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Nominations Open for Somerset’s Community Resilience Award

A new award has been launched to celebrate people or groups that have made their communities more resilient. Presented by Somerset Prepared partnership, the winner will be announced at the 2022 Somerset Community Resilience Day on October 13, at West Monkton Village Hall.

Nominations are invited from Somerset residents, for groups or individuals that have made a difference in helping their community: for example, local flood groups, parish or town councillors who can be counted on to think ahead, or someone who has helped to make sure vulnerable people can get help in an emergency.

The award recognises how important Somerset’s community emergency volunteers are, quietly working away to keep our towns and villages safe no matter what happens. As we face issues such as climate change, with expectations for increased flooding, heat and drought emergencies, preparedness is more important than ever.

Councillor Federica Smith-Roberts, Lead Member for Communities, will sit on the award panel that selects the winner, alongside David Welch from Rotary International and Annie Maw, Lord-Lieutenant for Somerset. The winner will receive a large hamper of Somerset produce worth more than £100.

The Community Resilience Day features presentations, workshops and interactive equipment demos from emergency responders. Sessions will showcase established community groups as well as newer organisations such as the Somerset Water Action Network (SWAN) and cover subjects like climate change adaptation and food resilience. The event is free, with a buffet lunch included.

The Resilience Day is a chance for communities to get together and share knowledge and experience, hear inspiring speakers, and participate in hands-on workshops.

The event will run from 10am - 4pm, with presentations in the morning and workshops in the afternoon. Participants can come for the whole or part of the day, with registration on Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/somerset-prepared-community-resilience-day-tickets-365901058917>.

To find out more or nominate someone for the Somerset Community Resilience Award, see the Somerset Prepared website <http://www.somersetprepared.org.uk/> or get in touch at info@somersetprepared.org.uk.

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