

Somerset residents invited to join a flood recovery drop-in event



Somerset Council hosts drop-in events to support residents affected by recent flooding

Somerset Council teams have continued to support communities following the recent flooding experienced at the end of January.

As flood water subsided council teams worked hard to clear roads of debris and mud and carry out repairs where needed.

And to support those who were affected by flooding at the end of January 2025, Somerset Council alongside partners from the Environment Agency, Wessex Water and the Somerset Rivers Authority will be hosting drop-in events alongside other agencies.

All events will be running from 4-7pm and there's no need to book ahead.

- **Chard:** Wednesday 26 February, The Guildhall, TA20 1PP
- **Ilminster:** Wednesday 5 March, The Shrubbery, TA19 9AR
- **South Petherton:** Tuesday 11 March, The David Hall, TA13 5AA

Attendees will be able to speak with different agencies and service areas from the council including the Flood and Coastal Team, Housing, Highways, Town Planning, Emergency Planning, Public Health, Economic Development as well as the Environment Agency, Wessex Water and the Somerset Rivers Authority.

Flood-affected residents will be able to get advice and support as well as share any information they may have that can help inform flood investigations.

[Councillor Graham Oakes](#), Somerset Council Lead Member for Public Health, Climate Change and Environment said:

We understand that our communities are still feeling the effects of the recent flooding. Since the major incident, teams from the council have been supporting families to return to normality.

We know families have been affected in many different ways and we've set up these events to give everyone the opportunity to find out about the support available.

An Environment Agency spokesperson said:

Nearly 17,000 people and 9,000 properties were warned about flood risk by the Environment Agency during Storms Éowyn and Herminia. In Somerset alone, 30 flood warnings were issued.

We are working with partners to host these local drop in events to support communities affected by recent flooding.

We are now seeing the impacts of a changing climate on rainfall patterns and groundwater and river behaviour. These impacts are likely to become more acute over time, bringing the risk of more frequent and severe flooding. We encourage everyone to [check their flood risk](#), [sign up for flood warnings](#) and look at the [advice on preparing for flooding](#).

Homes in parts of Chard, Ilminster, Somerton and South Petherton were among those affected following Storm Eowyn in January 2025.

Reporting flooding incidents helps the authority to build a picture of the worse-hit areas and understand where support is needed.

Resident's affected by flooding can report it online using the [flood reporting tool](#). This covers the following:

- Current Flood
- Recent Flood within past 5 years
- Update

For information on flooding – how to prepare, what to do during a flood event and what you can do after flooding, visit the Council's [Flooding information and advice](#) page.