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Devon Community Resilience Forum

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2022

Welcome to the new edition of the Devon Community Resilience Forum newsletter. In this issue we are bringing you details of our up and coming events, details about a national resilience campaign that you can support, and information about grant funding that may be available!

JOIN US!

We are sending this issue out widely, but from the next issue onwards will be limiting distribution to Forum members only. Please sign up if you haven't already done so – it's free! Visit <https://tinyurl.com/2p9aj4r6>

EVENT POSTPONEMENT



The planned North Devon Emergency planning and training event on Monday 19th September, that was postponed due to the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II, will now take place on Wednesday 23rd November from 5.30pm, venue TBC. Please email laura.dixon@devoncommunities.org.uk if you are interested in attending.



RAIL STRIKES: visit www.networkrail.co.uk/industrial-action for the latest updates.

What is community resilience? What does the Forum do?

Community resilience is about local people being motivated and prepared to tackle emergencies in the local community, such as flooding, drought, pandemics and fire, taking action to protect the most vulnerable and lessening the impact on the community. It is also about empowering communities, celebrating the roles of volunteers, identifying and encouraging local expertise and promoting community cohesion.

A resilient community works in partnership to complement the work of the professional responders and other organisations before, during and after an emergency.

Devon Community Resilience Forum supports communities to:

- Develop their community emergency plan
- Apply for grants to produce and implement their plan
- Keep up to date with news and events via quarterly newsletters and biannual events
- Access training for resilience groups
- Be aware of urgent messages regarding flooding, drought, transport etc



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Being prepared is part of who you are, emergency preparedness is no different

Join #30days30waysUK, the national campaign of easy preparedness activities every September and bounce forward, like our resilience ball.

'30Days30WaysUK' resilience preparedness campaign

September is usually National Preparedness month, however, due to recent events the campaign has been postponed until the 9th of October.

We encourage you to sign up to participate in the 2022 round of the '30days30waysUK' resilience preparedness campaign.

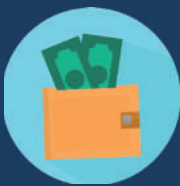
Preparedness is "The knowledge and capacities of governments, professional response and recovery organisations, communities and individuals to effectively anticipate, respond to, and recover from the impacts of likely, imminent or current hazard events or conditions. For instance, installing early warning systems,

identifying evacuation routes and preparing emergency supplies." (UNISDR 2017)

Many councils and local resilience forums (LRFs) have previously participated in the campaign, and all areas are being encouraged to take part this year. The link to the 2022 final programme can be found below.

30days30waysUK is open and free to join.

- More information: www.30days30waysuk.org.uk/partners/
- Sign-up: www.30days30waysuk.org.uk/join/
- Final programme: https://30days30waysuk.org.uk/docs/2022Programme_final.pdf
- Local resilience forums: www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-role-of-local-resilience-forums-a-reference-document



Grants available!

We have a small number of grant funds still available for community groups who are embarking on their resilience journey or who are more established and would like to purchase equipment to implement their emergency plans. Visit www.devoncommunities.org.uk/grant-funding-emergency-flood-resilience

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Growing Communities Fund

Grants of up to £3,000 are available from Devon Communities Together to support projects that build resilience or overcome specific hurdles to assist your community become more resilient. The total amount is limited and applications considered as they arrive so please apply as soon as possible.

The Growing Communities Fund is intended to support proactive, effective, measurable, and sustainable actions to enable individuals and communities to build self-reliance and community resilience, reduce food and fuel inequalities, improve mental health and wellbeing, and respond to the climate emergency.

Apply here: www.devoncommunities.org.uk/projects/growing-your-community-fund

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RESILIENCE EVENTS

By the time you read this, partners in East Devon will have already met to attend an emergency planning workshop with free flood warden training (Monday 12th September in Honiton.) The planned workshop for North Devon will now take place on Wednesday 23rd November from 5.30, venue TBC.

FREE ONLINE FORUM EVENT, MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER - WEDNESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER. SESSIONS OVER 3 DAYS AND EVENINGS.

Following our in-person event at Filleigh in May, we are holding a more extensive virtual event from 14th to 16th November this year. Presentations will be broadcast during the day and early evening on all 3 days, the majority being live so that those participating can ask speakers direct questions. Please sign up via Eventbrite for access to the event and a full list of events. If you are unable to attend and would like to see the recordings, please register for a ticket and the recording will be made available to you.



REGISTER FOR YOUR FREE SESSIONS HERE: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/devon-community-resilience-forum-virtual-event-14-16-november-2022-tickets-417905154567

Presentations include:

- **Keynote: Devon and the climate emergency**
Why we are going to see an increase in flooding and other 'extreme' weather, what Devon is doing to combat issues and how communities can get involved.
- **Preparing for Winter**
- **What is Devon Community Resilience Forum?** A brief presentation and Q&A session about the work of the Forum and how we can support communities around Devon.
- **Devon Resilience Innovation Project (DRIP) Overview and Update**
Find out about this ambitious project which aims to test natural flood management solutions around the county.
- **An introduction to community emergency planning**
A brief presentation and Q&A session about why communities need an emergency plan and how to go about creating one.
- **Funding for community projects**
- **Designing a basic flyer for community groups**
- **Retrofitting your home in the event of a flood**
- **Whole of Society Resilience**
- **Engaging volunteers in resilience groups**
- **Keeping warm this winter**
A session with the Fire Service on how to keep warm this winter, followed by Q&As.
- **Healthy communities**
A look at some of the projects helping Devon's communities to be healthy, both mentally and physically, thereby increasing overall resilience.
- **Engaging communities about flooding**
Find out how the BRIC project in Plymouth has successfully involved local communities in resilience and flooding initiatives.
- **Growing local Fruit and Vegetables in a global context**
- **Community assets and how to engage them**
How to recognise, engage and use 'assets' in your community - people, businesses, places and skills
- **Creating a home emergency pack**
- **The Emergency Response**
- **A Day in the Life: Imagining your plans through your communities' eyes**
Imagining or 'visioning' a future scenario via a creative activity is a fantastic way of thinking through a plan and bringing it to life. This interactive session will draw upon research from University of Plymouth's professor Dr David Sergeant and recent community engagement activities by Devon Communities Together in Rattery Parish (South Hams).

ENERGY SAVING SUPPORT FOR YOUR COMMUNITY



We understand that this winter will be very worrying for people all over Devon as they face the task of trying to manage their

increasing energy bills and cope with the rising cost of living. Devon Communities Together is here to provide help and support to people via our fully trained Energy Champion, as part of the Big Energy Saving Network.

COMMUNITY ENERGY PRESENTATIONS

Are there people in your community that will be worried about the winter? We can come to your Village Hall or other community space and provide a tailored presentation about the ways in which they could save energy and access additional support, including financial assistance.

To book a presentation, email martin@devoncommunities.org.uk or call 07984 001542 / 01392 248919.



1-2-1 SUPPORT

We are also available to work with individuals or households to look at specific ways you can mitigate against the impact of rising energy costs and explore ways in which you could access additional financial and wellbeing support.

For a confidential chat, please email martin@devoncommunities.org.uk or call 07984 001542 / 01392 248919.

Find out all the other ways Devon Communities Together is supporting communities through the cost of living crisis by visiting:

www.devoncommunities.org.uk/cost-living-crisis-support



CARBON SAVVY SAVERS COURSE

Are you based in the South Hams?

South Hams District Council and Sustainable South Hams have worked together to offer, for free, 50 log-in codes to Carbon Savvy's Carbon Savers course.

Carbon Savers has been designed to support group leaders on a mission to engage their communities in meaningful discussions that could lead to

practical action locally.

Carbon Savers provides all the basic information needed to make sense of the climate emergency and discover the simple steps which communities can take to their reduce carbon footprints – and embrace the lifestyle changes involved. The course combines different methods of communicating about what has happened to our climate and what we can do about the problems. The key points are delivered simply and reinforced in videos, handouts, posters and magazine features.

The course is open for all and can be joined any time from October 22 - more information on the course is available here: <https://carbonsavvy.uk/learn/carbon-savers-course/>. If you are based in South Hams, contact info@sussh.org to find out about accessing your free place.

