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# Somerset Rivers Authority

The logo graphic consists of three curved lines that sweep upwards from left to right. The top line is a dark blue, the middle line is a medium blue, and the bottom line is a light blue. These lines are positioned below the text 'Somerset Rivers Authority'.

Paul Elliston, Community Engagement Officer

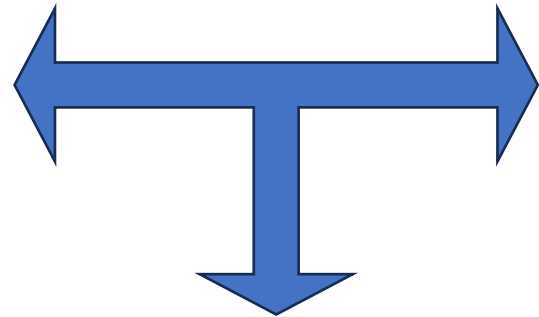
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**Rivers Authority**

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Since 2015

£27.1m

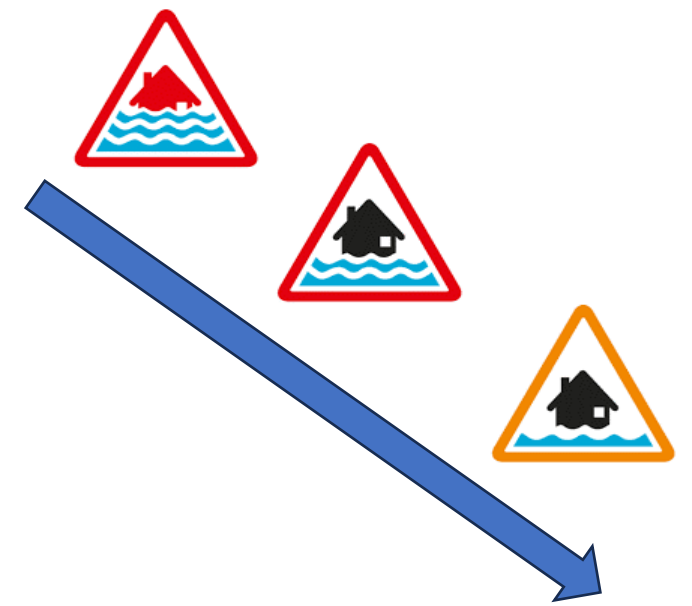
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£14.9m



**EXTRA**

- Projects (large and small)
- Studies
- Innovative Pilots
- Maintenance





### City, Town & Parish Preparedness Survey

NAME OF CITY/TOWN/PARISH \_\_\_\_\_

**RISK**

Using a score of 0 (None) to 4 (Very Likely), please evaluate the extent to which you consider your Parish to be vulnerable to the following hazards. Where possible, please also give the date (or month and year) when this last occurred in your Parish.

	Date of Last Known Event	Score (0 – 4)
Property / Business Flooding		
Strong Winds		
Excessive Heat		
Excessive Cold, Snow and Ice		
Road Traffic Accidents		
Access limited by Accidents, Road Closures or Excessive Traffic		
Animal Disease		
Terrorism and Malicious Threats		
Pandemic		
Radiation Incident		
Industrial Incident		
Power Outage		
Fire		

For the rest of the survey, please use the same scoring system (0-4) to self-evaluate your level of preparedness as a Parish to deal with the risks you have identified.

**PEOPLE**

We have a very active parish, with many people volunteering in some capacity.	
There is a strong sense of identity and togetherness.	
When it comes to responding to an emergency, we have successfully recruited	

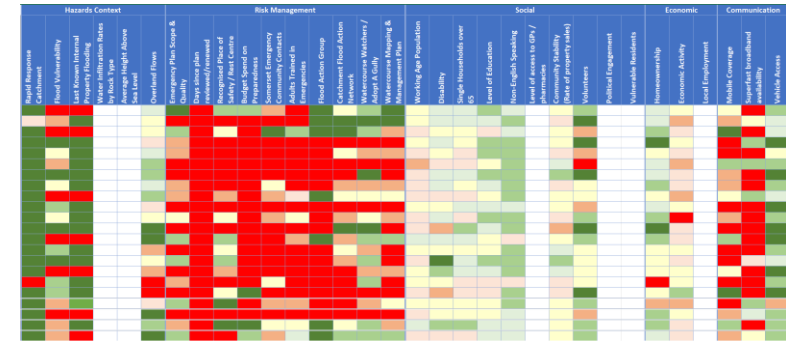
# Preparedness Survey

## Sent out to Clerks on 11<sup>th</sup> July

## Deadline was 19<sup>th</sup> September, but still

# **VERY KEEN to get responses**

# Resilience Dashboard



Top Hazards (in frequency and severity) identified:

Strong winds – 71%

Power outage – 70%

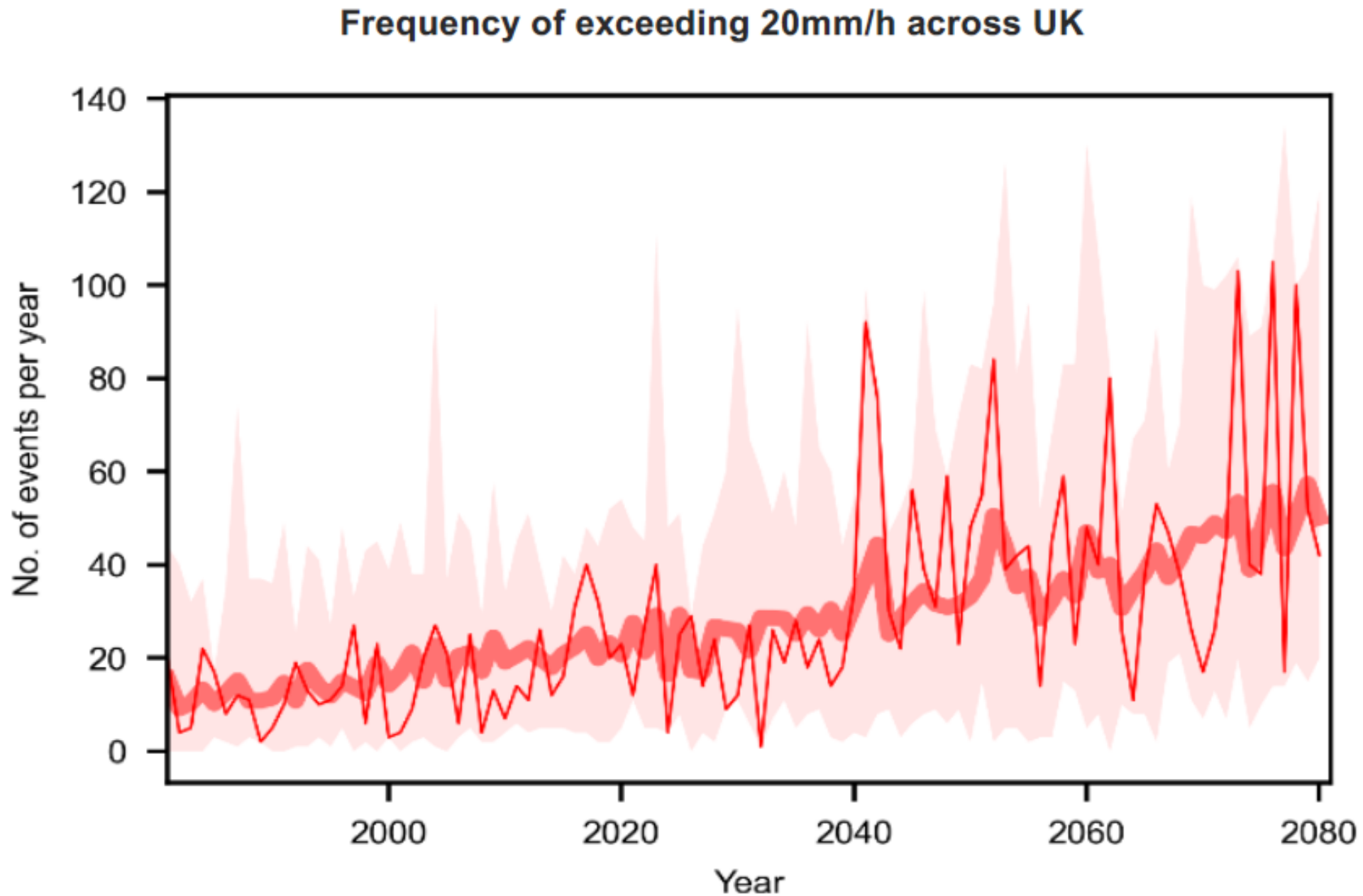
Lack of access due to road issues – 70%

Excessive cold, snow & ice – 64%

Flooding – 64%

*The Future  
of Flooding*

**UK  
Met Office  
UKCP–Local  
Projections**





# What is a Community Emergency Plan?

A Community Emergency Plan is **something that helps identify who you are as a community and how you work together to deliver something for the benefit of the community within the context of an emergency occurring.**

A Community Emergency Plan is a **“tool you can use to help you prepare for the emergencies that could affect your community”.**

(UK Government Emergency Plan Toolkit, September 2016)

# Why should we have one?

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  - [Ilminster – 21 October 2011 \(PDF 2.57MB\)](#)
  - [North Bruton, Cuckoo Hill – 4 November 2011 \(PDF 673KB\)](#)
  - [Croscombe, Shepton Mallet – 11 July 2012 \(PDF 4.43MB\)](#)
  - [Norton sub Hamdon – 6 February 2016 \(PDF 1.49MB\)](#)
  - [Middle Street, Knowle Lane, Silver Street, Newbery Lane, Misterton – 6 February 2016 \(PDF 1.96MB\)](#)
  - [A37 Fosse Way, Wraxall – 17 June 2016 \(PDF 1.76MB\)](#)
  - [Personage Lane, The Street, Church Lane, Broadway and Greenditch Close, Chilcompton – 17 June 2016 \(PDF 2.33MB\)](#)
  - [Ilminster – 23 July 2017 \(PDF 3.63MB\)](#)
  - [Croscombe, Bowlish, Shepton Mallet – October 2020 \(PDF 4MB\)](#)
  - [Chard – 28 June 2021 \(PDF 1.10MB\)](#)
  - [Chard – October 2021 \(PDF 1.4MB\)](#)
  - [Ilminster – October 2021 \(PDF 2.67MB\)](#)

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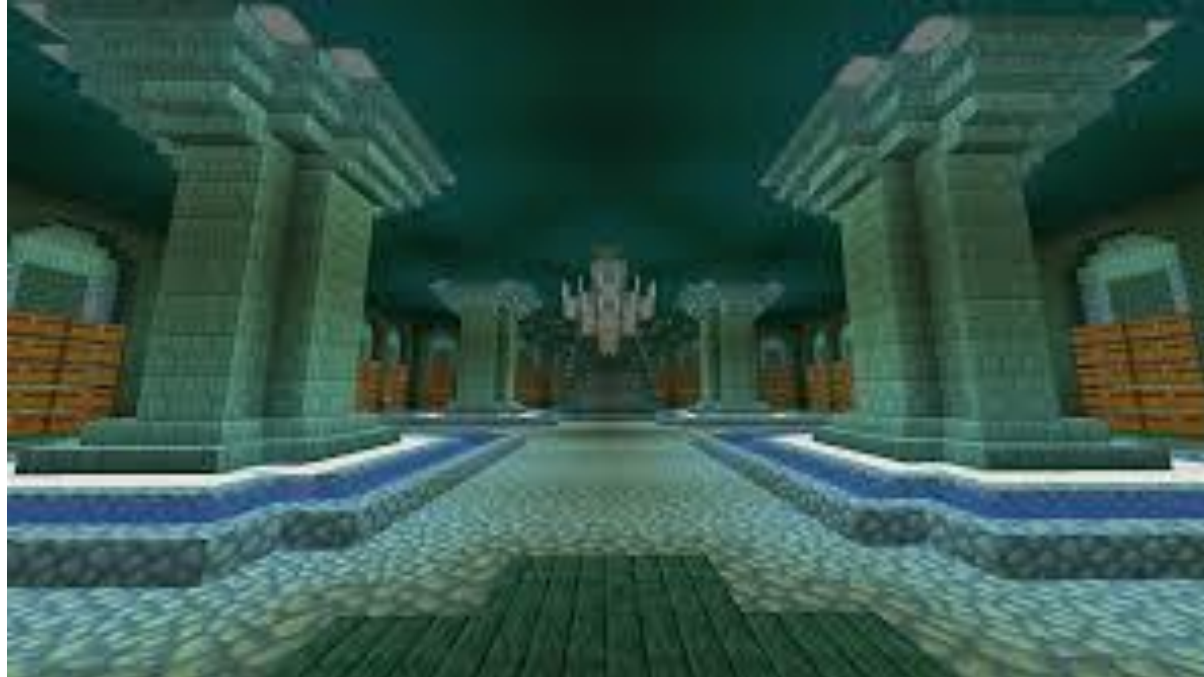
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- Allows you to access Somerset Prepared grant funding

The logo for "Somerset Prepared", with "Somerset" in green and "Prepared" in blue. A green arrow points to the right from the end of the word "Prepared".

# Community Emergency Plan Development Workshop



**Somerset**  
Council



# Running order

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- 17:30 – 17:35 Welcome and Intros
- 17:35 – 17:55 EVAG demonstration of Property Flood Resilience kit
- 17:55 – 18:20 Overview of the Emergency Planning System
- 18:20 – 20:30 Getting Started on your Community Emergency Plan  
(with tea break)

# Emergency Volunteer Action Group (EVAG)

## Property Flood Resilience (PFR) kit

EVAG are a group of volunteers who provide considerable support connected to emergency situations. They will visit households that have flooded or who are vulnerable to being flooded and discuss with the owners what they can do to make their homes more flood resilient. They also provide highly-subsidised Home Resilience Packs as required.



Doorways



Garages



Water Diversion

Workshops



Sanitation



Airbricks

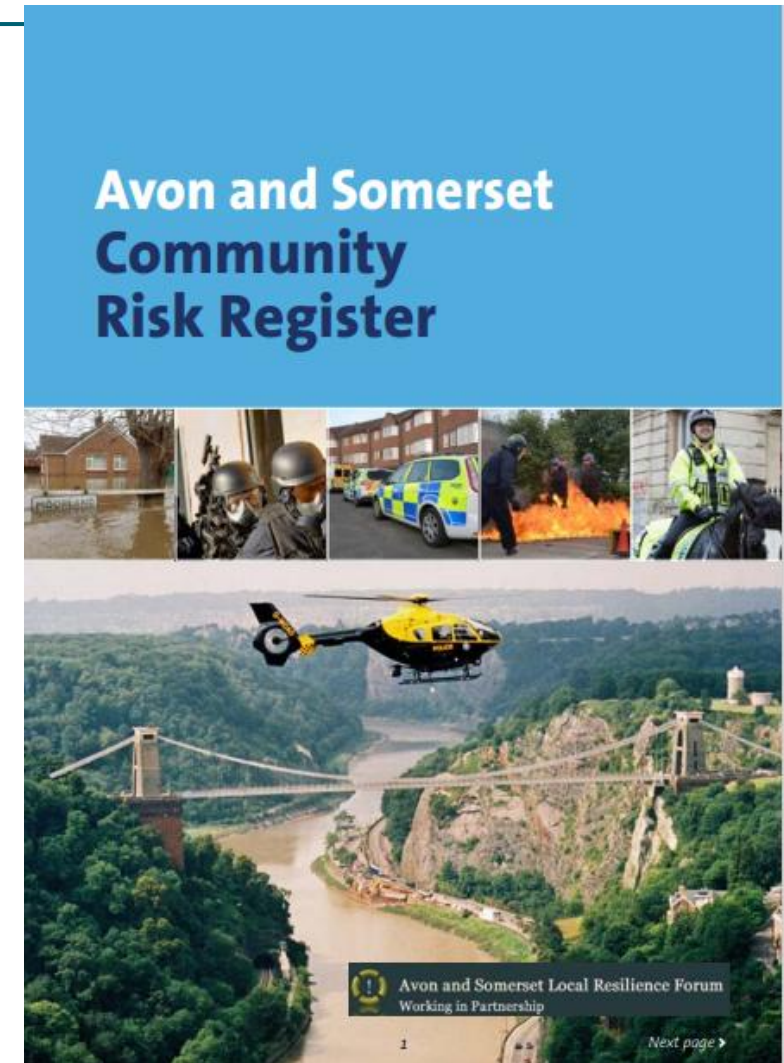
Conservatories

Gateways



# Introduction to the Emergency Planning System

- What risks are we facing in Somerset
- Where to get support
- What you can do to support your parish
  
- When are we dealing with an emergency
- Who is involved in an emergency response
- What do they all do
- How does communication and coordination work





Template Version 1.0

For further tips and advice on creating a  
Community Emergency Plan visit:  
[www.SomersetPrepared.org.uk](http://www.SomersetPrepared.org.uk)

<b>Community Name:</b>	
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# Community Emergency Plan

<b>Activation</b>	<b>First Steps Action Card available on the reverse</b>
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<b>Ownership</b>	
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<b>Address</b>	
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# Elements to a Community Emergency Plan

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- Identifying The Risks You Face
- Recognising What You Have
  - Equipment, People and Places
- Developing an Emergency Response Team
  - Coordination, Volunteers, Key Contacts and Spontaneous “Help”
- Agreeing When To Activate Your Response
- Defining Your Action Plan (including Communications)
- Refining Your Action Plan
- Next Steps For Your Plan