduce casualties in Somerset</i>	Community Emergency Plan workshop Emergency Planning, Response and Recovery Team - Somerset Council	Youth Resilience & Incident Simulation Exercise (Y-RISE) Nick Gould First Aid Nursing Yeomanry	What could Climate Adaptation mean for us Somerset Wildlife Trust
3:00pm – 3:20pm	Restaurant Tea break, Networking, Resilience Stands				
3.20pm – 4pm	Networking and marketplace stalls	Somerset Community Foundation - <i>Before, during and after: how SCF funds community resilience</i> Piers Hooper, Somerset Council - <i>Somerset Flood Resilience Fund update</i>	Managing Spontaneous Volunteers Re:act	TBC	RAYNET Operations in Somerset Serving the Community – “Empowering Parish Communities with 2-way Radio Communications” Taunton & Somerset RAYNET
4:00pm-4:15pm	Johnson Hall Closing remarks				

This year we are delighted to welcome the following businesses



Come along and chat with Ray and Charlotte at Flood Control about the measures you can take to protect yourself, your property and/or your business from flooding.



Come and visit the Flood Re stand to hear all about how the insurance scheme is keeping home flood cover affordable and available for those at risk of flooding. Ask us about our groundbreaking Build Back Better scheme or how you can use outside spaces to help reduce flood risk.



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FloodKit provides affordable property-level flood protection, with products independently tested by BSI.



Making water sustainable for
a cleaner and safer environment.

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